

Board of Education  
Nutley, NJ

April 15, 2002

The Regular 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, April 15, 2002 at 8:17 p.m. with Dr. Philip T. Casale, President, presiding.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING:

Dr. Casale read the following:

"According to the provisions of the "Open Pubic Meetings Act" (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975), proper notice of this Regular 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.

"Formal action will be taken."

FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was opened with Mrs. Roncaglio leading the Board members and citizens in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

CALL OF ROLL:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Copies of the minutes of the Special Meeting held on March 18, 2002 at 7:37 p.m. and the Special Meeting held on March 25, 2002 at 7:05 p.m. being in the hands of each member, reading of same was dispensed. Mr. Restaino moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Mrs. Alamo and unanimously approved by the Board.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None



NHS National Honor Society Induction                      May 22 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Attached is the student enrollment chart as of March 28, 2002  
 School Board Election - April 16"

FIRE DRILL REPORT:

Fire drills held during the month of March were as follows:

March	1	Franklin School	2:10 p.m.	2 min. 06 secs.
March	1	Lincoln School	2:50 p.m.	1 min. 24 secs.
March	4	Nutley High School	8:28 a.m.	2 min.
March	7	Spring Garden School	8:55 a.m.	1 min. 35 secs.
March	7	Franklin School	2:10 p.m.	2 min. 02 secs.
March	8	Lincoln School	9:35 a.m.	1 min. 32 secs.
March	8	Radcliffe School	2:36 p.m.	1 min. 28 secs.
March	14	Radcliffe School	10:34 a.m.	1 min. 30 secs.
March	14	Yantacaw School	10:38 a.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
March	14	Washington School	12:45 p.m.	1 min. 32 secs.
March	21	Spring Garden School	2:42 p.m.	1 min. 40 secs.
March	25	Nutley High School	1:58 p.m.	2 min. 04 secs.
March	25	Washington School	12:51 p.m.	1 min. 35 secs.
March	27	Yantacaw School	2:15 p.m.	1 min. 25 secs.

CAFETERIA REPORT:

Mr. Restaino presented the cafeteria report as of March 31, 2002 showing a 2001/2002 budget of \$743,918.00, contractual orders to date of \$529,716.58, leaving funds available of \$214,201.42.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mrs. Alamo, Chairman of the Policy Committee, thanked the members of her Committee once again for the hard work and dedication in completing two sections of the policy book. She distributed a draft of the cell phone policy and said that the Committee was in the process of working on two more sections of the policy book. She thanked Dr. Serafino, Dr. Vivinetto, Mr. Sincaglia and our attorneys for their assistance.

Dr. Serafino said that the Policy Committee did accomplish a great deal this year under the leadership of Mrs. Alamo and commended her for all her efforts.

Mr. Restaino, Chairman of the Budget Committee, commended the Budget Committee again for their hard work and hoped for a positive result.

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HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only):

None

CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to NJAC 6:20-2.13 (e), the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of March 31, 2002, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (Appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation of NJAC 6:20-2.13(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major accounts are General Fund and Debt Service.)

BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education authorizes the payment of bills and mandatory payments in the total amount of \$3,686,216.03 as per the attached Schedule A which have been audited by the Business Office.

REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Schedule B), provided they conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

RETIREMENT - Principal:

Dr. Dorothy Mutch

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the retirement of Dr. Dorothy Mutch, Lincoln School Principal, effective July 1, 2002.

Mrs. Alamo stated that she had the opportunity of working directly with Dr. Mutch since she was the Lincoln School PTO President for four years. She described her as a very kind woman who always put the children first. She said she will be missed.

Dr. Serafino stated that she considers Dr. Mutch the "Dean of the Principals" and said that she has been an excellent Principal and very supportive in completing any task asked of her. She added that her expertise and knowledge will be missed by all.

ADDITIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE -  
Custodian:

David Staub

Dr. Parisi 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 an additional leave of absence without pay for David Staub, effective March 29, 2002 until June 30, 2002.

ADDITIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE -  
Part-Time Aide:

Antonia Ismaelito

Dr. Parisi 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 an additional leave of absence without pay for Antonia Ismaelito, effective March 18, 2002 to June 30, 2002.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - Teacher:

Jennifer Farro

Dr. Parisi 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 a childrearing leave of absence for Jennifer Farro, elementary teacher, from May 9 through June 30, 2002.

APPOINTMENT - Nutley Board of  
Education School-Age Extended Day  
Child Care Program:

Susan Dingwell

Dr. Parisi 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

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appointment of Susan Dingwell, teacher of the Nutley Board of Education School Age Extended Day Child Care Program, for the 2001/2002 school year, at the hourly rate of \$18.00.

APPOINTMENT - Teacher Substitute:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the teacher substitute listed on the attached Schedule C be approved for the 2001/2002 school year.

APPOINTMENT - Substitutes:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following substitutes be approved for the 2001/2002 school year:

School Aide

Helen Larity  
Kathleen Mangravito\*

Cafeteria

Angela Gill

\*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board approves the application for emergent hiring of Kathleen Mangravito as per the state criminal review procedure.

EXTRA COMPENSATION:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

P.A.T. Committee Meeting - March 26, 2002

Suzanne Hagert	\$ 50.10
Claire Menza	50.10

P.A.T. Committee Meeting - March 26, 2002 (contd.)

Rebecca Olivo	50.10
Lisa Rossi	<u>50.10</u>
	\$ 200.40

Payment for Teachers for Special Instruction

Toby D'Ambola	\$ 350.00
Leann Martin	175.00
David Sorensen	175.00
John Suffren	<u>105.00</u>
Total	\$ 805.00

SAT Review Classes - February 26 and 28 -  
March 5,7,12 and 14, 2002

Leann Martin	\$ 601.20
Denis Williams	<u>601.20</u>
Total	\$1,202.40

Family Science Workshops  
February 25 - March 18, 2002

Karen Beckmeyer	\$ 400.80
Danielle Ferraro	400.80
Michele Ferraro	400.80
Lisa Fitzgerald	400.80
Jill Freedman	400.80
Jainine Gambaro	400.80
Carol Gurney	300.60
Joyce Healy	400.80
Beverly Masullo	400.80
Ellen Napoli	<u>400.80</u>
Total	\$3,907.80

CAT Payroll - Spring, 2002

Amelia Cerisano	\$ 1,736.80
Helen Doyle-Marino	1,469.60
Tracy Eagan	1,336.00
Nicole Groninger	1,269.20
Susan Hagert	1,202.40
Barbara Hirsch	2,084.64
Eleni Koukoularis	1,903.80
Denise Mazza	1,903.80
Dennis Pandolfi	1,469.60
Rosann Rizzuto	1,469.60
Louis SanGiovanni	1,636.60

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CAT Payroll - Spring, 2002 (contd.)

Janice Schoem	\$ 1,419.50
Jill Sorensen	1,336.00
Maria Strumolo	1,336.00
Robert Topolski, Jr.	1,803.60
Robert Topolski, Sr.	1,803.60
Michael Viteritto	1,336.00
Veronica Zoltowski	1,736.80

Substitutes:

Karen SanGiovanni	267.20
Margot Smith	<u>684.70</u>

Total \$29,205.44

Central Detention Coverage - March, 2002

High School

AnneMarie Kowalski	\$ 271.50
Marcellino Marra	36.20
Judy Rasczyk	18.10

Franklin School

Joseph Cappello	162.90
Christopher Chern	<u>108.60</u>

Total \$ 597.30

Saturday Morning Suspensions - March, 2002

High School

AnneMarie Kowalski	\$302.64
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Franklin School

Becky Pandolfi	<u>75.66</u>
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Total \$378.30

Intramurals - December 10, 2001 - February 27, 2002

Donald Sellari	Total	\$1,320.39
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LONGEVITY PAY:

Mr. Restaino presented and moved the adoption of the following resolu-

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tion, seconded by Dr. Parisi. On a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the following longevity payment be authorized:

Linda Fisher \$580.00      Eff. May 1, 2002      (20 years)

SUMMER SCHOOL APPROVAL:

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

WHEREAS, the State Department of Education requires an approval by the Board of Education for summer sessions, and

WHEREAS, the summer session operated by the Nutley Board of Education meets the requirements for state approval,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Superintendent of Schools make application to the County Superintendent of Schools with a request for approval from the State Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Education has determined that the summer program 2002 will be the final year summer school will be offered.

Dr. Serafino said that with regard to the Budget Committee meetings a decision was made that the district will no longer be offering the summer school program after this summer.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That transfers in the 2001/2002 General Fund Budget be confirmed as follows:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 11-110-100-101	\$ 3,000	Account 10-000-100-561	\$ 5,016
Account 11-120-100-101	12,000	Account 11-204-100-610	150
Account 11-130-100-101	4,000	Account 11-213-100-610	100
Account 11-150-100-320	2,000	Account 11-213-100-640	100
Account 11-204-100-101	3,000	Account 11-215-100-101	300
Account 11-204-100-800	150	Account 11-401-100-800	300
Account 11-999-100-565	8,000	Account 11-402-100-100	4,000
Account 11-999-217-320	2,000	Account 11-402-100-800	7,000

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<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 11-999-221-105	1,000	Account 11-999-100-562	5,000
Account 11-999-222-100	5,000	Account 11-999-100-566	49,500
Account 11-999-223-104	4,000	Account 11-999-213-300	2,000
Account 11-999-262-420	4,000	Account 11-999-221-800	100
Account 11-999-262-610	5,000	Account 11-999-222-500	1,800
Account 11-999-270-515	1,000	Account 11-999-230-331	7,500
Account 11-999-270-600	4,000	Account 11-999-230-600	400
Account 11-999-291-260	6,000	Account 11-999-240-105	1,000
Account 11-999-291-270	<u>21,116</u>	Account 11-999-240-500	<u>1,000</u>
	\$ 85,266		\$ 85,266

## Special Revenue Fund:

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
Account 20-435-200-600	\$ 31	Account 20-435-200-561	\$ 31

RETIREMENT - Transportation:Thomas Festa

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves the retirement of Thomas Festa, transportation employee, effective July 1, 2002.

NON-RENEWAL OF TEACHING CONTRACTS:

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the contracts of the following non-tenured teachers not be renewed for the 2002/2003 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>P/T</u>
Aduato, Kristine	p/t .5
Algieri, Kimberly	
Ambrose, Jennifer	
Bania, Kent	
Cappello, Joseph	
Caputo, Deborah	p/t .5

<u>NAME</u>	<u>P/T</u>
Casale, Susan	p/t .5
Cerniglia, Kelli	p/t .5
Cioffi, Rose	
Citarella, Jennifer	
Clarke, Sarah	
Considine, Maria	
Contreras, Dolores	
Cullari, Carla	p/t .5
Cundari, Michael	
D'Angio, Elizabeth	
DeLorenzo, Lenore	p/t .5
Doyle-Marino, Helen	
Egan, Tracy	
Fagan, Regan	p/t /5
Falco, Nancy	
Ferraro, Michelle	
Fitzgerald, Lisa	
Groh, Darren	
Groninger, Nicole	
Harbison, Robert	
Hecht, Jenifer	
Holly, Sheryl Lynn	
Ives, Sheryl	
King, Walter	
Klem, Rachel	
Koukoularis, Eleni	
Kozyra, Cheryl	p/t .5
Latronica, Mandi	
Licameli, Lesslie	
Lynch, Cynthia	p/t .5
Manganiello, Louis	
Marchese, Debra	
Martin, Leann	
Masino, Gina Marie	
McAloon, Jacqueline	
McDonnell, Linda	p/t .6
Missonellie, Adrienne	
Mosior, Lynn	p/t .5
Muniz, Maria	
Oleson, Gregory	
Osieja, Christina	
Palestina, Lisa	
Parker, Margaret	
Peluso, Heather	p/t .5
Pontrella, Mary	p/t .5

<u>NAME</u>	<u>P/T</u>
Puzio, Eric	
Raiser, Bethany Anne	
Reid, Laura	
Rizzi, Michele	
Rosati, Christopher	
Rossi, Alisa J.	
Rossillo, Cheryl	
Rubinstein, Lorraine	p/t .5
Saitta, Donna T.	
Sorensen, David	
Stoffers, Michael	
Struble, Pamela	
Strumolo, Maria	
Tibaldo, Joanne	
Toto, Andrea	p/t .2
Tusche, Marisa	
Williams, Denis	
Yacullo, Alison	
Zellea, Jarrett	
Zoltowski, Veronica	

#### NON-RENEWAL OF INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES

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

BE IT RESOLVED, That the contracts of the following instructional aides not be renewed for the 2002/2003 school year:

Battaglia, Kristen	
Callaghan, Maureen	
Carbone, Janet	
Ciccolella, Nicoletta	
Cristiano, Kathleen	
Imperial, Lynn	
Kucinski, Stephanie	(p/t .5)
Luzzi, Donna	
Meola, Nadine	
Paolino, Audrey	
Polito, Barbara	
Ponzoni, Janet	
Pucci, Annette	

Rosamilia, Melissa  
Tesei, Lesley  
Weiss, Yvonne  
Witczak, Joanne  
Yanuzzelli, Gloria

HEARING OF CITIZENS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Roncaglio read the following statement:

"I first came to the Board in October of 1998 and I felt very fortunate to be able to devote my time and energy to benefit a school system that I had become so devoted to. Eight years on the executive board of the Academic Booster Club and four years chairing the Nutley Citizens for Quality Education gave me a certain level of familiarity with the responsibilities I would be facing, particularly with the most daunting of tasks, the school budget. I came into this group satisfied that things had been going well but knowing that there was more.

"I am proud that the Board I became a part of was brave, unafraid to stick its neck out, willing to face the most uncomfortable problems and make the difficult decisions. And although we may not have always agreed on the method, I can say without reservation that our intentions were always to do the right thing. My respect for these people and my desire to continue what I started made my decision not to run for another term extremely difficult. Ultimately, my responsibilities as a wife and mother, and my professional obligations as a member of a Senate staff, won out.

"I faced a baptism of fire. The first major issue, looming in the immediate future, was addressing the impact of Cambridge Heights on facilities that were already tight. This issue continues to be a primary concern of this Board but certainly not the only one.

"I am proud to have chaired the Budget Committee that gave Nutley its only zero increase in memory. I am proud of the initiative I took with my Academic Committee to recommend Advanced Placement courses that would be accessible to students in the middle of the class. I am privileged to have worked with fellow Board members on problems that have been or are close to final resolution. Tremendous inroads have been made on the Policy review; Policies have been rewritten

addressing substance abuse, which have been expanded to include tobacco along with drugs and alcohol. SAC counselors have been added, guidance counselors are available at the elementary level. There has been expansion of course offerings across the Board, in sciences, mathematics, foreign language, technology, and humanities. Athletics have been expanded to include JV hockey, and JV and freshman lacrosse. The after school program is now the sole responsibility of the BOE and has made provisions to include special needs children as well as those in the middle school. The list goes on. The amount of work is often staggering, the hours ludicrous but the satisfaction is overwhelming.

"The hope that the next Board and all those that follow enjoy nothing but success. Our children and our future as a community depend on the work and Decisions of this body."

Dr. Casale said that Mrs. Roncaglio's contribution to the Board has been immeasurable. He added she is an advocate for the children and will be missed.

Mr. Restaino wished her the best and said it was a pleasure serving on the Board with her for the last several years and will miss sitting next to her at the Board meetings.

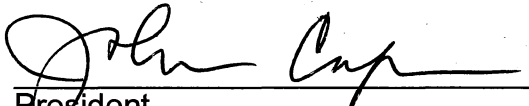
Dr. Serafino said that she and Mrs. Roncaglio have known each other for years since her children attended Radcliffe School when she was Principal. She stated that Mrs. Roncaglio was always a very supportive parent as well as Board member and her very wise contributions will be missed.


Mrs. Roncaglio stated that her enthusiasm for the school district started when her children attended Radcliffe School. She added that going to school at Radcliffe is like being on the golden staircase, every single step gets better and better.

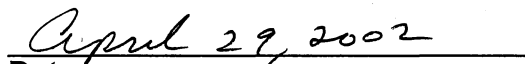
Dr. Vivinetto said that Mrs. Roncaglio is a very compassionate and committed woman who cares about the children of Nutley and fights for any child that beats to a different drum. He encouraged Mrs. Roncaglio to continue being a supportive parent.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board on motion made by Mrs. Roncaglio, seconded by Mr. Restaino the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

  
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Date