

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

March 25, 1996

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, March 25, 1996 at 7:02 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) and NJSA 18A:22-11 and 22-12, proper notice of this Special Meeting was made on March 1, 1996. Said Notice was:

1. Published in The Nutley Sun on March 21, 1996.
2. Posted at the entrance of the Board Office.
3. Mailed or delivered, and/or telephoned to The Nutley Sun, the Star Ledger, the North Jersey Herald & News and the Nutley Journal.
4. Mailed or delivered, and/or telephoned to the Nutley Township Clerk.

"The purpose of this meeting is:

1. Conduct the Public Hearing on the 1996-97 school budget.
2. Adopt the 1996-97 school budget.
3. Conduct the regular monthly business that would normally come before the Board of Education.

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Kucinski 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 30 citizens were present.

PRESENTATION OF 1996/1997 BUDGET:

Dr. Votto personally thanked the members of the Budget Review Committee, chaired by Mr. Kucinski, for their advice and counsel, adding that their long hours of input resulted in what we feel is a very viable budget document. He also thanked Mr. Sincaglia in advance for what he was sure would be a fine budget presentation.

Mr. Kucinski read the following statement:

"I want to thank Budget Review Committee members Rusignuolo, Scheckel and Schweikert for their efforts and their input in helping our administration develop a budget that the entire Board was able to support. We had a number of productive meetings during the process that began last December, for us, but actually in September for our Superintendent, teachers and principals.

"I know that our Superintendent and Business Administrator will have a lot more to say about this budget, but I do want to go on record that my committee strongly supports the work of our administration in developing this very responsible budget in these difficult times. This budget will allow us to maintain our quality of education at a reasonable cost. I'm sure you're going to hear tonight about some of the problems we encountered along the way such as the loss of state aid, new mandated increases, and the loss of ratables in our community. Despite all these obstacles we think we have produced a good budget which we hope will receive the support of our citizens."

Mr. Kucinski also thanked Dr. Votto and Mr. Sincaglia for their work, adding that he was sure Mr. Sincaglia would be able to answer any questions.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that the budget is a financial plan which outlines how our resources are allocated to provide for over 3800 pupils on our rolls and over 50 outside placements. He added that it is because there are school children that we maintain an educational system.

Mr. Sincaglia informed all that this year the district gained more than 80 new pupils and last year there were 115, adding that since 1991, we have added 453 additional pupils to the schools which is as if we added an entirely new elementary school to our town. Mr. Sincaglia further noted that we are expecting more than 60 additional pupils next year. Mr. Sincaglia then showed a chart which displayed the enrollment increases since the 1990-91 school year and which indicated approximately a 14% increase in enrollment in the five-year period with an average of 90 new pupils every year.

Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that the Board needs \$32,705,732 for its operations next year which is an increase of 3.64% from 1995-96. He noted that the consumer price index increased 3.4% over the past year but was up over 6% on an annual basis for the most recent month. He also noted that the cost of living represents the status quo for most people, but we have had a 2-4% enrollment increase each year.

Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that this is a maintenance budget whereby most current operations can continue, class size will be maintained with a reduction of only a one-half teaching position. Library services, guidance, health, Child Study Team, transportation and food service will all be maintained as well as maintaining of facilities and payment of long-term debt. Mr. Sincaglia further noted that \$120,000 was allocated for the purchase of computer items and an additional state grant will add about \$31,000 for the purchase of computers.

Mr. Sincaglia indicated that very little capital construction would take place next year as the budget for capital outlay decreased from \$411,000 to \$211,000. He noted that fire alarm work would take place with the completion of the high school, the start of Washington School and upgrades to be done at Spring Garden School. He also mentioned that a new exterior stairway would be built at Lincoln School, sidewalks replaced at Radcliffe and Washington Schools, roofing work at the high school, and suspended ceilings at Franklin School and Spring Garden School. He further noted that in addition, there would be chalk board replacements and minor maintenance items done.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that noncertificated employees - secretaries, custodians, drivers, teacher aides and cafeteria workers - are part of PERS for pension purposes and it is mandated that boards of education pay a contribution towards their pensions. He added that for fiscal year 97 the contribution would be increased 90% and an additional \$25,000 had to be included in the budget. He continued by noting that the increase for the State Health Benefits program was over 12% and an additional \$120,000 had to be found over and above the increase that had originally been budgeted. Mr. Sincaglia also mentioned that Essex County Vocational Schools suddenly requires tuition for students from Nutley. He added that this was a drain on our resources of at least \$55,000 that we never had before.

Mr. Sincaglia indicated that the new law which was passed dealing with the conduct of school elections also had a financial impact. He explained that last year election costs came to a little over \$7,000 and this year, because of the way it will be conducted, will cost from \$20,000 to \$24,000. Mr. Sincaglia further noted that the district had a loss in federal funds for the Title 1 program which helped fund the Summer Enrichment Program which serves Nutley children. He indicated that the Board has determined the program is worthwhile, but this is a new local cost of over \$50,000. Mr. Sincaglia also mentioned that there will be higher costs in the normal tuition charges for Special Education children which cost from \$20,000 to \$35,000 per year per child. He added that with the current number of students in the Special Education program there will be an increase of approximately \$66,000 for tuition and that is a mandated increase. He noted that the district would educate those students in Nutley but we are unable to do this.

Mr. Sincaglia continued by noting that other than personnel cost and tuition, the remainder of the budget is lower than last year. He indicated that every area of expenditure was looked at to keep

costs down as the Board did not want to cut programs. He stressed that programs need people and people mean salaries. He added that positions could be cut but this means programs would suffer.

With regard to revenues, Mr. Sincaglia noted that overwhelmingly, the majority (87%) comes from property taxes. He added that state support is not very much and next year the district will receive \$2,288,684 in state aid which is the absolute lowest amount in actual dollars received since 1984-85. Mr. Sincaglia then showed a chart of state aid distribution in Essex County, noting that Nutley does not receive a great deal of money. He explained that the aid we receive on a per pupil basis is \$605 per pupil which is a drop of one third since 1992-93. He added that if the district received what it had received then, our need for additional taxes this year would have been about \$250,000 even with all the mandated items and without a loss of ratables there would have been a tax decrease.

With regard to how local taxes are allocated, Mr. Sincaglia mentioned that Nutley raised about \$7300 per pupil for this current budget and Newark, a special needs district, raised about \$1700 per pupil. He noted that Nutley is shouldering more than what we think is a fair share as we are not a wealthy community. Mr. Sincaglia added that he felt there is something very unfair about excessive property taxes being dumped on communities such as Nutley. He further indicated that Nutley is 26.2% below the average cost per pupil in the state and 14.5% below the average cost in the county and Nutley went up one half of one percent in cost per pupil from 1993-94 to 1994-95 and the county went up an average of 10%.

Mr. Sincaglia displayed a chart of per pupil costs in K-12 districts and Nutley was third from the bottom. He noted that the Governor and Education Commissioner made a great deal of comparing expenditures per district. In a state-wide comparison, with the exception of extra-curricular costs and administration, Nutley is well below the county and state. He added that Nutley is the second lowest in the county and well below the state average in the number of administrators to the number of school children and fourth in the number of administrators to the number of faculty. Mr. Sincaglia stated that if this district had spent at the state average last year, we would have spent \$4,296,399 more than we did and spending to the county average, we would have spent an additional \$7,750,000.

Mr. Sincaglia indicated that the 1996-97 budget would have a tax impact of 27 points, five points of which are the direct result of the loss of ratables which lowered property values. He further noted that two points resulted from the loss of state aid from last year and three points were due to fixed increases we had to absorb. He also explained that with the same budget for 1996-97 as exists now, and if we had received the state aid we were to get next year, and using \$800,000 of surplus, with the loss of ratables there would still be a 14 point tax increase without us spending one penny more.

Mr. Sincaglia commented that it is appropriate to ask what people are getting for their dollar, and we believe we are doing quite well. He referred to page 53 of the budget booklet regarding the most recent state mandated testing results. He noted that the district did extremely well on the HSPT. He noted that the EWT for grade 8 is an outstanding story. Nutley was fourth in Essex County in the number of students passing the test and we had perfect scores in two of the three areas - reading and writing.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that over the years concerns have been raised about how well Nutley compares as to what are perceived as "better" districts. He indicated that within the "D-E" group we ranked very high and would have ranked above average against some of the higher groups. Mr. Sincaglia then named some of the "better" districts which were less successful than Nutley in the test results; these included Caldwell, Cherry Hill, Glen Ridge, Madison, Mahwah, Mountainside, Montville, Oakland, Princeton, Randolph, Ridgewood, Scotch Plains, South Orange-Maplewood, Sparta, Summit, West Essex, Warren and Westfield. Mr. Sincaglia further indicated that the state average for passing was almost 18 points below Nutley; we were 19% higher than the state average for the mean score in writing and higher than the average for "I" districts. We also outperformed them in reading. He noted that the math scores were not quite as good but were above the state average and the average for "G-H" districts. Mr. Sincaglia also mentioned that the Iowa test results remain outstanding.

With regard to changes in the election, Mr. Sincaglia stressed that the main thing the public needs to know is that they have to vote where they voted in general elections. He noted that we think there will be some confusion. He also mentioned that the polls will be open from 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Sincaglia further indicated that registered voters will receive official sample ballots at home this year, which is a change mandated by the new law.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that he was proud of the hard work done by many people in developing this budget. He thanked the employees in the business office, data processing department, Susan Davis, Donald Stasi and the members of the Budget Review Committee who provided valuable direction.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Item Only):

None

ADOPTING BUDGET FOR THE 1996/1997 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:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley adopted a tentative budget for the 1996/1997 school year on February 26, 1996, and

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WHEREAS, said tentative budget was properly advertised on March 21, 1996, and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing on the budget was conducted on March 25, 1996,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby adopts the official budget for the 1996/1997 school year in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$31,824,382
Special Revenue Fund	691,525
Debt Service Fund	<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 place on the ballot at the Annual School Election to be held on April 16, 1996 the proposal to approve the General Fund tax levy portion of the 1996/1997 school budget. (The complete budget for 1996/1997 is attached as Appendix 1.)

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 recess to closed executive session at this time in the Board of Education business office 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. Scheckel and unanimously approved by the Board.

RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 7:36 p.m.

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RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 1996 at 8:00 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.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Sincaglia presented and read the following communications:

1. A memorandum from Robert E. Boose, Ed.D., Executive Director, New Jersey School Boards Association, the subject of which was the report of the Nominating Committee for officers to be voted upon at the Annual Delegate Assembly on Saturday, May 18, 1996.
2. A letter and resolution from the Wayne Township Public Schools regarding the increased election costs which will be incurred because of the change in jurisdiction of school elections.
3. A letter from Herman Morchel, RN, concerning CPR training in the schools.

Mr. Kucinski expressed his hope that the district would look into CPR training for interested teachers in the near future. Dr. Votto remarked that the letter was very well taken, adding that our nurses are certified in CPR as well as a selected number of teachers. He added that we are looking forward to working with the Red Cross in the training of upwards of 150 of our staff free of charge. He further noted that we will be looking at having an in-service for training in the Heimlich Maneuver.

Mrs. Scheckel questioned if Dr. Votto was referring to the local Red Cross. Dr. Votto responded in the affirmative, adding that the Red Cross had received a grant and we are very excited about it.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Secretary as of February 29, 1996. (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 February 29, 1996. (See attached report.)

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Votto presented and read the following report:

"Attached is the student enrollment chart as of February 29, 1996.

"The District-Wide Elementary Music Program will be conducted in the high school auditorium on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m.

"The Annual Winter Sports Awards Program will be conducted in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m.

"Schools Closed - April 5 - Good Friday

"Testing Dates:

HSPT - Gr. 11	- April 9,10,11
EWT - Gr. 9	- April 9,10,11
TAP - Gr. 10	- April 9,10

"Third quarter report cards will be distributed on Friday, April 12, 1996.

"CAT Open House - April 13, 1996

"Presentations of the 1996/1997 Budget will be made on:

Tuesday,	April 2	Radcliffe School
		Yantacaw School
Tuesday,	April 9	Spring Garden
Wednesday,	April 10	Washington School
Thursday,	April 11	Lincoln School

"School Board Election - April 16

"NY Ontario Western Railway - Carl Ohlson"

Dr. Votto indicated that a book, NY Ontario Western Railway was illustrated by Carl Ohlson, a member of the high school staff. He noted that the book discussed Mr. Ohlson's work at Rutgers University and his work at Nutley High School as a photography teacher. Dr. Votto stated that he was very proud of Carl Ohlson who had brought recognition to himself, his school and community.

Dr. Votto noted that this year the Senior Benefit is the Sound of Music and he has never seen a better production than this year's, adding that the staffing, the set, direction and choreography are all outstanding. He urged everyone to attend.

Mr. Battaglia commented that it is a good show, adding his endorsement that everyone should see it. Mr. Battaglia further noted that on Thursday, the elementary school basketball tournament began and the students had a good time with Radcliffe School winning its first tournament so that all schools are now represented on the trophy. Mr. Battaglia also indicated that a very successful science fair was held at Franklin School.

FIRE DRILL REPORT:

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

Feb. 7	Washington School	2:07 p.m.	1 min. 22 secs.
Feb. 9	Franklin School	1:08 p.m.	1 min. 50 secs.
Feb. 9	Franklin School	2:08 p.m.	1 min. 46 secs.
Feb. 9	Lincoln School	2:00 p.m.	1 min. 19 secs.
Feb. 9	Radcliffe School	11:02 a.m.	1 min. 7 secs.
Feb. 9	Spring Garden School	8:35 a.m.	2 min. 4 secs.
Feb. 9	Washington School	10:49 a.m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Feb. 9	Yantacaw School	2:02 p.m.	1 min. 20 secs.
Feb. 12	Nutley High School	10:27 a.m.	2 min. 12 secs.
Feb. 15	Nutley High School	1:57 p.m.	2 min. 9 secs.
Feb. 16	Spring Garden School	8:40 a.m.	2 min. 9 secs.
Feb. 16	Yantacaw School	8:58 a.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
Feb. 26	Lincoln School	10:45 a.m.	1 min. 16 secs.
Feb. 27	Radcliffe School	11:06 p.m.	1 min. 13 secs.

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Kucinski presented the cafeteria report as of February 29, 1996 showing a 1995/1996 budget of \$613,621.00, contractual orders to date of \$376,215.92, leaving funds available of \$237,405.08.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

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 February 29, 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:

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 authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$2,917,920.57 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Office.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

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 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 - Secretary:

Mrs. Marie Choida

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Mrs. Marie Choida, Franklin School secretary, effective June 1, 1996.

RESIGNATION - Custodian:

Mr. Anthony Lotito

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mr. Anthony Lotito, custodian, effective March 15, 1996.

RESIGNATIONS - Athletic:

Mrs. Russo 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 accepts the following athletic resignations:

Mrs. Elinor Alboum	-	Assistant Cheerleading Coach
Mrs. MaryLou Dowse	-	Head Cheerleading Coach
Mr. Walter Sautter	-	Head Wrestling Coach

Mr. Kucinski mentioned that he was upset to hear about these three coaching resignations, adding that he had known Walt Sautter for a long time and he was an outstanding instructor and a good coach. He further noted that all three were a credit to the staff and would be missed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Teacher: Miss Denise Mastrangelo

Mrs. Russo 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 a medical leave of absence without pay for Miss Denise Mastrangelo for the period March 14, 1996 through June 30, 1996.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Teacher: Mrs. Debra Parigi

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves a leave of absence without pay for Mrs. Debra Parigi from September 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

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

APPOINTMENTS - Substitutes:

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 substitutes be approved for the 1995/1996 school year:

Secretarial

Victoria Baumann

School Aide

Linda Lampo

Cafeteria

Erminia Cifelli

EXTRA COMPENSATION:

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

Curriculum Development Committee MeetingsScience - IKE Grant - February 10, 1996

Frank Comune	\$ 123.88
Kathryn Comune	123.88
Geraldine Intiso	123.88
Donna MacDonald	123.88
Rebecca Olivo	123.88
Stephen Parigi	123.88
Carol Perrone	123.88
Gertrude Reddington	123.88
Gail Reilly	123.88
Lorraine Restel	<u>123.88</u>

Total \$1,238.80

Grade Reporting K-3 - March 9, 1996

Patricia Adubato	\$ 123.88
Mary Balitsos	123.88
Mary Jo Chagnon Harkins	123.88

Grade Reporting K-3 - March 9, 1996 (contd.)

Michele Cristantiello	\$ 123.88
Carol Gurney	123.88
Gail Kahn	123.88
Susan LaReau	123.88
Victoria Latka	123.88
Olga Rombola	123.88
Sally Ann M. Ryder	123.88
Janice Schoem	123.88
Kathleen Serafino	186.52
Rosanna Tangorra	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$1,673.08
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Language Arts K-8 - March 9, 1996

Cynthia DeBonis	\$123.88
Dianne DeRosa	186.52
Catherine Kinney	123.88
Paul Kocum	123.88
Patricia Sloan	123.88
James Vivinetto	<u>103.63</u>

Total	\$785.67
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Lucy Anello	\$ 186.52
Beverly Apple	123.88
Donald Baumann	123.88
Florence Carpenter	123.88
Elaine Karsnak	123.88
Paula Lee	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 - February 29, 1996

Donald Baumann	\$ 46.46
Loretta Douglas	46.46
Deborah Pinto	46.46
Harriet Sabates	46.46
James Vivinetto	<u>23.32</u>

Total	\$209.16
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Self Esteem - March 9, 1996

Lottie Alama	\$ 123.88
John Calicchio	165.80
Denise Cleary	123.88
Kathleen Cullity	123.88
Scott Keena	123.88
AnneMarie Kowalski	123.88
Maureen Lazur	123.88
Lisa Maniscalco	123.88
Beverly Masullo	161.08
Eileen Mattone	123.88
Rae Nardone	123.88
Rebecca Olivo	123.88
Eileen O'Mara	123.88
Theresa Petti	123.88
Gail Reilly	123.88
Valerie Sautter	123.88
John Walker	<u>165.80</u>

Total \$2,227.00

Primary Academic Talent (PAT) - February 13, 1996

Susan Hagert	\$ 46.46
Barbara Hirsch	23.32
Rebecca Olivo	46.46
Niki Vlasakakis	46.46
Carol VonAchen	<u>46.46</u>

Total \$209.16

SAT/Transcript Review - March 9, 1996

Elinor Alboum	\$ 123.88
Ronald Bonadonna	123.88
Mario Cocchiola	186.52
Mary Jane Emde	123.88
Judy Hubert	123.88
John Jacone	165.80
Paul McCarthy	165.80
Susan Scerbo	123.88
Anne Starace	<u>123.88</u>

Total \$1,261.40

Critical Thinking - March 9, 1996

Grayce Berk	\$ 123.88
Rosann Capalbo	123.88
Kathryn Comune	123.88
Laura Curry	123.88
Susan Dingwell	123.88
Linda Fisher	123.88

Critical Thinking - March 9, 1996 (contd.)

Katherine Flannery	\$ 123.88
Janet Frikert	123.88
Diane LaPierre	123.88
Elaine Mauro	123.88
Dorothy Mutch	161.08
Jennifer Neri	123.88
Becky Pandolfi	123.88
Bernice Paschal	123.88
Debra Pastena	123.88
Kathryn Peterson	123.88
Julianne Philp	123.88
Sharon Romaglia	123.88
Phillip Siculietano	123.88
Arleen Slott	123.88
Jill Szura	123.88
Nancy Szura	123.88
Patricia Tarczynski	123.88
Susan Tole	<u>123.88</u>

Total \$3,010.32

In Service Course - Advanced Computer Applications
for WordPerfect Windows and Microsoft Works -
January 17, 23, 24, 31, February 7 and 14, 1996

Nancy Kehayes \$483.24

Math Counts Competition - N.J.I.T., Newark
February 10, 1996

Evelyn McMullen \$201.31

Curriculum Development Work - Social Studies

Frank Comune \$123.88

Classroom Coverage - March, 1996

Charles Martin	\$ 68.37
Sharon Romaglia	45.58
Lawrence Tuorto	45.58
Rita O'Neill Wilson	<u>22.79</u>

Total \$182.32

Central Detention Coverage - February, 1996

High School

AnneMarie Kowalski	\$ 50.37
Carol Shepherd	151.11

Franklin School

Donald Baumann	16.79
Rosann Capalbo	117.53
Jennifer Neri	<u>117.53</u>

Total	\$453.33
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Saturday Morning Suspensions - January, 1996High School

Nicole Errante	\$70.17
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Spring Sports Physical Examinations
February 10 and March 6, 1996High School

AnneMarie Kowalski	\$108.40
Sharon K. Larcara	116.14
Patricia Scullen	38.71
Patricia Tarczyński	123.88

Franklin School

Donald Baumann	<u>77.43</u>
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Total	\$464.56
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LONGEVITY PAY:

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 following longevity payment be authorized:

Lawrence T. Koster \$145 Eff. Apr. 1, 1996 (10 years)

SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT - Educationally Disabled Student:

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 authorizes the attendance of a student at Special Education classes for the 1995/1996 school year as follows:

March 25, 1996

<u>School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Forest Glen Bloomfield, NJ	1	NI	3/18/96	\$5,166.46

PLACEMENT OF OUT-OF-DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION
STUDENTS:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 approves the placement of out-of-district Special Education students from the following district in the following classifications for the 1995/1996 school year:

<u>District</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
West Orange	1	Pre-Sch. Hdcp.	Lincoln	3/13/96
West Orange	1	Pre-Sch. Hdcp.	Lincoln	3/25/96

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 transfers in the 1995/1996 General Fund budget be confirmed as follows:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 11-140-100-101	\$ 400	Account 11-120-100-101	\$15,000
Account 11-217-100-610	100	Account 11-190-100-500	12,000
Account 11-230-100-101	2,000	Account 11-201-100-101	200
Account 11-230-100-640	100	Account 11-204-100-106	500
Account 11-999-100-566	15,000	Account 11-213-100-101	500
Account 11-999-230-330	3,800	Account 11-217-100-101	400
Account 11-999-260-420	10,000	Account 11-217-100-640	100
Account 11-999-270-593	1,100	Account 11-230-100-800	100
		Account 11-999-218-105	100
	\$32,500	Account 11-999-218-800	100
		Account 11-999-221-105	1,200
		Account 11-999-222-500	1,800
		Account 11-999-270-420	500
			\$32,500

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD - ESEA
Title IV - Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities - 1995/
1996 School Year:

Mrs. Scheckel 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 accepts notification of grant award for ESEA Title IV, Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities, for the 1995/1996 school year in the amount of \$17,192.

ESTABLISH DATE FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Mrs. Scheckel 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 reorganization meeting of the Board of Education be held on Monday, April 29, 1996 at 7:30 p.m.

AMENDMENT TO 1995/1996 SCHOOL CALENDAR:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That as a result of school cancellations due to inclement weather, the dates of Monday, June 24 and Tuesday, June 25, 1996 be added to the Nutley School District calendar for 1995/1996, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if it is necessary to close schools for additional days during the 1995/1996 school year, the first three additional dates utilized be Wednesday, June 26, Thursday, June 27 and Friday, June 28.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT APPLICATION - I.D.E.A.-B and I.D.E.A.-B
Preschool - FY 96:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 amendment application for I.D.E.A.-B and I.D.E.A.-B Preschool for FY 96.

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING - Chapter 193 -
1995/1996 School Year:

Mr. Rusignuolo 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 accepts notice of additional funding for Chapter 193 for the 1995/1996 school year in the amount of \$1,269.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mr. Aaron Morrison, 34 Milton Avenue, remarked that he was happy to hear that Dr. Votto had been appointed Superintendent of Schools, adding that he will bring a lot to the school system as he was a terrific educator.

Mrs. Gail Kline, 28 North Spring Garden Avenue, questioned the status of the modification and improvement of the high school transcript. Dr. Votto explained that three meetings had been held and meetings are also scheduled for March 30 and May 4, after which there will be a report to the Board either in late May or early June detailing any recommendations for changes.

Mr. Rory Moore, 12 Essex Street, related a problem with his son missing his athletic physical, together with 26 other students, and then the team physician being on vacation so that the physicals could not take place with the result that the students could not participate in their respective sports for a two-week period. Dr. Votto replied that this would be looked into.

OLD BUSINESS:

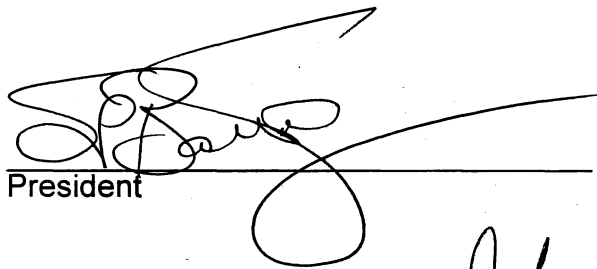
Mr. Pelaia noted that with regard to the budget materials, when you look at the figures for state aid and the comparisons, those numbers do not factor in inflation which makes the state aid numbers all the more dismal, horrendous and incomprehensible.

NEW BUSINESS:

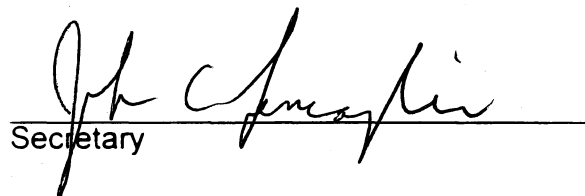
Mrs. Scheckel announced that a Candidate's Night sponsored by the League of Women Voters would take place on March 27 at 8:00 p.m. at the Historical Society. She noted that this would be the one forum in town which presents all the candidates. She added that she understands that public television interviews would also be held.

ADJOURNMENT:

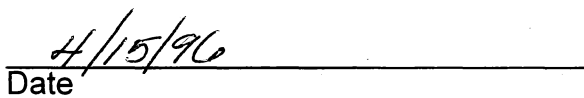
There being no further business to come before the Board,
on motion made by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mr. Pelaia, the meet-
ing was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



President



Secretary



Date