

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, June 14, 1999 at 9:15 p.m. with Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Moscaritola 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 Annual Notice of May 3, 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, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio, Mrs. Maria Russo and Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola. Late: Mr. Steven P. Picciano (9:17 p.m.)  
Absent: Mr. John Cafone and Mrs. Michele Fleitell.

Mr. Picciano entered

1. Dr. Serafino introduced Mrs. MaryLou Dowse, Math Coordinator, who presented textbook requests as follows:

Algebra I (Vector)	<u>Algebra I An Integrated Approach</u>
Algebra I	<u>Algebra I Integration/Applications/Connections</u>

Dr. Casale moved that this item be placed on the agenda at the regular meeting, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

2. Dr. Serafino introduced Mr. Robert O'Dell, Social Studies Coordinator, who reviewed the new K-8 curriculum and also the proposed texts for grades 7 and 8 and US History I and II. The requests are as follows:

Grade 1	<u>Block Buddy Atlas Program</u>
Grade 2	<u>Nystronaut Atlas Program</u>
Grade 3	<u>Map Champs Atlas Program</u>
Grade 2	<u>Famous People</u>
Grade 7 and	
Grade 8	<u>Why We Remember</u>
Grade 8	<u>Classroom Atlas</u>
U.S. History I and	
U.S. History II	<u>The Americans</u>

Mrs. Roncaglio left the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Dr. Serafino commended Mr. O'Dell and his Committee for their hard work and fine curriculum.

Mr. Moscaritola asked if there was any objection to placing the item concerning the textbooks on the agenda at the next regular meeting and no Board member indicated any objection to this.

3. Mr. Restaino reported that the Athletic Committee had met last week and that there were two recommendations which he wanted to bring before the full Board. The first recommendation was the approval to hire an assistant lacrosse coach in September, 2000. Mr. Restaino indicated there were approximately 40 students in the program and this more than justified the need for this position.

Mr. Pelaia moved that the Board approve the hiring of an assistant lacrosse coach for September, 2000, seconded by Dr. Casale and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Restaino also indicated that the Committee wanted to expand the schedule for summer weight room activities from three nights per week to four nights per week, noting that the coaching staff thought this would be of benefit to the student athletes.

Mr. Pelaia moved that the Board approve expanding the schedule for summer weight room activities from three to four nights per week, seconded by Dr. Casale and unanimously approved by the Board.

4. Mr. Restaino said there was a need to have a meeting of the Facilities Committee to discuss some particulars relating to the architect and the current facility study. It was indicated there should be an attempt to try to meet on Wednesday, June 16.

Mr. Sincaglia and Dr. Casale noted that the Negotiations Committee needed to meet that evening as well and there was some discussion if it was possible to arrange both meetings the same evening.

5. Mrs. Russo expressed her concern over the fact that the last day of school would not be a full day of school in that the children were being dismissed at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Serafino explained that in past years, when we were beyond the 180-day requirement, it normally was the practice to have an abbreviated session the last day. She also pointed out that given this year's calendar the teachers had very little clerical time due to the fact that Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> was also the day of the sixth grade promotions which would impact on the available time in the afternoon.

Mrs. Russo wanted to know if it was required that the Board must vote on revisions to the school calendar. There were also questions in this regard from Mr. Pelaia. After considerable discussion Mr. Moscaritola said that he would like for the Board to obtain a legal opinion on this question.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Mrs. Russo, seconded by Mr. Pelaia, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Date

7/7/99

Secretary

