

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONFERENCE MEETING
APRIL 4, 2005**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2005 in the Board Conference Room, 375 Bloomfield Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Alamo opened the meeting at 7:02 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 Del Tufo led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

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CALL**

Present:

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

Absent:

Mr. John Cafone
Dr. Philip T. Casale (Arrived 7:22 PM)
Mr. Alfred R. Restaino, Jr.

Also Present:

Mr. Joseph Zarra, 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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President Alamo introduced Robin Williams from the American Heart Association (AHA) who discussed the AHA's position of preventing/minimizing heart attacks and strokes. She offered the AHA's assistance in modifying/revising the defibrillator(s) policy and exploring funds for the units (cost \$1,500 - \$3,000).

Trustee Parisi explained the reason for repealing the policy was that the policy states that the Board of Education has a defibrillator when in fact it does not. He also discussed financial and legal liability issues. A discussion ensued. Ms. Williams will be forwarding information on funding and implementation at other New Jersey school districts to Mr. Zarra.

Board Secretary Oblack discussed the bus parking issue and Notice of Cancellation. If the Board gives 30 days notice to cancel, the fee is \$1,800/mo. If the Board gives 90 days notice to cancel, the fee is \$1,725.mo.

Board Secretary Oblack discussed National Cost Recovery.

President Alamo, Trustee Casale, Superintendent Zarra, our architect and our construction manager discussed with the Mayor, and will discuss with the full commission on April 5, 2005, the proposed elementary school referendum and the current conditions of the schools.

A discussion ensued concerning the scope of the project and the timing of the resolution.

Trustee Viola said that he would prefer proposing a referendum that the Board felt would be approved rather than the full scope. He stated that this would provide some state funding rather than risk getting nothing for a failed referendum.

Further discussion ensued.

Board Secretary Oblack distributed the Bond Amortization schedules and answered several related questions.

Committee Reports

Athletic Committee – Trustee Olivo indicated that the Committee discussed the use of corporate sponsorships. Trustee Del Tufo indicated that this should be pursued but funds generated should not be used for normal operating expenses. The general consensus was that such sponsorships should be pursued.

Trustee Olivo asked President Alamo if the Alternate Funding Committee had given further thought to the hiring of a grant writer. Assistant Superintendent Vivinetto gave an update on items being investigated by a commission-contracted grant writer.

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Superintendent Zarra and Trustees Olivo and Viola said they were meeting tomorrow with Superintendent Ritacco of Toms River to get ideas on alternate funding.

Assistant Superintendent Vivinetto spoke about the NCLB Title I Audit starting this week.

Superintendent Zarra stated that he would apply to have a table at the NJSBA Conference for performance by the Music Department.

Nutley School District was selected as one of the best 100 communities for music in the country. All music educators will be recognized at the April 18, 2005 Board meeting.

The Board decided to honor Barbara Hirsch, Director of Special Services, at CAT open house on April 16, 2005 for her long dedication to CAT.

Superintendent Zarra indicated that Trustee Reilly had ideas for new activities for students:

- Girls' Night Out for elementary and high school girls on separate nights in May with the Parks & Rec.
- Students participating in Mayor's anti-smoking project

President Alamo spoke about measures to be taken in a joint effort between the Board and town authorities to eliminate non-resident students by requiring re-registration.

Trustee Parisi asked if the town residency ordinance had been resolved. Superintendent Zarra replied that the town ordinance had no impact on what the Board does with respect to residency.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

Trustee Casale moved and Trustee Reilly 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

At 9:35 PM Trustee Casale moved, Trustee Parisi seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the open public meeting.

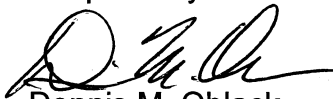
Trustee Reilly questioned why the staff was not informed that the district is willing to pay more than \$75/day for substitute nurses. Superintendent Zarra said that this was discussed at the principals' meeting.

Trustee Reilly suggested we investigate the possibility of bringing in special education students currently outside the district. Superintendent Zarra will discuss this with Barbara Hirsch.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Dennis M. Oblack
Board Secretary

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