

Board of Education  
Nutley, New Jersey

January 29, 2001

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 Monday, January 29, 2001 at 7:02 p.m. with Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr., President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Mr. Restaino 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 January 25, 2001. 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 pass a resolution to go into Executive Session to consider student residency matters. Following the Executive Session the Board may reconvene to act on student residency matters and discuss other items.

"Formal action may be taken."

ROLL CALL:

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

None

RESOLUTION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 recess to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters, and

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

RECESS MEETING:

Mr. Restaino declared a recess at 7:05 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 9:09 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Moscaritola, seconded by Mrs. Alamo to remove student [REDACTED] from enrollment from the Nutley Public Schools. On a roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Moscaritola, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell to remove student [REDACTED] from the Nutley Public Schools. On a roll call vote the motion was unanimously adopted by the Board.

Dr. Serafino asked the Board if they reviewed the information on the Italy trip and all agreed that the trip could proceed as planned.

Dr. Serafino also reported that it was recommended that beginning September, 2001 that Advanced Placement (AP) courses at the high school be ranked higher than presently. They would be ranked as a six as opposed to a five. It was noted that the Superintendent has the authority to do this pursuant to Board policy. There was some discussion on how this might impact current Juniors who may already have had an AP course that would not count next year. Dr. Serafino indicated that she would investigate this further.

Dr. Serafino asked the Board to think about the fact that this year we reduced the number of students required in kindergarten from 50 to 48 and how they felt about doing that at the lower grades. No decision has been made at this point.

Dr. Serafino reported on the letter she received from the Chief of Police regarding three school crossing guard positions which would be eliminated. After a considerable amount of discussion on this item, Mr. Restaino suggested that a letter be sent to the Police Chief.

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Dr. Casale was strongly critical of the Police Department's decision and indicated that they should be hiring three more people not cutting the posts.

Mr. Cafone asked if he could approach the Public Safety Department before any action was taken.

There was a discussion regarding the facilities of the Board offices. Mr. Cafone questioned whether the Board could enter into a long-term lease. It was indicated that this information would be obtained as soon as possible. There was further discussion on whether the Board was committed to moving the Board offices.

The Board also discussed the use of the school auditoriums in the elementary schools. Mr. Picciano remarked on an article that he distributed concerning utilization of older buildings and if the Board's program calling for whole-scale renovations really made any sense.

The Board discussed the upcoming meeting with the Ad hoc Facilities Committee and the date on when they should meet. After a lengthy discussion as to what the role of the Administration should be in preparing items for Tri-Tech Engineering, it was agreed that the meeting be scheduled for February 6. In the event that it seemed it would not be worthwhile to meet on that date, the meeting would be scheduled for the following week. The Administration should get back to the Board on when they have a final date for that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion made by Mrs. Roncaglio, seconded by Mrs. Fleitell, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

  
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