

NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONFERENCE MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2004

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, November 29, 2004 in the Board Conference Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Alamo opened the meeting at 7:38 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. Proper notice of this Conference Meeting was provided in the annual notice dated May 3, 2004 and legally advertised in the Nutley Sun on May 13, 2004. Said notice was 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.

This is an official meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

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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
Mr. Sal Olivo
Dr. Gerard M. Parisi
Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly
Mr. James Viola
Mrs. Maria Alamo

Absent: Dr. Philip T. Casale (Arrived 6:50 PM)
Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr. (Arrived 6:40 PM)

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

Also Absent: Miss Shannon Arroyo, Student Representative

ITEMS DISCUSSED

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Addendum Resolutions

President Alamo asked Mr. Oblack to discuss the resolutions proposed as addenda to the previously distributed agenda.

Mr. Oblack explained the need for the building envelope assessments and Trustee Restaino added that although this item was not budgeted, the Budget/Finance Committee recommends its approval since it addresses safety issues.

Discussion was held on the justification of the civil/site engineering services addendum resolution, and it was agreed to add a "total not to exceed" amount to the resolution.

Extensive discussion occurred on the proposed resolution authorizing the issuance of grant anticipation notes. Mr. Oblack explained that this was a contingency resolution, in that the notes would only be issued in the event that the timing of our receipt of grant funds committed by the state for the NHS project did not match our cash needs. Trustee Restaino objected to authorization without knowledge of what the interest rate would be.

Trustee Parisi, Chair of the Policy Committee, discussed the policies proposed for the first reading.

Trustee Cafone asked that during the Regular Meeting, the public be informed that the Yantacaw modular classroom proposal is proceeding to negotiation. Trustee Del Tufo indicated that he would address this in his Facilities Committee report.

Mr. Oblack answered questions from the Trustees on several of the resolutions on the agenda.

Trustee Casale discussed a request for music instrument storage cabinets explaining that the Music Booster Club were prepared to purchase these cabinets at a cost of \$10,000 if the Board would contribute \$2,000. The consensus of the Trustees was that this should be pursued. Trustee Casale also mentioned the need to move toward an instrument rental program.

Mr. Oblack answered a question from Trustee Parisi regarding audit recommendations, indicating that it was standard operating procedure to issue pre-numbered receipts for all receipts in student activity funds, and to deposit such receipts within 48 hours.

Trustee Viola indicated that he would distribute a report from the Priorities Committee to all Trustees for review and for discussion of next steps.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55 PM Trustee Casale 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 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 8:10 PM Trustee Parisi moved, Trustee Cafone seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the open public meeting.


Discussion was held with respect to a letter received from the EAN regarding class trips. Superintendent Serafino indicated that decisions regarding the duration of such trips should be made by the school principal.

ADJOURN

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM on a motion by Trustee Cafone, seconded by Trustee Parisi, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Dennis M. Oblack
Board Secretary