

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 Tuesday, November 30, 1999 at 7:00 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 November 23, 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, 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 (7:09 p.m.). Absent: Mrs. Michele Fleitell.

1. Mr. Moscaritola introduced Lloyd Rosenberg from the architectural firm DMR and Kathy Sousa of the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Mr. Rosenberg indicated that what they were seeking to do would help the district learn what to do and what not to do in presenting a referendum proposal to the public. Ms. Sousa noted it was important that support be built from the very start and that needs need to be identified first.

Mr. Picciano entered

Ms. Sousa mentioned the three R's - (1) That your proposal must be Reasoned in that you have identified needs; (2) That your proposal is Reasonable in that you have truly looked at all possible options and selected what is the most reasonable choice; and (3) That your proposal is Responsible - it is important that people know you have given both the needs of the children and the finances due consideration. She noted that there was a fourth R and that was Representation from the community in the process. Each community is unique. Generally speaking, 70% of the population has no direct contact with the schools and it is critical that those people be reached.

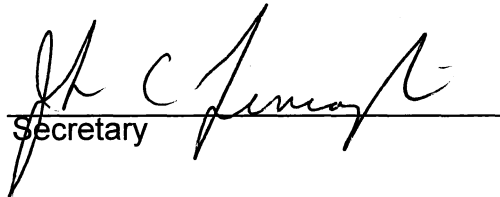
The rest of the meeting dealt with a discussion about how community groups should be formed and function.

Dr. Casale left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

It was pointed out both by Mr. Rosenberg and Ms. Sousa of the critical need to be sure that there was a community committee involved in this process as they would become advocates for the eventual proposal. It was also stressed that regardless of whatever activities and conclusions the committee came to, of course the final decisions resided with the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion made by Mr. Pelaia, seconded by Mr. Cafone, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.


Secretary

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Date