

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

May 13, 1996

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, May 13, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Rusignuolo read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Conference Meeting was provided in the Annual Notice of April 29, 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."

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 Schweikert, Jr., Mr. Louis F. Williams and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Late: Mrs. Maria Russo (7:38 p.m.).

1. Dr. Votto introduced Mrs. Beverly Masullo who presented a report from the Committee on Self-Esteem. Following Mrs. Masullo's presentation Mr. Rusignuolo commented on the fine job done by the Committee.

Mrs. Russo entered

There were comments by members Mr. Kucinski, Mrs. Fleitell and Mr. Pelaia. Mr. Pelaia asked about the use of the videos. He also said that he thought it would be a good idea for the Board to get feedback on this program in about a year.

Mr. Williams said he felt that the parent workshops mentioned were a very important component of this concept.

Mr. Rusignuolo again thanked Mrs. Masullo and the Committee for its fine efforts.

2. Dr. Votto introduced Miss Rose DiGeronimo and Ms. Dianne DeRosa on the K-8 Language Arts Curriculum. Miss DiGeronimo covered grades K-6 and Ms. DeRosa explained the program for grades 7 and 8.

Mr. Pelaia complimented the Committee and in particular noted that he liked the several pages showing the changes made from the old to the new.

Mrs. Fleitell asked a question on the list of suggested readings. Mr. Williams complimented the Committee for including the need for students to write legibly. Complimentary remarks were also made by Mrs. Russo and Mr. Patterson.

Mrs. Fleitell said that these two fine presentations should receive more publicity and hoped that the Public Relations Committee would take action to that end.

3. Dr. Votto announced that awards for the Johns Hopkins Talent Search would be given out at the May 28 meeting.
4. Dr. Votto reviewed the end-of-the-year calendar changes which show the last day of school being June 25. He also reviewed graduation dates and half-day sessions.
5. Dr. Votto noted some items upcoming such as the Academic Booster Club awards and the Honor Society induction.
6. Dr. Votto mentioned a request that had been received today from Mrs. Goodson on behalf of both the Nutley Extended Day Care Program and the Department of Aging. Due to an asbestos removal project at the Nutley Parks and Recreation building, these programs will not be able to function during the latter part of June and all of July.

Dr. Votto indicated that the extended day program could be accommodated at Yantacaw School since the Enrichment Program would be in progress there during the month of July anyway. As to the feeding program for the Department of Aging, Dr. Votto felt that the high school could be utilized since it only impacted on one room and Mrs. Goodson indicated that the workers took care of everything and really only needed a room to be able to serve the food. Dr. Votto indicated that we would utilize the cafeteria for this purpose.

Mr. Kucinski moved that the Board approve the use of the Yantacaw School and high school for the extended day and Department of Aging for the period of time outlined by Dr. Votto, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

7. Mr. Sincaglia explained his concern over the air conditioning units in the Board Conference Room. The current units which are part of the unit ventilator system have proven to be a constant maintenance headache which has required costly repairs almost every year.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that he and Mr. Stasi have discussed the idea of simply disconnecting the compressor units from the unit ventilators so they will only provide ventilation and heating. For air conditioning purposes it was his recommendation that two window air conditioners be purchased which would require essentially no maintenance and would take care of our needs for many years to come.

Mr. Pelaia moved that the Board approve the purchase of air conditioners, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

8. Mr. Sincaglia discussed the 1996-97 roofing project at Nutley High School. He said that after Mr. Stasi and he had met with an architect it was determined that we might be able to have the job completed not only under the budget price, but for under the bid limit price which will allow us to negotiate directly with reputable roofing contractors in order to complete the project. He noted that three roofing contractors had been contacted and the best price was received from Laumar Roofing from Passaic, NJ for \$8,100.

He pointed out that Mr. Stasi had discussed with Laumar the possibility of some repairs at the warehouse which had been considered during the budget process but had been cut out. Laumar had indicated that they could provide restoration work on two flat areas of the warehouse roof for \$3,500. Mr. Sincaglia noted that while this did not represent all the work that needed to be done, it would deal with certain areas that were causing problems at this time and would at least be a beginning of the resolution to the problem at the warehouse.

He also noted that the roofing work in total for the district was still under the bid limit of \$12,200 and asked the Board for authorization to proceed with this section of repair work at the warehouse.

Mr. Kucinski moved that the Board approve the roofing work at the high school and warehouse as outlined by Mr. Sincaglia, seconded by Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board.

9. Mr. Kucinski brought up his concern about our current admission's policy as it related to non-resident students. Dr. Votto expressed some of his concerns regarding changes in policy and procedures although noting that certain things were required by law.

Mr. Rusignuolo suggested that perhaps this should be reviewed by the Policy Committee. Mr. Pelaia noted that the law has changed.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Rusignuolo asked Mr. Sincaglia to read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education will be discussing matters exempt from public discussion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12,

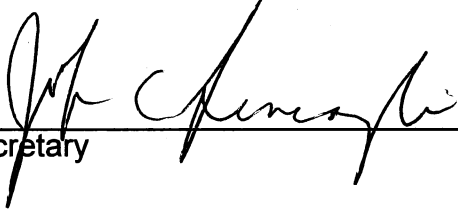
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters, litigation and negotiations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the results of the discussions will be made public by inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Board of Education, or when the reasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

The resolution was moved by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.


Secretary

Date

5/16/96