

NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2002

The Nutley Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2002 at the Radcliffe School Multi-Purpose Room, 379 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Cafone opened the meeting at 8:05 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. Proper notice of this Regular Meeting was provided in the annual notice dated April 29, 2002. Said notice was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Nutley Sun, The Star Ledger, The North Jersey Herald & News and The Nutley Journal and mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk.

This is an official meeting.

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
Mr. Sal Olivo
Dr. Gerard M. Parisi
Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia
Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.
Mr. John Cafone

Also Present: Dr. Kathleen C. Serafino, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. James Mallen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Dr. James Vivinetto, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Jonathan Orr, Student Representative, NHS
Mr. Lee Heckendorn, Architect

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the minutes of the Regular, Conference and Closed Executive Session meetings of November 25, 2002 and the Conference and Closed Executive Session meetings of December 2, 2002.

Trustee Restaino moved, Trustee Alamo seconded and the Board approved by voice vote the meeting minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Mr. Mallen presented and read the following correspondence:

A thank-you note from Peggy Dougherty for the Board's expression of sympathy on the passing of her mother.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

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OF BUSINESS**

Superintendent Serafino announced that she is pleased to introduce Nutley High School Principal Mr. Joseph Zarra who introduced Mr. Ron Bonadonna the high school newspaper advisor.

Mr. Bonadonna provided a verbal summary of the Maroon and Gray newspaper publication since its inception at Nutley High School in 1956. Mr. Bonadonna then distributed three awards to students and thanked the students, administration and board members for their participation and support. On behalf of the board, Superintendent Serafino commended the students for their successful efforts.

RECESS MEETING

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At 8:25 p.m. upon the suggestion of President Cafone, Trustee Pelaia moved, Trustee Casale seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to recess.

RECONVENE MEETING

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At 8:35 p.m. Trustee Restaino moved, Trustee Casale seconded and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the open public meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPT'S REPORT A

Dr. Serafino presented the Superintendent's Report dated December 16, 2002, Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

**BOARD
SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

Board Secretary Mallen presented the Board Secretary's Report dated December 16, 2002 as listed on the agenda.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

**HEARING OF
CITIZENS**

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

**SUPT'S
RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Alamo moved and Trustee Parisi seconded a motion that the Board approve the Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 13 as listed below.

The resolutions were unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows: Ayes 9, Noes 0 with Trustee Olivo abstaining on Resolution 8 – Extra Compensation.

1. **RESIGNATION – Teacher**

**RESIGN
TEACHER**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mr. Michael Soprano, music teacher, effective February 1, 2003.

2. **RESIGNATION – Instructional Aide**

**RESIGN
INSTRUCT
AIDE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Miss Stephanie Kucinski, instructional aide, effective January 1, 2003.

3. **APPOINTMENT – Professional Staff**

**APPOINT
PROF
STAFF**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Miss Sarah Fredericks as school psychologist for the 2002-03 school year, effective January 2, 2003 at the annual salary of \$43,118, M.A.+30 Step 6, prorated, in accordance with the 2002-03 Teachers' Salary Guide.

4. **APPOINTMENT – Instructional Aide**

**APPOINT
INSTRUCT
AIDE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Patricia Bankuti as Instructional Aide for the 2002-03 school year, effective January 2, 2003 at the annual salary of \$7,880 –Step 7, (p/t .5), prorated, in accordance with the 2002-03 Secretarial Salary Guide.

**APPOINT
TEACHER
SUBS B**

5. APPOINTMENTS – Teacher Substitutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule B dated December 16, 2002 for the 2002-03 school year.

**APPOINT
SUB**

6. APPOINTMENT– Substitute

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitute for the 2002-03 school year:

School Aide

Maria Ann Ferinde

**APPOINT
VOLUNTEER
COACH**

7. APPOINTMENT - VOLUNTEER COACH

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Michael Steffanelli for the position of Volunteer Ice Hockey Coach for the 2002-03 school year.

**EXTRA
COMP**

8. EXTRA COMPENSATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

**ART CURRICULUM REVIEW – K-8
November 2, 2002**

Robyn Burns	\$138.56
Dawn Goldberg	138.56
Hillary Hill Trovato	138.56
Anne Laudadio	138.56
Mary Pagana	180.16

**BASIC SKILLS CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT –
Grades 7-12 – November 12 and 21, 2002**

Patrick Gabriele	\$138.56
Nicole Groninger	138.56
Jolinda Griwert	138.56
Walter King	138.56
Marilyn Testa	180.16
Patricia Trainor	138.56

**MUSIC CURRICULUM – Grades K-12
November 2, 2002**

Carol Bender	\$138.56
Annemarie Carollo	138.56
Michael Cundari	138.56

Peter D'Angelo	138.56
Dennis McPartland	138.56
Julianne Philp	138.56
John Vitkovsky	186.52
Jarrett Zellea	138.56

**SCIENCE CURRICULUM – Grades 9-12
November 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2002**

Kent Bania	\$207.84
Lawrence Jinks	373.04
Paula Kasner	207.84
Scott Kindler	277.12
Eleni Koukoularis	277.12
Steven Starrick	277.12
Joseph Tagliareni	277.12

**WORLD LANGUAGES CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH
CURRICULUM–November 13, 2002 and FRENCH AP
CURRICULUM–November 20,2002**

Addolorato Cicchino	\$ 69.28
Patricia Camarda	69.28
Peggy Rucinski	69.28
Ciro Violante	186.52

**LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY READING COACHES
Grades 1 and 2**

Rita Alfaro	\$138.56
Kerry Bowes	138.56
Dana Capaccio	138.56
Andrea Carnevale	138.56
Amelia Cerisano	138.56
Kelli Cerniglia	138.56
Dolores Contreras	138.56
Michelle Cristantiello	138.56
Theresa DeLitta	138.56
Antoinette Frannicola	138.56
Patricia Griffin	138.56
Cynthia Healy	186.52
Kathryn Koribanick	138.56
Susan LaReau	138.56
Paula Lee	138.56
Laura-anne MacMillan	138.56
Linda Moscaritola	138.56
Lynn Mosior	138.56
Eileen O'Mara	138.56
Mary Pontrella	138.56
Kristin Puzio	138.56
Gail Reilly	138.56
Rosann Rizzuto	138.56
Lorraine Rubinstein	138.56
Bernadette Santoriello	138.56
Lynn Sorrentino	138.56
Carol Von Achen	138.56
Jenifer Wilson	138.56

P.A.T. Committee Meeting – November 19, 2002

Suzanne Hagert	\$ 51.96
Claire Menza	51.96
Rebecca Olivo	51.96
Lisa Rossi	51.96
Niki Vlasakakis	51.96

**HEALTH DYNAMICS CLASSES -
Month of November, 2002**

Rose Cioffi	\$250.00
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**ZERO PERIOD BASIC SKILLS CLASSES –
Month of November, 2002**

Leann Martin	\$160.00
David Sorensen	160.00

**PAYMENT FOR JOHNS HOPKINS (SAT) REVIEW
CLASSES – November 2, 16 and December 7, 14,
2002**

Jolinda Griwert	\$554.24
Leann Martin	554.24

**PAYMENT FOR CONDUCTING IN-SERVICE “USING
POWERPOINT and MULTIMEDIA TECHNOLOGY
IN YOUR CLASSROOM**

Robert Presuto	\$699.45
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**CENTRAL DETENTION COVERAGE –
November, 2002**

High School

Dana D’Ambola	\$ 18.77
Robin DeLorenzo	150.16
Anne Marie Kowalski	262.78
Denis Williams	93.85
Lisa Vallo	56.31

Franklin School

Joseph Cappello	168.93
LuAnn Zullo	56.31

**SATURDAY MORNING SUSPENSIONS –
November, 2002**

High School

Anne Marie Kowalski	\$156.90
Eric Puzio	78.45
Lisa Valo	78.45

INTRAMURALS - 10/1 - 11/19/02

Luann Zullo	\$187.95
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**PAYROLL
CAT**

9. PAYROLL FOR CAT PROGRAM – Fall 2002

Christina Chmeil	\$2,026.80
Helen Doyle-Marino	1,385.60
Tracy Egan	1,385.60
Mary Giordano	1,385.60
Nicole Groninger	1,247.04
Suzanne Hagert	1,385.60
Barbara Hirsch	2,026.80
Eleni Koukoularis	1,714.68
Denise Mazza	1,714.68
Dennis Pandolfi	1,454.88
Louis DanGiovanni	1,593.44
Janice Schoem	1,316.32
Margit Smith	1,385.60
Jill Sorensen	1,281.68
Maria Strumolo	1,385.60
Nancy Thunell	1,411.58
Joanne Tibaldo	1,385.60
Robert Topolski, Jr.	1,714.68
Robert Topolski, Sr.	1,714.68
Veronica Zoltowski	1,437.56
Joseph Zarra	180.16

SUBSTITUTES

Karen SanGiovanni	\$ 138.56
Amelia Cerisano	138.56
Judy Rasczyk	138.56

10. APPROVAL OF NEW COURSES

**APPROVAL
NEW COURSES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of education approves the following courses presented at the December 2, 2002 conference session:

AP English III	-Grade 11
Journalism	-Grade 8
Sports & Entertainment	-Grades 10,11,12
Archaeology of the Ancient World	-Grades 9-12

AP Environmental Science (Honors)	-Grades 11, 12
Physical Science	-Grades 11, 12
Biology for Living	-Grades 9-12
Earth/Space Science	-Grades 10-12
Introduction to Conversational Spanish Language & Cultures	-Grade 9
AP French Language	-Grades 11, 12

**RETIRE
CAFE**

11. **RETIREMENT - Cafeteria**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation for reasons of retirement for Ida Scary, cafeteria worker, effective January 1, 2003.

**APPOINT
BUS
DRIVER**

12. **APPOINT BUS DRIVER**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of probationary bus driver Ramona Lehansky as a bus driver for the period from December 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 at the hourly rate of \$12.70-van and \$13.67-bus which are in accordance with the 2002-03 Transportation Agreement.

**APPOINT
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13. **APPOINT BUS DRIVER**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of probationary bus driver Edward Miller as a bus driver for the period from December 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 at the hourly rate of \$12.70-van and \$13.67-bus which are in accordance with the 2002-03 Transportation Agreement.

**BOARD
SECRETARY'S
RESOLUTIONS**

BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Del Tufo moved and Trustee Pelaia seconded a motion that the Board approve the Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 4 as listed below. The resolutions were unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows: Ayes 9, Noes 0.

**BOARD
MANDATORY
PAYMENTS A**

1. **BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated December 16, 2002 in the total amount of \$4,012,248.15 (Appendix A).

**2. REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS**

USE OF BLDGS AND GROUNDS B

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

3. TRANSFER SCHEDULE

TRANSFER SCHEDULE C

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 9:20-2, the transfers in the 2002-03 budget per Transfer Schedule #5 dated December 16, 2002 in the amount of \$17,793 as appended (Appendix C).

4. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

ACCEPT GIFT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a gift from the ELECTION FUND OF GARRY J. FURNARI in the amount of \$3,600 for the purchase of four (4) new computers to be used by the Nutley High School yearbook student staff.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Trustee Alamo - Policy Committee
Trustee Genitempo - Negotiations Committee

HEARING OF CITIZENS

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Resident Sue Lawton thanked the board for allowing these meetings to be taped and video cast. She asked how much the total cost of the referendum was and what the direction the Board was taking regarding future referendums.

Resident Julie Viola asked if the Board reached a decision regarding the parking of the school district buses.

Resident Mike Russo expressed his disappointment that the buses haven't been moved yet. He also asked if the Board intends to move the administrative offices.

President Cafone responded where appropriate. Hearing no further comments, President Cafone closed this portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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Trustee Pelagia offered his suggestions and opinions regarding the broadcasting of the videotaping of this meeting.

Trustee Genitempo asked what the enrollment was last year in the district.

Trustee Casale moved, and Trustee Pelaia seconded, a motion to approve the band trip to Orlando, Florida. After discussion, Trustee Casale agreed to withdraw his motion until more information is received on the trip.

Trustee Olivo asked, and President Cafone responded to, a question regarding the ordinance concerns at the property located at 113 E. Centre Street.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Pelaia stated that he had recommended that the district again institute a student residency enrollment program.

Superintendent Serafino acknowledged the recent defeat of the bond referendum and commended the people who worked on the Referendum Committee for all their hard work.

Trustee Alamo commended Dr. Serafino for adding new courses to the curriculum.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM on a motion by Trustee Pelaia, seconded by Trustee Parisi and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES MALLEEN
Board Secretary