December 22, 1997

Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey

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, December 22, 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 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.

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mr. Restaino 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. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Franklin J. Patterson, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., Mrs. Maria Russo, Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr. and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Absent: Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia. Six citizens were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 24, 1997 at 8:02 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Patterson 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:

- A letter from Mary Louise Malyska, Ph.D., Essex County Superintendent, noting that the Quality Assurance Annual Report was reviewed by the county office and found to be consistent with the requirements.
- 2. A thank-you note from the family of Filomena Coppola for the Board's expression of sympathy upon her death.
- 3. A memorandum from the New Jersey School Boards Association and a copy of a revised resolution adopted and passed by the Delegate Assembly on November 22, 1997 seeking relief by some boards of education forced to have students placed in vocational schools in a county other than their home county resulting in increased tuition and transportation costs.
- 4. A letter from Mayor Garry J. Furnari inviting the Board to attend a Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration on December 14, 1997.
- 5. A notice from the Essex County Educational Services Commission rescheduling a meeting from December 18, 1997 to December 17, 1997.
- 6. An invitation from the Nutley Football Booster Club to its Annual Football Recognition Dinner to be held on January 15, 1998.
- 7. A memorandum from Robert E. Boose, Ed.D., Executive Director, New Jersey School Boards Association, regarding support of legislation to allow municipalities to assess educational impact fees against builders.
 - Mr. Sincaglia noted that the Board would be looking into this item.
- 8. A memorandum from Edwina M. Lee, New Jersey School Boards Association, regarding Assembly Bill A-2777 which may come up for a vote on January 8, 1998 dealing with mandatory membership in the New Jersey School Boards Association and asking that an outside voice be heard by the legislators.
- A letter from Mary Louise Malyska, Ph.D., Essex County Superintendent, indicating that the district's technology plan was approved by the County Coordinating Council and signed off by the county superintendent's office and was being forwarded to the Department of Education.
- 10. A notice from the Essex County Educational Services Commission that the meeting scheduled for December 17 would take place on December 22, 1997.
- 11. A thank-you note from Kristin Jones for the plaque and recognition she was given for her membership in the All-State Chorus.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Secretary as of November 30, 1997. (See attached report.)

Mrs. Fleitell moved that the Board accept the Report of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola. 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 November 30, 1997. (See attached report.)

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Votto presented and read the following report:

"Informational Items:

"Tuesday, December 23 - single session. Schools closed Wednesday, December 24, 1997 through Friday, January 2, 1998. Sessions will resume on Monday, January 5, 1998.

"Nutley High School Financial Aid Program - January 6 - 7:30-9:00 p.m.

"Nutley High School Schedule Information Program - January 7, 1998 - 7:30-9:00 p.m.

"Articulation Day (single session) - Monday, January 12, 1998

"Schools will be closed Monday, January 19, 1998 - Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Day

"Attached is the student enrollment chart as of November 26, 1997"

FIRE DRILL REPORT:

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

Nov.	3	Yantacaw School	10:10 a.m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Nov.	5	Lincoln School	10:45 a.m.	1 min. 39 secs.
Nov.	6	Yantacaw School	2:07 p.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Nov.	7	Radcliffe School	2:30 p.m.	1 min. 24 secs.

Nov.	10	Nutley High School	3:03 p.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
Nov.	11	Spring Garden School	8:40 a.m.	1 min. 5 secs.
Nov.	12	Lincoln School	9:30 a.m.	1 min. 19 secs.
Nov.	18	Washington School	8:41 a.m.	1 min. 25 secs.
Nov.	19	Franklin School	1:15 p.m.	1 min. 43 secs.
Nov.	21	Radcliffe School	11:02 a.m.	1 min. 23 secs.
Nov.	21	Spring Garden School	2:47 p.m.	1 min. 33 secs.
Nov.	24	Franklin School	1:20 p.m.	1 min. 42 secs.
Nov.	24	Nutley High School	8:32 a.m.	1 min. 50 secs.
Nov.	24	Washington School	1:47 p.m.	1 min. 20 secs.

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mrs. Fleitell presented the cafeteria report as of November 30, 1997 showing a 1997/1998 budget of \$611,977.00, contractual orders to date of \$233,815.96, leaving funds available of \$378,161.04.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Moscaritola, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee had met last week specifically for the purpose of looking at the future impact of enrollment. He indicated that presently a company is doing an additional demographic study, bringing the district to 2002-03, and when that is concluded and the numbers received, the Committee will do further review. Mr. Moscaritola added that the Committee had discussed the possibility of redistricting or building additions to schools, adding that Mr. Sincaglia had provided detailed charts of the elementary schools and Franklin School and there is no available room. He noted that the Committee would have future meetings to discuss this issue.

Mrs. Fleitell, Chairperson of the Academic Committee, noted that the Committee met earlier this evening and discussed the possibility of including elementary counselors in the district, adding that further study will be made. She indicated that the Committee had reviewed programs of other districts in the areas of Saturday curriculum workshops, keyboarding program and foreign language program but there were no recommendations at this time.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 November 30, 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:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 \$3,460,032.44 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Office.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Moscaritola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell. 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Teacher:

Mrs. Monica Rhein

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves a childrearing leave of absence for Mrs. Monica Rhein, high school teacher, effective December 8, 1997 for the 1997/1998 school year with the provision that she notify the Superintendent of Schools of further teaching intentions no later than April 1, 1998.

APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:

Miss Jhony Roque

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Miss Jhony Roque as teacher for the 1997/1998 school year, effective December 8, 1997, at the annual salary of \$35,189 (pro-rated), B.A.-6, in accordance with the 1997/1998 Teachers' Salary Guide.

APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:

Miss Danielle Christy

Mrs. Fleitell 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 appoints Miss Danielle Christy as teacher for the 1997/1998 school year, effective January 5, 1998, at the annual salary of \$17,595 (pro-rated), B.A.-6 (.5), in accordance with the 1997/1998 Teachers' Salary Guide.

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher Substitutes:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 1997/1998 school year.

APPOINTMENTS - Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following substitutes be approved for the 1997/1998 school year:

School Aide

Kristine Adubato

Custodial

Robert McDermott, Jr.

Bus Aide

Michelle Mercado

EXTRA COMPENSATION:

Mr. Williams presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell. 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 Meetings

Art K-12 - Nove	ember 8, 1997
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Robyn Burns	\$123.88
Hillary Hill-Trovato	123.88
Ann Laudadio	123.88
Lisa Maniscalco	123.88
Carl Ohlson	161.08
Mary Pagana	<u>123.88</u>

Total \$780.48

District-Wide Health and Service Information for Parents - November 8, 1997

Katherine Flannery	\$123.88
Margaret Fuccello	123.88
Angela Maguire	161.08
Virginia Reilly	123.88
Moira Roberts-Palasits	123.88
Patricia Scullen	92.91
Patricia Tarczynski	<u>92.91</u>

Total \$842.42

Mathematics K-8 - November 8, 1997

	Rita Alfaro Lucy Anello Ann Bevere Lori Ann Cassie Linda Gilroy Scott Keena Laura-anne MacMillan Eileen Mattone Beverly Masullo Walter Murray Joseph Mulley Jennifer Neri Mary Peele Gail Reilly Bernadette Santoriello Nancy Szura	\$	123.88 165.80 123.88 123.88 123.88 123.88 123.88 123.88 123.88 123.88 123.88 123.88 123.88
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Total \$2,024.00

Science K-8 - November 8, 1997

Donald Baumann	\$ 123.88
Elizabeth Foote	123.88
Carol Gurney	123.88
Geraldine Intiso	123.88
Patricia Isabella	123.88
Tracy McCormick	123.88
Pamela Mitchell	123.88
Jeanne Neilley	123.88
Rebecca Olivo	123.88
Becky Pandolfi	123.88
Carol Perrone	123.88
Sally Ann Ryder	123.88
Deborah Schop	 <u>123.88</u>

Total \$1,610.44

Technology Committee - November 8, 1997

Total \$2,955.68

P.A.T. (Primary Academic Talent - November 25, 1997

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Suzanne Hagert	\$ 46.46
Rebecca Olivo	46.46
Niki Vlasakakis	46.46
Carol Von Achen	<u>46.46</u>

Total \$185.84

Central Detention Coverage - November, 1997				
High School				
Susanne Baker Thomas Grant Andrew Linfante Brian McGinley Lisa Santosuosso Carol Shepherd		\$ 16.79 16.79 16.79 16.79 50.37 67.16		
Franklin School				
Patrick Keating Christopher Masullo Alisa Rossi		67.16 100.74 <u>67.16</u>		
	Total	\$419.75		
Saturday Morning Suspensions - November, 1997				
High School				
AnneMarie Kowalski Lisa Santosuosso Carol Shepherd		\$ 70.17 70.17 70.17		
	Total	\$210.51		
Winter Sports Physical Exand 19, 1997	amination	s - November 8		
AnneMarie Kowalski Sharon Larcara Angela Maguire Patricia Scullen Patricia Tarczynski		\$178.08 178.08 61.94 46.45 46.45		
	Total	\$511.00		
Johns Hopkins SAT Class	ses for Sev	venth Grade		
John Suffren Michael Viteritto		\$464.55 464.55		
	Total	\$929.10		
SYETP Training Program	- Summe	1997		
Carmine D'Aloia		\$3,337.00		
Fall In-Service Course - Introductory and Advanced Computer Applications for WordPerfect for Windows and Microsoft Works - October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19 and December 3, 1997				

Arlene Orenstein

\$483.24

CAT Program Payroll for Fall 1997 Session

Intramurals - October 8 - November 25, 1997

LoriAnn Cassie Kenneth Ferriol Thomas Grant Rosann Rizzuto Janice Schoem Diane Williams		\$ 96.04 96.04 192.08 144.06 96.04 168.07
	Total	\$792.33

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT:

Mr. Restaino 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:

<u>Name</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Jacqueline Meloni Niki Vlasakakis		\$420 <u>420</u>
	Total	\$840

SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT - Educationally Disabled Student:

Mr. Restaino 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 a student at Special Education classes for the 1997/1998 school year as follows:

School	No. of Students	Classification	Effective <u>Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Essex Valley H.S. West Orange, NJ	1	ED	12/15/97	\$15,296.40
Clearview School Wayne, NJ	1	ED ·	12/16/97	\$13,849.92

JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENTS:

Mr. Schweikert 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 Nutley Board of Education approves the following Joint Transportation Agreements with the Belleville Board of Education to provide transportation for Special Education students from Nutley to various schools, effective September 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998. (Subject to approval of the County Superintendent of Schools.)

Belleville Route No.	No. of <u>Students</u>	School	Cost <u>Per Diem</u>
1305	1	Forest Glen Bloomfield, NJ	\$20
2202	3	Bloomfield Junior High Bloomfield, NJ	40
2205	1	Calais Whippany, NJ	55

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

Mr. Schweikert 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 transfers in the 1997/1998 General Fund budget be confirmed as follows:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 11-120-100-101 Account 11-130-100-101 Account 11-140-100-101 Account 11-230-100-640	\$ 500 500 500 300	Account 11-230-100-610 Account 11-999-213-100	\$ 300 <u>1,500</u> \$1,800
•	\$1,800		

CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF CARRY-OVER APPLICATION - IDEA-B and IDEA-B Preschool - FY 97:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education confirms the approval of the submission of carry-over application for FY 97 for IDEA-B in the amount of \$1,081 and IDEA-B Preschool in the amount of \$384.

CONFIRMATION OF APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF CARRY-OVER APPLICATION - IASA - FY 97:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education confirms the approval of the submission of carry-over application for IASA for FY 97 in the following amounts:

Title I	\$ 3,625
Title II	665
Title IV	7,359
Title VI	32
	\$11.681

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION - Extraordinary Aid - Section 19B, P.L. 1996, Chapter 138, Comprehensive Education Improvement and Financing Act:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves submission of application for extraordinary aid in accordance with Section 19B of P.L. 1996, Chapter 138, Comprehensive Education Improvement and Financing Act.

APPROVAL OF ASBESTOS REINSPECTION SERVICE:

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

WHEREAS, the rules of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency relating to the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) require that at least once every three years each Local Education Agency (LEA) shall conduct a reinspection of all known or assumed asbestos-containing building materials that they own or use as a school building, and

WHEREAS, the rules further require that the reinspections be conducted by an accredited inspector and be made part of the district's Asbestos Management Plan for each school, and

WHEREAS, the firm of PMK Group, consulting engineers, Kenilworth, NJ is fully accredited and capable of performing the required inspections, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education confirms the approval of the firm of PMK Group to conduct the AHERA-required three-year reinspection and to provide the necessary written reports to the school district pursuant to the rules of the Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Health, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That PMK Group be paid an amount not to exceed \$3,200 for these services and additional amounts based on the schedule of fees contained in their proposal for additional work beyond the scope of the reinspection that may be requested by the Board.

TESTIMONIAL - Teacher:

Mrs. Mary McLaughlin

Mrs. Fleitell presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary McLaughlin has tendered her resignation as elementary school teacher, effective January 1, 1998 and has signified her intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McLaughlin has taught in the Nutley Public Schools for a period of thirteen years, and

WHEREAS, through the years Mrs. McLaughlin has exemplified the finest qualities of the teaching profession at all times,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education expresses to Mrs. McLaughlin its deep appreciation of her long and faithful service and extends to her its best wishes for continued health and happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy presented to Mrs. McLaughlin.

Dr. Votto remarked that Mrs. McLaughlin will be missed, adding that she was a very kind, caring and dedicated teacher for 13 years and had a very nurturing personality.

APPOINTMENT - Head Custodian:

Mr. Alfred Pepe

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

- BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoints Mr. Alfred Pepe as high school head custodian for the 1997/1998 school year, effective January 5, 1998 at the annual salary of \$38,245 (prorated), 5-10, in accordance with the 1997/1998 Buildings and Grounds Salary Guide.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Moscaritola, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

President

Secretary

December 22, 1997