

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

April 29, 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, April 29, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. John C. Sincaglia, Temporary Chairman, presiding.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:**

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this meeting of the Board was provided on April 1, 1996. 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.

"The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Education to reorganize pursuant to NJSA 18A:10-3.

"Formal action will be taken."

**FLAG SALUTE:**

The meeting was opened with Mr. Sincaglia leading the Board members and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

**STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:**

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"The Annual Election of the legal voters of the School District of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held on Tuesday, April 16, 1996 between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p.m. and as much longer as was necessary to permit all the legal voters then present at the polling places to vote.

"Voting was conducted at Ward 1 - Districts 1-7, Ward 2 - Districts 1-6 and Ward 3 - Districts 1-7 all in the School District.

"Voting was conducted for the election of three members to the Board of Education for a period of three years and for authorizing the raising of \$28,336,486 in district taxes to support the proposed 1996/1997 General Fund Budget.

"The results of the election were as follows:

Candidates for 3-year terms

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| Louis F. Williams    | 2043 votes |
| Vincent Moscaritola  | 2267 votes |
| Robert J. Rusignuolo | 2099 votes |
| Tracy Scheckel       | 1328 votes |
| Gail Kline           | 7 votes    |
| Barbara Bochese      | 3 votes    |
| Aileen Hresko        | 6 votes    |
| Kathryn Rempusheski  | 1 vote     |
| George Hayes         | 1 vote     |
| Frank A. Orechio     | 1 vote     |
| Joe Kelly            | 2 votes    |
| Larry Rose           | 1 vote     |
| Gail Klein           | 3 votes    |
| John Russo           | 1 vote     |
| Anthony DeJackmo     | 2 votes    |

"The candidates elected were:

Louis F. Williams, Vincent Moscaritola and Robert J. Rusignuolo for three-year terms.

"The votes for the General Fund portion of the budget were as follows:

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| Yes | 1640 votes |
| No  | 1498 votes |

"The question of the tax levy was approved.

"A copy of this report will be entered in the official minutes of the Board of Education."

Mr. Sincaglia noted that this was the first school election run by the County of Essex and any questions or comments about procedures are in the province of the County Board of Elections and not the Board of Education.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Sincaglia administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo and Mr. Louis F. Williams.

CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Charles W. Kucinski, Jr., Mr. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mr. Robert J. Schweikert, Jr. and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 80 citizens were present.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mr. Sincaglia declared nominations open for the office of President.

Mr. Pelaia placed the name of Robert J. Rusignuolo in nomination for President.

Mr. Sincaglia explained that when there is only one nominee it is customary to declare a unanimous ballot unless there was an objection by a member of the Board.

There being no objections, a unanimous ballot was declared by the Board for Robert J. Rusignuolo as President.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Williams placed the name of Joseph C. Pelaia in nomination for Vice-President.

Mr. Schweikert placed the name of Charles W. Kucinski, Jr. in nomination for Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Russo.

A poll of the Board was then taken with the following results:

For Mr. Pelaia

Mr. Moscaritola  
Mr. Patterson  
Mr. Pelaia  
Mr. Rusignuolo  
Mr. Williams

For Mr. Kucinski

Mrs. Fleitell  
Mr. Kucinski  
Mrs. Russo  
Mr. Schweikert

Mr. Pelaia was declared elected as Vice-President.

Mr. Rusignuolo assumed the Chair, noting that it is with a great sense of pride, humility and appreciation that he accepts the Presidency of the Board of Education. He added that he would continue to work hard and give his very best for this school system and particularly, our children. Mr. Rusignuolo thanked the members of the audience for attending the swearing in of the new and old Board members.

Mr. Rusignuolo congratulated the new Board members, adding that the Board is entering a new era with an outstanding team and he looked forward to working with them as well as with the entire Board. Mr. Rusignuolo further thanked the citizens for their support of the budget which will allow the Board to move forward without distraction, adding that the narrow margin of passage has not gone without notice. Mr. Rusignuolo also stressed the importance of schools to the future viability of the community, pledging to continue high standards at low cost.

Mr. Rusignuolo thanked Dr. Fadule, the administrators, teachers and staff for their support and thanked everyone for their ongoing concern for young people. Mr. Rusignuolo then introduced his wife, parents and friend of long standing, Joe Romanoli. He concluded by stating that he looks forward to the coming year.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley be held on the fourth Monday of each month, except as noted otherwise, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the following schedule of meetings be adopted. (Schedule A)

ADOPTION OF POLICIES:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 of the Township of Nutley hereby adopts for the ensuing year all Bylaws and Policies, Rules and Regulations currently in force.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Mr. Kucinski 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 designates The Nutley Sun as the official newspaper for meeting notices and hereby directs the Board Secretary to also send meeting notices to the Nutley Journal, Star Ledger and the North Jersey Herald and News.

DEPOSITORY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Kucinski 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 Valley National Bank be designated as the official depository for the 1996/1997 school year for individual student savings accounts to which deposits are made through the elementary schools.

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - Valley National Bank:

Mr. Moscaritola 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 Valley National Bank be designated the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1996/1997 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts, effective April 29, 1996:

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| Board of Education, N.J. Unemployment<br>Insurance Trust Fund Account | John C. Sincaglia or<br>Jean Unglaub |
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School Accounts

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| <u>Nutley High School</u>   | John Jacone or<br>Mario Cocchiola |
| <u>Franklin School</u>      | James Vivinetto                   |
| <u>Lincoln School</u>       | Alexander B. Conrad               |
| <u>Spring Garden School</u> | Lucy Anello                       |
| <u>Washington School</u>    | Rosemarie DiGeronimo              |
| <u>Yantacaw School</u>      | John Walker                       |
| <u>Radcliffe School</u>     | Kathleen Serafino                 |

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - First Union Bank:

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Union Bank be designated as the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1996/1997 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts effective April 29, 1996:

Board of Education General Account

Primary Signatory

Robert J. Rusignuolo, President

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary

David Wilson, Treasurer of  
School Moneys

Alternate Signatory

or Joseph C. Pelaia, Vice-President

or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

Board of Education Salary Account

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary

David Wilson, Treasurer of  
School Moneys

or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

Board of Education Cafeteria Account

John C. Sincaglia

or Jean Unglaub

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Union Bank be authorized to accept facsimile signatures of the check signing machine.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:

Mr. Patterson 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, with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to invest surplus funds of the Board of Education and funds which will be available for a determinate period of time in U.S. Government and Agency Securities, Business Savings Accounts of our designated depository, and Certificates of Deposit and Repurchase Agreements of our local banks, and in any other securities designated by law.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND NEGOTIATOR/CONSULTANT:

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

WHEREAS, there exists from time to time a need for legal services and negotiations/consultant services for the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (Ch. 114, Laws of 1977) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

1. The firm of Sills Cummis Zuckerman Radin Tischman Epstein & Gross, P.A. of Newark, NJ is hereby appointed Board attorney and negotiator/consultant for the 1996/1997 school year.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an annual audit of school accounts, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (Ch. 114, Laws of 1977) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

1. The firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP of Morristown, NJ is hereby appointed auditors for the accounts of the Board of Education for the 1996/1997 school year.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONEYS:

Mr. Pelaia 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 Mr. David Wilson be appointed Treasurer of School Moneys for the 1996/1997 school year.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON OVERLOOK TERRACE:

Mrs. Russo 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 leases 20 feet of property owned by it, known as Lot Number 14, Block 212 (Overlook Terrace, rear entrance of Spring Garden School playground), on the tax maps of the Township of Nutley, to John Janiec and Mrs. Anne Janiec, his wife, for a term beginning May 1, 1996 and terminating April 30, 1997, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) in accordance with all requirements specified in the lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE - 21 Romano Street:

Mr. Schweikert 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 by the Board of Education that it hereby leases to Roxana Yang, owner of the property known as 21 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 20 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 45 and 46 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 1996 and terminating April 30, 1997, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.



LEASE - 22 Romano Street:

Mr. Williams 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 by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, that it hereby leases to Angelo Rotonda, owner of the property known as 22 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 25 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 78 and 79 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 1996 and terminating April 30, 1997, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

OTHER BUSINESS:

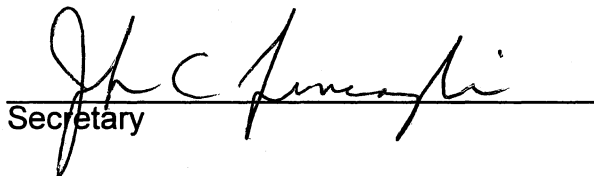
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ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Pelaia, seconded by Mr. Williams, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



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President



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Secretary

Date June 10, 1996