

The Conference Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley, New Jersey was held in the Yantacaw School Auditorium, 20 Yantacaw Place, on Monday, March 4, 2002 at 7:40 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 February 27, 2002. 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 other members present at roll call were: Mrs. Maria Alamo, Mr. John Cafone, Mr. Alan Genitempo, Dr. Gerard M. Parisi, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. Absent: Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola and Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio.

- 1) Dr. Casale noted that the Board had been provided with a staff survey about the referendum plans from the EAN.

Dr. Parisi said the survey showed some confusion on the part of the staff. He felt it was necessary to get the word about the proper information.

Mrs. Alamo was disappointed by the number of responses. In response to a question from the chair, teacher Philip Siculetano said some of the responses represented a group effort and he felt that 90% of the staff had participated.

Mr. Restaino said that the staff survey was a vital component of our process to obtain more information, and was pleased to see that the staff was taking an active role.

Dr. Casale noted that by building new gyms we were creating classroom space. He said we should consider doing the project in stages.

Mr. Pelaia asked if we submitted revised plans to the DOE, what length of time would it take. Lee Heckendorn, architect, confirmed the need to resubmit, but felt the review might not take too long. He reminded the Board that there were seven projects, not one, and also that the changes might have to be resubmitted to the planning Board.

Mr. Genitempo suggested we make a formal request to the Township and ask for space.

There was a brief discussion about this matter.

Dr. Casale pointed out the pros and cons regarding the various referendum dates. Mr. Heckendorn notes that as time goes on, more districts will be doing projects and this will drive up the costs.

Dr. Casale repeated his desire to have the Board prepared to take action.

Mr. Restaino said that it was a plus that we were able to get to the point of the first election. He further said that we should be prepared to consider alternate plans of a smaller scope.

Mr. Genitempo said that we are the elected officials and we must do what is necessary.

Mr. Pelaia said he agreed with Mr. Genitempo, but doesn't want to do this in a three week period.

There was discussion about the validity of a statement concerning speech classes being held in a stairwell.

Mr. Pelaia said he wanted a report on this situation.

Mr. Sincaglia noted the time frame for the school budget and what would be occurring in the next two weeks. There will be a Conference Meeting and a Special Meeting the week of March 11.

#### 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 adjourn to closed executive session at this time to discuss personnel 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.

The resolution was moved by Mr. Restaino, seconded by Mr. Pelaia and unanimously approved by the Board.

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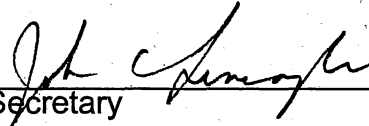
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ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
Secretary

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Date