Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, October 16, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Battaglia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Conference Meeting was provided in the Annual Notice of May 1, 1995. Said Notice was:

- 1. Posted at the entrance of the Board Office.
- 2. Mailed to The Nutley Sun, the Star Ledger, the North Jersey Herald & News and the Nutley Journal.
- 3. Mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk."

CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel and Mr. Sam P. Battaglia. Late: Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. (7:32 p.m.) and Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. (7:31 p.m.).

1. Dr. Fadule introduced Mr. Jacone and Mr. Mattiucci who made a presentation dealing with the Applications of Technology course for the high school.

Mr. Schweikert and Mr. Kucinski entered

Mr. Jacone indicated that he felt we should not eliminate what we have now but expand on our offerings.

Mr. Mattiucci explained the overview of the proposed course. Questions were asked by Mr. Kucinski and Mr. Pelaia.

Mr. Kucinski moved that this item be placed on the agenda at the regular Board meeting, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. Dr. Votto explained that the Board would be approving the Quality Assurance Annual Report at the meeting on October 23.

- 3. Dr. Fadule reported on the meeting with the band parents and felt that the meeting had accomplished its objectives.
- 4. Dr. Fadule noted that the School Report Card would be coming.
- 5. Mr. Sincaglia explained the School Efficiency Program Act and noted that the district would not be one of the districts that was facing a penalty in 1996-97 but would, in fact, be receiving an award because of our low administrative cost.
- 6. Dr. Votto explained about the Learn and Serve America grant that he was hoping the Board would approve the application for. He noted that this had been developed by Bob O'Dell and Greg Catrambone of the high school with Mr. Sincaglia's assistance for the financial aspects.

He asked for the Board's permission to allow the application to be submitted, with formal approval to take place at the October 23 meeting.

Mrs. Scheckel moved that this item be placed on the agenda at the regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell and unanimously approved by the Board.

7. Mr. Sincaglia explained the new requirement for the mandatory drug and alcohol testing for school bus drivers. Mr. Pelaia wanted to know what the exact definition of a controlled substance was. Mr. Sincaglia said he would investigate this.

Mr. Sincaglia said the upcoming policy would not be produced until the November meeting, but he asked for approval to move with the HealthNet Medical Group.

Mr. Kucinski moved that the Board approve the use of HealthNet, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

8. Mr. Sincaglia passed out the proposed Board suggestion for a township ordinance concerning persons on school property. After some discussion, Mrs. Scheckel suggested that the Board approve this item as a Regulation to the current Policy.

Mr. Kucinski moved that the Board forward the material for a township ordinance to the town and also approve it as a Regulation, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and approved by the Board with Mrs. Russo abstaining.

- 9. Dr. Fadule announced that we would be recognizing a student, Cristina Fenetti, at the October 23 meeting.
- 10. Dr. Fadule noted that Mrs. Gonnella was quite ill and as far as we knew, was still in intensive care.
- 11. Mr. Sincaglia asked what the Board's pleasure was in terms of the Type I bus that we would have as excess, and the consensus was it should be offered to the town.

12. Mr. Patterson reported on the Planning Board's meeting concerning the ITT property.

Mr. Pelaia said the Board should define what its role should be as a Board of Education as it related to this property.

Mr. Kucinski said that the Ad Hoc Enrollment Committee would be looking at many alternatives such as redistricting, grade reconfiguration, etc. It was noted that the Ad Hoc Enrollment Committee would be meeting at 6:30 p.m. on October 23.

13. Mr. Battaglia asked if it would not be possible to add the numerical grade on our transcripts as well as the letter grade.

Mrs. Scheckel suggested that the Guidance Department should be taking a look at this now, and Dr. Votto noted that it was already in progress.

There was additional discussion from various Board members about this matter.

14. Mr. Rusignuolo remarked about the NJSBA request to promote a "yes" vote on the State Mandate/State Pay Public Question and moved that the Board place a resolution in support of this legislation on the agenda at the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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