

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, November 20, 2000 at 7:18 p.m. with Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Mr. Restaino 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 1, 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."

CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Mrs. Maria Alamo, Dr. Philip T. Casale, Mrs. Michele Fleitell, Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Steven P. Picciano, Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio and Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. Absent: Mr. John Cafone.

1. Dr. Serafino mentioned that the new Athletic Director would actually be beginning his assignment on November 28 as opposed to November 27.
2. Dr. Serafino reported that the high school would be doing the Middle States evaluation next year and in preparation for that needed a one-session day on December 11.
3. Dr. Serafino noted that the middle school Madrigal group had been invited to perform at Governor Whitman's Christmas party.
4. There was a discussion in response to a letter that had been received about certain aspects of the art program at Spring Garden School. The discussion centered around the imbalance that apparently exists among the several elementary schools.

Mr. Pelaia asked about the current allocation of staffing and expressed concern that he did not want to see any new solution creating a new disparity.

Dr. Serafino noted that with the current practices at Spring Garden and Radcliffe Schools all students receive art once per week; at Lincoln School grades kindergarten, 4, 5 and 6 receive art once per week but grades 1, 2 and 3 receive it two times per week; at Washington School

all grades receive art once per week except grades 4 and 6 which receive it two periods per week; and at Yantacaw School all grades receive it once per week, however, the periods are approximately one and a half times the norm.

It was noted that the parents did have other concerns about the art program. Dr. Casale said the Spring Garden School parents have told him that they feel the art curriculum's objectives are not being met.

Mr. Moscaritola questioned whether or not we should hire an additional teacher. Dr. Casale suggested adding an aide for the Spring Garden and Radcliffe School art programs.

There was discussion back and forth about the issue of an additional aide or teacher. Mr. Picciano wanted to know how we should decide who would get extra art instruction if we added a teacher. Dr. Casale felt adding the aide would intensify the instruction.

Mr. Picciano asked if there was any policy on the number of special classes each student receives.

5. Mr. Moscaritola reported on a proposal he had received from Coca Cola which he was waiting to get in writing.
6. Mr. Sincaglia reported on the need to replace the four-wheel drive pick-up truck and plow. He noted the state contract for such a truck was available with gas or diesel power. He noted that while the diesel was \$4,000 additional and given the fact we would keep the truck for many years, it might be preferable to spend the extra money.

It was unanimously agreed that Mr. Sincaglia purchase this new truck.

7. Mr. Sincaglia reported on a request from the Parks and Recreation Department for a meeting about the lacrosse program and the meeting was scheduled for November 27.
8. Mrs. Fleitell asked some questions related to the audit, particularly with respect to the recommendations concerning the IEP issue. Mr. Sincaglia responded to these questions.

Mr. Pelaia said he was gratified to know that someone was watching and felt the current audit firm was doing a much better job.

There was also a discussion about how monies are collected at the schools and a request made that principals provide an explanation as to how fund raising is done in the schools.

9. Mr. Restaino said he felt Board members should receive notice when different events are being held such as the recent visit by American Legion members to the schools concerning Veterans' Day.
10. Mrs. Alamo noted that she had been asked by a group who wanted to know the Board's position or time frame for deciding on naming Yantacaw School for John Walker.
11. Dr. Casale wanted to know about the status of the back pack situation and there was a brief discussion about this matter.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Restaino 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,

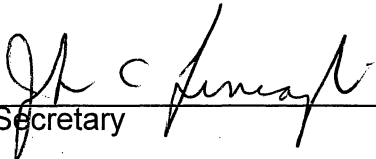
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters, and

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.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


Secretary

11/27/00
Date