Board of Education Nutley, New Jersey April 30, 2001

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Radcliffe School Multi-Purpose Room, 379 Bloomfield Avenue, on Monday, April 30, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. with Mr. John C. Sincaglia, Temporary Chairman, presiding.

# **ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:**

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"According to the provisions of the 'Open Public Meetings Act' (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this meeting of the Board was provided on April 19, 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 is for the Board of Education to reorganize pursuant to NJSA 18A:10-3.

"Formal action will be taken."

#### **FLAG SALUTE:**

The meeting was opened with Mr. Restaino leading the Board members and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

## STATEMENT OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

Mr. Sincaglia read the following:

"The Annual Election of the legal voters of the School District of the Township of Nutley, in the County of Essex, New Jersey, was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2001 between the hours of 2:30 and 9:00 p.m. and as much longer as was necessary to permit all the legal voters then present at the polling places to vote.

"Voting was conducted at Ward 1 - Districts 1-7, Ward 2 - Districts 1-6 and Ward 3 - Districts 1-7, all in the School District.

"Voting was conducted for the election of three members to the Board of Education for a period of three years and for authorizing the raising of \$31,081,333 in district taxes to support the proposed 2001/2002 General Fund Budget.

"The results of the election were as follows:

Mr. Sincaglia stated that there was an amendment to the results due to the fact that the Board received formal notification that the numbers changed by one vote. Mr. Sincaglia then read the updated totals.

#### Candidates for 3-year terms

Tracy Scheckel	818 votes
Gerard M. Parisi	1,836 votes
Philip T. Casale	1,823 votes
Alan Genitempo	1,934 votes

Mr. Sincaglia stated that there was one write-in vote for Flo Carpenter.

"The candidates elected were: Alan Genitempo, Gerard M. Parisi and Philip T. Casale for three-year terms.

"The votes for the General Fund portion of the budget were as follows:

Yes 1,627 votes No 738 votes

"The question of the tax levy was approved.

"A copy of this report will be entered in the official minutes of the Board of Education."

# ADMINISTRATION OF OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Sincaglia administered the Oath of Office to Dr. Philip T. Casale, Mr. Alan Genitempo, and Mr. Gerard M. Parisi.

Mr. Sincaglia welcomed all as members of the Board of Education.

#### CALL OF ROLL:

The members present at roll call were: Mrs. Maria Alamo, Mr. John Cafone, Dr. Philip T. Casale, Mr. Alan Genitempo, Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola, Dr. Gerard M. Parisi, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio, and Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.

#### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT:**

Mr. Sincaglia declared nominations open for the office of President.

Mr. Restaino placed the name of Dr. Philip T. Casale in nomination for President, noting that Dr. Casale had served as Vice-President last year and has proven to be an asset to the Board as well as the community. He noted that Dr. Casale possessed all the necessary qualities to take on this position.

Mr. Pelaia moved that a unanimous ballot be declared for Dr. Philip T. Casale for President, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola and unanimously approved by the Board.

#### **ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Dr. Casale declared nominations open for the office of Vice-President.

Mrs. Alamo placed the name of John Cafone in nomination for Vice-President, noting that during her first year of serving on the Board she had admired Mr. Cafone's levels of character and professionalism. She added that as she sat on committees with him she found him to be a fair individual who not just hears but listens as well. She stated that there is no one more qualified to lead the Board should it be necessary.

Mr. Restaino moved that a unanimous ballot be declared for John Cafone for Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Roncaglio and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Casale thanked his colleagues on the Board for this honor of serving as President. He also thanked his family for all their support.

Dr. Casale added that he would particularly like to thank Mr. Pelaia who served as his mentor by demonstrating his leadership abilities.

# **HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):**

None

### ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS:

Mrs. Alamo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley be held on the fourth Monday of each month, except as noted otherwise, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the following schedule of meetings be adopted. (Schedule A)

# **ADOPTION OF POLICIES:**

Mr. Cafone presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley hereby adopts for the ensuing year all Bylaws and Policies, Rules and Regulations currently in force.

#### DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER:

Mr. Cafone presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education designates The Nutley Sun as the official newspaper for meeting notices and hereby directs the Board Secretary to also send meeting notices to the Nutley Journal, Star Ledger and the North Jersey Herald and News.

#### **DEPOSITORY OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:**

Mr. Genitempo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Valley National Bank be designated as the official depository for the 2001/2002 school year for individual student savings accounts to which deposits are made through the elementary schools.

#### DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - Valley National Bank:

Mr. Moscaritola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That Valley National Bank be designated the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 2001/2002 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts, effective April 30, 2001:

Board of Education, N.J. Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Account

John C. Sincaglia or Jean Unglaub

Nutley High School Class of 1997

John C. Sincaglia

or

Jean Unglaub

and Kathleen C. Serafino Nutley High School Athletic Account

Angelo Frannicola

and

Joseph Zarra or Joseph Affinito

**School Accounts** 

**Nutley High School** 

Joseph Zarra or

**Gregory Catrambone** 

and

Jacqueline Camelia

Franklin School

John Calicchio

or

Margaret Murray

and

Bettina Hopkins

Lincoln School

**Dorothy Mutch** 

and

Linda Zembrzuski

Radcliffe School

Mariana Francioso

and

**Beverly Cullari** 

Spring Garden School

Rosemary Clerico

and

Sophie Caprio

Washington School

Addie Maffei Boyd

and

Geralynn Dwyer

Yantacaw School

MaryLou Dowse

and

JoAnn Luzzi

Mrs. Roncaglio left the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS - First Union Bank:

Dr. Parisi presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Restaino. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the First Union Bank be designated as the official depository for the following accounts of the Nutley Board of Education for the 2001/2002 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following officers of the various accounts be authorized to sign checks drawn on the accounts effective April 30, 2001:

#### **Board of Education General Account**

**Primary Signatory** 

**Alternate Signatory** 

Philip T. Casale, President

or John Cafone, Vice-President

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary

or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

David Wilson, Treasurer of School Moneys

# **Board of Education Salary Account**

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary

or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

David Wilson, Treasurer of School Moneys

## **Board of Education Cafeteria Account**

John C. Sincaglia, Secretary

or Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the First Union Bank be authorized to accept facsimile signatures of the check signing machine.

## **INVESTMENT OF FUNDS:**

Dr. Parisi presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Restaino. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Secretary/Business Administrator, with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to invest surplus funds of the Board of Education and funds which will be available for a determinate period of time in U.S. Government and Agency Securities, Business Savings Accounts of our designated depository, and Certificates of Deposit and Repurchase Agreements of our local banks, and in any other securities designated by law.

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR - 2001/2002 School Year:

Mr. Restaino presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, there exists a need for an annual audit of school accounts, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins of Fairlawn, NJ is licensed as Public School Accountants and is fully capable of providing this service, and

WHEREAS, Lerch, Vinci and Higgins satisfactorily conducted the school audit in 2000, and will be performing the school audit for the 2000/2001 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley as follows:

- 1. The firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins of Fairlawn, NJ is hereby appointed auditors for the accounts of the Board of Education for the 2001/2002 school year at a fee of \$21,500.
- This contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts law.

#### APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND NEGOTIATOR/CONSULTANT:

Mr. Restaino presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was adopted with Mrs. Alamo, Mr. Cafone, Dr. Casale, Mr. Genitempo, Mr. Moscaritola, Mr. Pelaia, and Mr. Restaino voting aye and Dr. Parisi abstaining.

WHEREAS, there exists from time to time a need for legal services and negotiations/consultant services for the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, funds are available for this purpose, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (NJSA 18A:18A-5) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Gaccione, Pomaco & Beck of Belleville, NJ is well qualified and capable of providing these services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley that the firm of Gaccione, Pomaco & Beck of Belleville, NJ is hereby appointed Board attorney and negotiator/consultant for the 2001/2002 school year at an hourly rate of \$125.00.

Mr. Sincaglia stated that there are some hold-over matters that the firm of Genova, Burns & Vernoia will handle on a case-by-case basis. He noted any new items will be referred to the Board's new attorney Gaccione, Pomaco & Beck.

#### **CURRICULUM APPROVAL:**

Mrs. Alamo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Restaino. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the curriculum as described in the district selected course guides, courses of study, curriculum guides and program material, listed on the attached Schedule B, be adopted for use in Grades K-12 of the Public Schools of Nutley for the 2001/2002 school year.

## LEASE OF BOARD PROPERTY ON OVERLOOK TERRACE:

Mr. Cafone presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education leases 20 feet of property owned by it, known as Lot Number 14, Block 212 (Overlook Terrace, rear entrance of Spring Garden School playground), on the tax maps of the Township of Nutley, to John Janiec and Mrs. Anne Janiec, his wife, for a term beginning May 1, 2001 and terminating April 30, 2002, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00) in accordance with all requirements specified in the lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

#### LEASE - 21 Romano Street:

Mr. Cafone presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education that it hereby leases to Nicholas DelMauro, owner of the property known as 21 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 20 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 45 and 46 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 2001 and terminating April 30, 2002, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

# Mrs. Roncaglio returned at 7:48 p.m.

#### LEASE - 22 Romano Street:

Mr. Genitempo presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, that it hereby leases to Angelo Rotonda, owner of the property known as 22 Romano Street, Nutley, New Jersey, a strip of land 25 feet in width running along the westerly line of the premises of said lessee for the full width thereof, which said premises are listed as Block 18, Lots 78 and 79 in the tax assessor's books of the Township of Nutley, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said lease be written for a term commencing May 1, 2001 and terminating April 30, 2002, at a term rental of One Dollar (\$1.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby authorizes its officers to execute said lease.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE BIDS (Type "A" Sixteen Passenger Single Rear Wheel Gas Engine School Bus):

Mr. Moscaritola presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Pelaia. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, bids for a 2001 Type "A" Sixteen (16) Passenger Single Rear Wheel Gas Engine School Bus were advertised on March 29, 2001, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were publicly opened and read aloud on April 19, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Secretary/Business Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received in the following amounts:

Arcola Bus Sales

Carlstadt, NJ

Am Tran Bus Sales

\$34,950

\$33,068

Carlstadt, NJ

Jersey Bus Sales Bordentown, NJ \$37,135

Wolfington Body Co., Inc.

\$33,900

Mt. Holly, NJ

and

WHEREAS, the bid of Arcola Bus Sales appears to meet all specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education awards the contract for a 2001 Type "A" Sixteen (16) Passenger Single Rear Wheel Gas Engine School Bus to Arcola Bus Sales, Carlstadt, NJ at their low bid price of \$33,068.

# PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE BIDS (Type "A" 12 + 1 W/C or 8 + 2 W/C Passenger Gas Engine School Bus):

Dr. Parisi presented and moved the adoption of the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Restaino. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, bids for a 2001 Type "A" 12 + 1 W/C or 8 + 2 W/C Passenger Gas Engine School Bus were advertised on March 29, 2001, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were publicly opened and read aloud on April 19, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Secretary/Business Administrator, and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received in the following amounts:

Am Tran Bus Sales	Base Bid	\$43,900
Carlstadt, NJ	Incl. Alternate	\$43,900
Jersey Bus Sales	Base Bid	\$41,084
Bordentown, NJ	Incl. Alternate	\$42,584

and

WHEREAS, the bid of Jersey Bus Sales appears to meet all specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education awards the contract for a 2001 Type "A" 12 + 1 W/C or 8 + 2 W/C Passenger Gas Engine School Bus to Jersey Bus Sales, Bordentown, NJ at their low bid price including alternate of \$42,584.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion of Mr. Pelaia, seconded by Mr. Restaino the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

President

Secretary

April 30, 2001