NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING JANUARY 22, 2003

The Nutley Board of Education held a Joint Special Meeting with the Nutley Board of Commissioners on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 in the Third Floor Conference Room of Town Hall, Kennedy Drive, Nutley, NJ 07110.

Mayor Peter Scarpelli called this meeting to order at 7:05 PM and announced the purpose of this Special Meeting is to meet with the Board of Education trustees to discuss the district's need to upgrade all of its facilities.

Municipal Clerk Mrs. Lucille Simonian read the Sunshine Law notice and called the roll and all five Nutley Township Commissioners were present.

Mayor Scarpelli introduced Board President John Cafone who read the following notice:

BOARD PRESIDENT'S 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 Joint Meeting was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Nutley Sun, The North Jersey Herald & News, The Star Ledger, and The Nutley Journal and mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the school district's need for a bond referendum. It is anticipated that no action will be taken at this meeting.

This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mrs. Maria Alamo

Dr. Philip T. Casale Mr. Gerard Del Tufo

Mr. Sal Olivo

Dr. Gerard M. Parisi Mr. Joseph C. Pelaia Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.

Mr. John Cafone

Absent:

Mr. Alan Genitempo

CALL TO ORDER

BOARD PRESIDENT'S NOTICE

ROLL

Also Present:

Dr. Kathleen C. Serafino, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. James Mallen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Dr. James Vivinetto, Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Lee Heckendorn, Board Architect

Mayor Peter Scarpelli

Commissioner Garry J. Furnari Commissioner Joanne Cocchiola Commissioner Carmen A. Orechio Commissioner Mauro G. Tucci

Also Absent:

Mr. Jonathan Orr, Student Representative

President Cafone thanked Mayor Scarpelli and the Commissioners for this opportunity to speak publicly and discuss the alternatives of the Board in its attempts to upgrade and renovate all Nutley district schools.

At the Mayor's request, Superintendent Serafino and architect Lee Heckendorn provided an explanation of the critical educational needs to be addressed.

<u>DISCUSSION</u>

The commissioners, trustees and architect discussed the need to enhance the school facilities and modernize the district's educational programs.

The commissioners agreed that another special election is necessary. However, they suggested that the Board of Education trustees proceed cautiously and be sensitive to the concerns of residents who defeated the two previous referendums.

All commissioners and board trustees spoke at length and offered their comments, thoughts and opinions in this matter.

In conclusion, Mayor Scarpelli thanked everyone for their attendance and concern. He suggested that the two public bodies again meet to discuss the district's needs and the Board's plans to address them.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM on a motion by Trustee Restaino, seconded by Trustee Casale and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES MALLEN
Board Secretary