

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, January 13, 1997 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. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mr. Louis F. Williams and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Late: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola (7:39 p.m.) and Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. (7:34 p.m.).

1. Dr. Votto introduced Mrs. Catherine Danchak who reviewed the following proposed textbooks for science which were part of the Glencoe/McGraw Hill series:

Life Science 1997
Earth Science 1997
Physical Science 1997

Mr. Schweikert entered

Mrs. Danchak said these were brand new editions (1997) and that no districts are currently using this edition because it is so new but there are several using the 1995 edition. This would be replacing our textbook which was a 1986 edition. There were questions from Mrs. Fleitell and Mr. Williams.

Mr. Moscaritola entered

Dr. Votto noted that the textbooks would be phased in and be purchased for the seventh grade only for the 1997-98 school year.

Mrs. Fleitell moved that this item be placed on the agenda at the regular Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. Dr. Votto introduced Mr. Carmine D'Aloia who presented information dealing with a new text, Introduction to Business. Mr. D'Aloia responded to questions from Mr. Williams, Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Russo.

Mr. Kucinski moved that this item be placed on the agenda at the regular Board meeting, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

3. Dr. Votto reported on Articulation Day which had been held earlier this afternoon and said it seemed to be a valuable time for the professional staff.
4. Dr. Votto then reported on a problem that had recently occurred at Spring Garden School concerning a few children who had contracted lice. Dr. Votto noted that the nurse had checked many students' scalps this morning with many more to be checked.

Mrs. Russo questioned why there wasn't an established procedure for automatically sending notice home when this occurred and Dr. Votto indicated this might not be practical every time there is one individual case.

5. Mr. Sincaglia reported on new requirements in the school food service program due to federal law and regulations. He noted that these would require us to offer more servings of different items at elementary and secondary schools and reduce the fat content of all meals. In particular, it would mean that French fries could no longer be offered as part of a regular lunch but could still be offered as an a la carte food item.
6. Mr. Sincaglia provided an update on the auto-attended phone service. He and Dr. Votto noted that there would be a vote to abolish the secretary/switchboard operator position at the next Board meeting and there would be a posting for a position of clerk/typist in the Superintendent's office. Dr. Votto indicated there would be some training provided.

It was noted that there was no reason the new system could not be in place by the first of March, 1997.

7. Mr. Sincaglia provided an update on the Facility Maintenance Plan that had just been sent to the Facilities Committee and noted there would be a need to have the Board adopt this in the near future.

Mrs. Russo asked if any contemplated technological improvements were in there to which Mr. Sincaglia said no since the Committee had not finished its work as yet but he pointed out it would be no problem to add these things in as time goes on similar to what has been done in the past.

8. Mr. Sincaglia noted that the Athletic Committee had been given a revised budget incorporating all the adjustments made by the Committee and, also, further discussed with he and Mr. Zarra.
9. Mr. Kucinski remarked that a flyer that had been attached to the Lincoln School calendar which dealt with gambling might be appropriate for all the schools.
10. There was also discussion about a vendor at the Franklin School Christmas boutique and some of the items that were being sold which seemed to be inappropriate.

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 recess to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters, 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. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


Secretary

1/17/97
Date