

The Conference 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, October 15, 2001 at 7:15 p.m. with Dr. Philip T. Casale, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

Dr. Casale 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 Annual Notice of April 30, 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, Dr. Philip T. Casale, Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola, Dr. Gerard M. Parisi, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. and Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio. Late: Mr. Alan Genitempo (8:49 p.m.). Absent: Mr. John Cafone.

- 1) Dr. Serafino introduced Mr. Joseph Zarra and Mr. John Calicchio who reviewed the objectives for 2001/2002 for the Nutley High School and Franklin School. She then introduced Mrs. Marianna Francioso who reviewed the elementary school objectives.

Dr. Casale asked why the goals were set at 80%. Mrs. Francioso replied that the ESPA passing criteria is 75% and we set our sights a little higher, even though we usually achieve about 90% or better on our objectives.

Mr. Restaino left at 7:40 p.m.

- 2) Mr. Sincaglia presented a request from Nutley High School to move student activity bank accounts from Valley National to Franklin Bank. Numerous questions were asked and Mr. Sincaglia pointed out that all that was being requested was to maintain the same type of account we had now at a different institution. Mr. Pelaia asked if we could inquire if the new bank was able to keep multiple accounts within one master account. Mr. Sincaglia said he would find out.

Mr. Moscaritola left at 7:50 p.m.

- 3) Mrs. Alamo asked Mr. Sincaglia about whether or not the Board of Education should be approving minutes of the Conference meetings. Mr. Sincaglia noted that minutes are kept of all meetings and since no action can be taken at a Conference meeting, he did not feel that the Board needed to approve the minutes. There was a discussion about this matter in terms of the additional responsibilities that would be involved. Mr. Sincaglia said he would have to have additional clerical help to do this, if that was what the Board wanted. It was eventually agreed that Mr. Sincaglia would provide the Board with samples of conference minutes as he had done about a year ago, and then the Board could decide if any changes were warranted.
- 4) Mr. Pelaia indicated that the Athletic Committee would be proposing a JV hockey program this year at an estimated cost of \$8,167.

Mr. Moscaritola returned 8:04 p.m.

Comments in support of this proposal were made by Mrs. Roncaglio and Mrs. Alamo. Mr. Sincaglia asked if there would be a greater contribution from the hockey parents or booster club to offset this new cost and Mr. Pelaia said that the contribution would remain at the \$7,500 amount established last year. Mr. Sincaglia remarked that the additional money for this program was not included in the current budget.

Mr. Restaino returned 8:18 p.m.

- 5) Mrs. Roncaglio asked about the current policy and practice for athletic physicals and was told by Mr. Pelaia that the Athletic Committee was looking at this with our attorney and would be making a report soon.
- 6) Mr. Restaino suggested that since we have added two new boys' sports in recent years, we look at what new girls' sport could be added. He also reported that the Third Half Club would be voting this week to consider the inclusion of women among its membership.
- 7) Mr. Moscaritola asked what was the status of the video or phone system for the schools. Mr. Sincaglia said that he was meeting with Cablevision on October 23 concerning the phone system and hoped to get a proposal so the Board would be able to either go out for bid or budget funds for this item.

A question was raised about the automatic emergency phone system available from Hoffman LaRoche.

- 8) Dr. Casale said that the high school TV studio was having a difficult time in being able to broadcast events and that there were problems. Both Dr. Serafino and Mr. Sincaglia indicated that no one had brought anything to their attention regarding any problem, but noted that this matter would be investigated.
- 9) Dr. Casale also spoke about the lighting system in the high school auditorium and felt that we should get a proposal to upgrade or replace this system as soon as possible.

- 10) Mr. Restaino said he wanted all elementary performances for parents held at the high school so we could accommodate a larger audience.

Mr. Genitempo entered 8:49 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC:

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,

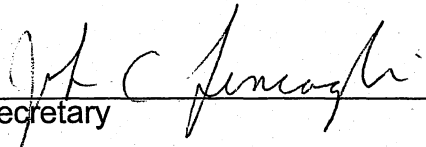
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education recess to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters, legal matters and matters of personal privacy, and

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.

The resolution was moved by Dr. Parisi, seconded by Mrs. Alamo and unanimously approved by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.


Secretary

Date

10/18/01