

## **NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 10, 2003**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2003 at the Radcliffe School Multi-Purpose Room, 379 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Cafone opened the meeting at 8:00 PM

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

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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 March 8, 2003. 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. The purpose of this meeting will be for the Board to discuss the school district proposed bond referendum. Formal action may be taken.

This is an official meeting.

#### **FLAG SALUTE**

**FLAG  
SALUTE**

President Cafone led the assembly in the flag salute.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

At 8:05 PM Trustee Alamo moved and Trustee Casale 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 legal matters, 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.

**RECONVENE MEETING**

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

President Cafone announced that the Facilities Committee has been working diligently to meet the educational needs of the students by upgrading district facilities. At the same time the committee, and the full board, is aware of the taxpayer concerns.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS (Agenda Items Only)**

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Resident Steve Picciano questioned whether we should renovate the existing middle school and high school or build new ones.

Resident Sue Lawton asked if this proposal is replacing the defeated bond referendum. She then asked if it would be on the Annual School Election ballot. She then asked what would happen if this proposal is defeated.

President Cafone responded to all questions.

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

Trustee Genitempo moved, and Trustee Parisi seconded the following resolution:

**APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS AND SCHEMATICS FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

**APPROVE  
ED SPECS FOR  
4/15/03 ELECTION BALLOT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. DCM Architecture Inc., the school district's appointed architect for the proposed capital program, is hereby authorized and delegated the responsibility in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18-16 to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed capital program in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who is hereby delegated the responsibility to work with the architect for this purpose on behalf of the Board.
2. The educational plans and the schematic plans for the construction of the improvements to the district's school facilities (the "Project") are hereby approved in substantially the form submitted at this meeting with such changes as directed by this Board of Education and prepared under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
3. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Project Architect, Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board are authorized to submit the educational plans and the schematic plans for the Project to the State Department of Education for approval and to make application to the Commissioner of Education for approval of the educational plans, the schematic plans and the Project and for any necessary amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, Ch. 72, effective July 18, 2001 (the "Act").
4. This Board of Education will conduct an Annual School Election on April 15, 2003 between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. as permitted and required by law. This Board agrees to vote on a school bond proposal in the total amount of \$4,872,673 subject to approval of the Project by the Department of Education. The form of the proposal, consistent with the approval of the Department of Education, will be adopted by this Board of Education at a subsequent meeting.
5. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Project Architect, Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is further authorized and directed to request the County Clerk, the County Board of Elections, the County Superintendent of Elections and the Municipal Clerk to conduct the Annual School Election, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to act on behalf of the Board to make such determinations required of the Board for the conduct of the election.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

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President Cafone opened the meeting to comments from the trustees regarding the above resolution. The trustees extensively discussed and deliberated the merits of the revised referendum. Many opinions and suggestions were expressed and all trustees had an opportunity to express their feelings.

A typewritten transcription of this entire meeting is maintained on permanent file for public access in the Office of the Board Secretary.

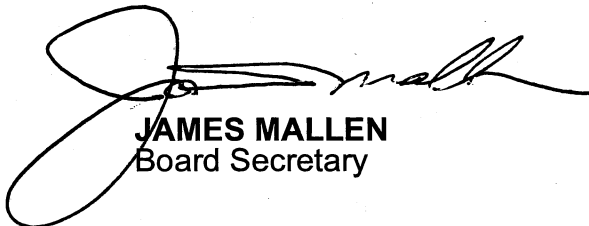
The resolution was approved by roll call vote with Trustees Alamo, Del Tufo, Genitempo, Olivo, Parisi and Cafone voting aye, Trustee Casale and Pelaia voting no, and Trustee Restaino abstaining.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM on a motion by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Pelaia and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



**JAMES MALLEN**  
Board Secretary