### NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## SPECIAL MEETING **JULY 24, 2002**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2002 in the Board Conference Room, 379 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Cafone opened the meeting at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

**MEETING NOTICE MEETING NOTICE** 

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. Proper notice of this Special Meeting was legally advertised in the North Jersey Herald & News on July 20, 2002. Said notice was also posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Nutley Sun, The Star Ledger, and The Nutley Journal and mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk.

This is an official meeting.

**ROLL CALL ROLL CALL** 

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo

Mr. Alan Genitempo Mr. Sal Olivo

Dr. Gerard M. Parisi Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia Mr. John Cafone

Absent: Dr. Philip T. Casale

Mr. Gerard Del Tufo

Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.

Also Present: Dr. Kathleen C. Serafino, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. James Mallen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mr. Lee Heckendorn, Board Architect

# AUTHORIZATION TO GIVE NOTIFICATION FOR SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

AUTHORIZATION SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

Trustee Genitempo moved and Trustee Pelaia seconded the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Secretary to notify the Essex County Clerk, the Essex County Board of Elections and the Nutley Township clerk of its intention to hold a Special Election on December 10, 2002, provided the Board has received the necessary approvals from the New Jersey Department of Education.

The resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Trustee Casale entered 6:08 PM

#### MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** 

At 6:10 PM Trustee Genitempo 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 in the conference room to discuss contract negotiations with public information consultants, 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 motion was moved by Trustee Genitempo, seconded by Trustee Pelaia and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Tustee Del Tufo entered 6:15 PM

#### **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

At 7:15 PM the meeting was reconvened.

## APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CONSULTANT

Trustee Alamo moved and Trustee Genitempo seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Nutley Board of Education has been

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investigating plans for school construction and renovation, and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that said plans will require funds authorized by the voting public at a future referendum, and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for the services of a qualified public information consultant in connection with pre-referendum activities and, the actual referendum, and

WHEREAS, the firm of Patricia Morris Associates, Inc., of Clark, NJ is well qualified and fully capable of providing these services, and

WHEREAS, Patricia Morris Associates, Inc., has submitted a proposal for public information consulting services acceptable to the Board,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley that the firm of Patricia Morris Associates, Inc. of Clark, NJ is hereby appointed as public information consultants for the Nutley School District pursuant to the terms of their proposal, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a professional service under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

President Cafone entertained thoughts and comments from the trustees. For approximately one half hour the trustees intensely discussed the positives and negatives regarding the use of Patrica Morris Associates as a public information communications consultant for the bond referendum. During this time, every trustee present had the opportunity to thoroughly express his/her feelings and opinions in this matter.

The resolution was approved by a roll call vote as follows: Ayes 6, Noes 2 with Trustee Casale and Trustee Pelaia voting no.

President Cafone next introduced Board Architect, Lee Heckendorn and asked him to summarize the possible changes to the original bond referendum. These changes were the result of the Facilities Committee meetings held in July 2002. Mr. Heckendorn gave a detailed explanation of the changes proposed by the Board's Facilities Committee.

The trustees and administration then spent approximately one half hour discussing the many components of the revised referendum. Questions and concerns were extensively discussed.

ADJOURNMENT ADJOURN

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM on a motion by Trustee Genitempo, seconded by Trustee Casale and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

**JAMES MALLEN** Board Secretary

JOHN CAFONE Board President