

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

May 26, 1998

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Radcliffe School Gymnasium, 379 Bloomfield Avenue, on Tuesday, May 26, 1998 at 8:18 p.m. with Mr. Vincent Moscaritola, Vice-President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Moscaritola 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 Notice of May 19, 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.

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mrs. Fleitell 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: Dr. Philip T. Casale, Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Steven P. Picciano, Mr. Robert J. Rusignuolo, Mrs. Maria Russo and Mr. Louis F. Williams. Absent: Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia and Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. Approximately 150 citizens were present.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

Dr. Votto remarked that this evening is once again a time for prideful recognition, adding that the scholars, athletes and coaches here this evening have all won critical acclaim at the local, regional and state levels for their academic or athletic prowess this past winter. He noted that these people have certainly done their peers, school district and families proud and we salute them tonight and congratulate them on a job well done. He indicated that they are champions all.

Dr. Votto thanked the parents for giving the district such good clay with which to work. Dr. Votto further noted that the students have acquitted themselves extremely well academically and athletically. He also indicated that Mr. Mario Cocchiola, high school principal, Dr. James Vivinetto, Franklin School principal, and Miss Barbara Hirsch, Director of Special Services who has been involved since the inception of the Johns Hopkins program, would be assisting in the presentation of the awards.

Miss Hirsch explained that the Johns Hopkins Talent Search for students was developed in 1985 and its purpose was to identify fifth and sixth graders who reached the ceiling of the on-grade achievement test. She noted that the off-grade test is written at the ninth grade level. The tests allow appropriate planning for these students as they go to the middle and high school. Miss Hirsch noted that these students are able to participate in many academic activities throughout the country as they go through their academic careers.

Miss Hirsch also stated that over 60 students took the plus test and over 25 received distinction in verbal, math or a combination of both areas. She noted that these students will be recognized at the regional level by Johns Hopkins on June 1 at NJIT. Miss Hirsch congratulated the parents for a job well done.

Miss Hirsch, Mrs. Fleitell and Mrs. Russo presented awards to the following 1998 Johns Hopkins Talent Search winners in Grade 5:

Nicholas Adubato	Vincent DePinto
Anthony Alessio	Susan Hasselbrook
David Aragona	Matthew Holly
George Blazeski	Vinny Keshav
Jennifer Boyko	Jillian Kozyra
Emily Cibelli	Kathryn Montalbano
Anthony Ciel	Nicholas Principe
Louis Cifelli	Daniel Rohe
Daniel Cioni	Alan Zhang
Michael DeGennaro	

Miss Hirsch and Mr. Williams presented awards to the following Johns Hopkins Talent Search winners in Grade 6:

Daniel Jamison	Wan Hong Lu
Jeffrey Klatsky	Timothy Maher
Daryl Lin	Ryohei Okabe

Dr. Vivinetto expressed his pleasure at the opportunity to once again recognize Franklin School students who have participated in this wonderful program, adding that Franklin School has participated since the program's inception. He explained that the scores on the math and verbal reasoning abilities among students in grade 7 are the result of the students taking the SAT which is a test for college-bound seniors.

Dr. Vivinetto noted that 46 students were eligible and 26 students took the SAT this year, adding that the average score was a 500 as a mean and our students received a score of 455 with a range of 360-600 in the verbal portion and in the math portion, the mean was 489 with a range of 370-600.

Dr. Vivinetto indicated that we have 10 students here who received a score of 510-559 and six of these students received an award from the state because of their scores of 560-600.

Dr. Vivinetto and Mr. Rusignuolo presented awards to the Grade 7 recipients as follows:

Raymond DeLorenzi
Emily Griesbach
Lisa Hresko
Jared Krick
Jeanne Liu

Christina Marrazza
Gregory Montalbano
Cherry Ng
Robert Smith
Renee Vanderhoff

State Award - Invitation to CTY Awards Ceremony

Raymond DeLorenzi
Lisa Hresko
Jared Krick

Jeanne Liu
Cherry Ng
Renee Vanderhoff

Dr. Vivinetto congratulated all the students who took the test and all the students at Franklin School who he knows will achieve outstanding recognition later in their lives.

Dr. Votto introduced Mr. Cocchiola, high school principal. Mr. Cocchiola congratulated all the elementary and middle school students for their academic achievements, adding that he was looking forward to having them in the high school.

Mr. Cocchiola thanked the Board for having this awards ceremony, adding that it is a great experience to be a member of an athletic team. He congratulated all the students being honored this evening. Mr. Cocchiola then introduced Mr. Joseph Affinito, Athletic Director.

Mr. Affinito, on behalf of the athletic department, welcomed everyone.

Mr. Robert O'Dell and Mr. Moscaritola presented the following winter track award:

Roan Moore

- 1st Team NNJIL
- 1st Team All County

Miss Theresa Hrubash and Mr. Moscaritola presented the following award for girls basketball:

Kimberly DiVincenzo

- 1st Team NNJIL

Mr. Carmen LoRe and Mr. Moscaritola presented the following wrestling awards:

Dante Cifelli

- 1st Team NNJIL
- County Champion
- District Champion

David DeDolce

- 1st Team NNJIL
- County Champion
- District Champion

Mr. George Ackerman, Mr. Picciano and Mrs. Russo presented the following bowling awards:

Krista Cerniglia

- 1st Team NNJIL

Robert Hill

- 1st Team NNJIL

1998 Bowling Team Essex County Champions

Frank Baragona
Joseph Brzoska
Krista Cerniglia
Jennifer Cunningham
Anthony Donzella
Frank Fochesato
Timothy Gerber

Andrea Hill
Robert Hill
AnnMarie Levey
Jessica Marchese
Shaun Mayer
Deepa Mehta
Peter Sandomenico

Mr. Carmen Mancuso and Dr. Casale presented the following rifle awards:

1998 Rifle Team NJ State Champions

Peter Bimbi
Robert Cavallo
Dennis Collins
Joseph Dang
Michael DeFeo
Daniel Ferreri
Christopher Formato
Eirik Gumeny
Adam Heiser
Robert Heiser

William Jernick
Ka-On Lee
Kristen Lowrey
Justin Maichuk
Justin Megaro
Rory Samet
Jenny Swistok
Viviana Tabares
Jacqueline VanEtten

Mr. Affinito then presented plaques to Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Mancuso for their successful coaching efforts. He also presented pictures of the championship teams which will be added to the gallery in the Board Conference Room.

Mr. Moscaritola, on behalf of the Board, extended congratulations to each of the students and their families.

RECESS MEETING:

On motion made by Mrs. Fleitell, seconded by Mrs. Russo and unanimously approved by the Board, the meeting recessed at 8:51 p.m. to be reconvened in the Board Conference Room.

RECONVENE MEETING:

The meeting reconvened in the Board Conference Room at 9:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 20, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mrs. Fleitell moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

Copies of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 20, 1998 at 8:05 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mrs. Fleitell moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

Copies of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 23, 1998 at 6:09 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mrs. Fleitell moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

Copies of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 4, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mrs. Fleitell moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Sincaglia presented and read the following communications:

1. A letter from the New Jersey School Boards Association regarding public testimony which is to be heard on May 20, 1998 concerning the Interdistrict Public School Choice Code proposal.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that the School Boards has great concern regarding this issue.
2. A second letter from the New Jersey School Boards Association on the same subject, urging that the plan be made voluntary.
3. A notice from the Essex County School Boards Association that the Spring Dinner Meeting was rescheduled and would be held as a Technology and Reorganization Meeting on June 10, 1998.
4. A memorandum from the Essex County Educational Services Commission noting that the date of the regular meeting was changed from May 21 to May 20, 1998.
5. An expression of thanks from Nancy Greulich, purchasing secretary, for the fruit basket received from the Board following her recent surgery.
6. A thank-you note from the family of Phyllis Cacavella for the Board's expression of sympathy upon the death of Josephine Mleziva's (secretary) mother.
7. Letters from the following regarding the peer leadership program taking place at Franklin School and indicating their wishes that it continue in the high school:

Nick and Nina Markovic
 Vincent A. Cucuzza
 Josephine Suarez-Guttlein
 Walter and Sue Ann Baker

8. A letter from the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District in support of the passage of Assembly Bill #1143 and Senate Bill #659 dealing with a supplemental appropriation of \$17.3 million to restore stabilization aid growth limit reductions for certain public school districts.,

Mr. Sincaglia noted that Nutley would be one of the districts affected but the bills do not seem to be going anywhere.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Sincaglia presented the Report of the Secretary as of April 30, 1998. (See attached report.)

Mrs. Russo moved that the Board accept the Report of the Secretary, seconded by Dr. Casale. 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 April 30, 1998. (See attached report.)

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Votto presented and read the following report:

"District Reading Tests (Gr. 1-8)	May 27
"District Math Tests (Gr. 1-8)	May 28
"ESPA - Speaking	May 29 - June 5
"Student Activity & Athletic Awards Program - High School Auditorium	June 2 - 7:30 p.m.
"Franklin School - Art Festival	June 3 - 6:30 p.m.
- 6th Grade Parent Orientation	- 7:30 p.m.
"Junior Olympics/Patrol Picnic	June 4
	June 5 (rain date)
"Third Half Club Sports Awards Dinner	June 4 - 7:00 p.m.

"Spring Garden Strawberry Festival	June 6 - 10:00-4:00 p.m.
	June 7 - (rain date)
"NAT Distinction Awards NHS	June 8 - 6:00 p.m.
"NHS Scholastic Awards Program	June 9 - 7:30 p.m.
"Academically Speaking NHS	June 10 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.
"D.A.R.E.	June 10 - 10:00-3:00 p.m.
	June 11 - (rain date)
"Music Booster Awards Dinner	June 17 - 6:30 p.m.
"Franklin School Promotion	June 18 - 10:00 a.m.
	June 19 - (rain date)
"Elementary School Promotions	June 18 - 2:00 p.m.
"High School Commencement	June 23 - 6:00 p.m.

"Attached is the student enrollment chart as of April 24, 1998."

FIRE DRILL REPORT:

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

April	1	Yantacaw School	9:30 a.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
April	2	Radcliffe School	2:01 p.m.	1 min. 20 secs.
April	2	Yantacaw School	2:25 p.m.	1 min. 45 secs.
April	3	Lincoln School	11:08 a.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
April	7	Lincoln School	9:30 a.m.	1 min. 38 secs.
April	7	Radcliffe School	3:03 p.m.	1 min. 17 secs.
April	7	Spring Garden School	2:07 p.m.	1 min. 20 secs.
April	7	Washington School	11:00 a.m.	1 min. 25 secs.
April	13	Franklin School	1:30 p.m.	1 min. 57 secs.
April	21	Franklin School	9:30 a.m.	1 min. 58 secs.
April	21	Nutley High School	8:32 a.m.	2 min. 5 secs.
April	21	Spring Garden School	10:02 a.m.	1 min. 25 secs.
April	22	Nutley High School	1:57 p.m.	2 min.
April	22	Washington School	2:31 p.m.	1 min. 15 secs.

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Rusignuolo presented the cafeteria report as of April 30, 1998 showing a 1997/1998 budget of \$611,977.00, contractual orders to date of \$488,099.86, leaving funds available of \$123,877.14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Moscaritola, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Residency Committee, reported that revisions have been made to the policy, Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils, and the first vote for approval of the policy should take place at the June Board meeting.

Mr. Moscaritola also noted that committee assignments would be given to Mr. Sincaglia tomorrow.

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 April 30, 1998, 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 \$2,961,341.99 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Office.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

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 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.

RESIGNATIONS - Athletic:

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 Board of Education accepts the following athletic resignations:

Daniel Kimberley	- Assistant Football Coach
Mary Pagana	- Head Softball Coach
Richard SanFillipo	- Head Football Coach
Lawrence Tuorto	- Assistant Football Coach

APPOINTMENTS - Teacher 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 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:

Secretarial/Aide

Julianne Alessio
Catherine Isabella

Secretarial

Marisa Ciance

School Bus Aide/Aide

Lorraine Gray

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 MeetingsArt K-12 - April 4, 1998

Robyn Burns	\$123.88
Anne Laudadio	123.88
Carl Ohlson	<u>161.08</u>
Total	\$408.84

Mathematics K-8 - April 4 and 18, 1998

Rita Alfaro	\$ 247.76
Ann Bevere	247.76
Lori Ann Cassie	247.76
Denise Cleary	123.88
Rosemary Clerico	247.76
Carmine D'Aloia	165.80
Linda Gilroy	247.76
Scott Keena	247.76
Laura-anne MacMillan	201.31
Eileen Mattone	247.76
Beverly Masullo	123.88
Jennifer Neri	247.76
Mary Peele	247.76
Gail Reilly	247.76
Bernadette Santoriello	247.76
Kathleen C. Serafino	331.60
Nancy Szura	<u>247.76</u>
Total	\$3,919.59

Science K-8 - April 4, 1998

Pamela Batchelder-Mitchell	\$ 123.88
Donald Baumann	123.88
Elizabeth Foote	123.88
Carol Gurney	123.88
Geraldine Intiso	123.88
Patricia Isabella	123.88
Tracy McCormick	123.88
Jeanne Neilley	123.88
Becky Pandolfi	123.88
Carol Perrone	123.88
Sally Ann Marino Ryder	123.88
Deborah Schop	<u>123.88</u>
Total	\$1,486.56

K-12 Music Education - April 4, 1998

Carol Bender	\$123.88
Mario Cocchiola	165.80
Peter D'Angelo	123.88

K-12 Music Education - April 4, 1998 (contd.)

Dennis McPartland	\$ 123.88
Julianne Philp	123.88
Jonathan Schubert	123.88
John Vitkovsky	<u>161.08</u>

Total	\$946.28
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Critical Thinking - April 4, 1998

Rachel Daly	\$123.88
Jill Freedman	123.88
Patricia Keating	123.88
Maureen Tracy	123.88
Niki Vlasakakis	123.88
Louise Walk	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$743.28
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P.A.T. (Primary Academic Talent) - April 15, 1998

Suzanne Hagert	\$ 46.46
Scott Keena	30.97
Rebecca Olivo	46.46
Lisa Rossi	46.46
Niki Vlasakakis	23.23
Carol VonAchen	<u>46.46</u>

Total	\$240.04
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CAT Program Payroll for Spring, 1998 Session

Amy Cerisano	\$ 1,393.65
Laura Curry	1,362.68
Nicole Errante	1,362.68
Caroline Evangelista	1,471.08
Barbara Hirsch	1,691.34
Frank Libert	1,672.38
Camille Lofrano	1,238.80
Carmen Mancuso	1,734.32
Christopher Masullo	1,362.68
Dennis Pandolfi	1,269.77
Harry Reddington	1,842.72
Louis SanGiovanni	1,625.93
Janice Schoem	1,223.32
Sherrie Tolve	1,362.68
Robert Topolski	1,672.38
Ciro Violante	1,765.29
Frank Zintl	1,734.32
Ellen Ziobro	1,672.38

CAT Program Payroll for Spring, 1998 Session (contd.)Substitutes

Miriam Kirsten	247.76
Karen SanGiovanni	247.76
Sally Ann Marino Ryder	<u>123.88</u>

Total	\$28,077.80
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Central Detention Coverage - April, 1998High School

Nicole Errante	\$ 16.79
Louis SanGiovanni	16.79
Patricia Scullen	33.58
Carol Shepherd	<u>167.90</u>

Franklin School

Patrick Keating	235.06
Alisa Rossi	<u>50.37</u>

Total	\$520.49
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Saturday Morning Suspensions - April, 1998High School

AnneMarie Kowalski	\$ 70.17
Carol Shepherd	<u>70.17</u>

Total	\$140.34
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Geometer's Sketchpad Workshop - March 7, 1998

Toby D'Ambola	\$123.88
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Spring In-Service Course - Computer Applications
Part II - Using Microsoft Works for Windows -
March 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, 1998

Ann Mary Mullane	\$402.70
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Intramurals - April 1 - April 24, 1998

LoriAnn Cassie	\$ 96.04
Kenneth Ferriol	192.08
Daniel Kimberley	168.07
Edmund Olson	384.16 (3/3-4/24/98)
Rosann Rizzuto	48.02
Walter Sautter	96.04
Janice Schoem	72.03
Heather VonRoth	240.10
Diane Williams	<u>168.07</u>

Total	\$1,464.61
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TUITION REIMBURSEMENT:

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, in accordance with existing employment agreements, the following personnel receive reimbursement for tuition expenses:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Catherine Danchak	\$ 450
Phillip Siculietano	420
Lawrence Tuorto	<u>840</u>
Total	\$1,710

REAPPOINTMENTS - Buildings and Grounds Personnel:

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 by the Board of Education that the buildings and grounds personnel listed on the attached Schedule D be reappointed for the 1998/1999 school year at salaries to be agreed upon on conclusion of salary negotiations. In the interim between July 1 and the time said negotiations are successfully concluded, the 1997/1998 salaries shall be paid.

REAPPOINTMENTS - Cafeteria Personnel:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the cafeteria personnel listed on the attached Schedule E be reappointed for the 1998/1999 school year at the salaries indicated in accordance with the 1998/1999 Cafeteria Salary Guide.

REAPPOINTMENTS - Transportation Personnel:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the transportation personnel listed on the attached Schedule F be reappointed for the 1998/1999 school year at the salaries indicated in accordance with the 1996-1999 Transportation Agreement.

APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM PROGRAMS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the following curriculum programs presented at the May 11, 1998 conference session:

K-12	Art
K-8	Mathematics
K-8	Science

APPROVAL OF CAFETERIA CALENDAR - 1998/1999 School Year:

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 adopted the following attached calendar for the 1998/1999 school year:

Cafeteria Calendar	Schedule G
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NEW JERSEY STATE INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

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 continues its membership in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for the 1998/1999 school year.

STUDENT ACCIDENT AND ATHLETIC INSURANCE - 1998/1999 School Year:

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 approves Bollinger Fowler Co., Short Hills, NJ as the agent for offering voluntary student accident insurance for the 1998/1999 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That athletic insurance for the 1998/1999 school year be secured from Bollinger Fowler Co. on a full excess plan at a cost of \$16,509.34.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

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

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 11-130-100-101	\$25,000	Account 11-110-100-101	\$ 6,000
Account 11-999-100-566	9,600	Account 11-204-100-101	1,500
Account 12-999-290-730	40,000	Account 11-204-100-106	800
Account 13-422-100-101	<u>4,000</u>	Account 11-230-100-101	2,000
	\$78,600	Account 11-999-218-104	5,700
		Account 11-999-218-500	100
		Account 11-999-218-600	3,000
		Account 11-999-221-500	400
		Account 11-999-221-800	100
		Account 11-999-222-500	1,000
		Account 11-999-223-500	1,800
		Account 11-999-240-500	2,500
		Account 12-130-100-730	7,700
		Account 12-140-100-730	6,000
		Account 12-999-100-730	<u>40,000</u>
			\$78,600

APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS - I.D.E.A. Part B Basic and I.D.E.A. Part B Preschool - FY 99:

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 the Board of Education approves submission of applications for FY 99 I.D.E.A. Part B Basic in the amount of \$281,925 and I.D.E.A. Part B Preschool in the amount of \$28,745.

RENEWAL OF BOILER TUBE REPLACEMENT CONTRACT:

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42h provides for the yearly renewal, for a period not exceeding three years, without further solicitation of bids, of contracts for the supplying of "materials, supplies or services that are required on a recurring basis from year to year," and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the service provided by Detailed Heating Inc., the low bidder for the 1996/1997 school year for boiler tube replacement, continues to meet the original specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education renews the contract with Detailed Heating Inc. of Clark, NJ for boiler tube replacement for the Nutley School System for the 1998/1999 school year.

RENEWAL OF ELECTRICAL WORK CONTRACT:

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42h provides for the yearly renewal, for a period not exceeding three years, without further solicitation of bids, of contracts for the supplying of "materials, supplies or services that are required on a recurring basis from year to year," and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the service provided by Positive Electric Co., the low bidder for the 1997/1998 school year, continues to meet the original specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education renews the contract with Positive Electric Co., Nutley, NJ for electrical work for the Nutley School System for the 1998/1999 school year.

TESTIMONIAL - Vice-Principal:

Mr. Edward Fraser

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward Fraser has tendered his resignation as Franklin School Vice-Principal, effective July 1, 1998 and has signified his intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fraser has served as teacher, administrative assistant and vice-principal in the Nutley Public Schools for a period of thirty-four years, and

WHEREAS, through the years Mr. Fraser has exemplified the finest qualities of his profession at all times,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education expresses to Mr. Fraser its deep appreciation of his long and faithful service and extends to him 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 Mr. Fraser.

TESTIMONIAL - Teacher:

Mrs. Paula Brill

Dr. Casale presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Picciano and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, Mrs. Paula Brill has tendered her resignation as elementary school teacher, effective July 1, 1998 and has signified her intention of retiring from active service, and

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

WHEREAS, through the years Mrs. Brill 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. Brill 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. Brill.

TESTIMONIAL - Teacher:

Mrs. Ann Felice

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Ann Felice has tendered her resignation as elementary school teacher, effective July 1, 1998 and has signified her intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Felice has taught in the Nutley Public Schools for a period of thirty-two years, and

WHEREAS, through the years Mrs. Felice 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. Felice 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. Felice.

TESTIMONIAL - Teacher:Miss Marie Lopa

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

WHEREAS, Miss Marie Lopa has tendered her resignation as Franklin School teacher, effective July 1, 1998 and has signified her intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Miss Lopa has taught in the Nutley Public Schools for a period of thirty years, and

WHEREAS, through the years Miss Lopa has exemplified the finest qualities of the teaching profession at all times,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education expresses to Miss Lopa 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 Miss Lopa.

TESTIMONIAL - Teacher:Mrs. Diane Williams

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Diane Williams has tendered her resignation as Franklin School teacher, effective July 1, 1998 and has signified her intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has taught in the Nutley Public Schools for a period of thirty-three years, and

WHEREAS, through the years Mrs. Williams 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. Williams 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. Williams.

TESTIMONIAL - Teacher:Mrs. Gloria Zitman

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

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gloria Zitman has tendered her resignation as elementary school teacher, effective July 1, 1998 and has signified her intention of retiring from active service, and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Zitman has taught in the Nutley Public Schools for a period of twenty-five years, and

WHEREAS, through the years Mrs. Zitman 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. Zitman 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. Zitman.

MEMORIAL:Miss Mary Agnes Kelly

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Miss Mary Agnes Kelly on May 13, 1998, and

WHEREAS, Miss Kelly was employed in September, 1927 as a teacher and in 1935 was appointed principal in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished educational career until her retirement in June, 1965, and

WHEREAS, Miss Kelly won the admiration and respect of her fellow educators and exemplified at all times the finest qualities of her profession,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of her family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of her family.

MEMORIAL:Mr. John Patrick Ryan

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mr. John Patrick Ryan on May 18, 1998, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan was employed in September, 1962 as an English teacher in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished educational career until his retirement in July, 1996, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ryan won the admiration and respect of his fellow teachers and the friendship of pupils who came under the influence of his understanding and capable teaching,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of his family.

Mr. Williams noted that Mr. Ryan and his wife were two fine people. Dr. Votto stated that we are losing a welter of experience and talent with these retiring teachers, adding that they will be missed. He further noted that they will be recognized in the very near future. Dr. Votto also indicated that they are solid professionals giving many years of service to the district and the children of Nutley.

Dr. Votto noted that he has been told that Miss Kelly was widely respected and Mr. Ryan was a man among men who will be sorely missed.

APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:Mrs. Annemarie Carollo

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoints Mrs. Annemarie Carollo as teacher for the 1998/1999 school year effective September 1, 1998 at the annual salary of \$42,664, B.A.+15-10, in accordance with the 1998/1999 Teachers' Salary Guide.

APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:Miss Stacey Brennan

Dr. Casale 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 Miss Stacey Brennan as teacher for the 1998/1999 school year effective September 1, 1998, at the annual salary of \$35,200, B.A.-6, in accordance with the 1998/1999 Teachers' Salary Guide.

APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:

Miss Elizabeth A. Nowak

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 the Board of Education appoints Miss Elizabeth A. Nowak as teacher for the 1998/1999 school year effective September 1, 1998 at the annual salary of \$35,200, B.A.-6, in accordance with the 1998/1999 Teachers' Salary Guide.

APPOINTMENT - Professional Staff:

Miss Dawn M. Nagle

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 appoints Miss Dawn M. Nagle as teacher for the 1998/1999 school year effective September 1, 1998 at the annual salary of \$35,200, B.A.-6, in accordance with the 1998/1999 Teachers' Salary Guide.

APPOINTMENT - Summer School
Director:

Mrs. MaryLou Dowse

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:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoints Mrs. MaryLou Dowse as Director for the 1998 Summer School Program.

APPOINTMENT - Summer Enrichment
Coordinator:

Mrs. Rosemary Clerico

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education appoints Mrs. Rosemary Clerico as Coordinator for the 1998 Summer Enrichment Program.

APPOINTMENTS - Summer Custodial Employment:

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, That the following personnel be employed as summer custodial employees for the summer of 1998:

	<u>Step</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Michael Battoglia	2	\$6.75
Peter Berardi	2	6.75
Brian Layden	2	6.75
Marcellino Marra	2	6.75
Gerald Ryan	2	6.75

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE OF ROOMS - Yantacaw School:

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 approves application for change of use for the art room, Room 107 and Room 108 at Yantacaw School for the 1998/1999 school year.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE BIDS:

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

WHEREAS, bids for a 1998 Type I 25 Passenger School Bus were advertised on May 7, 1998, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were publicly opened and read aloud on May 21, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Secretary/Business Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the following bid was received in the following amount:

Jersey Bus Sales, Inc.	\$37,435
Bordentown, NJ	

and

WHEREAS, the bid of Jersey Bus Sales, Inc. appears to meet all specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education awards the contract for a 1998 Type 1 25 passenger school bus to Jersey Bus Sales, Inc. at their bid price of \$37,435.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE BIDS:

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:

WHEREAS, bids for a 1998 Type II 16 Passenger School Bus were advertised on May 7, 1998, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were publicly opened and read aloud on May 21, 1998 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Secretary/Business Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received in the following amounts:

Jersey Bus Sales, Inc.	\$34,704
Bordentown, NJ	

Wolffington Body Co., Inc.	\$35,555
Mt. Holly, NJ	

and

WHEREAS, the bid of Jersey Bus Sales, Inc. appears to meet all specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education awards the contract for a 1998 Type II 16 passenger school bus to Jersey Bus Sales Inc. at their low bid price of \$34,704.

SCHEDULING BOARD MEETING - Executive Session:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education will hold the following meeting in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to the selection of the Superintendent of Schools:

May 29, 1998	6:00 p.m.
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May 26, 1998

MEMORIAL:Mr. Bruce Gallagher

Mr. Rusignuolo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Picciano and unanimously approved by the Board:

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mr. Bruce Gallagher on May 22, 1998, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallagher was employed in September, 1977 as a Social Studies teacher in the Nutley Public Schools and had a distinguished educational career, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gallagher won the admiration and respect of his fellow teachers and the friendship of pupils who came under the influence of his understanding and capable teaching,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of his family.

Dr. Votto noted that everyone was deeply shocked and saddened to hear of Mr. Gallagher's passing last week and he commended the staff and faculty for coming together during this period of mourning. He indicated that our hearts go out to his family and friends, adding that he will be sorely missed.

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

Mrs. Joan Rubino, 48 North Road, remarked that she saw that Mr. SanFillipo has resigned as head football coach and asked if he will assume a full schedule of classes, to which Dr. Votto replied in the affirmative. Mrs. Rubino asked if he would also give up the position of Coordinator of Intra-Mural Sports and Leisure Activities to which Dr. Votto responded that it is under consideration at this time although it appears it may be restructured. He added that he has not made any recommendation to the Board at this time.

Mrs. Rubino urged the Board to consider very carefully before giving any perks to the new head football coach. She noted that if the Coordinator position is contracted yearly, she feels it would be advisable to review what is actually done and the time spent since it is like a no-show job.

Mr. Tom Evans, 18 Edgewood Avenue, asked if the keyboarding course is mandatory for graduating, relating the difficulties experienced by his daughter in trying to make time to take the course while being involved in many activities, taking honors courses and being involved in the music program. Dr. Votto responded that it is a mandatory course at this time.

Mr. Evans expressed his feeling that with so much information available in other venues it should not be necessary to take a keyboarding course and he does not feel it should be a mandatory requirement. He requested that this matter come under policy review since he feels it should be an elective course.

Dr. Casale questioned if the keyboarding course could be offered in summer school or as a Saturday program, to which Dr. Votto responded that it is possible but would have to be thought out.

Mr. Moscaritola asked if there were some sort of alternative testing. Dr. Votto replied in the affirmative, adding that if a student takes the test and successfully passes, taking of the keyboarding course can be waived.

Mrs. Russo noted that at the March Board meeting she had given her opinion of the total technology curriculum, adding that it has been her contention to seriously look into whether this program should be maintained in the high school or possibly be moved down to the middle school and then enhance the computer program at the high school. Mrs. Russo further indicated that she would hope this Board would look at some of the requests made by the public.

Mrs. Fleitell remarked that she certainly does not want to minimize what is taught in the course, but by ninth grade students should have learned all of that. She noted that she has recommended at least moving the course down to the middle school, adding that students should be learning many of the skills by the time they come out of the elementary schools. Mrs. Fleitell also noted that moving keyboarding to the middle school would enhance their curriculum. She further indicated that she feels that if there continues to be a problem, she feels that Dr. Casale's suggestion of a summer program or weekend course would be appropriate.

Dr. Votto noted that the key would be if the student was able to meet the provisions required for the course. He added that it is under review and the administration feels confident that every student going through the course is quite proficient. He also indicated that a study was commissioned which is going on at the present time, explaining that a questionnaire was sent to last year's graduating seniors who are now in college asking their response regarding areas of concern with that course and how it impacted college life.

Mrs. Gail Kline, 28 North Spring Garden Avenue, asked if there was any preliminary information regarding the transcript issue. Dr. Votto replied that there will be no preliminary report; a final report will be forthcoming by mid-June. He noted that data is being collected and some interesting things are coming to light.

Mrs. Kline asked if anything different was being done in the approach to discussing this matter with the teachers than was done by Dr. Votto's predecessor. Dr. Votto replied that the committee is broad based with more than 20 members looking at the issue from all angles, adding that it is a teacher-based committee with a few administrative members.

Mrs. Kline noted that she has been trying to receive grade distributions since 1996 and asked if there was any hope that she would receive this information before Dr. Votto retires, to which Dr. Votto replied "probably not." Mrs. Kline remarked that it is her understanding that this is a part of a report supplied to the state. Dr. Votto replied that grade distributions are not required by the state; this is an internal data base and, upon advice of counsel, this information need not be supplied to the public.

Mr. Randy Rauco, 184 Mountainview Avenue, questioned if the Board had looked into the incident regarding the bus trip to Toronto, stating that he had received forms from the bus company and wanted to know whether he should fill them out. Mr. Sincaglia replied that the forms should be filled out since the hospital needs to be paid and the district's position was that the parents should not be out of pocket in any way. Mr. Sincaglia further noted that the day we called the bus company they had already mailed the forms asking parents to indicate what their costs were. He reiterated that the claim form should be filled out promptly, adding that it seems the bus company would like to settle the matter.

Mr. Sincaglia further noted that we are talking about a company that transports thousands of people to New York on a daily basis. Mr. Rauco asked what would happen with regard to the lost wages some of the chaperones had sustained. Dr. Votto remarked that the teachers were excused with a professional day. Mr. Sincaglia said that people should submit any loss stating "nothing ventured, nothing gained," adding that he was not certain what DeCamp's response would be but they did say that if anyone wanted to file a law suit their legal department would handle it differently.

Dr. Casale asked if all the chaperones on the trip had been interviewed, to which Dr. Votto replied in the negative, noting that was a concern with a number of people. Dr. Votto also noted that there were two or three different problems relative to the trip; one was dealing with supervising of the youngsters in the park and another was how long did the bus travel before it pulled over.

Dr. Casale questioned if any reply had been received from the Board attorney regarding this matter. Dr. Votto indicated that the Board attorney knows we expect DeCamp to pay the hospital costs but we will have to consult with the attorney regarding the issue of lost wages.

Mrs. Kline remarked that she is in a state of shock that Dr. Votto said she would probably not receive the information she is seeking. Dr. Votto replied that under the advice of counsel we take this particular stance. Mrs. Kline asked if it was usual to just "blow off" a parent with a question. Dr. Votto indicated that he has repeatedly told Mrs. Kline that she should not be privy to that information as it is not within her purview.

Mrs. Rubino asked why the information Mrs. Kline is seeking is such a secret and what is the law saying she can't have it. Dr. Votto responded that it is not a public document per our counsel and there is also a question about dealing with employees' records and right to privacy, to which Mrs. Rubino does not see where it would affect teachers since all Mrs. Kline is asking for is an overall view.

Mr. Bob Suchocki, 5 Maple Place, asked if the Board has determined to never use DeCamp again. He stated that he feels there was negligence on the part of DeCamp. Dr. Votto noted that the Board is waiting for a recommendation from the administration and this would have to be taken under review.

Mr. Sincaglia commented that he did not want to minimize what happened but on the other hand we have had a better than 25-year history with DeCamp and he did not feel that inappropriate action on the part of one driver should automatically be cause for never using them again. Mr. Sincaglia further noted that he did not think it was DeCamp's policy to put passengers in harms way. He also said that DeCamp does not have the violations such as have been cited against other companies in the area. Mr. Sincaglia also stated that if the Board feels we should not use DeCamp, that is their choice.

Mr. Suchocki remarked that with a 25-year history with DeCamp they should have supplied us with better-equipped buses than they did. Mr. Sincaglia then asked Susan Davis, Transportation Coordinator, when the request was made to DeCamp for the buses. Ms. Davis replied that the request was made within the last month and a half. Mr. Sincaglia clarified that the buses were not rented by the Board but we obtained the buses in response to a request to facilitate this, adding that the Band Boosters were free to go with any company they wanted.

Dr. Casale indicated that we have a failure to communicate and this matter is far from closed. He noted that he feels we need to collect a lot more information on this incident and can not make a complete, informed decision until we do.

Mrs. Arlene Lobay, 2 Fernwood Terrace, asked where the incident report would come from. Mr. Moscaritola replied that it would come from those involved and from the bus company staff. Mrs. Lobay asked why the people on the bus were not questioned as to what happened.

Mr. Moscaritola asked if Mrs. Lobay felt that the bus was not stopped in short enough order, to which Mrs. Lobay replied in the affirmative, adding that she felt the teacher should have made the bus driver stop since Mrs. Lobay herself had gone to the driver three times and was ignored. Mrs. Lobay then explained her experiences during the trip, noting that the fumes were visible.

Mr. Suchocki noted that at the last stop the driver kicked the exhaust pipe back in place and wanted the children to get back on the bus but at that point everyone refused to do so.

Mr. Rauco indicated that when the pipe came off the bus, the bus drivers didn't know what they were looking for and could not find anything wrong and by the time the bus got to the rest stop the students were feeling ill. He further noted that with regard to the HazMat team finding nothing wrong, the reading on the bus was taken after the pipe was back on.

Mr. Sincaglia stated that the district was told a reading was taken with the motor running and with the motor not running and we still do not have a report from the people in New York. He noted that we received a report from the Thruway police which just states that the children got sick. He added that he would like to see the HazMat report but Mr. Rauco's point about when the test was done is well taken. Mr. Moscaritola commented that he has been in touch with the group in New York and has been assured we will receive the HazMat report.

Mr. Suchocki noted that the students had to go back on the bus to get their belongings and were terrified to do so.

Mrs. Phyllis Kropp, 48 Hillside Avenue, indicated that when the students got onto the new bus, no one would sit in the back because they had such fear. She noted that if we had a 25-year history with the bus company, they should have provided us with a better bus.

Mrs. Mary Dudasik, 29 Daily Street, asked what is being done with regard to polling of the teachers and administrators concerning the transcript issue. Dr. Votto noted that it is a one-item committee with regard to the prospect of placing numerics on the transcript. Mrs. Dudasik asked if a report of their findings would be given to the public. Dr. Votto replied that the committee will report to himself and it is up to him to make a recommendation to the Board. He noted that the report will most likely be held at a conference session, probably around mid-June.

Mrs. Russo remarked that at the April meeting she had asked to be a part of this committee as did other Board members. She added that she did not know the Committee had convened. Dr. Votto replied that he had cleared the way for Mrs. Fleitell to sit on the committee. Mrs. Fleitell indicated that she was not able to attend the first couple of meetings. Mrs. Russo noted that Mrs. Fleitell could have conferred with other members of the Board.

Mr. Moscaritola asked if Mrs. Fleitell, as Chair, could contact other members of the Committee with regard to dates. Mrs. Russo stated that she thought all members of the Board would be notified when the Committee was scheduled to meet.

Mrs. Russo remarked that with regard to the band trip, she was called Sunday night and was assured the students had received medical care and were on their way home. She noted that she does not have a copy of any report from parents, teachers or anyone. She added that if there is something we, as a Board, have to decide she would like all of these reports as they come in so she can intelligently discuss the situation and come up with conclusions. Dr. Votto noted that the President and Vice President of the Board and the President of the Band Boosters have received reports; the full Board does not have all the reports.

Mrs. Russo, with regard to grade distributions, said that if it is not illegal to give this information to members of the public, then she does not understand why a person should be asking for three years and still not have it. She said that perhaps this could be discussed at a Conference Meeting when the public could hear, adding that she does not know why this information is being held secret. Dr. Votto responded that when the attorney says it is not a public document, we decide not to deal with it as such.

Mrs. Brenda Sherman, 10 Vine Street, suggested that a questionnaire be sent to the chaperones who were on the bus the day of the incident, have them return their replies and then have someone report to the parents as to what the Board believes occurred.

Mrs. Lobay asked if the parents would ever know the outcome of the bus incident. Dr. Votto indicated that the Board will receive the reports but the claim regarding lost wages is something he had just heard this evening. He noted that this would have to be a factor in our dealings with DeCamp and the insurance company.

Mr. Moscaritola commented that Mrs. Lobay requested to be privy to the reports but as a Board, we may not be allowed to disseminate it to the public. He noted that this has to be checked legally.

Mrs. Lobay questioned whether any rules would be formulated for chaperones. Dr. Votto noted that the chaperones volunteer their services and their efforts and help are appreciated. Mrs. Lobay asked if there were guidelines for the staff. Dr. Votto replied that there certainly were.

Mr. Moscaritola stated that the entire incident is being investigated and anyone who would like to submit a report is welcome to do so.

OLD BUSINESS:

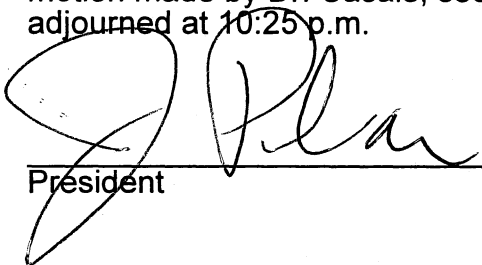
Mr. Rusignuolo questioned if the issue of the appointment of the Board attorney was to be resolved this evening. Mr. Moscaritola replied that the issue will be resolved at the June meeting, adding that he had received a full report of expenditures made to the attorney for the year. Mrs. Fleitell commented that she would like to receive a copy of that information.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Dr. Casale, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.



President



Secretary

Date June 22, 1998

May 26, 1998