

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, February 8, 1999 at 7:15 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, 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, Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio, Mrs. Maria Russo, Dr. Joseph P. Scarpelli and Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia. Absent: Mr. Steven P. Picciano and Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.

1. Dr. Serafino reported on the recent results shown in the New Jersey School Report Card and commented on how well Nutley students performed on the EWT and HSPT assessments. She cited comments that had been made earlier today by County Superintendent Malyska on Nutley's outstanding performance.

Dr. Serafino also noted that earlier today she and Mr. Sincaglia had met with Dr. Malyska in the formal exit conference for state monitoring and were officially informed that the County Superintendent was recommending that the Nutley district be certified and also noted that in some areas we were receiving commendations.

2. Dr. Serafino noted that this year's EWT was being replaced by the new GEPA test (for grade 8 students) and, also, for the first time the ESPA test would count for students in grade 4. She noted that the State Department of Education had recently made a public announcement indicating that it was expected that scores on state-wide tests would likely decline next year as a result of the more difficult models being used.

Mr. Pelaia asked how we had done on the last round of the ESPA tests which were not official. Dr. Serafino indicated we had scored above the state norms in all areas.

3. Dr. Serafino reported that over the weekend our eighth grade (math counts) team had placed second out of 19 schools in a competition.

4. Dr. Serafino then asked Mrs. Rosemary Clerico, Coordinator of Technology/ Basic Skills, to briefly explain to the Board the applications for the Frederick J. Hipp Foundation Grant. Mrs. Clerico reviewed three applications.
5. Dr. Serafino asked the Board to review the information submitted by Mr. Vitkovsky regarding a band trip to Florida during the April vacation.

There was some discussion about the use of district vehicles to transport people and luggage to the airport. Dr. Casale indicated there was a Music Boosters meeting taking place tomorrow night and that information would be forwarded to Mr. Sincaglia's office.

Dr. Scarpelli moved that the Board approve the band trip to Florida, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell and unanimously approved by the Board.

6. Mr. Sincaglia noted that the Board had been designated to receive an additional \$37,578 in state aid in 1998-99 which the Board was obligated to show in its 1998-99 budget. He indicated that the Board had the option of spending this money or allowing it to float into surplus. He suggested that it would make sense for the Board to consider spending this for items that were requested in the 1999-2000 budget as a means to help reduce that budget.
7. Mr. Sincaglia also gave the Board a brief update as to what was going on with respect to the work on the 1999-2000 budget.
8. Mrs. Russo raised the issue of the Board's payment to the township for crossing guards. She felt that the responsibility should be put back to the township. She further indicated that she wanted information on current costs and also costs for police services around the high school.

There was a discussion about this matter. Mr. Pelaia expressed his concern over the Board of Education providing lead time to the municipal government to make any changes. Mr. Pelaia suggested that the Budget Committee be sure that this is discussed at its next meeting.

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,

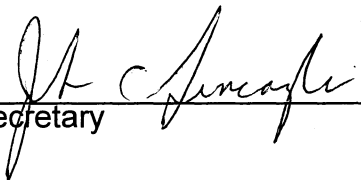
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel and legal matters, and

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. Fleitell, seconded by Mr. Scarpelli and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.


Secretary

2/9/99
Date