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, February 14, 2000 at 7:21 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, Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio and Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola. Late: Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. (7:28 p.m.) and Mrs. Maria Russo (7:30 p.m.). Absent: Mr. Steven P. Picciano.

1. Dr. Serafino presented information dealing with a proposed trip by the World Languages Department during spring recess. There were questions regarding the number of chaperones and other concerns. Dr. Serafino indicated she would get further information and report this to the Board.

   Mr. Restaino and Mrs. Russo entered during this discussion

2. Mr. Sincaglia reviewed the materials he had provided to the Board last week concerning the 2000/01 school budget. He reported that after recalculating the anticipated tuition income and miscellaneous revenues there was an overage in the cap of approximately $53,000.

   He noted that earlier this evening the Athletic Committee had approved some reductions but that there needed to be additional items examined or other adjustments made in order for the budget to be at or below cap. He noted that he would take a look at a possible increase in enrollment projections and possible adjustment in salary accounts by a very small percentage.

   Mr. Moscaritola suggested perhaps we consider the possibility of using additional funds now to purchase items. Mr. Sincaglia noted that the budget included the idea of using over $200,000 now for the Radcliffe School boiler/heating plant project and also was utilizing additional state aid received this year for certain next-year items.
He also pointed out that he was accelerating the purchase of essentially all replacement textbook requests for next year into the current budget due to the fact that there were funds available for textbook replacement at this time.

Mr. Sincaglia indicated that he would be carefully reviewing all the information and would be advising the Budget Committee of where things stood as soon as possible.

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. Restaino moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Mrs. Roncaglio and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Date 2/25/00

Secretary