

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Conference Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, December 6, 1999 at 7:25 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, Dr. Philip T. Casale, 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.

Mr. Restaino left the meeting

1. Dr. Serafino introduced Math Coordinator MaryLou Dowse who presented a request for a new textbook in Computer Programming, Introduction to Computer Science Using C++. Mrs. Dowse indicated this was necessary since Basic language is no longer used and this text was needed to enable the students to use more current programming language.

Mrs. Fleitell 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 Science Coordinator Catherine Danchak who first reviewed content standards in science and then proposed a course change from Environmental Science to Environmental Earth Science which involved the adoption of a new textbook for the 2000-01 school year. The text would be Science Insights: Exploring Earth and Space.

Dr. Danchak also proposed a course modification, in addition, for Human Physiology on a non-honors basis. She pointed out we currently offer Human Physiology only in an honors section and this may limit the average pupil from participating in this. In light of the fact that there are many non-professional health care occupations being added to the workforce it seemed that this was an appropriate course selection.

Dr. Danchak noted that if this proposal was approved the current honors course would need a new textbook which has not been identified at this time.

There was a discussion about both of Dr. Danchak's requests and Dr. Casale moved that this item be placed on the agenda at the regular meeting, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell and approved by the Board with Mrs. Russo abstaining.

Dr. Serafino thanked Mrs. Dowse, Dr. Danchak and Mr. Cocchiola for the presentations and the importance of their recommendations.

3. There was a discussion about the scheduling of the next regular meeting of the Board. It was determined that it would be preferable to hold the meeting on December 21 since there was a better chance of having a larger attendance of Board members.
4. Mr. Sincaglia mentioned discussions he had had with Commissioner Sam Battaglia concerning the use of the Essex County Utility Authority resource recovery facility and Commissioner Battaglia's willingness to allow the Board of Education to be part of the township's contract. Mr. Sincaglia indicated that this would obviate the need for the Board to make a separate commitment with ECUA and also have the advantage of working cooperatively with the township.

After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Sincaglia could notify the ECUA of our intention and continue the discussion with the town as to the implementation which was understood may not take place until July 1, 2000.

5. Mr. Picciano asked Dr. Serafino if there had been any follow up on the issue of backpacks that had been raised at the last regular Board meeting. Dr. Serafino said that she was talking to the principals and attempting to see if something could be done to address this concern.
6. Mr. Picciano mentioned the fact that the Franklin School peer-to-peer program had sent out a letter concerning raising of funds for a camcorder, tee shirts and TV/VCR combination. He said he could not understand why this was not being provided by the Board. It was noted by the administration that no request had been made, and after additional discussion it was determined that the administration would determine what the program needed and then we could determine what was necessary to provide.

Mr. Restaino returned to the meeting during this discussion

7. Mrs. Russo made several comments relating to concerns about the Open Public Meetings Act and Board adherence to same. She made note of a workshop she attended and provided an information sheet to Mr. Sincaglia which she requested be copied to all Board members.
8. Mr. Picciano raised questions about what was going on with regard to school security. Mr. Moscaritola said that letters were going out concerning a committee that was being formed and the committee would explore various issues related to school security and would include ad hoc members from the Board that he would appoint.

9. Mrs. Russo indicated that she had recently been in touch with former Board member Robert Schweikert who had done research concerning past Board members. Mr. Sincaglia noted that this had just come to him within the last week or two and there was a feeling that this matter should be considered and the original concept to obtain and display a plaque of all prior Board members should be completed.

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,

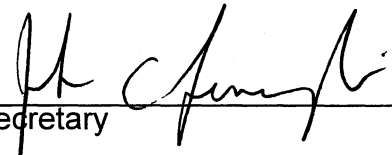
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel and legal matters, and

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.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


Secretary

12/8/99
Date