

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, September 14, 1998 at 7:15 p.m. with Mr. Vincent Moscaritola, Vice-President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Moscaritola 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 Notice of August 31, 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."

CALL OF ROLL:

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

1. Mr. Sincaglia indicated that the Board would have the opportunity to review the report from Whitehall Associates concerning the Town and Country project. He further noted that Dr. Joseph Richardson of Whitehall was present and would speak to the Board and respond to questions.

Mr. Sincaglia also noted that he had made an error in producing the two-page summary concerning Whitehall's report and that he misunderstood that the additional 210 pupils were to be added on to the total number shown as opposed to being included within it.

Dr. Richardson explained how the enrollment study was conducted and the basis for his belief that the development would produce an additional 210 pupils. He noted that his projections were based on sound techniques that have been accepted by the New Jersey Department of Education.

Dr. Casale and Mr. Picciano expressed their concern that the number of bedrooms shown was less than accurate and Mr. Sincaglia noted that this number had been provided directly from Town and Country and was the same information they provided to the Nutley Planning Board.

There was considerable discussion over the fact that rooms in the development known as lofts, dens and studies could become bedrooms even when not so called.

Dr. Richardson also indicated that his projections might need to be modified by adding more additional classrooms for normal growth than was shown in his draft report.

There was considerable discussion about the projected enrollment numbers, the impact of the Town and Country Development and the possible Board response to it. Mrs. Fleitell pointed out that the bottom line is the fiscal impact. Dr. Richardson remarked that a good rule of thumb to use in calculating cost was \$200 per square foot. It was further discussed, however, that that figure would not necessarily include other aspects that might come about as a result of construction such as additional bathrooms, adding space, accessibility issues, etc.

There was also discussion about involving an architect who could assist the Board in facility and fiscal planning.

RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 9:38 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Moscaritola 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the results of the discussions will be made public by inclusion on the agenda of a subsequent meeting of the Board of Education or when the reasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

The resolution was moved by Mrs. Fleitell, seconded by Mr. Williams and unanimously approved by the Board.

RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 9:40 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 10:06 p.m.

2. There was discussion about the possibility of a varsity football game under the lights at the Oval.

After considerable discussion Mrs. Fleitell moved that the Board authorize going ahead with this if all of the concerns that had been previously mentioned had been resolved, seconded by Dr. Casale and approved by the Board with Mr. Williams abstaining.

3. Dr. Scarpelli mentioned his concern of our football team playing against squads that were physically much larger than our players. He felt there was a safety issue involved.
4. Mr. Picciano felt that the Board should look into putting signs on the inside fences in the Oval which could be paid for by businesses and raise money for athletic endeavors.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Mrs. Russo, seconded by Dr. Scarpelli, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.


Secretary

Date

9/25/98