

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

February 24, 1997

The Regular 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 24, 1997 at 8:02 p.m. with Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Rusignuolo read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Regular 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.

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Moscaritola leading the Board members and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

CALL OF ROLL:

The other 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. Robert Schweikert, Jr. and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 90 citizens were present.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Dr. Votto directed attention to addendum item #30 which speaks to a grant award to Carol Gurney, a Lincoln School teacher. He explained that she applied to the New Jersey Business/Industry/Science Education Consortium through Stevens Institute of Technology and was awarded a mini-grant of \$470, adding that the check is in hand and she can begin spending money for equipment and supplies for science experiments. Dr. Votto expressed his pride in Mrs. Gurney's work in that regard.

Dr. Votto noted that the Garden State and National Merit Scholars were invited here this evening to be recognized for their outstanding performances, adding that in addition to extraordinary test results they have maintained excellent grades all through Nutley High School and he commended them. Dr. Votto also congratulated the parents and families for a job well done and thanked them for providing such wonderful young people for us to teach. He indicated that he looked forward to the continued exploits of the students, adding that he was very proud of them.

Dr. Votto then introduced Mr. Mario Cocchiola, high school principal, Mrs. Judith Hubert, Coordinator of High School Guidance, and Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Chairperson of the Academic Committee.

Mr. Cocchiola noted that to honor outstanding academic students is a great pleasure and he thanked and commended the Board of Education for honoring these outstanding scholars this evening. He congratulated the students and wished them success in future endeavors. He then introduced Mrs. Hubert.

Mrs. Hubert explained that the highest achieving students are named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars, adding that they are in the top 10% of their class and have a minimum combined SAT of 1260. Mrs. Hubert and Mrs. Fleitell then presented awards to the following Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars:

Misha Abraham	Mark Priolo
Mireille Bahri	Nicole Purwin
Rachel Cabiltes	Barbara Ritacco
Allyson Ianuzzi	Peter Samet
Lindsay Kim	Cynthia Tomm
Samantha Mitchell	Adriana Urrea
Stefanie Napolitano	Jaclyn Yuppa

Mrs. Hubert then noted that more than one million students took the qualifying test and entered the 1997 National Merit program and approximately 3%, or less than 35,000, qualified as Commended Students. Mrs. Hubert and Mrs. Russo then presented awards to the following National Merit Commended Students:

Stefanie Napolitano
David Orr
Cynthia Tomm
Jaclyn Yuppa

Mrs. Hubert indicated that a National Merit Semifinalist is in the top 1/2% and less than 13,000 students nationwide achieve this distinction. Mrs. Hubert and Mrs. Russo then presented an award to the following National Merit Semifinalist:

Lindsay Kim

Mrs. Hubert congratulated the students for receiving these awards, adding that we are tremendously proud of them.

Mr. Rusignuolo extended sincere congratulations and best wishes to the students, parents, teachers and administrators on behalf of the Board. He also thanked Mrs. Carol Gurney for a job well done.

RECESS MEETING:

Mr. Rusignuolo called a recess at 8:15 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 1997 at 8:02 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Kucinski moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Sincaglia presented and read the following communications:

1. A reminder from the Essex County School Boards Association of a New Jersey School Boards Association program to be held on March 8, 1997, "Involving Parents as Partners."
2. A Notice to Property Owners from a property owner at 154 Washington Avenue to open an office for off-premises catering.
3. A letter from the New Jersey Department of Education naming Linda Scarpa, Cafeteria Director, to the statewide Commodity Food Advisory Council.

Mr. Sincaglia explained that the Department of Education reached out for Mrs. Scarpa and wrote a letter for permission to put her on the panel. He added that he was pleased that she has been selected to represent Nutley.

4. A letter and resolution from the Township of Millburn urging the New Jersey Legislature to place on the 1997 State Ballot a proposed amendment to the State Constitution calling for initiative and referendum for campaign finance reform, ethics and election law issues.
5. A letter from the New Jersey Business/Industry/Science Consortium regarding a mini-grant award for Carol Gurney at Lincoln School.

6. The following thank-you notes:
Rachel Iacobelli for the Board's expression of sympathy on the death of her husband
Rosemary DeVito for the Board's expression of sympathy on the death of her husband
Jeffrey Lahm for last month's athletic awards ceremony and the plaque he received
Jane Viccardi for the wonderful transportation her son receives from the school district
Hillary Hill Trovato for the Board's expression of sympathy on the death of her mother.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Secretary as of January 31, 1997. (See attached report.)

Mr. Kucinski moved that the Board accept the Report of the Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys as of January 31, 1997. (See attached report.)

Mrs. Russo moved that the Board accept the Report of the Treasurer of School Moneys, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Votto presented and read the following report:

"Informational Items:

"Second quarter report cards were distributed on Friday, January 31, 1997.

"Grade 8 Early Warning Test (EWT)
Reading - March 11
Math - March 12
Writing - March 13

"Attached is the student enrollment chart as of January 31, 1997."

FIRE DRILL REPORT:

Fire drills held during the month of January were as follows:

Jan. 3	Franklin School	1:30 p.m.	1 min. 55 secs.
Jan. 3	Lincoln School	2:00 p.m.	1 min. 28 secs.
Jan. 3	Radcliffe School	12:53 p.m.	1 min. 15 secs.
Jan. 3	Spring Garden School	1:57 p.m.	1 min. 50 secs.
Jan. 3	Washington School	1:59 p.m.	1 min. 10 secs.
Jan. 3	Yantacaw School	11:03 a.m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Jan. 6	Franklin School	10:30 a.m.	1 min. 59 secs.
Jan. 6	Lincoln School	11:35 a.m.	1 min. 18 secs.
Jan. 6	Radcliffe School	2:09 p.m.	1 min. 16 secs.
Jan. 7	Yantacaw School	2:05 p.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Jan. 15	Nutley High School	11:08 a.m.	2 min.
Jan. 15	Washington School	2:21 p.m.	1 min. 23 secs.
Jan. 22	Spring Garden School	8:36 a.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Jan. 29	Nutley High School	10:07 a.m.	2 min. 30 secs.

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Pelaia presented the cafeteria report as of January 31, 1997 showing a 1996/1997 budget of \$613,018.00, contractual orders to date of \$345,565.64, leaving funds available of \$267,452.36.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Patterson, Chairman of the Budget Review Committee, read the following statement:

"The members of my committee, Charles Kucinski, Jr., Vincent Moscaritola, and Louis Williams are to be commended for their commitment of time and their dedication. A special recognition to Mr. John Sincaglia, Board Secretary. Accolades also go to the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent and the principals and staff of each school.

"The product of our efforts, with input from the entire Board, will be a budget which will be the lowest in memory, the lowest in decades, and perhaps, the lowest ever. The budget for 1997/1998 which will be voted on tonight, will reflect an increase of less than one percent.

"Mr. Sincaglia will be expounding on the specifics of the budget.

"I want to preface his remarks by saying, for the record, that the members of this Board of Education are proud to have achieved a budget with such a slight increase. It is a budget that I am proud of, and I know that the taxpayers of Nutley will be proud of."

Mr. Rusignuolo commended all the members of the Board for their hard work.

Mr. Sincaglia indicated that, this evening, the Board would be approving the tentative budget to be submitted to the County Superintendent for mandatory review. He noted that there is a 0.73% increase from the current 1996-97 budget and this will call for a tax increase from 1996-97 of 1.04%. Mr. Sincaglia also noted that this budget is below the budget cap by \$264,000 but provides for two additional full-time nurses. Every elementary school will have a full-time nurse as of tomorrow, and this will continue through next year. Mr. Sincaglia further indicated that the budget provides for a substance abuse coordinator on a full-time basis for next year. Also, 64 new computers will be purchased as well as technology upgrades for K-12.

Mr. Sincaglia also explained that with regard to capital improvements, windows will be replaced at Spring Garden School, half of the gymnasium windows at Franklin School and the Lincoln School gymnasium windows. He noted that these replacements had been put off and now will be done, which is money well spent.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that, with respect to taxes, the budget translates to an increase of 20 tax points, adding that it would have been 18 tax points except there was a decrease in ratables which resulted in an additional two points. He also noted that there would have been a 14 point tax increase if the same budget as last year was adopted. Mr. Sincaglia added that the proposed budget is responsible for four additional tax points and basically maintains what we have now. He also mentioned that a department chairperson and switchboard operator positions have been abolished.

Dr. Votto noted that at the Public Hearing to be held on March 24, Mr. Sincaglia will speak at greater length with regard to the budget.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS:

Mr. Pelaia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13(e), the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of January 31, 1997, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major accounts are General Fund and Debt Service.)

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

Mr. Pelaia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$2,943,453.48 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Office.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Pelaia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Schedule B), provided they conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

RETIREMENT - Teacher:**Mrs. Kathryn Peterson**

Mr. Pelaia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Mrs. Kathryn Peterson, teacher, effective July 1, 1997.

RETIREMENT - Head Custodian:**Mr. John Yanuzzi**

Mr. Moscaritola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Mr. John Yanuzzi, head custodian, effective October 1, 1997.

RETIREMENT - Instructional Aide:**Mrs. Christine Pecora**

Mr. Moscaritola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Mrs. Christine Pecora, instructional aide, effective July 1, 1997.

AMENDING APPOINTMENTS - Professional Staff:

Mr. Moscaritola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the appointments of the following personnel as part-time nurses be amended to reflect full-time positions, effective February 25, 1997, at the salaries indicated which are in accordance with the 1996/1997 Teachers' Salary Guide:

Virginia Reilly	B.A.-6	\$35,189
Pamela B. Valentini	B.A.-6	\$35,189

APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:Mrs. Donna Cocco

Mr. Moscaritola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoints Mrs. Donna Cocco as teacher for the 1996/1997 school year, effective February 25, 1997, at the annual salary of \$17,595 (B.A.-6) (.5) in accordance with the 1996/1997 Teachers' Salary Guide.

APPOINTMENT - Custodian:Mr. Allan Heinis

Mrs. Fleitell presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoints Mr. Allan Heinis as a part-time custodian for the 1996/1997 school year, effective February 25, 1997, at the annual salary of \$12,056 (2-3) plus \$1,073 night stipend (prorated), in accordance with the 1996/1997 Buildings and Grounds Salary Guide. (Hired on a 90-day probationary period.)

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

Mrs. Fleitell presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 1996/1997 school year.

APPOINTMENT - Substitute:

Mrs. Fleitell presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following substitute be approved for the 1996/1997 school year:

Secretarial/Clerical

Coleen Ann Ottati

EXTRA COMPENSATION:

Mrs. Fleitell presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

Curriculum Development Committee MeetingsGeneral Mathematics (7-12) - January 11, 1997

Elinor Alboum	\$123.88
Anne Bevere	123.88
Paula Cofone	123.88
Toby D'Ambola	123.88
Joseph Mulley	123.88
Carol Rizzo	123.88
Arleen Slott	123.88
Rosemary Vivinetto	123.88

Total	\$991.04
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Health Education (K-8) - January 11, 1997

Gerard Adubato	\$ 123.88
Rita Alfaro	123.88
Noreen Baris	123.88
John Calicchio	186.52
Katherine Flannery	123.88
Carlos Folleco	123.88
Elizabeth Foote	123.88
AnneMarie Kowalski	123.88
Rebecca Olivo	123.88

Total	\$1,177.56
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Reading (K-8) - January 11, 1997

Lucy Anello	\$ 165.80
Justina Bruno	123.88
Florence Carpenter	161.08
Michele Crisantiello	123.88
Rachel Daly	123.88
Dianne DeRosa	165.80
Rosemarie DiGeronimo	165.80
Margaret Dougherty	123.88
Patricia Fischer	123.88
Marilyn Hannon	123.88
Hannah Hungler	123.88
Gail Kahn	123.88
Joan Lightfoot	123.88
Laura-anne MacMillan	123.88
Beverly Masullo	123.88
Eileen Mattone	123.88
Walter Murray	123.88
Rae Nardone	123.88
Gail Reilly	123.88
Bernadette Santoriello	123.88
Susan Tole	123.88

Total \$2,764.44

Special Education - January 11, 1997

Donald DiGiovine	\$ 123.88
Mariana Francioso	123.88
Deborah Pastena	123.88
Janice Schoem	123.88
Deborah Schop	123.88
Phillip Siculietano	123.88
Joyce Wood	123.88
Joseph Zarra	186.52

Total \$1,053.68

Special Education-Inclusion - January 11, 1997

Mary Balitsos	\$ 123.88
Pamela Batchelder-Mitchell	123.88
Robyn Burns	123.88
Alexander Conrad	165.80
Cynthia DeBonis	123.88
Patricia Griffin	123.88
Carol Gurney	123.88
Donna Hutcheson	123.88
Camille Loffredo	123.88
Sally Magin	123.88
Rita O'Neill Wilson	123.88
Becky Pandolfi	123.88
Sally Ann M. Ryder	123.88

Special Education-Inclusion - January 11, 1997 (contd.)

Marilyn Testa	\$ 123.88
James Vivinetto	186.52
Niki Vlasakakis	123.88
Carol VonAchen	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$2,210.52
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Technology Implementation - January 11, 1997

George Ackerman	\$ 123.88
Joseph Affinito	123.88
Beverly Apple	123.88
Mary Austin	123.88
Denise Cleary	123.88
Rosemary Clerico	123.88
Mario Cocchiola	165.80
Carmine D'Aloia	165.80
Linda Fisher	123.88
Jainine Gambaro	123.88
Maria Gernitis	123.88
Scott Keena	123.88
Nancy Kehayes	123.88
Arlene Orenstein	123.88
Stephen Parigi	123.88
Bernice Paschal	123.88
Sharon Reed	123.88
Lorraine Restel	123.88
Andrew Retz	123.88
John Schwarz	123.88
Kathleen Serafino	186.52
Carol Shepherd	123.88
JoAnn Tropiano	123.88
Zelda Walch	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$3,119.60
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Central Detention Coverage - January, 1997High School

George Ackerman	\$ 16.79
Victoria Chalk-Little	16.79
Carol Shepherd	235.06
Frank Zintl	16.79

Franklin School

Patrick Keating	201.48
Christopher Masullo	100.74
Mary Peele	<u>33.58</u>

Total	\$621.23
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Saturday Morning Suspensions - January, 1997High School

AnneMarie Kowalski	\$70.17
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Johns Hopkins SAT Classes for Seventh Grade

Miriam Kirsten	\$ 92.91
John Suffren	<u>92.91</u>

Total	\$185.82
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Fall In-Service Course - Introduction to the IBM
Computer Wordperfect for Windows and Microsoft
Works - October 31, November 7, December 5, 12
and 19, 1996

Arlene Orenstein	\$402.70
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Intramurals - January 2-31, 1997

Kenneth Ferriol	\$120.05
William Farkas	168.07
Carlos Folleco	96.04
Daniel Kimberley	144.06
Paula Lee	96.04
Edmund Olson	264.11
Janice Schoem	<u>96.04</u>

Total	\$984.41
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LONGEVITY PAY:

Mr. Williams presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following longevity payments be authorized:

Natalie DeAngelis	\$ 747	Eff. March 1, 1997 (16 years)
Margaret Guiliano	\$ 480	Eff. March 1, 1997 (10 years)
Elaine Karsnak	\$1,160	Eff. March 1, 1997 (20 years)

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT:

Mr. Williams presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That, in accordance with existing employment agreements, the following personnel receive reimbursement for tuition expenses:

Susan Dingwell	\$420
Thomas Gargiulo	<u>420</u>
	\$840

ABOLISH POSITION:

Special Education
Department Chairperson

Mr. Williams presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education abolish the position of Special Education Department Chairperson.

TEXTBOOK APPROVAL:

Mr. Williams presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the use of the following textbook:

Mathematics

Analytic Trigonometry
Barnett & Ziegler, 6th Edition
Publisher, Brooks/Cole Publishing
Company, 1995, Pacific Grove, CA

SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT - Educationally Disabled Students:

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of students at Special Education classes for the 1996/1997 school year as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Essex Jr. Academy Cedar Grove, NJ (ECESC)	1	ED	2/3/97	\$ 2,245.80 per month
Calais School Whippany, NJ	1	NI	2/3/97	\$10,647.00

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**APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT - Essex County
Educational Services Commission - 1996/1997 School Year**

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the following transportation contract for a Special Education student with the Essex County Educational Services Commission for the 1996/1997 school year:

<u>Out-of-District School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>
Calais School Whippany, NJ	1

INDEPENDENT CHILD STUDY TEAMS, INC.

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Nutley Board of Education approves Independent Child Study Teams, Inc. to provide examination and classification services pursuant to Chapter 193 for the 1997/1998 school year for all eligible children who attend nonpublic schools located in the Township of Nutley.

**ESSEX COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION - Chapter
192/193, P.L. 1977:**

Mr. Schweikert presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Chapter 192, P.L. 1977 requires the provision of certain auxiliary services to children in nonpublic schools, and Chapter 193 requires the provision of certain services to handicapped children in nonpublic schools,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a contract be entered into with the Essex County Educational Services Commission to provide these services during the 1997/1998 school year to students who attend nonpublic schools in Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the price to be paid to the Essex County Educational Services Commission for these services shall not exceed the amount paid to the Nutley Board of Education by the state to implement this program.

TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS:

Mr. Schweikert presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to enter into transportation agreements with contractors, other school districts or the Essex County Educational Services Commission for transportation of Special Education students for the 1997/1998 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any such agreements be presented for ratification at the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Education.

REVISED FACILITY MAINTENANCE PLAN - 1995-1999:

Mr. Schweikert presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the revised Facility Maintenance Plan, 1995-1999.

CHANGE OF ACCOUNT SIGNATORY:

Mrs. Russo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the official signatory for the Nutley High School account at Valley National Bank be changed from John Jacone or Mario Cocchiola to Mario Cocchiola or Joseph Zarra.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Mrs. Russo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That transfers in the 1996/1997 General Fund budget be confirmed as follows:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 11-204-100-106	\$ 400	Account 11-204-100-101	\$ 400
Account 11-213-100-800	50	Account 11-213-100-610	50
Account 11-740-100-610	50	Account 11-240-100-640	50
Account 11-999-100-562	8,000	Account 11-401-100-800	390
Account 11-999-230-590	5,000	Account 11-999-100-566	20,000
Account 11-999-290-290	8,290	Account 11-999-221-390	200
		Account 12-999-240-730	700
	\$21,790		\$21,790

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF CARRY-OVER FUNDS -
Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act - FY 96:**

Mrs. Russo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts notice of approval of carry-over funds for Title IV (Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act) for FY 96 in the amount of \$3,440.91.

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF CARRY-OVER
APPLICATION - I.D.E.A.-B and I.D.E.A.-B Preschool - FY 96:**

Mr. Patterson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts notice of approval of carry-over application for I.D.E.A.-B, FY 96, in the amount of \$300 and I.D.E.A.-B Preschool, FY 96, in the amount of \$45.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, SOLICIT QUOTATIONS
OR PURCHASE BY STATE CONTRACT:**

Mr. Patterson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary/Business Administrator be authorized to advertise for bids, solicit quotations, purchase by State Contract or recommend for contract renewal the following items/services:

Roofing Work	Door Hardware
Electrical Work	Boiler Water Treatment
Locker Refinishing	Solid Waste Disposal
Micro Computers and Accessories	Athletic Supplies and
Computer Networking	Equipment
Computer Hardware Maintenance	Janitorial Supplies
Pupil Transportation Vehicles	Electrical Supplies
Industrial Arts Supplies and	Custodial Uniforms
Equipment	School Health Supplies
Science Supplies and Equipment	Commercial Printing
Office Furniture and Equipment	Office Paper
Audio Visual Equipment	Periodical Subscriptions
Musical Instruments and	Alarm System Service/
Supplies	Installation
Sidewalk and Paving Work	Boiler Repair
Replacement Doors	Building Materials

School Supplies
Milk and Dairy Products
Ice Cream Products
Bread and Rolls
Brick and Masonry Work
Gym Floor Restoration
Ventilating Equipment
Floor Repair and Floor Tile
Installation

Chalkboards/Bulletin Boards
Grounds Equipment
Heating Plant Modifications
Hand and Power Tools
Air Conditioners
School Furniture
Auditorium Seating
Typewriter Maintenance
Paint

ESTABLISH DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 1997/1998 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET:

Mr. Patterson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Public Hearing on the 1997/1998 budget be held on Monday, March 24, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

**APPOINTMENT - Permanent
Unassigned Substitute:**

Miss Jill Sorensen

Mr. Pelaia presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Kucinski. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Miss Jill Sorensen be appointed as a permanent unassigned substitute for the 1996/1997 school year, effective February 25, 1997, at the rate of \$65 per day and fringe benefits which include State Health benefits and dental plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this candidate met the district's requirement for the permanent unassigned substitute position which is the possession of a County Substitute certificate.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINI-GRANT AWARD - New Jersey Business/Industry/Science Education Consortium:

Mr. Williams presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts award of a mini-grant for innovative teaching projects from the New Jersey Business/Industry/Science Education Consortium in the amount of \$470.

February 24, 1997

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF APPROVAL - FY 96 Carry-Over
Application - Title I:**

Mr. Kucinski presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts notice of approval of FY 96 carry-over application for Title I in the amount of \$6,925.

ADOPTION OF 1997/1998 TENTATIVE BUDGET:

Mr. Patterson presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby adopts a tentative budget for the 1997/1998 school year in the amount of:

General Fund	\$32,171,750
Special Revenue Fund	853,747
Debt Service	<u>184,305</u>
Total Budget	\$33,209,802 of which

the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

General Fund	\$28,633,379
Debt Service	<u>181,319</u>
Total	\$28,814,698

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to submit this budget to the County Superintendent for approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board also requests approval of the statutory Growth Limitation Adjustment for changes in enrollment in the amount of \$797,543 in accordance with the Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon receiving the approval of the County Superintendent, the Secretary be authorized to publish the 1997/1998 budget in The Nutley Sun.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mrs. Sera Shuster, 462 Chestnut Street, noted that Schedule B shows a request for the use of the high school auditorium by Joanna

Conrad of the League of Women Voters for a candidates' night. Mrs. Shuster requested that an adequate number of microphones be furnished, to which Mr. Rusignuolo replied that this would be done.

Mrs. Joan Rubino, 48 North Road, questioned what the Board's policy is regarding distribution of extra-curricular schedules. Dr. Votto responded that this is just general information and there is no policy per se. He added that the schedules are well posted.

Mrs. Rubino again asked why she is not allowed to see the schedule for the intramural sports program, adding that the information sent to her by the Board attorney regarding the statute cited by Dr. Votto does not pertain to what she is talking about, adding that this entire situation is absolutely ridiculous and there is something very wrong.

Mrs. Rubino noted that it is the responsibility of the Board members to check into this situation as it is not fair to other teachers who work diligently and do not receive the same compensation as the individual who did the schedules. She added that she feels something very underhanded is going on and if the Board members do not investigate this it is because they are too connected.

Dr. Votto indicated that Mrs. Rubino's original concern was what kind of work was done by the individuals over the summer and that is where the public information restriction comes in. Mrs. Rubino noted that she had visited three schools and not one of them had a schedule available two days before the program was to begin.

Dr. Votto stated that the schedule could be provided, but said Mrs. Rubino had wanted to know what transpired during the one week in the summer and the schedule was an ancillary thing. Mrs. Rubino replied that she had only ever asked to see the finished product, the schedule. Dr. Votto replied that there must have been some miscommunication. Dr. Votto noted that he could give Mrs. Rubino the schedule as it exists now but she had questioned what work was done during that one week. Mrs. Rubino indicated that she would pick up her copy of the schedule on Thursday.

Dr. Steven Greco, 248 Vreeland Avenue, asked if the position of Athletic Director has been posted and when a new Athletic Director would be in place. Dr. Votto responded that the position was posted with a closing date of mid-week, this week and hopefully, someone will be appointed at the next Board meeting. Dr. Greco questioned if the administration would look outside the district to fill this position and Dr. Votto replied that if a suitable person can not be found, we would go outside.

Dr. Greco then raised questions about boys' basketball regarding game pants, videotaping of practice games and why practice was held for five hours on a Sunday. Mr. Rusignuolo noted that he and Dr. Greco had met and discussed that when Dr. Greco becomes argumentative nothing is accomplished. Dr. Votto remarked that videotaping does not a good coach make. Dr. Greco again asked about the game pants and Dr. Votto said that this would be investigated.

Mr. Rory Moore, 22 Essex Street, mentioned that he knows the crew coach would like to videotape practices and asked why they could not have a camera.

Regarding the bill list, Mr. Moore questioned the payment made to Franklin Central Communications. Mr. Sincaglia explained that the \$1,800 expense for Yantacaw School was incurred because there were a number of bad smoke detector heads which had been installed in 1993 and which generally have a life expectancy of 10 to 12 years. He added that the work was done on Martin Luther King Day when the schools were closed. He added that the account is called "Building Repairs."

Mr. Moore then questioned payments made to Nutley Park Shoprite with the account listed as "MRE Teaching Supplies." Mr. Sincaglia replied that this is not uncommon as that is an instructional supply for that program but that he could look at the actual bill.

Mr. Moore also questioned a reimbursement listed on the bill list for Mr. Sincaglia in the amount of \$32.16. Mr. Sincaglia explained that the Budget Review Committee had a two-hour meeting prior to the Board meeting and food was brought in. He added that there was a mix up and he paid for the food himself and this was the reimbursement for that.

Mr. Moore commented that he had completed a class for certified municipal officials and most everyone he spoke with noted that the current emphasis in negotiations is doing away with longevity, having employee-paid health benefits and also doing away with accumulated sick days. Mr. Moore suggested that the Nutley Board of Education do the same thing. Mr. Rusignuolo stated that the Board will look into this.

Mr. Robert Iacobucci, 41 Cathedral Avenue, noted that one custodian is retiring but the district is hiring two and questioned why. Mr. Sincaglia explained that the person being hired tonight is a part-time person who replaces a part-time person who was promoted to full time. Mr. Rusignuolo added that those appointments have nothing to do with Mr. Yanuzzi's retirement; they are being hired to replace people who left.

Mr. Iacobucci asked if there will be any state aid for the drug coordinator, to which Dr. Votto replied that there is that possibility.

Mrs. Rubino, with regard to videotaping of sports practices, suggested the formation of a student audio-visual group if one does not already exist and these students could do the taping. She added that it would be enjoyable for the students and they could possibly receive credit for college.

Dr. Greco questioned why there is no freshman girls' softball team. Dr. Votto noted that it is all in the numbers and is under review by the Athletic Committee. He added that the Board has tentatively approved looking into the hiring of a freshman girls' softball coach.

Dr. Greco then asked why last year was the first year for soccer. Dr. Votto responded that the numbers were there at that time.

Dr. Greco then questioned what are the guidelines for Title 9. Dr. Votto replied that you always look for parity where possible and have to make reports to the state and federal government. He added that Nutley has been in compliance every year.

Mr. Anthony Pergola, 102 Hawthorne Avenue, indicated that he was representing parents who would like to know why there is no ice hockey. Mr. Rusignuolo replied that the Board had said it would look into it but has been preoccupied by budgetary matters. He added that the Board has not lost sight of this issue but the timing has not been right in the past month.

Mr. Moore commented that his daughter is a freshman and would like to play freshman softball. Mr. Rusignuolo thanked Mr. Moore for his input.

Mrs. Shuster asked who were the members of the Athletic Committee, to which Mr. Rusignuolo replied that Mr. Pelaia is the Chairman and the other members are Mr. Moscaritola, Mr. Schweikert and Mr. Williams. Mrs. Shuster then asked who were the members of the Negotiations Committee, to which Mr. Rusignuolo replied that Mr. Kucinski is the Chairman and Mrs. Fleitell, Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Russo are the other members.

Mr. David DelPolito, 87 Evergreen Avenue, mentioned that his daughter is interested in freshman softball. He then asked why the district schools were closed on February 14 with not even an inch of snow. Mr. Rusignuolo replied that it was a safety issue.

Mr. DelPolito then noted that his daughter is a junior and needed a tutor in geometry. He related a statement allegedly made by the teacher regarding girls and geometry. Mr. Rusignuolo responded that Dr. Votto would look into this matter.

Mr. Kucinski remarked that the Board, through the Athletic Committee, has been aware of the concerns regarding freshman softball and a recommendation came to the Budget Review Committee to look into hiring a coach if the numbers account for it. Mr. Pelaia agreed that it was reported out of the Athletic Committee.

Mr. Rusignuolo noted that Board policy is to allow people to speak for three minutes and this is also its past practice.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kucinski noted that the students who received awards this evening were as worthy as the athletes and perhaps plaques should be purchased for them. Dr. Votto replied that they will receive plaques and a picture.

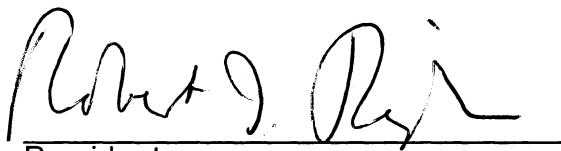
Mrs. Russo stated that she would like a copy of any intramural schedule since she did not receive one. She further stated that she would like to know what the qualifications are for the Athletic Director and would like to receive a copy of the job description so she knows what she is looking for when interviewing takes place. Mrs. Russo also noted that the basketball shorts and videotaping mentioned were good points.

Mrs. Russo noted that she has questioned the Board agendas many times to prior Presidents as well as the current one, adding that we constantly have old business and new business. She thought that under Old Business certain areas like this could be typed in so that the Board members could know what they want to question so they could receive some answers if they are not readily available.

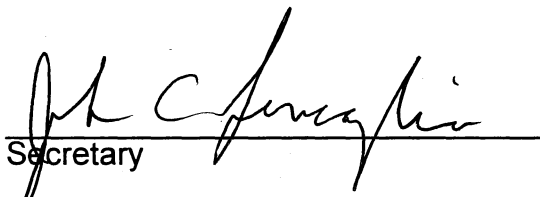
Mrs. Russo also indicated that in her packet she received a copy of a School Law Update and urged all Board members to read the update on the Sunshine Law. She noted that the Board has often been criticized for most votes being 9-0 and for the public thinking that discussion does not really occur when, in fact, much discussion occurs. Mrs. Russo commented that she thinks the public should feel free to walk through these doors whenever a majority of the Board members are present and hoped that this can be made more of an open forum. Mr. Rusignuolo thanked Mrs. Russo for her comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

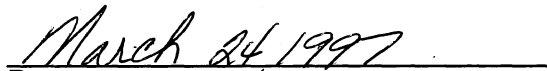
There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Moscaritola, seconded by Mr. Pelaia, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



 President



 Secretary



 Date