

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

February 26, 1996

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, February 26, 1996 at 8:00 p.m., with Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Vice President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Kucinski 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 Mrs. Fleitell 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. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mrs. Rosalie C. Scheckel and Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. Absent: Mr. Sam P. Battaglia. Approximately 85 citizens were present.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Dr. Votto indicated that the 1995-96 state and merit scholars have been invited this evening, and he extended a warm welcome to the parents of the award recipients. He noted that the awards come by dint of dedication and excellence in school performance, adding that he is very proud of the students. Dr. Votto introduced Mr. Mario Cocchiola, vice principal of Nutley High School.

Mr. Cocchiola indicated that he was pleased to be present to help honor this outstanding group of high school seniors. Mr. Cocchiola explained that with regard to the Garden State Scholars, they are in the

top 20% of the class with a minimum score of 1000 on the SAT's. He added that 870 secondary school students with an academic index of 257 have been offered the award which is valued at \$500 annually without regard to financial need.

Mr. Cocchiola and Mrs. Scheckel, Chairperson of the Academic Committee, presented awards to the following Garden State Scholars:

Heather Ashley  
Michael Dylewski  
Joseph Graziano  
Caryn Jones  
Jessica Scerbo

Mr. Cocchiola noted that to become an Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar requires students to be placed in the top 10% of their class with a minimum combined SAT score of 1260 or to be ranked first, second or third in the class at the end of the junior year. He added that there is an annual award of \$1,000 without regard to financial need. He further noted that these students are in the top 22 in the present senior class.

Mr. Cocchiola and Mrs. Scheckel then presented awards to the following Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars:

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Peter Berardi      | Amit Mehta         |
| Joseph Critelli    | Ly Nguyen          |
| Steven Greco       | Patricia Olivo     |
| Andrea Guglielmino | Jessica Slota      |
| Dianne Lefkowitch  | Robert Wannemacher |
| Edward MacPhee     | Brian Weiss        |

Mr. Cocchiola noted that students in approximately 19,000 high schools in the nation enter the Merit program and about 35,000 students are designated Commended Students, and they represent the top 3% of the college-bound juniors who took the PSAT.

Mr. Cocchiola and Mrs. Scheckel presented awards to the following National Merit Commended Students:

Dianne Lefkowitch  
Amit Mehta  
Brian Weiss

Mr. Cocchiola explained that approximately 15,000 students become National Merit Semi-Finalists out of the million students who entered the program and they are in the top 1/2% of those who took the PSAT. He added that of those 15,000 students, 14,000 semi-finalists become finalists.

Mr. Cocchiola and Mrs. Scheckel presented an award to the following National Merit Finalist:

Edward MacPhee

Mr. Cocchiola extended his congratulations to all the award recipients, urging them to keep up the fine work and adding that he was proud to have them as Nutley High School students.

Mr. Kucinski noted, on behalf of the Board, that everyone is proud of them.

Dr. Votto indicated that the award recipients would be receiving the beautiful plaques and would be part of the gallery very soon.

RECESS MEETING:

Mr. Kucinski declared a recess at 8:11 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 8:16 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 29, 1996 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 Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Sincaglia presented and read the following communications:

1. A notice from the New Jersey School Boards Association regarding a meeting to be held in Clifton on March 2 concerning a partnership forged between the Clifton Mayor and City Council, the Clifton First Civic Organization and the Clifton Taxpayers Association to develop a position statement and platform in response to the Comprehensive Plan for Educational Improvement and Financing and allowing participants to share their views on the Comprehensive Plan and its impacts.
2. A notice from the Essex County Educational Services Commission indicating that a meeting scheduled for February 22, 1996 was changed to February 29, 1996.
3. A notice from the Essex County and Passaic County School Boards Associations regarding the annual Legislative Dinner to be held on March 6 at which various legislators from the two counties will be present.
4. A thank-you note from Rachel Daly for the Board's expression of condolence on the loss of her mother.

5. A thank-you note from the family of Bill Searle for the Board's expression of condolence on his death.
6. A thank-you letter from Linda Sulc, the daughter of Mary Konarski, for the memorial resolution adopted by the Board in Mrs. Konarski's honor.
7. Two letters from the New Jersey School Boards Association regarding the appointment of Mr. Rusignuolo to its Legislative Committee as well as to the Resolutions Subcommittee of the Legislative Committee.

Mr. Kucinski congratulated Mr. Rusignuolo on these appointments.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Secretary as of January 31, 1996. (See attached report.)

Mrs. Scheckel moved that the Board accept the Report of the Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Russo. 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 January 31, 1996. (See attached report.)

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Votto presented and read the following report:

"Second quarter report cards were distributed on Friday, February 2, 1996.

"Grade 8 Early Warning Test (EWT)

|         |   |          |
|---------|---|----------|
| Reading | - | March 12 |
| Math    | - | March 13 |
| Writing | - | March 14 |

"Attached is the student enrollment chart as of January 31, 1996."

Dr. Votto requested that Mr. Sincaglia discuss the Cost of Education Index.

Mr. Sincaglia explained that the New Jersey School Boards Association provided, on their computer network, cost of education information for the 1994-95 school year, adding that the cost per pupil figure was noted on the school report card. He noted that last year the cost per pupil for Nutley was \$8,056 and the Essex County average was \$2100 above that, adding that Nutley spends less than any of the averages (see attached). Mr. Sincaglia also noted that Nutley's cost per pupil has increased 1/2 of 1% or \$43 while the county average increased \$937.

Mr. Pelaia stated that he finds it appalling and regrettable that Nutley is losing its transition aid.

#### FIRE DRILL REPORT:

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

|         |                      |            |                 |
|---------|----------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Jan. 16 | Spring Garden School | 12:36 p.m. | 1 min. 45 secs. |
| Jan. 16 | Yantacaw School      | 12:38 p.m. | 1 min. 45 secs. |
| Jan. 17 | Lincoln School       | 1:25 p.m.  | 1 min. 21 secs. |
| Jan. 17 | Radcliffe School     | 8:40 a.m.  | 1 min. 23 secs. |
| Jan. 17 | Washington School    | 10:30 a.m. | 1 min. 22 secs. |
| Jan. 18 | Radcliffe School     | 12:39 p.m. | 1 min. 22 secs. |
| Jan. 22 | Franklin School      | 1:20 p.m.  | 1 min. 54 secs. |
| Jan. 22 | Lincoln School       | 2:01 p.m.  | 1 min. 11 secs. |
| Jan. 22 | Nutley High School   | 1:57 p.m.  | 1 min. 14 secs. |
| Jan. 22 | Washington School    | 1:47 p.m.  | 1 min. 40 secs. |
| Jan. 23 | Franklin School      | 2:10 p.m.  | 1 min. 41 secs. |
| Jan. 23 | Nutley High School   | 8:33 a.m.  | 2 min. 11 secs. |
| Jan. 25 | Spring Garden School | 12:38 p.m. | 1 min. 30 secs. |
| Jan. 26 | Yantacaw School      | 12:56 p.m. | 1 min. 30 secs. |

#### CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mrs. Russo presented the cafeteria report as of January 31, 1996 showing a 1995/1996 budget of \$613,621.00, contractual orders to date of \$331,050.89, leaving funds available of \$282,570.11.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Kucinski, Chairperson of the Budget Review Committee, read the following statement:

"The 1996-97 budget of the Nutley School District is one that will again allow the Board to maintain current programs and services.

"This was no small task, for the Board was forced to contend with a loss of over 9% in state aid, an increase in health benefits costs of 12%, another reduction in federal Title I funds, the imposition of tuition charges by the Essex County Vocational Schools, and just today we learned that our costs for PERS pension are going up by 90%.

"In spite of all these items, the Board is able to present another fiscally responsible budget that reflects an increase of 3.64% from 1995-96.

"It is worth noting that the Board is actually adopting a budget that is lower than this year's in areas other than those where increases are caused by prior negotiated contracts or items that are mandated, such as tuition costs. Every part of the budget has been examined and cuts have been made to hold down the expenditures without sacrificing programs.

"There will be a reduction of 1/2 teaching position despite the fact that this year's enrollment increased by 70 students, and an increase of 65 additional pupils is anticipated next year. Since 1990-91, we have added 453 pupils to the enrollment total. The Board has managed to find funds to add to our computers and new technology in the amount of \$121,000. We wish that it could be more, but it will have to suffice in these times.

"The loss of \$228,067 in state aid forces us to further rely on local resources to fund the educational programs. The Board will appropriate a record \$800,000 from surplus to help hold down taxes. Regrettably, however, the loss of state aid, a decrease in taxable ratables, and the imposition of new, mandated expenses will cause an increase in local taxes of 27 points. Had these things not occurred, this increase would be at least 1/3 lower.

"The Board realizes that it is fast approaching the point where internal economy measures are no longer sufficient. With less and less state support on the horizon, the choice for the future will increasingly be more local funding needed or the elimination or reduction of programs.

"I want to thank the members of the Budget Review Committee, Mr. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Scheckel and Mr. Schweikert, our administrators and their staffs, for the long hours and hard work involved in putting together an educationally sound but fiscally responsible budget."

Mr. Kucinski noted that the Public Hearing on the budget would take place on March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that the budget material distributed to the public was prepared last Friday when everything was thought to have been finalized, but today, information was received that the mandated cost for PERS was being increased from a \$27,000 appropriation this year to a \$51,000 appropriation for next year, an increase of 90% and an increase in the budget of \$22,000.

Mr. Sincaglia explained that the district had been under the budget cap by \$214,000 but the PERS increase means the district is now \$192,000 under cap and this also changes the increase from 3.57% to 3.64%. He noted that this was the second item the district got hit with at the 11th hour, the first being that the health benefits cost increased by 12%, and this caused a number of cuts and changes to be made. Mr. Sincaglia also noted that with the exception of the cost for salaries, fringe benefits and tuition costs, the budget is lower than last year.

Mrs. Scheckel questioned which employees were in the PERS, to which Mr. Sincaglia responded that non-certificated employees were in the PERS, adding that the Board has to pay the employer share of their pension cost whereas the teachers' pension fund cost is picked up by the state.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS:

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, pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(e), the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of January 31, 1996, 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:

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 Board of Education authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$2,868,902.28 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. Pelaia 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.

RETIREMENT - Teacher:

Mr. John P. Ryan

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Mr. John P. Ryan, effective July 1, 1996.

RETIREMENT - Buildings and Grounds Employee:

Mr. Richard Kneser

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Mr. Richard Kneser as a buildings and grounds employee effective July 1, 1996.

EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Teacher:

Mrs. Maria Torretti

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mrs. Maria Torretti be granted a leave of absence, without pay, from March 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996.

APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:

Miss Cynthia Liebowitz

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 Board of Education extends the appointment of Miss Cynthia Liebowitz as a teacher for the period of March 1, 1996 through June 30, 1996 at the annual salary of \$34,197 (prorated), B.A.-6, in accordance with the 1995/1996 Teachers' Salary Guide.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT -  
Superintendent of Schools:

Dr. Frank T. Votto

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 Board of Education approves the Agreement with the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Frank T. Votto, for the period July 1, 1996 through June 30, 2000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Agreement replaces the Agreement dated January 29, 1996.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

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 teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 1995/1996 school year.

APPOINTMENTS - Substitutes:

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 substitutes be approved for the 1995/1996 school year:

Custodial

John R. Hollywood

Clerical/Aide

Mary Berke  
Donna Bolcato

Cafeteria/Bus Aide/School Aide

Donna Bolcato  
 Kathleen Gabriele  
 Cathie Lis  
 Antoinette Pettinato

Bus Driver

Joseph Dwyer

EXTRA COMPENSATION:

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 personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

Curriculum Development Committee MeetingsChemical Health - SDFSCA Grant -  
January 6, 1996

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Theresa Barbagallo  | \$ 123.88     |
| Anne Bevere         | 123.88        |
| Patricia Camarda    | 123.88        |
| Rosann Capalbo      | 123.88        |
| Susan Gesumaria     | 123.88        |
| Nancy Kehayes       | 123.88        |
| Donna MacDonald     | 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               | \$1,771.52    |

Science - IKE Grant - January 20, 1996

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Mary Balitsos              | \$ 123.88 |
| Pamela Batchelder Mitchell | 123.88    |
| Margaret Dougherty         | 123.88    |
| Carol Gurney               | 123.88    |
| Janet Jelenski             | 123.88    |
| Gail Kahn                  | 123.88    |
| Maureen Lazur              | 123.88    |
| Sally Magin                | 123.88    |
| Marcy McKenzie             | 123.88    |

Science - IKE Grant - January 20, 1996 (contd.)

|                   |               |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Linda Moscaritola | \$ 123.88     |
| Carol O'Hara      | 123.88        |
| Eileen O'Mara     | 123.88        |
| Kathleen Serafino | 116.58        |
| Jill Szura        | 123.88        |
| Joyce Wood        | <u>123.88</u> |

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|-------|------------|
| Total | \$1,850.90 |
|-------|------------|

Self Esteem - January 6, 1996

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Lottie Alama     | \$ 123.88     |
| John Calicchio   | 165.80        |
| Lori Ann Cassie  | 123.88        |
| Denise Cleary    | 123.88        |
| Kathleen Cullity | 92.91         |
| 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        |
| John Walker      | 165.80        |
| Joseph Zarra     | <u>145.08</u> |

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|-------|------------|
| Total | \$2,712.75 |
|-------|------------|

SAT/Transcript Review - January 6, 1996

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Elinor Alboum    | \$ 123.88     |
| Ronald Bonadonna | 123.88        |
| Mario Cocchiola  | 186.52        |
| MaryJane Emde    | 123.88        |
| Judy Hubert      | 123.88        |
| Paul McCarthy    | 165.80        |
| Susan Scerbo     | 123.88        |
| Anne Starace     | <u>123.88</u> |

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| Total | \$1,095.60 |
|-------|------------|

Grade Reporting K-3 - January 6, 1996

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Mary Balitsos    | \$ 123.88 |
| Andrea Carnevale | 123.88    |

Grade Reporting K-3 - January 6, 1996 (contd.)

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

Total      \$1,673.08

Language Arts K-8 - January 6, 1996

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 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        |
| Catherine Kinney           | 123.88        |
| Paul Kocum                 | 123.88        |
| Jacqueline Meloni          | 123.88        |
| Noreen Mickey              | 123.88        |
| Walter Murray              | 123.88        |
| Deborah Schop              | 123.88        |
| James Vivinetto            | <u>165.80</u> |

Total      \$2,810.60

Public Information - January 6, 1996

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Lucy Anello        | \$ 186.52     |
| Beverly Apple      | 123.88        |
| Donald Baumann     | 123.88        |
| Florence Carpenter | 123.88        |
| Paula Lee          | 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      \$1,301.44

Vector - January 17, 1996

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Donald Baumann  | \$ 46.46     |
| Dianne DeRosa   | 62.18        |
| Loretta Douglas | 46.46        |
| Deborah Pinto   | 46.46        |
| Harriet Sabates | 46.46        |
| James Vivinetto | <u>23.32</u> |
| Total           | \$271.34     |

World History - January 6, 1996

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| John Jacone     | \$165.80      |
| Andrew Linfante | 123.88        |
| Brian McGinley  | 161.08        |
| Gregory Rhodes  | <u>123.88</u> |
| Total           | \$574.64      |

Central Detention Coverage - January, 1996High School

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Robyn Powell   | \$ 16.79 |
| Carol Shepherd | 235.06   |

Franklin School

|                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| Robert Ash     | 16.79         |
| Donald Baumann | 16.79         |
| Rosann Capalbo | 100.74        |
| Jennifer Neri  | <u>117.53</u> |

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|-------|----------|
| Total | \$503.70 |
|-------|----------|

Saturday Morning Suspensions - January, 1996High School

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Nicole Errante      | \$140.34     |
| Anne Marie Kowalski | <u>70.17</u> |

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| Total | \$210.51 |
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LONGEVITY PAY:

Mr. Pelaia 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:

Albert Thibault    \$193    Eff. March 1, 1996 (10 years)

APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM PROGRAM:

Mr. Pelaia 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 Advanced Placement US History IV Curriculum Program presented at the February 12, 1996 conference session.

TEXTBOOK APPROVAL:

Mr. Pelaia 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 use of the following textbooks:

Mathematics

Advanced Mathematical Concepts:  
Precalculus with Applications  
Publisher, Glencoe/McGraw Hill, 1994

Geometry Applications and Connections  
Publisher, Glencoe/McGraw Hill, 1995

PLACEMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT:

Mr. Rusignuolo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. 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> |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Lyndhurst       | 1                      | PI                    | Nutley High   | 2/5/96                |

INDEPENDENT CHILD STUDY TEAMS, INC.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education approves Independent Child Study Teams, Inc. to provide examination and classification services pursuant to Chapter 193 for the 1996/1997 school year for all eligible children who attend nonpublic schools located in the Township of Nutley.

ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION - Chapter 192/193, P.L. 1977:

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 192, P.L. 1977 requires the provision of certain auxiliary services to children in nonpublic schools, and Chapter 193 requires the provision of certain services to handicapped children in nonpublic schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a contract be entered into with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to provide these services during the 1996/1997 school year to students who attend nonpublic schools in Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the price to be paid to the Essex County Educational Services Commission for these services shall not exceed the amount paid to the Nutley Board of Education by the State to implement this program.

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS:

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 Secretary be authorized to enter into transportation agreements with contractors, other school districts, or the Essex County Educational Services Commission for transportation of Special Education students for the 1996/1997 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any such agreements be presented for ratification at the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Education.

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 | \$18,400 | Account 11-204-100-106 | \$ 100     |
|                        |          | Account 11-213-100-101 | 300        |
|                        |          | Account 11-220-100-320 | 4,000      |
|                        |          | Account 11-230-100-800 | 100        |
|                        |          | Account 11-999-100-562 | 13,000     |
|                        |          | Account 11-999-218-105 | 500        |
|                        |          | Account 11-999-270-420 | <u>400</u> |
|                        |          |                        | \$18,400   |

APPROVAL OF UTILIZATION OF CARRY-OVER FUNDS - Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program (IKE) and Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) - FY 95:

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 approves the utilization of FY 95 carry-over funds for the following programs in the following amounts:

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| Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Program (IKE) | \$ 45   |
| Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA)     | \$3,713 |

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, SOLICIT QUOTATIONS OR PURCHASE BY STATE CONTRACT:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary/Business Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids, solicit quotations, purchase by State Contract or recommend for contract renewal the following items/services:

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Roofing Work                    | Door Hardware                   |
| Electrical Work                 | Boiler Water Treatment          |
| Locker Refinishing              | Solid Waste Disposal            |
| Micro Computers and Accessories | Athletic Supplies and Equipment |
| Typewriter Maintenance          | Janitorial Supplies             |
| School Furniture                | Electrical Supplies             |
| Pupil Transportation Vehicles   |                                 |

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| Industrial Arts Supplies and Equipment   | Custodial Uniforms                |
| Science Supplies and Equipment           | School Health Supplies            |
| Office Furniture and Equipment           | Commercial Printing               |
| Audio Visual Equipment                   | Office Paper                      |
| Musical Instruments and Supplies         | Periodical Subscriptions          |
| Concrete and Paving Work                 | Alarm System Service/Installation |
| Replacement Doors                        | Boiler Repair                     |
| School Supplies                          | Building Materials                |
| Milk and Dairy Products                  | Chalkboards/Bulletin Boards       |
| Ice Cream Products                       | Grounds Equipment                 |
| Bread and Rolls                          | Heating Plant Modifications       |
| Brick and Masonry Work                   | Hand and Power Tools              |
| Gym Floor Restoration                    | Air Conditioners                  |
| Ventilating Equipment                    | Ball Field Restoration            |
| Floor Repair and Floor Tile Installation | Auditorium Seating                |
| Firm Transportation Gas Delivery         | Computer Equipment Maintenance    |
|  | Paint                             |

**ADOPTION OF 1996/1997 TENTATIVE BUDGET:**

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby adopts a tentative budget for the 1996/1997 school year in the amount of:

|                      |                |          |
|----------------------|----------------|----------|
| General Fund         | \$31,824,382   |          |
| Special Revenue Fund | 691,525        |          |
| Debt Service         | <u>189,825</u> |          |
| Total Budget         | \$32,705,732   | of which |

the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| General Fund | \$28,336,486   |
| Debt Service | <u>182,437</u> |
| Total        | \$28,518,923   |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to submit this budget to the County Superintendent for approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon receiving the approval of the County Superintendent, the Secretary be authorized to publish the 1996/1997 budget in The Nutley Sun.

ESTABLISH DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 1996/1997 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Public Hearing on the 1996/1997 budget be held on Monday, March 25, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

TESTIMONIAL - Teacher:

Mr. William Osborn

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

WHEREAS, Mr. William Osborn has tendered his resignation as high school teacher, effective March 1, 1996 and has signified his intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Osborn has taught in the Nutley Public Schools for a period of twenty-six and one-half years, and

WHEREAS, through the years Mr. Osborn has exemplified the finest qualities of the teaching profession at all times,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education expresses to Mr. Osborn its deep appreciation of his long and faithful service and extends to him its best wishes for continued health and happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy presented to Mr. Osborn.

Dr. Votto remarked that Mr. Osborn had a long and fulfilling career as a business education teacher and had a pleasant and cooperative demeanor with the students and his colleagues. He added that Mr. Osborn will be missed and he wished him well.

ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT AWARD - Special Olympics, New Jersey:

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 accepts the grant award from Special Olympics, New Jersey in the amount of \$1,000.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mrs. Barbara Bochese, 50 Cedar Street, commented that when comparing costs between districts, it would be good if Nutley was compared with another district which is similar to Nutley in such ways as kindergarten program, lunch program, number of school nurses and transportation costs. Mr. Kucinski responded that this is the only way we can think of to do comparisons.

Mrs. Bochese noted that another district similar to Nutley would make for a more valid comparison. Mr. Sincaglia indicated that there are some commonalities, such as operation of plant, and Nutley's cost to run its buildings is second to none, particularly in the area of utilities. He added that Nutley spent \$745 per child to run the plant and the average in Essex County is \$1,059. Mr. Sincaglia further noted that, generally speaking, our buildings are very well maintained.

Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that transportation costs are factored out of the current expense portion of the budget. He stressed that the average district in the county is spending more than \$1,000 additional per pupil than Nutley and this does not include transportation. He added that there are very few districts who have our achievements in terms of our costs.

Mrs. Joan Rubino, 48 North Road, asked what the Board has done in the area of updating the cafeteria facilities in the schools in light of the increase in the number of mothers who are working. Dr. Votto replied that we are taking a look at the entire lunch program, primarily as it relates to scheduling, adding that an ancillary look regarding facilities would be relevant. Dr. Votto noted that there is a growing trend to eat lunch in school and the administration is looking at that.

Mrs. Rubino asked why students are eating on the floor at Spring Garden School. Mr. Kucinski responded that the Board was unaware of this but would look into it.

Mrs. Rubino asked where the Board gets its figures to be able to state that we are one of the best schools in the state. Dr. Votto mentioned Governor Whitman's recent visit to Nutley and her commentary about how well we are doing with such a low cost per pupil. Mr. Kucinski commented that Nutley receives the same information as other districts from the state and county.

Mrs. Rubino then mentioned that New Jersey Monthly was doing in-depth research with regard to school districts in the state.

Mr. Kucinski stated that Dr. Votto and Mr. Sincaglia would be able to give Mrs. Rubino the information she is seeking with regard to the source of the information we disseminate.

OLD BUSINESS:

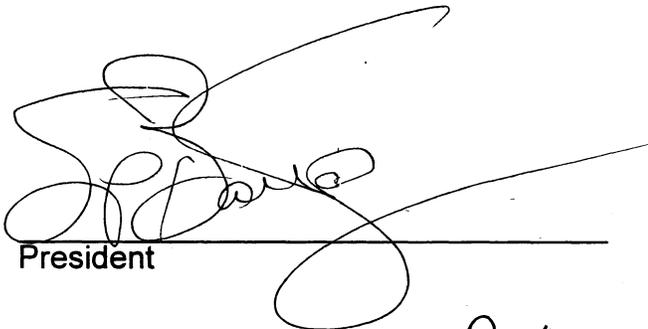
None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Pelia, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.



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President



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Secretary

March 25, 1996

Date