

Board of Education
Nutley, New Jersey

March 13, 2002

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 Wednesday, March 13, 2002 at 7:40 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 on March 8, 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.

"The purpose of this meeting will be for the Board to consider the following items:

- 1) Adoption of the 2002/2003 Tentative Budget
- 2) Athletic Appointments
- 3) Superintendent's Contract

"Formal action may be taken."

ROLL CALL:

The other members present at roll call were: Mrs. Maria Alamo, Mr. John Cafone, Mr. Alan Genitempo, Mr. Vincent A. Moscaritola, Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia, Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. and Mrs. Agnes Roncaglio. Late: Dr. Gerard M. Parisi (8:43 p.m.). Approximately 10 citizens were present.

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, 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. Pelaia moved that the resolution be approved, seconded by Mr. Moscaritola and unanimously approved by the Board.

RECESS MEETING:

The meeting recessed at 7:41 p.m.

RESUME MEETING:

The meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

Mr. Restaino, Chairperson of the Budget Review Committee, thanked Mr. Genitempo, Mr. Moscaritola, Dr. Parisi, Mrs. Alamo, Mr. Sincaglia, Dr. Vivinetto and Dr. Serafino for the time and effort put into developing a responsible budget and hopes everyone will support it on election day. He also thanked Dr. Casale for putting him in charge of such a Committee.

Dr. Casale thanked and commended Mr. Restaino, Mr. Sincaglia, Dr. Serafino and the Committee for their time and effort in developing the budget.

ADOPTION OF 2002/2003 TENTATIVE BUDGET:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education hereby adopts a tentative budget for the 2002/2003 school year in the amount of:

General Fund	\$39,587,022
Special Revenue Fund	1,218,172
Debt Service	<u>153,341</u>
Total Budget	\$49,959,535 of which

the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

General Fund	\$32,800,135
Debt Service	<u>138,463</u>
Total	\$32,938,598

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to submit this budget to the County Superintendent for approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board also requests approval of the statutory spending Growth Limitation Adjustments as follows:

Enrollment	\$	373,644
Non-Remote Transportation		228,259
Special Education Costs in Excess of \$40,000		80,971
Use of Banked SGLA		<u>123,378</u>
Total	\$	806,252

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary be authorized to publish the 2002/ 2003 budget in The Nutley Sun.

Mr. Moscaritola asked Mr. Sincaglia several questions regarding the budget figures.

ESTABLISH DATE FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON 2002/2003 SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Public Hearing on the 2002/2003 budget be held on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Radcliffe School Multi-Purpose Room, 379 Bloomfield Avenue.

APPOINTMENTS - Athletic:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the following athletic appointments for the 2001/2002 school year at the steps as indicated in accordance with the 2001/2002 Athletic Salary Guide:

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>BASEBALL</u>			
Assistant Coach	Edward Furman	2	\$4,130
<u>LACROSSE</u>			
Assistant Coach	John Dudley	2	\$4,130

Mr. Pelaia thanked the Board and the Athletic Committee for the additional lacrosse coach.

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RESCIND/REAPPOINT CONTRACT -
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Kathleen Serafino

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 Nutley Board of Education hereby rescinds the five year Contract of Employment Between Dr. Kathleen Serafino and The Nutley Board of Education (for the five year term of 1998 through 2003) ("1998-2003 Agreement"); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board hereby simultaneously reappoints Dr. Kathleen Serafino as the Superintendent of Schools/Chief School Administrator for a new term for the period of March 13, 2002, through June 30, 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the appointment is subject to the terms and conditions of a Contract of Employment Between Dr. Kathleen Serafino and the Nutley Board of Education (for the term of March 13, 2002 through June 30, 2006) ("2002-2006 Agreement"), to be negotiated between the Board and Dr. Kathleen Serafino, with the exception of the period March 13, 2002 through June 30, 2003, which said terms shall be consistent with the terms of the 1998-2003 agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution is in accordance with information presented to the Board and reviewed by the Board in Private Executive Session, March 13, 2002.

Dr. Casale stated that the reputation of the school system has always been a credit to the staff in Nutley. He noted that when Dr. Serafino assumed the position as Superintendent of Schools she showed outstanding commitment, courage and leadership in taking extra steps in dealing with issues that were sometimes unpopular but necessary and were pushed by the wayside for many years. He congratulated and commended her for all her efforts.

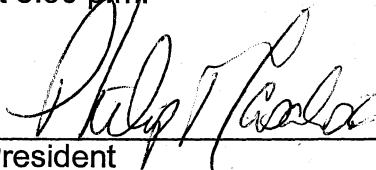
Dr. Casale scheduled a Special meeting on Monday, March 18, 2002, at Franklin School at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of coming to a decision on whether to go for the referendum in April and possible changes to the plan. He said the surveys have been received and the information will be available for the Monday night meeting.

A lengthy discussion regarding the referendum ensued. It was agreed that further conversation wait until the scheduled Special meeting on Monday night when the survey information will be available.

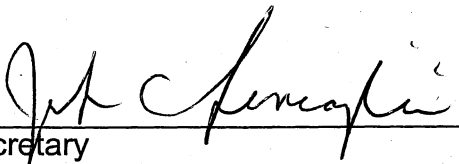
Dr. Parisi entered at 8:43 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion made by Mr. Restaino, seconded by Mr. Cafone, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



President



Secretary

March 25, 2002
Date

March 13, 2002