

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, September 8, 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 28, 1997. 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. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., Mrs. Maria Russo, Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Absent: Mr. Louis F. Williams.

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 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 Mrs. Fleitell, seconded by Mr. Restaino and unanimously approved by the Board.

RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 8:03 p.m.

1. Several items from an earlier meeting this evening of the Athletic Committee were discussed.

Mr. Pelaia, Chairperson, noted that Mr. Cocchiola suggested, and the Committee agreed, that there be six varsity soccer games played at the Oval this year - three for the boys and three for the girls. Mr. Pelaia noted, however, that should inclement weather postpone any of the games, there was no guarantee that the rescheduled game could be played at the Oval.

There was a discussion about the issue of ice hockey and Mr. Pelaia indicated that Mr. Cocchiola and Mr. Affinito would be sending a letter to Mr. Pergola asking if there was any other information he would like to bring forth.

There was a discussion about potential programs that had been deferred during the budget process and Dr. Votto indicated that it could be possible to establish these programs if the number of pupils warranted it. Mr. Pelaia mentioned that he would like some input from the Budget Committee as to the fiscal implications of these items.

Dr. Votto reported that the initial numbers on 1997-98 enrollment showed a slight increase.

2. Mr. Moscaritola brought up a matter concerning a request from the Lincoln School PTO to hold a flea market. Mr. Sincaglia noted that he had denied this request and explained to the Board the history of our reluctance to approve flea markets. In this case the decision was based primarily on the fact that a flea market at an elementary school in a residential neighborhood would represent a major upheaval for the local citizens.

After further discussion there was a consensus that the Board was in support of Mr. Sincaglia's decision and also of the basic premise that flea markets are generally not to be approved although any request would be decided on a case-by-case basis.

3. Mr. Restaino mentioned that the Franklin School PTO was considering the idea of a sign on the front lawn at Franklin School. However, he had learned, after discussing this with Mr. Sincaglia, that the proposed sign was non-conforming to local ordinances. At this point he was not sure of the next direction the PTO would take with respect to scaling down the project, raising of funds or seeking of a waiver from the ordinance.
4. Mr. Pelaia asked to review the list of items he had prepared that had been distributed at the last regular Board meeting and which was included in the packet of materials sent to Board members on September 5.

The status of the items was as follows:

[1] Nutley Resident Questionnaire Report - Dr. Votto indicated that he would have a report to the Board on these findings at the next regular meeting.

[2] Negotiations of Contracts for the Assistant Superintendent and other employees not part of negotiating groups - It was noted that this had been assigned to the Negotiations Committee who would be discussing it later this evening.

[3] Lighting at Spring Garden School - Mr. Sincaglia noted that Mr. Stasi had contacted PSE&G who had to reinstate their work order and he was hopeful this would be accomplished in the very near future.

[4] High School Weight Room - Mr. Moscaritola said he had asked Mr. Sincaglia at the Athletic Committee meeting to provide him some of the information from the architect which he hadn't seen.

[5] Table of Organization - No comment.

[6] Residency Committee - Mr. Moscaritola indicated that the Committee had had a meeting.

[7] Policy Book Review - Mr. Sincaglia noted that the material had been sent to the policy service.

5. Mrs. Russo mentioned that last year it was noted during the priorities adoption that there would be interim reports from committees and she reiterated her request to hear reports. Mrs. Fleitell suggested that for every meeting the Board be provided with the agenda and recap that is provided to the Superintendent.
6. Mrs. Russo also expressed her concern from a previous request of Mr. Cocchiola regarding the court yard and the front of the high school.

After a brief discussion Mr. Moscaritola said that the Facilities Committee wanted to re-examine this before making any recommendations.

7. Mrs. Russo also expressed a concern about the time that our Conference Meetings start on the night of regular meetings. She said that it seemed we were always pressed for time and she felt it would make more sense to establish 7:00 p.m. as the start time for the Conference Meeting.

Dr. Votto and Mr. Rusignuolo felt that if it was necessary we could advertise the meeting ahead of time if we felt we needed more time but did not feel there should be an adjustment at this time.

8. Mr. Patterson mentioned his concern about a Letter to the Editor concerning the high school English curriculum and felt it might be a good idea for the Board to see that a response was sent.
9. Mr. Pelaia commented on a positive article in the paper about the orientation program for incoming ninth graders at Nutley High School.
10. Mr. Patterson wanted to alert the Board to an upcoming Music Boosters meeting at which he expected comments to be made about the accommodations at Band Camp. Mr. Rusignuolo asked who had made the reservations and Mr. Patterson said the Music Boosters had done it themselves.

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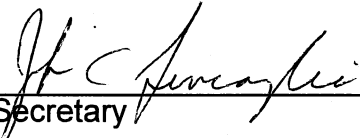
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss negotiations, and

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 Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

  
Secretary

9/10/97  
Date