

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Franklin School Cafeteria, 325 Franklin Avenue, on Monday, February 26, 2001 at 6:45 p.m. with Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, 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 Notice of February 22, 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."

CALL OF ROLL:

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

1. Mr. Sincaglia distributed the following addendum items:
 - a) Change in Training Level
 - b) Adoption of Regulations
 - c) Acceptance of Notice of Additional Special Education Aid - 2000/2001 School Year
 - d) Submission of Long Range Facilities Plan

These addendum items were reviewed and it was agreed that all be placed on the agenda at the regular meeting.

2. Mr. Pelaia, Chairperson of the Budget Review Committee, introduced the subject of the 2001/2002 Tentative Budget and reviewed the work that had been done by his Committee, assisted by the District's administrators.

Mr. Sincaglia presented overheads that showed some important information with respect to spending and comparisons to budgets in previous years.

There was a discussion over the new positions the budget encompassed. Dr. Serafino reviewed the items that had been eliminated to get the budget down to this point.

The Board members asked numerous questions regarding what the budget would do next year and the impact it would have both on the educational program and the tax rate.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Pelaia asked if more time was needed to review the budget prior to the Board taking a vote. He indicated that he was willing to hold a Budget Review Committee meeting on Wednesday, February 28 for the purpose of allowing non-committee members to come in and ask questions and make comments. Mr. Pelaia indicated that people should feel free to call either himself or administrators within the next several days.

Mr. Restaino asked when a meeting to adopt the tentative budget could take place. There was a consensus that the meeting take place this Friday, March 2. It was indicated that a vote would be taken at the Regular Meeting to establish the Special Meeting for that purpose.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.


Secretary

Date 3/13/01