

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, February 12, 1996 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. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel, Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. and Mr. Sam P. Battaglia.

1. Dr. Votto introduced Mr. O'Dell and Mr. Chapman, who presented a proposal for an Advanced Placement United States History IV course of study. Following the presentation there were comments by several Board members indicating how pleased they were with the proposal and the work of the committee.

Mr. Kucinski moved that the Board approve the course of study and the textbook A People and a Nation: A History of the United States, Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, with these items to be placed on the agendas of subsequent Board meetings, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. Dr. Votto commented that he had felt that today's Articulation Day for the professional staff had gone well and he would be presenting a more detailed report at a future meeting.
3. Dr. Votto noted that at the February 26 meeting the Board would be recognizing the Garden State Scholars and the Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars.

4. Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that the Music Boosters had scheduled a Pasta Dinner on March 2 and questioned if they were seeking to have the custodians on a nonchargeable basis. Mr. Kucinski and Mr. Patterson indicated that it was their understanding that the Music Boosters were seeking not to pay for the custodians.

Mr. Sincaglia said that was a decision the Board would have to make, and after a brief discussion it was agreed that the Board would assume the cost of the custodial staff for that event.

5. A question was raised regarding the petition request from the Turtle Back Zoo. Dr. Votto indicated that he had checked with the schools and found we have seldom taken trips to Turtle Back Zoo, one of the reasons being it is in a run-down condition.

No action was taken by the Board.

6. The Board then next discussed the proposed budget for 1996-97. Mr. Kucinski noted that the Budget Review Committee was recommending an appropriation of \$800,000 from surplus for 1996-97 and recommending the budget proposal that had been prepared by the central administration and the Committee.

He noted that this was an increase of 3.7% from 1995-96 and would cause a tax increase of 27 points. Unfortunately, the tax increase was five points higher than it would have been raised because of a decrease in ratables which is something beyond the control of the Board of Education.

There were questions about a variety of items in the budget to which Mr. Kucinski, Mr. Sincaglia and Dr. Votto responded.

Mr. Sincaglia referenced the Board to the fact that the General Fund was showing all of its increases in salaries, fringe benefits and tuition costs with an actual negative amount for all other items. He also noted that the budget was \$170,000 under the budget cap and that for a five-year period the Board had now an accumulative under-cap amount of approximately \$960,000.

Mr. Kucinski moved that the Board appropriate \$800,000 from surplus and approve the tentative budget, seconded by Mrs. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Sincaglia explained that, based on that action, this would be the budget that the Board would formally consider at the February 26 regular meeting and if approved at that time, the budget that would be forwarded to the County Superintendent of Schools for review.

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,

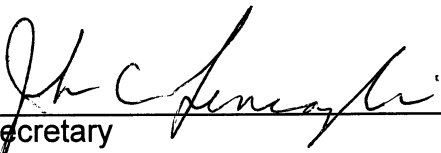
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters and negotiations, and

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 Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.


Secretary

2/10/96
Date