

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

October 23, 1995

The Regular 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 23, 1995 at 8:05 p.m., with Mr. Sam P. Battaglia, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Battaglia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Regular 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.

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Patterson leading the Board members and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

CALL OF ROLL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel and Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. Approximately 75 citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 27, 1995 at 8:02 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mrs. Scheckel moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD:

Dr. Fadule noted that this evening the Board would recognize the wonderful accomplishment of Cristina Finetti, a Spring Garden School student. He then introduced Ms. Lucy Anello, principal of Spring Garden School.

Ms. Anello introduced Cristina Finetti, the members of her family, Anthony Andriola, Commander of Nutley Amvets Post 30, and Margaret Rummell, adding that Mr. Rummell is the State Commander of the Amvets. She noted that the Amvets had sponsored a poster/essay contest on saluting the American flag and Cristina volunteered to participate. Ms. Anello explained that Cristina won at the local level, then at the state level, and this summer at the Amvets annual convention, she was selected as the national winner of the fifth grade poster/essay contest.

Ms. Anello mentioned that Cristina is an excellent student with excellent achievement who is multi-talented and delightful. Ms. Anello then congratulated Cristina on the honor she brought to herself, her parents, family, Spring Garden School staff and the district.

Mr. Battaglia, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Cristina Finetti and expressed appreciation for the Amvets' efforts through the years.

RECESS MEETING:

Mr. Battaglia declared a recess at 8:10 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 8:13 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Sincaglia presented and read the following communications:

1. A memorandum from the New Jersey School Boards Association regarding a State Mandate/State Pay resolution.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that there is an item on tonight's agenda regarding this, adding that the New Jersey School Boards Association has urged local boards to endorse this Question.

2. A thank-you note from recently retired Board member, Charles Piro, for the football tickets.

3. An invitation from the Football Booster Club to a Senior Parent Breakfast this Saturday, October 28.
4. A notice from the Essex County School Boards Association of its Fall Dinner Meeting which will take place on November 8, 1995.
5. A letter from the staff of the Music Department thanking the Board for the recent meeting held on October 3.
6. A letter to Mr. Battaglia from Commissioner Walter A. Smith asking the Board for certain information relevant to the proposed development of the ITT property.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Secretary as of September 30, 1995. (See attached report.)

Mrs. Scheckel moved that the Board accept the Report of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys as of September 30, 1995. (See attached report.)

Mrs. Scheckel moved that the Board accept the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Fadule presented and read the following report:

"As of this meeting every Open House in the district has been conducted. The Administration and many Board members carried the message of priorities, accomplishments and high standards to the public. Appreciation was expressed to the P.T.A.'s and staff whose diligence made the evenings successful.

"Quality Assurance Annual Report"

Dr. Fadule noted that this item is encompassed in tonight's agenda including objectives and other information. He added that this is done every year.

"Schools will be closed for the NJEA Convention on Thursday, November 9 and Friday, November 10.

"Elementary parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 16.

"Report cards for the first marking period will be distributed on November 17.

"The Nutley High School Fall Sports Awards Program will be conducted Tuesday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

"On Wednesday, November 22, schools will be in session for a half-day before Thanksgiving Recess. Classes will resume on Monday, November 27.

"Attached is the student enrollment chart as of October 13, 1995."

#### FIRE DRILL REPORT:

Fire drills held during the month of September were as follows:

Sept. 8	Washington School	9:05 a.m.	1 min. 49 secs.
Sept. 12	Franklin School	10:05 a.m.	2 min. 7 secs.
Sept. 14	Spring Garden School	2:20 p.m.	1 min. 50 secs.
Sept. 14	Washington School	2:12 p.m.	1 min. 20 secs.
Sept. 14	Yantacaw School	2:12 p.m.	1 min. 35 secs.
Sept. 15	Lincoln School	2:10 p.m.	1 min. 17 secs.
Sept. 15	Radcliffe School	2:30 p.m.	1 min. 17 secs.
Sept. 18	Franklin School	1:15 p.m.	1 min. 50 secs.
Sept. 18	Nutley High School	8:32 a.m.	2 min. 14 secs.
Sept. 19	Lincoln School	10:07 a.m.	1 min. 24 secs.
Sept. 22	Nutley High School	8:36 a.m.	2 min. 11 secs.
Sept. 22	Radcliffe School	9:18 a.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
Sept. 27	Spring Garden School	11:18 a.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Sept. 27	Yantacaw School	10:09 a.m.	1 min. 45 secs.

#### CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Kucinski presented the cafeteria report as of September 30, 1995 showing a 1995/1996 budget of \$613,621.00, contractual orders to date of \$143,830.96, leaving funds available of \$469,790.04.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Kucinski indicated that the Ad Hoc Enrollment Committee had its first meeting this evening. He explained that the Committee would be looking at present and future student enrollment and the impact on the schools of the proposed ITT project. Mr. Kucinski noted that the Committee would compile the most accurate figures possible in order to respond to Commissioner Smith's letter. He added that the Committee would review the Long Range Facilities Plan and school building capacity.

Mr. Rusignuolo noted that he met with the New Jersey School Boards Association Legislative Committee in Princeton last week, adding that there would be much publicity regarding the State Mandate/State Pay question on the ballot and how taxes can be affected in a positive way by supporting Question #3. Mr. Rusignuolo indicated that he hoped the public will support the Question on election day.

Mr. Pelaia, Chairperson of the Athletic Committee, congratulated Mr. Vincent Turturiello, tennis coach, on attaining his 500th victory. Since then, he has added nine more victories. He added that on October 19 the tennis team won the NJSIAA sectional championship.

Mr. Pelaia indicated that the male students at the high school and Franklin School would have the opportunity to voice an interest in playing lacrosse as questionnaires would be sent out this week to determine the level of interest. He added that the Athletic Committee would report the results to the Board.

Mrs. Scheckel asked if the questionnaire was only going to boys, to which Mr. Pelaia replied in the affirmative, adding that the Athletic Committee would look at how soon a girls' program could be added in field hockey. Mrs. Fleitell suggested taking the survey of the girls at this time for use in the future. Mr. Patterson noted that the genesis of this was the recreation program and a request was made to have lacrosse at the school level. Mr. Kucinski noted that it might be a good idea to see what is involved to bring the girls' program on line.

Mrs. Russo mentioned that she attended the 49th Annual New Jersey Band Festival in Montclair. She noted that it fosters interest in music education and she commended all who participated, including John Vitkovsky, Peter D'Angelo, Kelly Lydon and the two drum majors.

#### HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

#### CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS:

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(e) the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of September 30, 1995, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major accounts are General Fund and Debt Service.)

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

Mr. Schweikert presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$3,047,657.54 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Office.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Schweikert presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Schedule B), provided they conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

APPOINTMENT - Permanent  
Unassigned Substitute: \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Tracy Albanese  
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Mr. Schweikert presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Miss Tracy Albanese be appointed as a permanent unassigned substitute for the 1995/1996 school year, effective October 5, 1995, at the rate of \$65 per day and fringe benefits which include State Health benefits and dental plans, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this candidate met the district's requirement for the permanent unassigned substitute position which is the possession of a County Substitute certificate.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

Mrs. Russo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 1995/1996 school year.

APPOINTMENTS - Substitutes:

Mrs. Russo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following substitutes be approved for the 1995/1996 school year:

Secretarial/School Aide

Theresa Ann Pace  
Carol Ostanski

Clerical

Linda Ritacco

Custodial

David W. Staub

School Aide

Yvonne Weiss

Cafeteria

JoAnne Tauber

EXTRA COMPENSATION:

Mrs. Russo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

Curriculum Development Committee MeetingsITIP - September 9, 1995

Rosann Capalbo	\$ 123.88
Alexander Conrad	186.52
David D'Olivo	123.88
Nicole Errante	123.88
Jolinda Griwert	123.88
Thomas Grant	92.91
Cynthia Liebowitz	123.88
Donna MacDonald	123.88
Jennifer Neri	123.88

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ITIP - September 9, 1995 (contd.)

Olga Rombola	\$ 123.88
Phillip Siculietano	123.88
Deane Stepansky	123.88
Jill Szura	123.88
John Walker	<u>186.52</u>

Total	\$1,828.63
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Computer Orientation - September 16, 1995

Rosann Capalbo	\$ 123.88
Nicole Errante	123.88
Thomas Grant	123.88
Jolinda Griwert	123.88
Cynthia Liebowitz	123.88
Donna MacDonald	123.88
Jennifer Neri	123.88
Stephen Parigi	161.08
Kathleen Serafino	186.52
Jill Szura	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$1,338.64
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Chemical Health - SDFSCA Grant -  
September 30, 1995

Patricia Camarda	\$ 123.88
Rosann Capalbo	123.88
Susan Gesumaria	123.88
Nancy Kehayes	123.88
Evelyn McMullen	123.88
Dorothy Mutch	161.08
Jennifer Neri	123.88
Monica Rhein	123.88
Sharon Romaglia	123.88
Phillip Siculietano	123.88
Nancy Szura	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$1,399.88
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Grade Reporting K-3 - September 30, 1995

Patricia Adubato	\$ 123.88
Mary Balitsos	123.88
Andrea Carnevale	123.88
Mary Jo Chagnon-Harkins	123.88
Michele Cristantiello	123.88
Mariana Francioso	123.88
Janice Gibson	123.88
Carol Gurney	123.88
Gail Kahn	123.88
Susan LaReau	123.88



Grade Reporting K-3 - September 30, 1995 (contd.)

Olga Rombola	\$ 123.88
Sally Ann M. Ryder	123.88
Kathleen Serafino	186.52
Rosanna Tangorra	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$1,796.96
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Language Arts K-8 - September 30, 1995

Rita Alfaro	\$ 123.88
Pamela Batchelder-Mitchell	123.88
Alexander Conrad	165.80
Rachel Daly	123.88
Cynthia DeBonis	123.88
Dianne DeRosa	186.52
Rosemarie DiGeronimo	186.52
Loretta Douglas	123.88
Patricia Fischer	123.88
Jainine Gambaro	123.88
Linda Gilroy	123.88
Patricia Griffin	123.88
Marilyn Hannon	123.88
Judy Hardin	123.88
Geraldine Intiso	123.88
Catherine Kinney	123.88
Paul Kocum	123.88
Noreen Mickey	123.88
Walter Murray	123.88
Deborah Schop	123.88
Patricia Sloan	123.88
James Vivinetto	<u>165.80</u>

Total	\$2,934.48
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Public Information - September 30, 1995

Lucy Anello	\$ 186.52
Beverly Apple	123.88
Donald Baumann	123.88
Florence Carpenter	123.88
Elaine Karsnak	123.88
Paula Lee	123.88
Angela Maguire	123.88
Melissa Palm	123.88
Linda Scarola	123.88
Carol Shepherd	123.88
Jenifer Wilson	123.88
Ellen Ziobro	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$1,549.20
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Self Esteem - September 30, 1995

Lottie Alama	\$ 123.88
Kathleen Bimbi	123.88
John Calicchio	165.80
Lori Ann Cassie	123.88
Denise Cleary	123.88
Kathleen Cullity	123.88
Scott Keena	123.88
Maureen Lazur	123.88
Laura Love	123.88
Lisa Maniscalco	123.88
Beverly Masullo	161.08
Eileen Mattone	123.88
Anita McDonald	123.88
Rae Nardone	123.88
Rebecca Olivo	123.88
Eileen O'Mara	123.88
Theresa Petti	123.88
Gail Reilly	123.88
Harriet Sabates	123.88
Valerie Sautter	123.88
Elizabeth Stolfi	123.88
John Walker	165.80
Joseph Zarra	<u>165.80</u>

Total \$3,012.20

World History - September 30, 1995

John Jacone	\$165.80
Andrew Linfante	123.88
Marianne Marcantonio	123.88
Brian McGinley	161.08
Gregory Rhodes	123.88
Mary Frances Simmons	<u>123.88</u>

Total \$822.40

A.P. U.S. History - October 3, 1995

Edward Annett	\$ 54.20
Gregory Catrambone	54.20
Raymond Chapman	<u>70.47</u>

Total \$178.87

Summer Band Camp - August 21-25, 1995

Peter D'Angelo	\$1,034.08
Kelly Lydon	921.68
Sheri ReHill	921.68
James Weber	<u>921.68</u>

Total \$3,799.12

Central Detention Coverage - September, 1995High School

Carol Shepherd	\$235.06
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Franklin School

Robert Ash	16.79
Rosann Capalbo	33.58
Jennifer Neri	<u>50.37</u>

Total	\$335.80
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Buildings and Grounds Employees - Payment per 1995-1998 Agreement

Joseph Carlo	\$ 100
Salvatore DelMauro	100
Richard DeSanti	100
Angelina DiGiacomo	50
Richard Feacher	100
Joanne Follet	100
Douglas Franciose	100
Robert Hickman	100
Richard Kneser	100
Lawrence Koster	100
Richard Marks	100
Charles McLaughlin	100
Malcolm Neptune	100
Joseph Pojedinec	100
Charles Robinson	100
Michael Robinson	100
Frank Smith	100
Russell Solhgren	100
Russell Stevens	100
Albert Thibault	100
Robert Thompson	100
Christopher Weinstein	100
John Yanuzzi	<u>100</u>

Total	\$2,250
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LONGEVITY PAY:

Mr. Patterson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following longevity payment be authorized:

Carol Bender     \$1,120     Eff. Nov. 1, 1995 (15 years)

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SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT - Educationally Disabled Students:

Mr. Patterson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of students at Special Education classes for the 1995/1996 school year as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Barnstable Academy Glen Rock, NJ	1	ED	9/20/95	\$17,479.62
Sawtelle Learning Center Montclair, NJ	1	AUT	10/5/95	25,465.49
Sawtelle Learning Center Montclair, NJ	*1	AUT	10/17/95	23,903.88

\*Note: This is a change in placement for this student.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION - 1995/1996 School Year:

Mr. Patterson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves an agreement with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to provide bedside/home instruction for Nutley students at Beth Israel Hospital, Newark, NJ for the 1995/1996 school year at a rate of \$28.30 per hour.

APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM PROGRAM:

Mr. Pelaia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the Applications of Technology course proposal presented at the October 16, 1995 Conference session.

Mr. Kucinski expressed his appreciation for the information provided by Mr. Mattiucci and Mr. Jacone, adding that the children will benefit. He added that he likes the slow progress the district is taking in the right direction.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL-LEVEL OBJECTIVES - 1995/1996 School Year:

Mr. Pelaia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the School-Level Objectives contained in Schedule D for the 1995/1996 school year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6:8-4 et seq.

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT:

Mr. Rusignuolo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education approves a transportation contract with a parent to provide transportation for one Special Education student from Nutley to the Bleshman School, Paramus, NJ, effective September 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996 at a cost of \$20 per day. (Subject to approval of the County Superintendent of Schools.)

APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT - Essex County Educational Services Commission - 1995/1996 School Year:

Mr. Rusignuolo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the following transportation contract for a Special Education student with the Essex County Educational Services Commission for the 1995/1996 school year:

<u>Out-of-District School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Center School Highland Park, NJ	1

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Mrs. Fleitell presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That transfers in the 1995/1996 General Fund budget be confirmed as follows:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 11-999-100-566	\$88,000	Account 11-999-100-562	\$70,000
Account 11-999-290-290	<u>4,500</u>	Account 11-999-100-565	18,000
		Account 11-999-218-105	2,000
	\$92,500	Account 11-999-221-390	300
		Account 11-999-222-100	<u>2,200</u>
			\$92,500

ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED NOTICE OF ENTITLEMENT - Chapter 192/  
193 and Nonpublic Nursing Services - 1995/1996 School Year:

Mrs. Fleitell presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts revised notice of entitlement for the 1995/1996 school year for Chapter 192 in the amount of \$143,377 and Chapter 193 in the amount of \$86,090, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts revised notice of entitlement for nonpublic nursing services for the 1995/1996 school year in the amount of \$37,635.

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION - Learn and Serve  
America: School-Based Program - February 1, 1996 through December 31,  
1996:

Mrs. Scheckel presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the submission of application for Learn and Serve America: School-Based Program for the period from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 in the amount of \$50,000.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 3 - State  
Mandate/State Pay Amendment:

Mrs. Scheckel presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Rusignuolo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates exacerbate New Jersey's over-reliance on regressive property taxes as a source of funding for educational programs and services, and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates separate responsibility from accountability by allowing state-level officers to take credit for addressing a problem (real or perceived) without having to even consider the solution's cost, and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates force local officials to implement the state's dictates, leading the public to hold local boards of education accountable for any tax increase necessitated by the mandate, as well as for the mandated solution's effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, Public Question No. 3, which appears on the November 7 General Election ballot, would, if ratified, limit the imposition of future unfunded state mandates on municipalities, counties and school districts, and

WHEREAS, such limitations would help us to contain future property tax increases and impose greater discipline on future state legislatures and administrations,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education supports the ratification of Public Question No. 3 - the State Mandate/State Pay Amendment to our Constitution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we affirm our endorsement of the efforts of the State Mandate/State Pay Coalition to put property taxpayers first and that we encourage all friends of responsible government to vote "yes" on Public Question No. 3, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the State Mandate/State Pay Coalition.

MEMORIAL:

Mrs. Theresa Purpura

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mrs. Theresa Purpura on September 23, 1995, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Purpura was employed in September, 1961 as a high school nurse in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished educational career until her retirement in June, 1972, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Purpura won the admiration and respect of her fellow teachers and the friendship of pupils who came under the influence of her understanding and capable teaching,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of her family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of her family.

MEMORIAL:

Mr. Hero Kleen

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mr. Hero Kleen on October 9, 1995, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kleen had served the Nutley Public Schools as a buildings and grounds employee for seventeen years prior to his retirement in 1975, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kleen won the respect of all those with whom he came in contact for his dedication to the Nutley School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of his family.

Dr. Fadule noted that he had not had the opportunity to meet these people but he understood they were fine people and a great credit to themselves and the school district, adding that they would be missed.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF FUNDING - JTPA - 1995/1996 School Year:

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts notice of funding for JTPA for the 1995/1996 school year in the amount of \$6,514.



### PLACEMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT:

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the placement of an out-of-district Special Education student from the following district in the following classification for the 1995/1996 school year:

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cedar Grove	1	MH	Lincoln	10/23/95

### HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mrs. Eva Pfuhler, 345 High Street, noted that it was her understanding that the mileage log issue regarding the Work-Study program had been resolved, but asked for clarification on a couple of points, to which Dr. Votto and Mr. Sincaglia responded. Mrs. Pfuhler expressed her disagreement with the responses and Mr. Battaglia indicated that the Board would check into the matter.

Mrs. Joan Rubino, 48 North Road. questioned how Dr. Fadule would be able to leave in February but receive pay through June while acting as a consultant. Mr. Battaglia replied that it was a negotiated settlement with the Board of Education and attorneys. Mrs. Rubino then asked why a consultant was needed. Mr. Battaglia noted that it was a decision made by the Board.

Mrs. Rubino expressed her interest in knowing how each Board member voted on the issue. Mr. Battaglia indicated that the vote was done in public and the record indicates all the votes.

Mrs. Gail Kline, 28 North Spring Garden Avenue, read the following statement:

"At last month's meeting I stated that I would attend, under protest, the Saturday Curriculum Development Workshop on Grading Practices for K-3. Although the first workshop was very pleasant, I am experiencing some difficulty in obtaining the clarification and documentation which I have requested. Though you all have been CC'd on my memos, I will recap the major points.

"I have numerous procedural questions pertaining to the organization and mode of operation of the Nutley District's Saturday Curriculum Development Workshops that have not been answered. I have not received the District's Policy, Standards or Practices Outline regarding the 'process' used for these Workshops. For instance, where are the written standards for their operation? What is the method for summarizing the group's findings? Is a poll taken of all members opinions, or a vote? What method is

employed, that is, verbal, written or anonymous? Is there a written document produced as a result of these Saturday meetings? Who writes it?

"While participating in long-term business projects, I have always been provided project plans detailing task assignments, due dates and deliverables. To date, I have not received a project plan which can be followed to ensure that meaningful current research, tasks, outside sources, etc. are being defined. Participants in the Workshop have no task assignments as yet. Is our only responsibility to attend a 4 hour monthly meeting in order to discuss for 3 hours the information provided by Mrs. Serafino? If a consulting firm were contracted to conduct the review of the grading practices for K-3 at \$10,500, they would be required to produce a detailed outline of the overall objectives, a project plan and a clearly defined deliverable with precise specifications. Are these common business practices not required of the Saturday Curriculum Workshops although the budget for these Workshops can easily be \$10,500 at their conclusion?

"Regarding the documentation issues, I have requested historical data based on references noted in internal memos distributed by the Chairperson at the first meeting. I was verbally informed by Mrs. Serafino that this information would not be forthcoming. However, since these memos refer to the previous grading workshops which have upheld the status quo, it is inappropriate to deny me access. Not only am I a workshop member, but a taxpayer as well. Since these workshops were funded with tax dollars, according to the Freedom of Information Act, I am entitled to receive this information.

"I expect to receive a written response to this statement prior to the next Saturday meeting from either the Chairperson of the Workshop, the Superintendent, or the Board of Education.

"Once again, I must protest the formation of this Workshop to review the grading practices of K-3 as opposed to a Public Advisory Committee (Policy #906 and 910) on the Nutley Grading Scale for all grades 1-12."

Mrs. Martha Reiner, 40 Oak Street, thanked Mrs. Russo and Mr. Patterson for attending the band festival, adding that a competition takes place next Sunday in Old Bridge in the daytime and she urged the Board members to attend and support our students.

Ms. Diane Lewis, 39 Church Street, expressed her impression that the Board has no interest in reviewing the grading system. She mentioned Dr. Votto's statements to the newspapers, and added that the make-up of the grading committee lends itself to maintaining the status quo. She added that a great many Nutley children perform poorly at the college level.

Mrs. Rubino asked if the Nutley schools had taken part in the New Jersey Monthly survey. Mr. Battaglia responded that this had been discussed last month, adding that Nutley did participate and the Board was not happy with the results but felt there had been possible ramifications with the gambling problem of last year.

Mrs. Rubino noted that she found it interesting that not one administrator or teacher knew anything about the gambling at Nutley High School.

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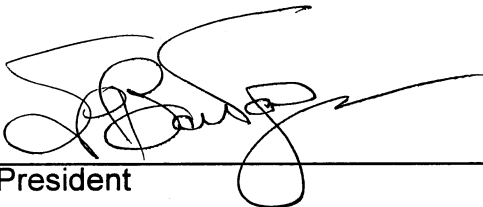
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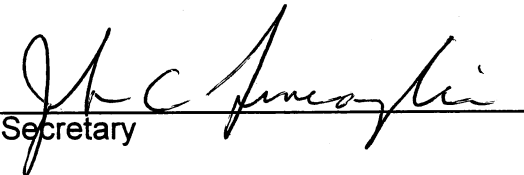
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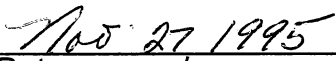
Mr. Pelaia noted that this Board has been supportive of Project Graduation and indicated that Project Graduation 1995 had given him a tape of last June's event. He asked that anyone interested in viewing this tape contact him.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Rusignuolo moved that the Board adjourn to closed executive session to discuss personnel matters in the absence of the administrators, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

  
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