

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

May 4, 1998

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, May 4, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. John C. Sincaglia, Temporary Chairman, presiding.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:**

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this meeting of the Board was provided on April 8, 1998. 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.

"The purpose of this meeting is for the Board of Education to reorganize pursuant to NJSA 18A:10-3.

"Formal action will be taken."

**FLAG SALUTE:**

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

**STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:**

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"The Annual Election of the legal voters of the School District of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held on Tuesday, April 21, 1998 between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p.m. and as much longer as was necessary to permit all the legal voters then present at the polling places to vote.

"Voting was conducted at Ward 1 - Districts 1-7, Ward 2 - Districts 1-6 and Ward 3 - Districts 1-7 all in the School District.

"Voting was conducted for the election of three members to the Board of Education for a period of three years and for authorizing the raising of \$29,515,875 in district taxes to support the proposed 1998/1999 General Fund Budget.

"The results of the election were as follows:

Candidates for 3-year terms

Steven P. Picciano	1,584 votes
Michele DeBlasio Fleitell	1,519 votes
Philip T. Casale	1,633 votes
Carmen Joseph Marzella	1,425 votes
Franklin J. Patterson	1,452 votes
Anthony DeJackmo	1 vote
Aggie Roncaglio	2 votes
George Hayes	1 vote
F. Pallard	1 vote
Steve Clar	1 vote
Seth Protranico	1 vote

"The candidates elected were: Steven P. Picciano, Michele DeBlasio Fleitell and Philip T. Casale for three-year terms.

"The votes for the General Fund portion of the budget were as follows:

Yes	1,765 votes
No	1,008 votes

"The question of the tax levy was approved.

"A copy of this report will be entered in the official minutes of the Board of Education."

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Sincaglia administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Philip T. Casale, Mrs. Michele DeBlasio Fleitell and Mr. Steven P. Picciano.

CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Dr. Philip T. Casale, Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Steven P. Picciano, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Approximately 35 citizens were present.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:

Mr. Sincaglia declared nominations open for the office of President.

Mr. Williams placed the name of Joseph C. Pelaia in nomination for President.

Mr. Sincaglia then asked for a motion to declare a unanimous ballot for Mr. Pelaia for President since there were no other nominations.

Mr. Williams moved that a unanimous ballot be declared for Joseph C. Pelaia for President, seconded by Dr. Casale and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Mr. Restaino placed the name of Vincent Moscaritola in nomination for Vice-President, stating that he feels Mr. Moscaritola has displayed the character to successfully fulfill this role.

Mr. Williams indicated that he had very strong feelings about this nomination, placing the name of Michele Fleitell in nomination for the position of Vice-President, stating that her installation as Vice-President would provide the President and Board the opportunity to utilize this person in a responsible manner, working in close cooperation with the President. Mr. Williams also noted that whoever is in the position of Vice-President may find it leading to the Presidency, and indicating that Mrs. Fleitell has shown a dedicated and reflective manner as a Board member having been a member of numerous committees as well as Chairperson of the Academic Committee. Mr. Williams concluded by indicating that Mrs. Fleitell's performance, thought processes and logic brought him to conclude that she would make an excellent choice for the position of Vice-President.

Mr. Sincaglia declared nominations closed and asked for a vote on the nominees for Vice-President. The votes were as follows:

#### For Mr. Moscaritola

Dr. Casale  
Mr. Moscaritola  
Mr. Picciano  
Mr. Restaino  
Mrs. Russo

#### For Mrs. Fleitell

Mrs. Fleitell  
Mr. Pelaia  
Mr. Rusignuolo  
Mr. Williams

Mr. Moscaritola was declared elected as Vice-President.

Mr. Pelaia then assumed the Chair.

#### HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

#### ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Dr. Casale 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 regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley be held on the fourth Monday of each month, except as noted otherwise, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the following schedule of meetings be adopted. (Schedule A)

ADOPTION OF POLICIES:

Mrs. Fleitell 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 of the Township of Nutley hereby adopts for the ensuing year all Bylaws and Policies, Rules and Regulations currently in force.

DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Mr. Moscaritola 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 designates The Nutley Sun as the official newspaper for meeting notices and hereby directs the Board Secretary to also send meeting notices to the Nutley Journal, Star Ledger and the North Jersey Herald and News.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONEYS:

Mr. Moscaritola 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 Mr. David Wilson be appointed Treasurer of School Moneys for the 1998/1999 school year.

DEPOSITORY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Picciano 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 Valley National Bank be designated as the official depository for the 1998/1999 school year for individual student savings accounts to which deposits are made through the elementary schools.

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - Valley National Bank:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That Valley National Bank be designated the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1998/1999 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts, effective May 4, 1998:

<u>Board of Education, N.J. Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Account</u>	John C. Sincaglia or Jean Unglaub
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School Accounts

<u>Nutley High School</u>	Mario Cocchiola or Joseph Zarra
<u>Franklin School</u>	James Vivinetto or Edward Fraser
<u>Lincoln School</u>	Dorothy Mutch
<u>Spring Garden School</u>	Lucy Anello
<u>Washington School</u>	Carmine D'Aloia
<u>Yantacaw School</u>	John Calicchio
<u>Radcliffe School</u>	Kathleen Serafino

DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - First Union Bank:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Union Bank be designated as the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 1998/1999 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts effective May 4, 1998:

May 4, 1998

Board of Education General Account

Primary Signatory

Alternate Signatory

Joseph C. Pelaia, President

or Vincent Moscaritola, Vice-President

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary

or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

David Wilson, Treasurer of  
School Moneys

Board of Education Salary Account

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary

or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

David Wilson, Treasurer of  
School Moneys

Board of Education Cafeteria Account

John C. Sincaglia

or Jean Unglaub

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Union Bank  
be authorized to accept facsimile signatures of the check  
signing machine.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary/Business Administrator,  
with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, be autho-  
rized to invest surplus funds of the Board of Education and  
funds which will be available for a determinate period of time  
in U.S. Government and Agency Securities, Business Savings  
Accounts of our designated depository, and Certificates of  
Deposit and Repurchase Agreements of our local banks, and  
in any other securities designated by law.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND NEGOTIATOR/CONSULTANT:

Mr. Rusignuolo presented and moved the adoption of the follow-  
ing resolution, seconded by Mr. Restaino:

WHEREAS, there exists from time to time a need for legal  
services and negotiations/consultant services for the Board  
of Education, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (Ch. 114, Laws of 1977) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

1. The firm of Sills Cummis Zuckerman Radin Tischman Epstein & Gross, P.A. of Newark, NJ is hereby appointed Board attorney and negotiator/consultant for the 1998/1999 school year.
2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

Mr. Moscaritola made a motion to table the above resolution for one Board meeting, seconded by Dr. Casale.

Mr. Moscaritola commented that he would like the Board to meet to discuss the possibility of changing Board attorneys. Mrs. Russo asked until what date the motion was tabled. Mr. Moscaritola remarked that the Board should decide on a date in May to discuss this issue and bring it up for a vote at the June meeting. Mr. Sincaglia suggested that the vote take place no later than the June 22, 1998 meeting.

On a vote of 6-3 it was agreed to defer consideration of the above resolution until no later than the June 22, 1998 Board meeting with Mrs. Fleitell, Mr. Rusignuolo and Mr. Williams opposed.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR:

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an annual audit of school accounts, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (Ch. 114, Laws of 1977) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

1. The firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP of Morristown, NJ is hereby appointed auditors for the accounts of the Board of Education for the 1998/1999 school year.

2. This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON OVERLOOK TERRACE:

Mrs. Russo 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 leases 20 feet of property owned by it, known as Lot Number 14, Block 212 (Overlook Terrace, rear entrance of Spring Garden School playground), on the tax maps of the Township of Nutley, to John Janiec and Mrs. Anne Janiec, his wife, for a term beginning May 1, 1998 and terminating April 30, 1999, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) in accordance with all requirements specified in the lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE - 21 Romano Street:

Mrs. Russo 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 by the Board of Education that it hereby leases to Nicholas DelMauro, owner of the property known as 21 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 20 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 45 and 46 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 1998 and terminating April 30, 1999, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

LEASE - 22 Romano Street:

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 by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, that it hereby leases to Angelo Rotonda, owner of the property known as 22 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 25 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 78 and 79 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 1998 and terminating April 30, 1999, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

OTHER BUSINESS:

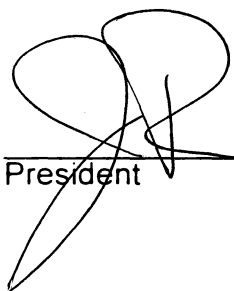
Mr. Sincaglia indicated that he wished to see all Board members after the meeting to go over some upcoming dates.

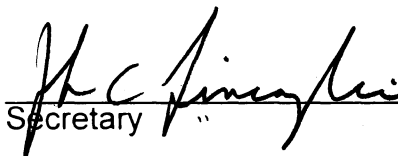
Mrs. Russo noted that she would like the name "Conference Meeting" changed to make it more apparent that the public is encouraged to attend these meetings, adding that she had made the same request at last year's organization meeting.

Mr. Pelaia commented that some of the meetings go into Executive Session for either a portion of the meeting or its entirety but the public certainly is welcome to attend the open portion of the conference meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mrs. Fleitell, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

*May 26, 1998*  
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Date