

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, January 12, 1998 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, Mrs. Maria Russo, Mr. Robert Schweikert, Jr., Mr. Louis F. Williams and Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo. Late: Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. (7:35 p.m.).

1. Dr. Votto noted that we would be conferring awards at the next regular meeting.
2. Dr. Votto reported that we had just received the results of the HSPT scores and the district had done very well. He noted that the percent passing was in the mid to upper 90s on all sections of the test. He indicated he would have more detailed information on this at the regular meeting on the 26th.
3. Mr. Walker reported on the teacher articulation meetings that had been held earlier today. He noted that for the first time grade 6 teachers had met with teachers of the middle school and it seemed to go very well.
4. Dr. Votto noted that the Department of Education had indicated that we would be receiving the annual school report card during the early part of February.

Mr. Restaino entered

5. Dr. Votto presented information dealing with a proposed trip of the band and vocal groups to Toronto in May of 1998. It had been indicated that there were 188 students going on this trip and he expressed his concern that the number of chaperones was not sufficient at this time.
6. Dr. Votto noted that the district intended to reapply for the Literacy Challenge Fund Grant; however, the state would be awarding half of the next round of grants to special needs districts.
7. Dr. Votto mentioned that the Academic Booster Club would be holding a History Fair on Saturday, March 14 at Radcliffe School.
8. Dr. Votto and Mr. Williams reported on the first meeting of the Budget Committee and mentioned new positions that were being proposed at this time: network technician, computer support teacher, physical education teacher and elementary guidance counselor.
9. Dr. Votto and Mr. Pelaia noted that there would be an Athletic Committee meeting on January 21 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the 1998-99 athletic budget.
10. Mr. Sincaglia noted that he would be authorizing ProMedia to begin work within the next week on the first phase of the technology infrastructure plan.
11. Mr. Sincaglia noted that at the January 26 meeting the Board would be designating the time and place for the drawing of names for positions on the annual ballot and designating the times which the polls would open at the April 21 election.

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 litigation, 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. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 7:58 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 8:58 p.m.

12. Mr. Rusignuolo indicated that the Board would be discussing the process for the selection of the next Superintendent.

Mr. Restaino moved that the central administrators, if they so desired, be permitted to leave at this time, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. The motion was approved with Mrs. Fleitell voting no and Mrs. Russo abstaining.

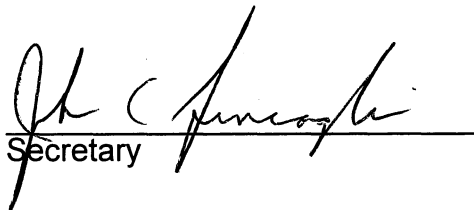
Dr. Votto, Mr. Walker and Mr. Sincaglia left the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

13. The Board discussed various items relating to possible approaches in the process of selecting a Superintendent. It was agreed that the New Jersey School Boards Association be contacted to come in and discuss this with the Board.

The feeling was also expressed that the entire process should involve the Board as a whole. The advertising of the position would take place following the official acceptance of Dr. Votto's notice of retirement.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.


Secretary

1/20/98
Date