

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

March 8, 2000

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Conference Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Wednesday, March 8, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Moscaritola read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Special Meeting was provided on February 29, 2000. 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.

"The purpose of this meeting will be for the Board to further review the tentative 2000/2001 school budget and consider possible revisions.

"Formal action may be taken."

ROLL CALL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mr. John Cafone, Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio and Mrs. Maria Russo. Late: Dr. Philip T. Casale (7:33 p.m.). Absent: Mr. Steven P. Picciano. Eight citizens were present.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

None

REVIEW TENTATIVE 2000/2001 SCHOOL BUDGET AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE REVISIONS:

Mr. Moscaritola asked Mrs. Roncaglio, Chairman of the Budget Committee, to report on recent developments.

Mrs. Roncaglio talked about the difficult plan that was necessary to allow the budget to have a zero tax increase for the year 2000 and the tough choices that had to be made. She explained that the district would

use \$200,000 more from surplus and eliminate the planned additional positions of computer technician and staff assistant. She also mentioned the intent of identifying, in the upcoming referendum, the approximately \$200,000 in surplus that could be restored by specifically wording the referendum question to do so.

Mr. Sincaglia noted that he had spoken to a bonding attorney and our auditing firm today and the information from both was that this was a permissible activity. He further noted he had reached out to the Department of Education but had not received a reply as yet.

Mrs. Russo asked Mr. Sincaglia about what the use of additional surplus would do to the flexibility he often spoke about at prior meetings. Mr. Sincaglia said that the first thing was if the referendum did not pass the \$200,000 could not be restored. Secondly, he reminded the Board about the matter of not being able to repeat the amount of surplus in the 2001/2002 budget and the tax implications that might have.

Mr. Pelaia commented he thought the whole suggestion was a very good idea and that the concept of paying for the boiler in this manner seemed more appropriate than just simply a general fund appropriation.

Mr. Restaino wanted to remind people that even though things were being eliminated from the budget we should not forget to mention the new things that were being added.

Mrs. Roncaglio reminded everyone of this year's difficulty, particularly with respect to the health insurance impact on the budget.

Dr. Casale commended Mrs. Roncaglio and the Budget Committee for their hard work. He also stated that he felt that it might not be necessary to restore the \$200,000 in surplus since he was confident we would be in very good shape at year's end.

Mr. Pelaia moved to direct that the resolution adopting the 2000/2001 budget on March 27, 2000 be worded to reflect a lowering of expenditures by \$80,267 and an increase in use of surplus of \$200,000 and a local tax decrease of \$280,267, seconded by Mr. Restaino.

Mr. Pelaia commented that every year there are two main goals and that is to provide a proper education for our children and keep faith with the taxpayers and he commended the Committee for their outstanding job.

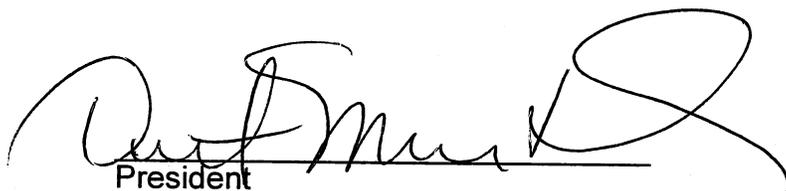
The resolution was unanimously adopted.

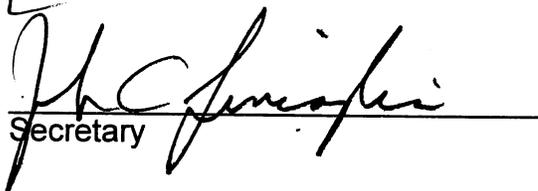
Mr. Moscaritola offered comments commending the Committee and suggesting a round of applause for the Superintendent and Business Administrator for their hard work. He said he was confident the surplus would return because people will be retiring and the money will be there. He noted the budget was now set for a zero tax point increase and that the surplus money belonged to the taxpayers and this was an opportunity to give it back.

He also commented that our schools have been well maintained by the staff but also talked about the future facilities needs that we will be addressing in the upcoming referendum. He again thanked everyone for their support and help in this venture

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mr. Pelaia, seconded by Mrs. Roncaglio the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

March 27, 2000  
Date

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