November 17, 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 Tuesday, November 17, 1998 at 7:02 p.m. with Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Pelaia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Special Meeting was provided on November 11, 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 will be for the Board to consider the potential impact of the Cambridge Heights development on the Nutley Public Schools.

"Formal action may be taken."

ROLL CALL:

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

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Pelaia 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 litigation and other legal 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. Russo, seconded by Mr. Restaino and unanimously approved by the Board.

RECESS MEETING:

. The meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 8:20 p.m. with Dr. Casale and Dr. Scarpelli present at this time.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

None

CONSIDER POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE CAMBRIDGE HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT ON THE NUTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Mr. Sincaglia introduced Dr. Joseph Richardson of Whitehall Associates who has been working on enrollment projections with specific reference to the Town and Country development on behalf of the Board.

Dr. Richardson reviewed some of his more recent findings and commented on the impact statement provided by the Town and Country developers to the Nutley Planning Board. He noted that regardless of what projections were used the impact with respect to numbers of extra classrooms needed at Yantacaw School would be the same. There was some question as to whether or not there would be any difference at the middle school.

There were questions from several Board members regarding district-wide classroom numbers. Mr. Pelaia suggested that the Board take a brief recess.

RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 8:50 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 8:58 p.m.

Mr. Pelaia suggested that more time be spent by the administration and Dr. Richardson so as to be able to better correlate projected numbers. He also suggested that the Board Conference Meeting of Monday, November 23 at 7:15 p.m. be moved up to 6:00 p.m. to provide the Board with time to hear this information. All Board members indicated their agreement with this suggestion.

There was considerable discussion among all Board members as to what information was desired, how it would be organized, what would be presented and who would do the presenting at the December 2 meeting of the Planning Board. There were several comments made with respect to the fact that this project impacts on the system district wide even though only certain facilities may be directly affected.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Pelaia 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 adjourn to closed executive session at this time, 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 Mrs. Fleitell and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

President

Secretary

December 21/1998