

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 Lefkowitz	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 Lefkowitz
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>
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>
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>
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
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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
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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
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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>

Total	\$503.70
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Saturday Morning Suspensions - January, 1996High School

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

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:

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

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. Pelaia. 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:

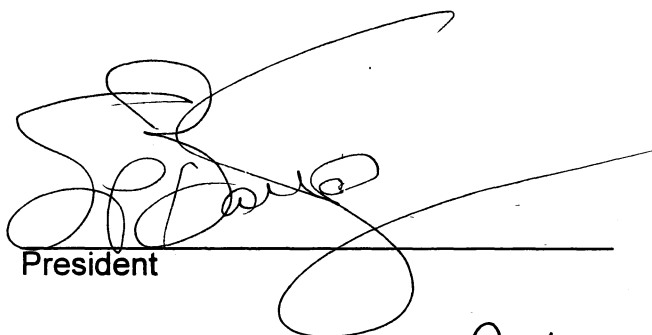
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NEW BUSINESS:

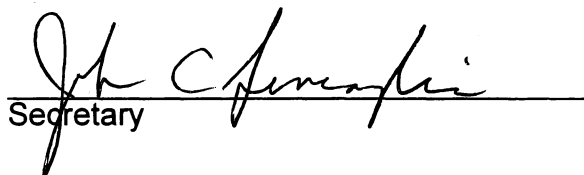
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ADJOURNMENT:

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



President



Secretary

March 25, 1996
Date