

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CONFERENCE/SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2003**

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

President Alamo opened the meeting at 7:00 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 North Jersey Herald & News on December 4, 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.

**FLAG SALUTE**

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Trustee Del Tufo led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

**ROLL  
CALL**

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

Absent: Dr. Philip T. Casale (Arrived 7:20 PM)  
Mr. Sal Olivo

Also Present: Dr. Kathleen C. Serafino, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. James Mallen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Dr. James Vivinetto, Assistant Superintendent

Also Absent: Miss Meghan Ashley, Student Representative

President Alamo announced to the public that the Board would immediately adjourn to closed confidential session to discuss potential litigation.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

At 7:03 PM Trustee Cafone moved and Trustee Del Tufo 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 potential litigation, 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.

At 7:43 PM the Board reconvened in open public session.

**RECONVENE  
OPEN MEETING**

**ITEMS DISCUSSED**

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Superintendent Serafino introduced High School Math Coordinator Toby D'Ambola who offered a report and proposal for a new AP statistics course at Nutley High School next year.

Superintendent Serafino next introduced Business Department Head Nancy Kehayes who offered a report and proposal for a new computer course as an elective to all 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. Much of the funding for any additional expenses could be paid with money from the Perkins Vocational Grant.

The trustees and administration extensively discussed the merits of these proposals. In conclusion, the Board agreed to act upon the approval of these new courses and thanked Mr. D'Ambola and Mrs. Kehayes for their professional efforts.

**RESOLUTION**

**AWARD OF  
CONTRACT - NHS  
SCIENCE LABS**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT - NHS SCIENCE LABS**

Trustee Cafone moved and Trustee Parisi seconded a motion that the Board approves the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, bids for Science Labs Rehabilitation & Improvements at Nutley High School were advertised on November 3, 2003, and

WHEREAS, sealed bids were publicly opened and read aloud on Monday, November 24, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and

WHEREAS, bids for the Science Labs Rehabilitation & Improvements at Nutley High School are listed in the attached analysis, Appendix A, and

WHEREAS, the bid of NIRAM Inc. meets all specifications, and is therefore the lowest responsible bidder,

WHEREAS the architect has recommended that the Board accept Alternate #1 in the amount of -\$58,000 (deduction) and reject Alternate #2 in the amount of +\$30,000 (addition),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, as per the recommendation of architect Lee Heckendorn, approves the award of contract to NIRAM, Inc., 91 Fulton Street, Unit 4, Boonton, NJ 07005 in the total amount of \$3,011,000.

**ITEMS DISCUSSED (continued)**

**Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

The trustees discussed the Regular Meeting Agenda and the tentative resolutions. Board Secretary Mallen explained the partial payment for the installation of replacement windows at Nutley High School. He also explained the need to approve NJ/ARM to assist the Board in the investment of bond referendum funds.

At 8:20 PM Trustee Casale moved, and Trustee Cafone seconded, and the trustees unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reenter confidential session to discuss negotiations.

At 9:22 PM the Board reconvened in open public session on a motion by Trustee Parisi, seconded by Trustee Viola, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

**ITEMS  
DISCUSSED  
(continued)**

**RECONVENE  
CONFIDENTIAL  
SESSION**

**RECONVENE  
OPEN MEETING**

**ITEMS DISCUSSED (continued)**

**Honoring of John H. Walker**

**ITEMS  
DISCUSSED  
(continued)**

President Alamo summarized the Board's decision last month to not rename the Franklin Middle School after John H. Walker. She then opened the floor to the Board for discussion. Vice President Genitempo suggested that the Board consider naming the new wing at the Franklin School in honor of John Walker. The trustees then discussed the possibility of passing another bond referendum to finance the cost of a new middle school wing. Board discussion ensued.

#### Date for Vote on Referendum

The trustees considered the timelines for a bond referendum vote at the Annual School Election on Tuesday, April 20, 2004. Other factors considered and discussed include the possible revaluation of all township property, the diminishing availability of contractors to perform this work and the educational needs and requirements of our current and future middle school students.

In conclusion, the trustees agreed to place this item for discussion again on the January 12, 2004 Conference Meeting Agenda.

#### Committee Reports

Trustee Cafone apprised the Board of two proposals from the Township. The first involves the Board buying cameras to be mounted on the town library building and focused upon Nutley High School.

The second proposal is a request from Nutley Township for permission from the Nutley Board of Education for the Township to reconfigure the sidewalk in front of the town library, which is Board of Education property. Board discussion ensued.

#### **ADJOURN**

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM on a motion by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Viola, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

**JAMES MALLEEN**  
Board Secretary