

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, March 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. Late: Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. (7:31 p.m.)

Mr. Schweikert entered

1. Dr. Votto introduced Mrs. Catherine Danchak, Science Coordinator, who proposed the use of the new science textbook, "Science Insights."

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

2. Dr. Votto then introduced Mr. John Calicchio who presented the revised K-8 health education curriculum. Mr. Calicchio reviewed the various meetings that had been held and progress that had been made and noted that there would be no need for a new textbook until 1998. Questions and comments were made by Mrs. Fleitell, Mr. Williams, Mr. Kucinski, Mrs. Russo and Mr. Pelaia.

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

3. Dr. Votto noted that the school district would be monitored next year and there would be Board actions required in preparation for this.
4. Dr. Votto mentioned the elementary school proficiency assessment for fourth grade. This is a state requirement and science is the first discipline to be assessed.
5. Dr. Votto announced that Reshma Mehta had scored a perfect 1600 on her SATs as a junior.
6. Mrs. Fleitell asked a question as to what was taking place at Franklin School for seventh graders when the eighth graders were taking the EWT.
7. Dr. Votto presented a draft of the school calendar for 1997-98. He also noted that we needed to look at this year's end-of-the-year calendar.

Mrs. Russo asked if the November parent conference dates could not be held earlier in that she felt that November had too many half days and days when school was not in session.

Mrs. Fleitell suggested that parent conferences be held the same week as the NJEA convention in that that would mean the following week could be a full week of school without any interruptions.

Dr. Votto said he preferred the present arrangement.

Mr. Patterson felt that the teachers weren't anxious to change what exists now.

Mr. Moscaritola moved that the Board approve the 1997-98 school calendar, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and approved by the Board with Mr. Schweikert opposed.

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,

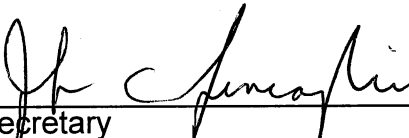
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters, and

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 Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.


Secretary

3/24/97
Date