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 Tuesday, May 28, 1996 at 7:15 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 Notice of May 23, 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. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr., Mr. Louis F. Williams and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Late: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola (7:16 p.m.) and Mrs. Maria Russo (7:18 p.m.)

1. Dr. Votto noted that the Board would be conferring awards on Johns Hopkins scholars and for various sports.

Mr. Moscaritola entered during this comment

2. Dr. Votto noted that there would be a need to have an additional Conference Meeting in June on the 17th at 7:30 p.m. and suggested that it be preceded by a meeting of the Athletic Committee which could meet at 6:45 p.m.

Mrs. Russo entered

He also noted that the meeting on June 10 was the annual conferring of the distinction awards and would be held in the Nutley High School auditorium. There would be two sessions as in the past two years; the first one beginning promptly at 6:45 p.m. and ending at approximately 7:15 followed by an executive session of the Board, followed by the second session of the awards which would begin at approximately 7:45 p.m.

- 3. Mr. Sincaglia presented the addendum item dealing with the notice of funding for nonpublic textbooks and nonpublic nursing for 1996-97.
- 4. Mr. Sincaglia gave a brief report on his understanding to date of the Governor's Comprehensive Plan for School Funding. He noted that the proposed amount of state aid for 1997-98 would be approximately what we received during the 1995-96 school year and while an increase from the 1996-97 school year, certainly not anything which would assist the local taxpayers.

He also noted that as far as expenditures were concerned, it appeared that the Board's expenditures should be well within the threshold amount (including the 5% leeway) that was announced as part of the plan. He further noted that there were many unanswered questions at this point and we were waiting for additional clarification from the Department of Education on this proposal.

It was also pointed out by Mr. Sincaglia and Mr. Pelaia that this was only a proposal and could be subject to numerous changes when questioned by the state legislature.

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 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 Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Secretary

Date