

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, March 11, 2002 at 7:30 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 other members present at roll call were: Mrs. Maria Alamo, Mr. John Cafone, Mr. Alan Genitempo, Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola, Dr. Gerard M. Parisi, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio. Late: Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. (7:30 p.m.)

- 1) Dr. Serafino introduced Jim Cummings who presented the K-8 review of Guidance services. The committee recommended more help for grades K-6.

Mr. Restaino entered during this presentation.

- 2) Mrs. Cervasio, Director of Extended Day presented recommendations for the Kindergarten program tuition for the 2002/2003 school year. She also made mention that the aides salaries should be adjusted. There was concern by several Board members that we did not seem to be increasing fees in an equitable manner. The consensus was that the same percentage increase be applied across the board.
- 3) Mr. Viemeister and Mr. Presuto presented a preliminary report about the post referendum survey. They noted that there are still 200-300 forms to be logged into the data base.

Mr. Restaino and Mr. Pelaia expressed concern over looking at incomplete results.

Mr. Moscaritola said that a return of slightly over 2000 forms was not impressive. He felt that an April referendum could be totally out of the question.

Mr. Genitempo wanted to know if we could better segregate the responses and Mr. Presuto and Mr. Viemeister said that could be done.

Mr. Cafone asked about the overall percentages.

Dr. Parisi said that the results may confirm what took place at the polls and what we have heard.

There were other questions and comments. It was asked when the final report could be completed. Mr. Presuto and Mr. Viemeister said that complete statistical results with some graphic illustrations could be ready by the next meeting of the Board on March 25. Mr. Presuto noted that the compiling of comments would take considerably longer due to the length of time to enter this information.

- 4). Dr. Serafino reviewed the calendar for the 2002/2003 school year and for the rest of this year. Action on these items will be coming up on March 25.

RECESS WAS DECLARED AT 8:32 p.m.

RESUME MEETING AT 8:42 p.m.

- 5) Mr. Restaino presented the recommendation of the Budget Review Committee. He thanked the members and the administration for their efforts. He noted that the proposed budget showed a 3.6% increase and a 2.77% increase in the tax rate. The tax points would increase by 17, the same amount as last year.

Mr. Sincaglia provided detailed information about the status of the budget, the cap and the surplus.

It was noted that the proposal called for the elimination of the summer school program. Mrs. Roncaglio indicated her objection to doing this at this time.

#### RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING TO 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 issues relating to the budget, 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 Dr. Parisi and unanimously approved by the Board.

RECESS TO CLOSE MEETING AT 9:30 p.m.

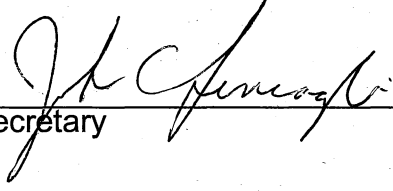
RESUME MEETING AT 10:20 p.m.

Mr. Genitempo was no longer present

Dr. Casale asked for a consensus on the current tax status, maintaining summer school for this summer, adding an elementary SAC counselor and utilizing additional surplus. All Board members agreed that we should go no higher than the 17 points on taxes. Mr. Restaino questioned the need for the SAC counselor, saying that he thought it was possible that some of these services could be provided by existing personnel. Mrs. Alamo, Mr. Cafone, Mr. Pelaia and Dr. Parisi all thought that the SAC counselor was a worthwhile inclusion. Ultimately there was a general agreement to utilize additional surplus so as to maintain summer school and add the SAC counselor while holding the increase to 17 points.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion made by Mr. Pelaia, seconded by Dr. Parisi, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

  
Secretary

Date

3/25/02