

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 Monday, August 30, 1999 at 7:15 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: Mr. John Cafone, Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Steven P. Picciano, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio, Mrs. Maria Russo and Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola. Absent: Dr. Philip T. Casale.

1. Proposed addendum items were passed out by Mr. Sincaglia who noted that the majority of them dealt with personnel and needed to be considered in executive session. There were a few items, however, that should not be considered closed and Mr. Moscaritola asked if there was any discussion about these.

Mrs. Russo made several comments relating to the proposed addendum item dealing with the adoption of priorities. She said the whole Board was not asked for their input on this matter as no one, including the Committee Chairman, reached out to the Board seeking suggestions. She further stated that the entire Board had been left out of the process because it was her understanding that the Committee did not function this year because it did not meet.

Mr. Pelaia expressed his concern of adding something relating to chemical health.

Mrs. Fleitell noted that the Board did not get what had been provided to them in previous years with respect to the proposed priorities. She stated she was also concerned about the lack of electives at the middle school.

Mr. Cafone asked if it would be possible to table this item.

Mrs. Russo also asked what was the reason the Board must do this now. Mr. Sincaglia pointed out that the priorities were the Board's indication of what direction the district staff would be going for the year and it was important that this be transmitted to the staff when school opened.

After some additional discussion Mr. Moscaritola indicated that there should be ten days to provide additional information and suggestions to the Priorities Committee so that additional priorities could be added on at a future date.

Mrs. Russo asked when did we announce that we were not using the IOWA test this year, and Dr. Serafino said this was discussed by other committees.

2. There was a discussion about security measures being used by the schools. Dr. Serafino noted that the middle school did not allow students to take back packs from class to class any longer.

Mr. Picciano wanted the Board to consider talking to a security expert. Mrs. Fleitell expressed her concern that the opening of school should be as normal as possible so that we don't make this issue larger than it is.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE 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 personnel 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.

Mr. Pelaia moved that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Restaino and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.


Secretary

9/14/99
Date _____