NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONFERENCE MEETING JANUARY 13, 2003

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2003 in the Board Conference Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Cafone opened the meeting at 7:03 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 legally advertised in The North Jersey Herald & News on October 19, 2002 and 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.

FLAG SALUTE SALUTE

President Cafone led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL 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

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 Supterintendent 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

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.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

EXECUTIVE

SESSION

ADJOURN

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