

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Nutley High School Library, 300 Franklin Avenue, on Wednesday, July 14, 1999 at 5:01 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 on July 7, 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: Mr. John Cafone, Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. and Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola. Late: Mr. Steven P. Picciano (5:19 p.m.) and Mrs. Maria Russo (5:04 p.m.). Absent: Dr. Philip T. Casale and Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio. Also present were Mr. Lloyd Rosenberg and Ms. Terry-Ann Zander of DMR.

Mrs. Russo entered

1. Mr. Sincaglia and Mr. Restaino noted that this meeting was an out-growth of a recent Facilities Committee meeting to help the Board determine community involvement activities and in general talk about the ongoing study.

Mr. Rosenberg said that he felt the Board should try to assemble a committee that is a cross section of the community. He said that it should not be a hand-picked group. He also indicated that it was DMR's goal to have a dialogue with the Board to help the Board make its decisions, emphasizing that DMR works for the Board and it was the Board's responsibility to decide.

Mr. Picciano entered during this discussion

Mr. Moscaritola indicated that he did not agree with the idea of the public being on the ground floor of the process. He felt that we are not ready for that at this time. He said he thought that the Board had its finger on the pulse of the way the community feels.

Mr. Pelaia stated that before a committee is established he wants to be sure we have considered all non-binding alternatives and wanted the Board to reconfirm the demographic trends, specifically as to the number of pupils coming from the Cambridge Heights development.

Mrs. Russo said that we have spent nearly two years in getting the Board to the study phase. She felt that the entire community needs to be informed and involved from the beginning of the process.

Mrs. Fleitell felt that we should utilize the expertise of DMR in helping us move forward.

Mr. Pelaia reiterated his desire to have the demographic expert ascertain what is going on so far with the Cambridge Heights development.

Mr. Rosenberg said that what DMR was hoping to do was help the Board develop a road map so we would have a path to travel in this process. He indicated that the first draft of the facilities project should be ready by the end of next week (July 23).

Ms. Zander reviewed the chronology of what has gone on since the Board selected DMR and noted that DMR needed the Board's help so they knew what needed to be done.

There was some discussion about a press release. There was also a discussion about the implications of the time frame in getting to a referendum near the end of January, 2000.

Mr. Picciano asked if we were considering the acquisition of land and wanted to know if we could include this option for a possible new facility.

Mr. Restaino left at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Pelaia said he wanted to see alternatives and be able to explain why certain things would not be chosen as options.

Mr. Cafone asked about the status of looking at St. Mary's property. After some additional discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Sincaglia would be contacting St. Mary's in the immediate future to arrange the walk through previously discussed with DMR.

Mrs. Russo raised some questions about the questionnaire that had been attached to Ms. Zander's letter to Mr. Sincaglia and Ms. Zander explained the purpose of the questionnaire.

After some additional discussion Mr. Moscaritola summarized some of the items that should take place as a result of this meeting:

1. DMR will prepare a press release concerning the ongoing feasibility study.
2. Mr. Sincaglia will contact Whitehall Associates and ask them to look into the impact of what has occurred at Cambridge Heights so far and also request cost information relative to same.
3. Mr. Sincaglia will contact St. Mary's to schedule a walk through with the architect.
4. An additional Board Conference Meeting would be scheduled on August 4 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the first draft of the feasibility study and other information gathered up to that date.

It was also requested that DMR speak to local realtors about available land in Nutley and also inquire as to the property mentioned by Mr. Picciano.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO PUBLIC:

Mr. Moscaritola 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,

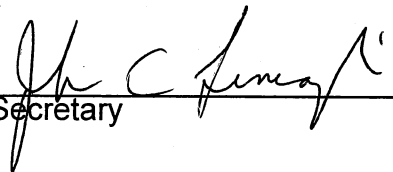
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss legal matters, and

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.

Mrs. Fleitell moved that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Cafone and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.


Secretary

Date

7/10/99