

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, December 9, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Vice-President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Pelaia 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. Franklin J. Patterson, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mr. Louis F. Williams and Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia. Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo and Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Pelaia 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 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.

#### RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m.

#### RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 9:45 p.m. with Mr. Moscaritola present at this time.

1. Dr. Votto distributed the annual school report cards and reviewed some of the general information that had appeared in the Star Ledger recently.
2. Dr. Votto reported on the vote of the NNJIL regarding realignment of the athletic conference and its impact on Nutley.

It was indicated that Mr. Zarra would be contacting NJSIAA to find out if there was anything Nutley might seek to do as we felt this had an adverse effect on our athletic program.

3. Mr. Sincaglia presented information dealing with an automated phone answering arrangement for the main number of the school district. He indicated that he had received information from Bell Atlantic and that the proposed concept would interface with our current Centrex phone system.

The proposal would maintain basically all current features and would make the position of switchboard operator unnecessary since that function would be handled automatically. He also explained that voice mail would be part of the system but that it was not contemplated for very many extensions at this time because of the nature of school operations.

Mrs. Russo and Mr. Kucinski both commented that they thought this was an excellent idea. Dr. Votto noted that we would abolish a Group 2 secretary position and instead hire a clerk typist who would work out of the Superintendent's office in place of the substitutes who have worked there for the past eight years.

Mrs. Russo moved that the Board approve the administration's pursuit of the automated phone system and the abolishing of the Group 2 secretary position, instead adding a clerk typist position to the Superintendent's office, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

4. Dr. Votto noted that there would be a Facilities Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 4, in the high school and that there would be an Athletic Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, preceding the regular meeting.

5. Mr. Patterson reported on the meeting of the Nutley Planning Board concerning the development of the ITT property. An issue that has been raised is the fact that the developer was not intending to place sidewalks within the development and there were concerns that this might create what some could call a hazardous situation for children walking to school.

In light of the fact that there is pending legislation which might mandate transportation on so-called hazardous routes, it seemed important that the Board learn what possible future obligations might be involved if sidewalks were not placed in this development.

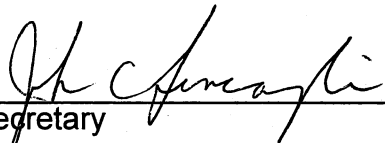
Mr. Patterson noted, however, that there was some feeling on the Planning Board that sidewalks should be mandated in any event.

6. Dr. Votto noted that Mr. Calicchio had spoken to the Adult School about the drivers' education program and the Adult School was currently looking into it.

Mrs. Russo commented that she had heard that the Adult School was also looking at instituting a GED program.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Mr. Kucinski, seconded by Mrs. Russo, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

  
Secretary

12/16/96  
Date