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 Tuesday, December 12, 1995 at 7:43 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 Notice of December 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. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel, Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. and Mr. Sam P. Battaglia. Late: Mr. Franklin J. Patterson (7:45 p.m.).

1. Mr. Sincaglia reviewed the information received from Scallop Thermal Management and explained the reason that the district would not be proceeding with the demand-side management proposal submitted by Scallop.

## Mr. Patterson entered during this discussion

- 2. Mr. Sincaglia updated the Board on the DOT Drug and Alcohol Policy and Regulations. A replacement for page 2 of the Policy was distributed and Mr. Sincaglia explained the impact of changing the word "may" to "will" concerning discipline.
- 3. Dr. Fadule presented information about the report card distributed by the State Department of Education for the 1994-95 school year. Board members were provided with the report cards for each of the seven schools, and there was discussion and questions related to this information.

4. Mr. Schweikert discussed his research concerning checking past members of the Nutley Board of Education. He noted that he had researched Board minutes back through 1922 and had come up with 156 names.

Mr. Schweikert noted that he had discovered a resolution indicating there should be a memorial noted for Richard W. Booth.

5. Mrs. Russo expressed her concern about the policy on Class Trips and felt there were times there were too many children without chaperones. She wanted to know if the Board should indicate in the policy a minimum number of chaperones.

Dr. Votto said he would not be in favor of an absolute rule. Dr. Fadule said it really should depend on the common sense of the principal and teacher. Dr. Fadule said the principals should be told to watch for excessive numbers of students on trips without chaperones.

- 6. Mr. Pelaia commented on the Commissioner's funding plan in light of cost-per-pupil information noted in the recent school report card.
- 7. Mr. Battaglia asked that the Board consider the letter from the Tenafly Board of Education regarding regionalization.

# **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:**

Mr. Battaglia asked Mr. Sincaglia to read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will be discussing matters exempt from public discussion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the results of the discussions will be made public by inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Board of Education, or when the reasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

The resolution was moved by Mrs. Scheckel, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Date