

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 18, 2000 at 7:22 p.m. with Dr. Philip T. Casale, Vice-President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Dr. Casale 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 Notice of November 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."

CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Mrs. Maria Alamo, Mr. John Cafone, Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio and Dr. Philip T. Casale. Late: Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. (7:28 p.m.). Absent: Mrs. Michele Fleitell and Mr. Steven P. Picciano.

1. Mr. Sincaglia distributed two documents relating to the district's long range facilities plan - the demographic report and educational facilities evaluation. Mr. Pelaia asked some questions relating to the demographic report.

Mr. Restaino entered and assumed the Chair

Mr. Sincaglia then introduced Lee Heckendorn of DCM Architecture who has been employed by the Board consultants, Tri Tech Engineering. Mr. Heckendorn proceeded to review the process and requirements of the state's long range facilities plan (LRFP). He noted that districts would need to register their LRFP by December 15 and it included an inventory of all physical spaces in the district and deficiencies. He pointed out that this is the beginning of the process that would allow districts to get their fair share of the more than \$2,500,000,000 that has been earmarked for facilities improvement in the non-Abbott districts.

He noted how the square footage calculations of the state create the category of what are called "unhoused students" which essentially means the amount of square footage the school should have in order to accommodate the number of pupils there. He also spoke about the fact that there was a particular amount of money that would be generated for construction related to "unhoused students" and the fact that life safety issues would generate dollar-for-dollar reimbursement by the state.

Mr. Moscaritola asked about strategies of packaging proposals for maximizing state aid.

Mr. Cafone asked questions about whether athletic fields were covered and it was determined that perhaps the exterior bleachers in the Oval might be considered a life safety issue.

Mr. Heckendorn indicated that Nutley is ripe for a major bond referendum at this time. The decisions made now will be impacting the district for the next 50 years. He also pointed out that we have to look at the buildings in terms of the programs we want to take place there. He also indicated that the Board of Education needs to be united in this and must recognize there will be some people that will simply not ever be convinced of the need to take action.

Mr. Cafone wanted to know if items were missed could they be added, to which Mr. Heckendorn replied that the plan could be amended at any time in the future. He also noted that construction costs are escalating because of the demand and any district would be foolish not to take part in the state money that is available at this time.

Mr. Heckendorn concluded his presentation at 9:20 p.m. and Mr. Restaino declared a recess at that time. The meeting resumed at 9:34 p.m.

2. Mr. Sincaglia noted that the Board would be considering a lengthy resolution at the December 18 public meeting dealing with refinancing the outstanding debt obligations we had with the Essex County Improvement Authority. He noted that if the efforts were successful there would be a savings in the cost of future debt service. He also noted that there were no cost implications for the Board of Education should the effort not be successful.
3. Mr. Sincaglia noted that the Athletic Department had requested that admission be charged at Floyd Hall Arena when Nutley is the home team for ice hockey. It was pointed out that Nutley is the only school using Floyd Hall Arena not charging admission.

He further stated that the Arena would provide two passes per player and we would be entitled to 50% of the gross receipts. He also indicated he had had a discussion with the ice hockey club and they had requested if this arrangement were approved that the admission receipts be credited against their obligation to partially fund the program.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the admission charge should be instituted and any proceeds be credited towards the hockey booster group's payment so long as they were still funding a portion of the program.

#### 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,

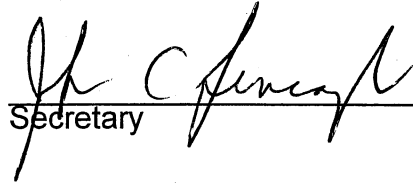
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel and legal matters, and

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.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

  
Secretary

12/15/00  
Date