

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 22, 1999 at 6:35 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: Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Vincent Moscaritola, Mr. Steven P. Picciano, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. and Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia. Late: Dr. Philip T. Casale (6:45 p.m.), Mrs. Maria Russo (6:55 p.m.) and Dr. Joseph P. Scarpelli (7:01 p.m.). Absent: Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio.

1. Mr. Sincaglia reviewed the information he had sent to the Board regarding electric deregulation and the Alliance for Competitive Energy (ACES) that was being promoted by the New Jersey School Boards Association.

It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda at the regular meeting.

2. Dr. Serafino and Mr. Sincaglia presented an addendum item dealing with the date of the Board's Public Hearing on the 1999/2000 budget. They noted that this would be the same evening as the regularly scheduled March public meeting and noted that this arrangement had been followed for the last few years.

It was agreed that this item be placed on the agenda at the regular meeting.

Dr. Casale entered

3. Mr. Moscaritola reviewed the letter that was planned to be sent to parents and guardians of eighth, ninth and tenth graders as part of the district's re-registration effort.

There was discussion about the format of the letter and where it was actually being issued from.

Mrs. Russo and Dr. Scarpelli entered during this discussion

Mr. Picciano and Mrs. Russo both felt that the Superintendent's name should be the signatory to the letter, however, Mr. Moscaritola and Mr. Pelaia said that we were following the original model used by Wayne and they had indicated Board member involvement.

Dr. Serafino said that she would not mind adding her name to the letter. Dr. Scarpelli suggested that the letterhead be adjusted to reflect the names of all Board members.

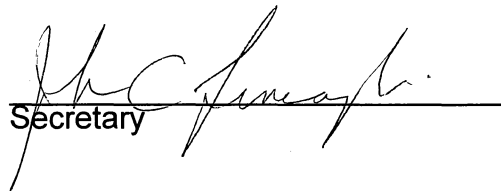
Mr. Restaino moved that the Board members' and central administrators' names be included on the letterhead, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola. The motion was adopted by a vote of 5-3 with Mrs. Fleitell, Mr. Picciano and Mrs. Russo voting nay.

4. Mr. Sincaglia reviewed the latest information available on the 1999/2000 school budget. He noted that we had just received word of an increase in the State Health Benefits rates today and this represented an \$89,000 item which had to be addressed. He noted that in order to cover that cost and maintain the budget as originally proposed, except for an additional \$65,000 from surplus, would call for a total increase of 2.75% and a tax increase of six points.

Because of the lateness of the hour it was agreed that March 1, 1999 be designated as the final meeting to adopt the budget which must be presented to the County Superintendent no later than March 4. Mr. Pelaia noted that the Budget Committee could meet immediately following the conclusion of tonight's regular Board meeting to help clarify the issue.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Restaino and unanimously approved by the Board the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.


Secretary

3/10/99
Date