

NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONFERENCE MEETING January 12, 2004

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2004 in the Board Conference Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Alamo opened the meeting at 6:35 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 North Jersey and Herald News on January 8, 2004 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

**FLAG
SALUTE**

Trustee Olivo led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

Present: Mr. John Cafone
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo (Left at 7:30 PM)
Mr. Alan Genitempo
Mr. Sal Olivo
Mr. James Viola
Mrs. Maria Alamo

Absent: Dr. Philip T. Casale (Arrived 6:40 PM)
Dr. Gerard M. Parisi (Arrived 6:40 PM)
Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. (Arrived 8:05 PM)

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

At 6:40 PM Trustees Casale and Parisi entered this meeting.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Presentations

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Superintendent Serafino announced that there would be two presentations tonight. The first one was for the Franklin Middle School Curriculum. She introduced Franklin Principal John Calicchio who summarized the need for a new course for our students who do not intend to attend college after high school graduation.

He introduced special education teacher Abigail Bergen who presented the specifics of the new proposed course on how to transition into the middle school and how to transition into the high school.

Extensive discussion ensued.

Director of Special Services Barbara Hirsch identified a need to more successfully address Differentiated Instruction strategies and summarized the reasons why. She then introduced elementary teacher Becky Olivo who spoke about the specifics of differentiation.

In conclusion, President Alamo thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in tonight's presentations and the formulation of these programs.

2. High School Renovations

President Alamo introduced High School Principal Joe Zarra, Buildings and Grounds Manager Phil Nicolette and Construction Manager Alan Ianuzzi. They provided a verbal presentation and update on the renovations being done in Nutley High School. After extensive discussion, the Board thanked them for their attendance and informative presentation.

3. Honoring John Walker

President Alamo again discussed the possibility of naming the proposed new wing at the Franklin Middle School in honor of the late John Walker. The trustees generally agreed that they could support this recommendation. However, they disagreed on when the Board should approve a resolution to do so. In conclusion, the trustees agreed to wait until the full Board is present to again consider this matter.

At 7:30 PM Trustee Del Tufo left this meeting.

4. Franklin School Referendum

The trustees again discussed the possibility of putting a Franklin School referendum on the April 20, 2004 Annual School Election ballot. The trustees deliberated the date when they would act to approve a resolution authorizing a bond referendum question to be placed on the April 20, 2004 Annual School Election ballot. They considered the timelines and recommendation of bond counsel Andrea Kahn to adopt the resolution at the February 23, 2004 Regular Meeting. In conclusion, the trustees agreed to consider taking action upon this matter at the February 9, 2004 Conference Meeting.

5. Old Business

Trustee Cafone asked if the policy committee could investigate and pursue a Board policy on the renaming of district schools and district property. Trustee Parisi, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, agreed to follow up and investigate.

Trustee Restaino complained about the condition of the Radcliffe School parking lot and fenced play area and the repairs and renovations that have been performed to date.

Trustee Parisi requested, and Assistant Superintendent Vivineto provided, an update of the review of the policy revisions by Strauss Esmay.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

At 8:45 PM Trustee Genitempo moved and Trustee Cafone 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.

**RECONVENE
OPEN MEETING**

At 9:15 PM the Board reconvened in open public session on a motion by Trustee Restaino, seconded by Trustee Parisi, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

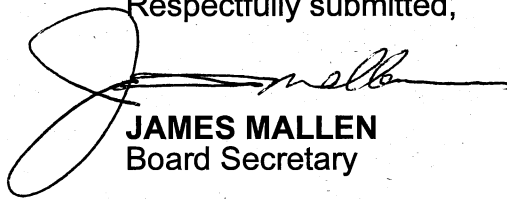
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ADJOURN

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM on a motion by Trustee Restaino, seconded by Trustee Parisi, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Malen", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke.

JAMES MALLEN
Board Secretary