

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, January 11, 1999 at 7:31 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 January 4, 1999. 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. Agnes Roncaglio, Mrs. Maria Russo, Dr. Joseph P. Scarpelli and Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia.

1. Dr. Serafino presented proposed calendars for the 1999/2000 school year. She noted that there were two options, one which would have school beginning prior to Labor Day and the other which would begin after Labor Day.

Several Board members indicated their feeling that school should not begin until after Labor Day.

There was considerable discussion about the scheduling of parent conferences in November. Several members expressed their concern that with the two weeks that have only three days of school that month, this additional week creates a fragmented learning experience for the students.

There was also discussion about the idea of presenting calendars for two or three years in the future. Mrs. Russo said that she was reluctant to want to establish a complete calendar for future years but thought that the Board should be able to predict a beginning and ending date for subsequent years.

Dr. Scarpelli suggested that the Board approve the calendar for 1999/2000 with school beginning after Labor Day. Mr. Pelaia asked for a show of hands and all members of the Board were in support of this suggestion.

2. Mr. Sincaglia reported on the notice that the district had received from the State Department of Education indicating that the district was responsible for paying a \$19,390 bill to the Classical Academy Charter School in Clifton.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that we were given no knowledge of this in the prior year and had not budgeted for this payment although that would certainly take place next year. He indicated that the amount was based on the charter school's listed cost plus the amount of distance learning aid for the three pupils from Nutley that had elected to go there.

3. Mrs. Russo indicated that she wanted to resume the discussions on policy to move us in the direction of completing the new policy manual.

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 to discuss personnel and 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Date

1/22/99

Secretary

