

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, October 5, 1998 at 7:39 p.m. with Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Pelaia 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. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Steven P. Picciano, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., Mrs. Maria Russo, Dr. Joseph P. Scarpelli and Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia.

1. Dr. Serafino and Mr. Pelaia welcomed the principals and several coordinators who would be presenting the results of the 1997-98 school level objectives and the proposed objectives for 1998-99.

Mr. Cocchiola introduced Dr. Catherine Danchak and Ms. Dianne DeRosa who discussed the results of the 1997-98 objectives. Mr. Cocchiola then asked Mrs. MaryLou Dowse to explain one of the 1998-99 objectives and Ms. DeRosa reviewed the second 1998-99 objective.

Mrs. Russo asked Mr. Cocchiola if he was comfortable with the community involvement that had occurred in this process. Mr. Cocchiola noted that these items had been discussed with PTO representatives.

Dr. Vivinetto, principal of the Franklin Middle School, presented the objectives and noted that the president and vice-president of the PTO had been involved and this year the objectives had been discussed at executive board meetings of the PTO.

Dr. Serafino asked the five elementary principals to come up together and present the elementary school objectives. Ms. Anello acted as the spokesperson for the group; however, each principal did report on the specific results applicable to their schools. Ms. Anello then reviewed the objectives for 1998-99 for the elementary schools.

Mr. Pelaia thanked the administrators for sharing the information with the Board and said this was something the Board always looked forward to.

RECESS MEETING:

Mr. Pelaia called a recess at 8:30 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

2. Mrs. Russo stated her concern on the timing of the presentation of these objectives to the Board and the public. She indicated that she felt this was not in conformance with state regulations and made reference to a citation in the New Jersey Administrative Code.

Mr. Pelaia asked that the relevant portion of the Code be placed in the next packet of the Board members.

3. Mr. Moscaritola said he wanted the Ad Hoc Residency Committee to meet so that they would be able to bring something back to the School Board in the near future. After a brief discussion it was agreed that the Committee would meet this Thursday, October 8, at 4:00 p.m.

Mrs. Russo indicated she would like the Policy Committee to meet and after a brief discussion it was agreed the Policy Committee would meet on October 20 at 4:15 p.m.

Dr. Casale said that now that the Board members had had a chance to review proposals of various attorneys, he thought the Board should be prepared to discuss this at the next meeting.

Mr. Pelaia suggested that the Conference Meeting start at 7:00 p.m. and it was agreed a notice would be sent out indicating same.

4. Mrs. Fleitell asked Mr. Restaino about the letter he had received from the Nutley Public Library concerning the shared property. Mr. Moscaritola noted his concern that if some of this was our property, why were students being allowed to smoke there.
5. Mr. Restaino reported on the last meeting of the Facilities Committee. He said that the Committee felt there should be a "wish list" provided to an architect to help the Board get some direction in what it would like to do with respect to our facilities where there are needs that are currently not being met.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that what we were essentially talking about here was a feasibility study.

Mrs. Russo questioned if the Board knew in what direction it really wanted to move. Mrs. Fleitell said it was important that the Board receive professional advice. Mr. Picciano suggested that the Board create a community educational specifications committee. Mr. Moscaritola and Mr. Pelaia both indicated they did not feel it was appropriate to delegate this to the community in that it was the Board's decision what needed to be done.

Mrs. Fleitell reiterated that the Board was in need of information. Mrs. Russo said she wanted there to be some clear direction to any outside expert we would hire.

6. Dr. Serafino mentioned that Dr. Vivinetto had requested an additional non-instructional aide to provide assistance for two hours a day to assist an inclusion aide. The Board members indicated they would support such a concept.
7. Dr. Serafino mentioned a request from the National Football League to do commercials involving our schools and our children. The production company had suggested Washington School and would pay the district the sum of \$1,000 for their involvement. Any children involved would obviously only participate with parental permission. There was a concern mentioned about if the activity went beyond one day there be additional remuneration provided to the Board.
8. Mrs. Fleitell asked about the letter that had been distributed to the Facilities Committee concerning the request to buy property adjacent to Yantacaw School. Mr. Restaino and Mr. Sincaglia stated there hadn't really been time to review this as yet.

Mrs. Russo noted that there were four parcels of land for sale in the St. Mary's area and the Board should consider purchasing them. There was also some discussion about how St. Mary's facilities might figure into our facilities concerns.

9. Mrs. Fleitell asked if there was going to be any discussion about what the Board would do about the vacancy created by Mr. Williams' resignation.

It was agreed that there should be information sent to the press soliciting letters of application. There was a discussion as to when the closing date should be and it was eventually agreed that the deadline for applications should be at the close of business on October 26.

Mr. Pelaia left the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

10. Mr. Sincaglia asked what was the Board's feeling as to the concerns raised by the Music Boosters at the last public meeting. After some discussion the consensus was that the Board should use only those vehicles necessary to transport the band and its equipment. It was further stated that if we would be using the maintenance truck to carry equipment that we use the band booster bus in its place.
11. Mr. Sincaglia presented information dealing with unexpended funds from the graduating class of 1997 and noted that our auditor suggested this money could be set up in a trust account under the auspices of the Board of Education and dedicated for use for reunion activities as the class officials might approve in the future.

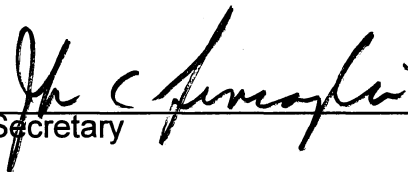
It was agreed that this item be made ready for inclusion on the agenda of the next regular meeting.

12. Mr. Picciano asked if there was any additional information about the \$20 that a number of students and parents had paid for a video tape that had been mentioned at the last regular meeting. Questions were raised as to whether or not the teacher had permission to make the solicitation.

It was agreed that Franklin School obtain more information about this before the Board decided what could be done.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Dr. Scarpelli, seconded by Mr. Restaino the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.


Secretary

10/22/98
Date