

## **NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **CONFERENCE MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 2003**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, September 8, 2003 in the Board Conference Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Alamo opened the meeting at 7:10 PM

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

#### **MEETING NOTICE**

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President Alamo 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 Nutley Sun on May 8, 2003 and 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.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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Present: Mr. John Cafone  
Dr. Philip T. Casale  
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo  
Mr. Alan Genitempo  
Mr. Sal Olivo  
Dr. Gerard M. Parisi  
Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.  
Mr. James Viola  
Mrs. Maria Alamo

Also Present: Mr. James Mallen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Dr. James Vivinetto, Assistant Superintendent

Absent: Dr. Kathleen C. Serafino, Superintendent of Schools

#### **ITEMS DISCUSSED**

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##### **1. Approval - March 10, 2003 Minutes**

President Alamo recommended that the trustees accept the proposed minutes as originally prepared by Board Secretary Mallen with two revisions. The trustees noted that the professional transcription contained some factual errors that need

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to be revised. In conclusion the trustees agreed to place these minutes on the next regular meeting agenda.

**2. Regular Meeting Agenda - September 22, 2003**

The trustees agreed to review the proposed resolutions and call with any questions or concerns.

**3. Board Committee Reports**

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| Trustee Parisi    | - | Priorities Committee          |
| Trustee Parisi    | - | Policy Committee              |
| Trustee Cafone    | - | Construction Committee        |
| Trustee Viola     | - | Community Relations Committee |
| Trustee Genitempo | - | Facilities Committee          |
| Trustee Genitempo | - | Negotiations Committee        |
| Trustee Restaino  | - | Budget Committee              |
| Trustee Casale    | - | Academic Committee            |
| President Alamo   | - | Facilities Committee          |
| President Alamo   | - | Alternate Funding Committee   |

The discussions generated by the above reports included:

- A. The receipt and review of a proof copy of the revised board policies, bylaws and regulations from Strauss Esmay Associates.
- B. The status of the bond referendum projects to be addressed at Nutley High School.
- C. The plans for this Friday night's home varsity football game.
- D. The renaming of a school after the late John Walker.
- E. A proposal by Pennoni Associates to provide professional engineering services for a topographic and geologic survey of the Franklin Middle School.

**4. Technology Department Presentation**

Department Coordinator Robert Presuto offered an update on the installation of the telephone/intercom system in all elementary schools. As of today, Spring Garden, Yantacaw and Radcliffe schools are operational. However, we are restricted by our current contract with Horizon for the existing Centrex telephone system. This Horizon contract will expire February 2004. We can then pursue a contemporary digital telephone system. An extensive discussion ensued for forty-five minutes between the trustees, administration and Mr. Presuto.

Mr. Presuto next provided an in-depth summary of district-wide technology operations. It included network enhancements, hardware improvements, software upgrades and other additional

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items. The trustees asked, and Mr. Presuto responded to, many questions regarding his department.

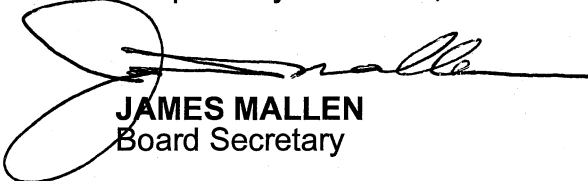
On behalf of the trustees, President Alamo thanked Mr. Presuto for his presentation and insights here tonight.

**ADJOURN**

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM on a motion by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Olivo, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



**JAMES MALLEN**  
Board Secretary