

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, February 10, 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. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mr. Louis F. Williams and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Absent: Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr.

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.

RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 7:49 p.m. with Mr. Schweikert present at this time.

1. There was a discussion concerning nursing services at the elementary schools. Mr. Rusignuolo raised the question whether or not the Board should consider doing something now with relation to nursing services in light of what was being recommended by the Budget Committee.

Dr. Votto noted that parents often were confused at the apparent lack of parity among the schools even though we knew there were valid reasons for the seeming imbalance.

Mr. Pelaia asked if a recommendation was being made to bring the elementary nursing staff up to full time at each building.

Mr. Patterson moved that nursing services at the elementary schools be increased to the equivalent of five full-time elementary nurses, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. Dr. Votto introduced Math Coordinator MaryLou Dowse who presented a request for a new textbook, Analytic Trigonometry.

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

3. Mr. Patterson, Chairman of the Budget Review Committee, began the discussion of the 1997-98 budget. He referred the Board members to the materials they had been provided by Mr. Sincaglia on Friday and then asked Mr. Sincaglia to present some highlights concerning the budget.

Mr. Sincaglia highlighted the issue of the budget cap, certain changes in state requirements as a result of the new funding law and an overview of the total budget. He noted that the increase of .73% was the lowest in memory and that the tax increase from the 1996-97 budget year would be just a shade over 1%.

It was noted that the budget would provide full-time nursing services at the elementary schools, a substance awareness coordinator and a variety of equipment and supply items, many of which would be designated in the Distance Learning Network Aid section of the budget.

Mr. Patterson then noted certain issues that the School Board had to approve so that Mr. Sincaglia could complete the development of the 1997-98 tentative budget.

Mr. Patterson moved that the Board approve Mr. Sincaglia's moving forward with the purchase of two buses that would be needed for the 1997-98 school year so that they would not have to be included in the 1997-98 budget, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that the Board had already formally authorized him to go out for bid for pupil transportation vehicles so all that needed to be done was for the Board to formally vote on the bids after they were officially presented for Board approval.

Mr. Patterson moved that Mr. Sincaglia be authorized to make purchases for items designated "Now" on the blue equipment and supply sheets, seconded by Mr. Kucinski and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that these represent items that would have been approved in the budget but that the Committee felt should be purchased now. It was noted that some of these are items that can be quickly procured and others will require specifications and bid.

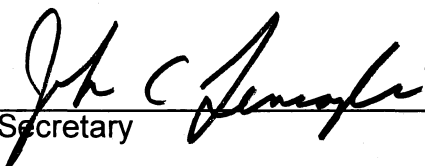
Mr. Moscaritola moved that the Board approve the inclusion of full-time nursing services at elementary schools and a substance awareness coordinator for the district in the 1997-98 budget, seconded by Mr. Patterson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Sincaglia then mentioned the issue of the date of the Public Hearing. He suggested that the Board meet at 7:00 p.m. on March 24 to conduct the Public Hearing and once the Public Hearing was concluded the Board could proceed right on to the public meeting. This would follow last year's format. There was no objection to this idea and Mr. Sincaglia noted that the Board would formally vote to schedule this meeting on February 24.

4. Mr. Williams presented a brief report concerning research done by the Technology Committee having to do with wiring and other computer upgrades at several school districts that had recently been visited. Mr. Williams noted that it would appear that something in the neighborhood of \$500,000 to \$750,000 would be needed to properly wire all the schools for needed technology improvements.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Mr. Pelaia, seconded by Mr. Patterson, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.


Secretary

2/12/97
Date