

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

June 4, 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, June 4, 2001 at 7:31 p.m. with Dr. Philip T. Casale, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Dr. Casale 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 in the Notice of June 1, 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 consider the following matters:

Authorization to Solicit Proposals for Beverage Sales with Concessions Including the Use of Vending Machines

Adjourn to Closed Executive Session

"Formal action will be taken."

CALL OF ROLL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mrs. Maria Alamo, Mr. John Cafone, Mr. Alan Genitempo, Dr. Gerard M. Parisi, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, and Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio. Absent: Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola and Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. Approximately 44 citizens were present.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only):

Susie Silva, 138 Kenzel Ave., asked about the recent BOE decision to run the extended day care program. Dr. Casale explained that could not be discussed this evening as this was a Special meeting and the Board was limited to dealing with the items on the published agenda. Dr. Casale said he would be more than willing to meet with Mrs. Silva and anyone else after the meeting to answer questions about the extended day care program.

Dr. Parisi wanted to know if the public would be able to speak on this subject (extended day) at the next conference meeting, scheduled for June 11.

There was a brief discussion about this, and Mr. Sincaglia and Mrs. Roncaglio noted that the public does not participate at conference meetings, although the meetings are open to the public. Mr. Sincaglia said he wanted to check the Board's by-laws, but also said he thought the Board could choose to open the meeting to the public if it desired.

Dr. Parisi asked questions about the proposed resolution dealing with the possible impact on fund raising by student and parent groups. Mr. Sincaglia noted that the specifications did indicate exclusivity as far as a vendor's product, but not necessarily a mandate that the items be purchased directly from the vendor. He noted that it would be acceptable for student and parent groups to purchase beverages from places such as Costco or ShopRite, so long as they were the same brand. He also noted that this might mean that the cost was higher than if store brands were purchased, but that this was one of the expectations of soft drink companies who only want their products sold and consumed on school premises.

In response to another question by Dr. Parisi, Mr. Sincaglia said he could change the specifications to not reflect activity by school related groups that took place off-campus.

Mr. Genitempo asked about potential locations of vending machines, and after some discussion, Mr. Sincaglia said he could omit the listed location of the high school auditorium lobby at this time.

Mr. Cafone wanted to know if there was a reduction in revenues for student fund raising as a result of the higher costs, could the money provided to the district make up the difference. Mr. Sincaglia noted that the Board was free to do whatever it wanted with the money it received.

Dr. Parisi asked Mr. Sincaglia to comment about the sale of soda in the lunch program, and Mr. Sincaglia said that absolutely no soda could or would be made available during the school day. He further noted that machines accessible to students would not be functional until after school, regardless of what products they dispensed. He also pointed out that we would offer for sale through the cafeterias such items as water, ice tea, fruit juice, sports drinks, etc., the same as we do now.

Mrs. Silva asked numerous questions about the concept and the potential benefits to the pupils and the school district. Mr. Sincaglia pointed out that this idea had been discussed by the Board for several months, but that no formal decision to proceed had ever taken place. He further noted that the proposed resolution would be an expression of the Board's willingness to begin such a venture and also provide the means to do so by authorizing the solicitation of competitive proposals. He also noted that the district would receive benefits from direct sales as is done now; from a percentage of vending machine sales; and from fixed annual payments by the vendor to the school district. He said that there could be substantial financial benefits to the district as has been shown in many other school districts in New Jersey and other parts of the country.

He also explained that the way the district was proceeding was governed by the New Jersey Public School Contracts law, which only recently mandated that this type of arrangement be formally advertised for competitive proposals.

Mrs. Silva asked why we couldn't request that the prospective vendors offer items such as books or computers. Mr. Sincaglia reiterated that the district

could use the money to purchase or use in any way it saw fit, be it by purchasing books, computers, athletic equipment, or providing a portion of the funds to the student body.

Mrs. Silva asked if the public would be informed about what was offered by the vendors. Dr. Casale responded by saying that the only way for the Board to accept any proposal would be at a public meeting, and that the information that the Board would base its decision on would be accessible to the public.

AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR BEVERAGE SALES WITH CONCESSIONS INCLUDING THE USE OF VENDING MACHINES:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A-4.3, the Board authorizes the Secretary/Business Administrator to solicit proposals for competitive contracts for the sale of beverages with concessions including the use of vending machines at various Nutley school facilities.

RESOLUTION TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Dr. Casale 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 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.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



President



Secretary

6/25/01

Date

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