

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Board Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, April 2, 2001 at 7:15 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 March 27, 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. Vincent A. Moscaritola, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Steven P. Picciano, Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio and Mr. Alfred R. Restaino.

1. Dr. Serafino introduced Mrs. Ellen Napoli, Chairperson of the Science Textbook Committee, who presented the recommendation for the replacement of the science series for grades 3-6.

During her presentation, Mrs. Napoli stated that the Committee recommended the Scott-Foresmen series and expressed the importance of the equipment kits to provide hands-on learning which will enhance the full science program for grades 3-6.

Mrs. Roncaglio questioned if the science textbooks for grades 3-6 are provided on a CD-Rom to eliminate the heavy backpack situation.

Mrs. Napoli responded that at this time it is not, but there is resource information that is provided on the computer by Scott-Foresmen to prepare them for tests and this might eliminate bringing the book home to study.

Dr. Serafino commented that this was Mrs. Napoli's first time chairing a Committee and thanked Mrs. Napoli for a superlative job.

2. Dr. Serafino introduced, Mrs. Beverly Masullo, Chairperson of

the K-6 Mathematics Textbook Committee, who presented the recommendation for the replacement of the math series grades K-6.

Mrs. Masullo stated that after a vote from the entire elementary staff throughout the district, it was the recommendation of the Committee to purchase the Silver Burdett & Ginn series.

Mr. Fleitell questioned if this series flows into the high school math program since the high school is where they have to take their state tests.

Mrs. Masullo stated that she looked only at the elementary curriculum and the standards and that is what the Committee based their recommendation on.

Dr. Serafino stated that Mrs. Dowse is very familiar with the textbooks used at the high school and she is very comfortable with this textbook selection.

Mr. Picciano asked if the books that the Committee chose and the Terra-Nova test are preparing the children enough for the ESPA and GEPA testing.

Mrs. Masullo thinks that these books will challenge the children. She stated that there is a lot of critical thinking and it is mentioned in the text book what standards are being addressed.

Mr. Restaino thanked Mrs. Masullo and her Committee in presenting to the Board the best possible choice for the mathematics series.

Dr. Serafino commended Mrs. Masullo and the Committee for a job well done.

#### RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m.

#### RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 7:47 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.

3. Dr. Serafino passed out an article on recent college admission and selection for the Board's perusal .
4. Mr. Restaino indicated that he wanted to set up a visit to a prospective site for Board offices and five Board member indicated their availability to go on April 10.

Mr. Cafone suggested another site and that Mr. Sincaglia contact the real estate agent.

Dr. Casale and Mr. Picciano mentioned two other possible sites.

5. Mr. Alamo noted that the Policy Committee met earlier this evening and she wanted the Board to know that the Committee

was on top of issues and will be coming back with a report and will be meeting again soon.

Both Mr. Pelaia and Mr. Restaino mentioned the good work of the Committee and after a brief discussion it was agreed that the Committee would meet on April 16 at 5:30 p.m. prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

Mrs. Roncaglio noted that the senior parking lot adjacent to the high school no longer exists since they are building senior citizen housing there. She questioned if the students are allowed to buy monthly passes at the adjacent municipal lot. There was a discussion regarding how many cars might need to fit into this lot and it was felt that other lots should be looked at.

Dr. Serafino noted that this is really not the Board's responsibility.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Restaino asked Mr. Sincaglia to read the following resolution:

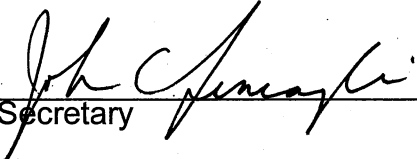
WHEREAS, the Board of Education will be discussing matters exempt from public discussion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss contract negotiations and personnel.

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. Pelaia moved that the resolution be adopted, seconded by Dr. Casale and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Conference Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

  
Secretary

Date

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