NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONFERENCE MEETING JULY 22, 2002

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, July 22, 2002 at the Nutley High School Library, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Cafone opened the meeting at 6:35 PM

CALL TO ORDER

MEETING NOTICE

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President Cafone stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting had been provided as specified in the Act. Said notice was provided on July 18, 2002 and posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Nutley Sun, The Star Ledger, The North Jersey and Herald & News and The Nutley Journal and mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE FLAG SALUTE

President Cafone led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL ROLL CALL

Present:

Mrs. Maria Alamo Dr. Philip T. Casale Mr. Gerard Del Tufo Mr. Alan Genitempo Dr. Gerard M. Parisi Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.

Mr. John Cafone

Absent:

Mr. Sal Olivo

Also Present:

Dr. Kathleen C. Serafino, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. James Mallen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Frank Pomaco, Esq., Board Attorney Mr. Lee Heckendorn, Board Architect

ITEMS DISCUSSED

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1. Board Meeting Agendas

President Cafone apprised the trustees of the intent to expedite the

agenda at the Board's regular public meetings. The trustees and administration considered various ways to accomplish this objective. Discussion ensued, after which the trustees generally agreed to eliminate any unnecessary resolutions and agenda items. The trustees also agreed to consider modifying the Board's policies and bylaws to achieve this objective.

2. Video Identification Systems

President Cafone apprised the Board and public of the receipt of bids on July 17, 2002 for the purchase of digital closed circuit video recorders at all five elementary schools. He spoke of an alternative way to address this need as the bids were higher than anticipated. After discussion, the trustees agreed to allow Business Administrator James Mallen to pursue this objective.

3. Parking of Busses

President Cafone spoke of the consideration by the Facilities Committee to move the parking of the district's school busses from the Radcliffe School to the blacktop area behind the Franklin Middle School. Extensive discussion ensued. In conclusion the trustees agreed to investigate an estimated cost for fencing, revisions and other requirements to convert the middle school blacktop area into parking for school busses.

4. Bond Referendum Revisions

President Cafone summarized the efforts of the Facilities Committee to reduce the amount of the defeated bond referendum. He spoke of the possibility of breaking up the proposed referendum projects into separate questions to allow the voters to act upon the proposed projects separately. He then introduced Board Architect Lee Heckendorn who summarized the committee's efforts to date. The trustees questioned the architect regarding various aspects of the proposed referendum. Extensive discussion ensued.

5. Public Information Consultants

President Cafone apprised the public of the district's need to employ professionals to assist the Board in getting the accurate information. Brief discussion ensued.

President Cafone recommended a 10 minute recess until 8:00 PM when the Board would convene its regular public meeting.

ADJOURN ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Trustee Del Tufo, seconded by Trustee Casale and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MALLEN Board Secretary