

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2005**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2005 in the Radcliffe Multi-purpose Room, 379 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Alamo opened the meeting at 7:12 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 Special Meeting was provided on February 11, 2005. 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 Cafone led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

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

Also Present: Dr. James Vivinetto, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Dennis M. Oblack, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

President Alamo thanked Dr. Vivinetto for his service as Interim Superintendent.

Dr. Vivinetto expressed his positive feelings for the district and its employees as well as the citizens. He congratulated Mr. Zarra on his appointment and offered his support.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

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Resident Vincent Moscaritola commended the Board on the superintendent search and concurred with the Board's decision of appointing Mr. Zarra as Superintendent of Schools.

Resident Alan Thomas congratulated the Board on conducting the superintendent search but expressed his disappointment in the results shown on the Report Card. He stated that the Board and the Superintendent should set higher goals for performance.

Trustee Viola gave an explanation of his vote. He stated that he felt the Board did not adhere to the objectives set at the initiation of the process and did not do everything possible to find an experienced person to fill the Superintendent's position.

RESOLUTION

Trustee Casale moved, and Trustee Cafone seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved with the following exception:

1. Trustee Viola voted "No."

President Alamo and Trustees Casale, Restaino, Parisi and Reilly all expressed their confidence in voting for the person they thought was the best qualified for the position.

APPOINTMENT – Superintendent of Schools

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SUPERINTENDENT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Joseph Zarra as Superintendent of Schools effective February 18, 2005 – June 30, 2008, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the Employment Contract between the Board of Education and Joseph Zarra as Superintendent of Schools for the period February 18, 2005 – June 30, 2008, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the salary for Joseph Zarra as Superintendent of Schools for the remainder of the 2004-05 school year be set at \$140,000 annually prorated.

Superintendent Zarra thanked the Board and the community for their support and confidence in him. He stated that the children are his highest priority and together we can make a difference.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion by Trustee Cafone, seconded by Trustee Parisi, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Oblack
Board Secretary