

President Cafone opened the meeting for discussion and asked trustees for their questions, comments and/or concerns.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

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1. Substance Abuse Policy

Assistant Superintendent Vivinetto provided a brief summary of the process this Board pursued in approving its comprehensive Substance Abuse Policy. The process included a provision that a summary version of the policy be prepared and distributed to all middle and high school students.

The trustees offered their thoughts and suggestions on the distribution and dissemination of this important information. After extensive discussion, the trustees agreed that central administration would recommend several pro-active steps to distribute this policy to all parents and students.

2. Meeting Minutes

The trustees reviewed the December meeting minutes and accepted the minutes as submitted.

3. Demographic Study

Trustee Pelaia asked, and Superintendent Serafino responded to, a question regarding the preparation of the most recent demographic study.

4. Thank You Letter

President Cafone acknowledged a letter sent to Senator Garry Furnari thanking him for the gift of \$3,600 to buy four new computers for the high school yearbook staff.

5. Regular Meeting Agenda

The trustees reviewed the proposed resolutions prepared for the 1/27/03 Regular meeting agenda. After brief discussion, the trustees agreed to act upon them at the regular meeting.

6. Bond Referendum

President Cafone gave the full Board a summary of discussions at tonight's Facilities Committee Meeting. He then entertained thoughts, comments and opinions from all trustees on the decision to again seek voter approval on March 11, 2003. Extensive discussion ensued involving all Board members. In conclusion, the trustees concurred that the Board should not seek voter approval in a special bond referendum election on March 11, 2003 unless the Board has the support of the Nutley Township Commissioners.

7. Meeting with Commissioners

President Cafone announced that a meeting between the trustees and commissioners is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, January 22, 2003. He discussed the alternative of a committee of the board meeting with the commissioners versus the full board meeting with the commissioners. Trustees expressed their preference that the full board meet with the commissioners. In conclusion, President Cafone agreed to check with the board attorney in this matter and advise the board of the attorney's opinion.

8. Parking of Buses

The trustees discussed the moving of the school buses from Radcliffe School. The trustees again discussed possible alternative sites which would not cost as much as the Centre Street site. After discussion, the Board agreed to act upon this matter at the January 27, 2003 Regular meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

At 8:10 PM Trustee Casale moved and Trustee Parisi seconded 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 personnel, 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 unanimously approved by voice vote.

Reconvened open meeting at 8:30 p.m.

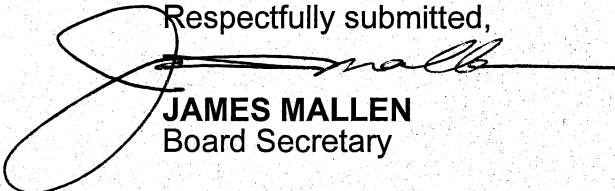
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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM on a motion by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Genitempo and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



JAMES MALLEN
Board Secretary