

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2005**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, August 29, 2005 at the Nutley High School Library, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Parisi opened the meeting at 8:10 PM.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

MEETING NOTICE

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NOTICE**

President Parisi 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 Regular Meeting was provided in the annual notice dated May 5, 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

**FLAG
SALUTE**

Trustee Restaino led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

**ROLL
CALL**

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

Absent: Dr. Philip T. Casale
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola (arrived 8:20 PM)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**APPROVE
MINUTES**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following minutes:

- July 21, 2005 – Special Conference Meeting
- July 25, 2005 - Conference Meeting
- July 25, 2005 – Closed Executive Session
- July 25, 2005 – Regular Meeting

Trustee Reilly moved, Trustee Olivo seconded, and the Board approved by voice vote a motion to approve the minutes with the following exception:

1. Trustee Alamo abstained on the minutes of July 25, 2005.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Board Secretary Oblack read, and the trustees acknowledged, the following items of correspondence:

A thank-you note from Dan DiCristo and Family for the Board's expression of sympathy on the passing of his father.

A thank-you note from Jerry Del Tufo and Family for the Board's expression of sympathy on the passing of his father.

President Parisi read a letter from JoAnn Tropiano, President of the Rotary Club of Nutley, commending Superintendent Zarra and High School Principal Catrambone for welcoming on such short notice visiting Japanese students into our community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SUPT'S REPORT A

Superintendent Zarra presented the Superintendent's Report dated August 29, 2005, Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting, and briefly summarized its contents.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

**BOARD
SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

Board Secretary Oblack spoke about the Preliminary Eligible Cost from the state for various projects for September.

Trustee Moscaritola arrived at 8:20 PM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- Trustee Alamo - Academic Committee
- Trustees Alamo/
Moscaritola - Ad Hoc Residency Committee

- Trustee Del Tufo - Negotiations Committee
Facilities Committee
Oval Committee
- Trustee Viola - Technology Committee
- Trustee Olivo - Athletic Committee
- Trustee Moscaritola – Priorities Committee
- Trustee Reilly – Policy Committee
- President Parisi - Ad Hoc Safety Committee

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

None

**HEARING OF
CITIZENS**

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Restaino moved, Trustee Del Tufo seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 19 as listed below.

The Superintendent's Resolutions 1 through 19 were unanimously approved by roll call vote with the following exception:

1. Trustee Moscaritola abstained, pursuant to law, on Resolution 12 – BOE Extended Day Program.

**SUPT'S
RESOLUTIONS**

1. **RETIREMENTS – Transportation**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the retirement of the following personnel, effective September 1, 2005:

Gloria Alfano – Bus Driver
Kathleen Madden – Bus Aide

**RETIRE
TRANS**

2. **AMENDING RESOLUTION – Reappointments – Part-Time School Aides**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Reappointments – Part-Time School Aides Schedule C, adopted at the July 25, 2005 Board Meeting, be amended to reflect the following change:

	<u>Step</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Lilly Washington	2	\$13.47

**AMEND
REAPPOINT
P.T. AIDES**

**LEAVE
OF ABSENCE
TEACHER**

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a childrearing leave of absence for Mrs. Laura Giangeruso, elementary teacher, effective September 1, 2005 for the 2005-06 school year with the provision that she notify the Superintendent of Schools of further teaching intentions no later than April 1, 2006.

**LEAVE
OF ABSENCE
TEACHER**

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act for Mrs. Jennifer Citarella, effective September 6, 2005 through November 25, 2005.

**LEAVE
OF ABSENCE
TEACHER**

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a childrearing leave of absence for Ms. Gina Marie Masino from September 20, 2005 through October 31, 2005.

**APPOINT
PROF STAFF**

6. APPOINTMENTS – Professional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of the personnel listed below for the 2005-06 school year, effective September 1, 2005 in accordance with the 2005-06 Teachers' salary guide:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Danielle Cancelliere	B.A.	6	\$20,250 (p/t .5)
Tarik Huggins	B.A.	7	41,500

**APPOINT
BUS DRIVER**

7. APPOINTMENT – Bus Driver

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Appointment of Paul Colangelo as a bus driver for the 2005-06-school year, effective September 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 at an hourly rate of \$13.55-van and \$14.55-bus, which are in accordance with the *2004-05 Transportation Agreement. (Hired on a 90-day probationary period).

*Pending approval of 2005-2006 contract.

**APPOINT
BUS AIDE**

8. **APPOINTMENT – Bus Aide**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Appointment of Angela Gil as a bus aide for the 2005-06-school year, effective September 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 at an hourly rate of \$11.20, which is in accordance with the *2004-05 Transportation Agreement. (Hired on a 90-day probationary period).

* Pending approval of 2005-2006 contract.

**APPOINT
P.T. AIDE**

9. **APPOINTMENT – Part-Time Aide**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Janet Fenwick as part-time aide for the 2005-06 school year at the hourly rate of \$13.47, Step 2, in accordance with the hourly rate established by the Board of Education.

**APPOINT
TEACHER SUBS B**

10. **APPOINTMENTS – Teacher Substitutes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule B for the 2005-06 school year.

**APPOINT
SEC./CLERICAL/AIDE
SUBSTITUTE C**

11. **APPOINTMENTS – Secretarial/Clerical/Aide Substitutes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the Secretarial/Clerical/Aide Substitutes listed on the attached Schedule C for the 2005-06 school year.

**APPOINT
EXTENDED DAY D**

12. **APPOINTMENTS – BOE Extended Day Program**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the School Age Extended Day Program employees, for the 2005-06 school year listed on the attached Schedule D at the salaries indicated.

**REAPPOINT
CAFÉTERIA F**

13. **REAPPOINTMENTS – Cafeteria Personnel**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the reappointment of the cafeteria personnel listed on the attached Schedule F for the 2005-06 school year at the salaries to be agreed upon on conclusion of salary negotiations. In the interim between July 1 and the time said negotiations are successfully concluded, the 2004-05 salaries shall be paid.

**EXTRA
COMP**

14. **EXTRA COMPENSATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

**PAYMENT FOR FILMING BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETINGS – June 13, 27 and July 25, 2005**

Denis Atlic \$82.50

**PAYMENT FOR CHILD STUDY TEAM SUMMER HOURS
June to August, 2005**

Donald DiGiovine	\$5,621.59
Sarah Fredericks	1,857.90
Michelle Frusteri	1,594.36
Susan Furnari	2,560.74
Mari Konn	3,025.88
Elaine Mauro	262.10
Becky Pandolfi	5,861.32
Stephen Parigi	3,289.00
Robert Topolski	2,099.63

**CHANGE E
TRAINING
LEVELS**

15. **CHANGE IN TRAINING LEVELS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the personnel on the attached Schedule E be advanced to the proper level of the salary guide in accordance with Board of Education Regulations, said teachers having completed the necessary college courses to qualify for such advancement, to be effective September 1, 2005.

**LONGEVITY
PAY**

16. **LONGEVITY PAY**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following longevity payment:

Catherine Turano – \$3,400-Eff. September 1, 2005 (20 years)

17. **BOARD POLICY- Second Reading**

**BOARD
POLICY
2nd READING G**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the following new Board Policy at this second reading.

Policy #5517 Pupil Identification Cards Schedule G

**APPROVE
STIPEND B&G
EMPLOYEES**

18. APPROVAL OF STIPEND – Building & Grounds Employees

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a Black Seal stipend of \$500, prorated, effective August 1, 2005 in accordance with the 2004-07 Buildings and Grounds Employees Salary Guide for the following:

Michael Klein
Al Marchione

MEMORIAL

19. MEMORIAL Antonio Sibilía

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mr. Antonio Sibilía on August 5, 2005, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sibilía had served the Nutley Board of Education as a custodial employee for thirty-one years prior to his retirement in 1994, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sibilía won the respect of all those with whom he came in contact for his dedication to the Nutley School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley expresses its feeling of loss and extends to his family its deepest sympathy, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of his family.

**APPOINT
PROF. STAFF**

20. APPOINTMENTS - Professional Staff

Trustee Viola moved, and Trustee Olivo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of the personnel listed below for the 2005/2006 school year, effective September 1, 2005 in accordance with the 2005/2006 Teachers' Salary Guide:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Connie Inguanti	B.A.	6	\$20,250 (p/t .5)
Nikola Markovic	B.A.	6	20,250 (p/t .5)
Erika Pavlecka	B.A.	6	20,250 (p/t .5)

**AMEND H
REAPPOINT B&G
PERSONNEL**

21. AMENDING RESOLUTION – Reappointments – Buildings and Grounds Personnel – 2005-06

Trustee Reilly moved, and Trustee Alamo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Reappointments – Buildings and Grounds Personnel 2005-06, Schedule H, adopted at the May 23, 2005 Board Meeting, be amended to reflect the following change effective September 1, 2005:

	<u>Group/ Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Nikola Markovic	7-9	\$20,250 (p/t.5)

**APPOINT
PERM. UNASSIGNED
SUB**

22. APPOINTMENT – Permanent Unassigned Substitute

Trustee Del Tufo moved, and Trustee Olivo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Miss Gina Tucci as permanent unassigned substitute, effective September 1, 2005, for the 2005/2006 school year, at the rate of \$78 per day and fringe benefits which include State Health Benefits and dental plans.

**APPOINT
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT**

23. APPOINTMENT – Administrative Assistant

Trustee Moscaritola moved, and Trustee Olivo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Michael Fetherman as High School Administrative Assistant for the 2005/2006 school year, effective September 1, 2005.

**APPOINT
504 COORDINATOR**

24. APPOINTMENT – 504 Coordinator

Trustee Olivo moved, and Trustee Reilly seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Policy No. 104 (1510), that Mr. George Ackerman be appointed Section 504 Coordinator for the high school, at a stipend of \$3,000, for the 2005/2006

school year.

**TRANSFER
PERSONNEL**

25. TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL

Trustee Viola moved, and Trustee Olivo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following transfer:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Patrick Gabriele	Washington	Spring Garden

26. RESCIND APPOINTMENT – Permanent Unassigned Substitute

**RESCIND
APPOINT
PERM. UNASSIGNED
SUB**

Trustee Reilly moved, and Trustee Moscaritola seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the rescinding of the resolution approved at the July 25, 2005 Board Meeting, appointing Miss Robin DeLorenzo as Permanent Unassigned Substitute for the 2005/2006 school year.

27. APPOINTMENT – School Crossing Guard

**APPOINT
CROSSING GUARD**

Trustee Reilly moved, and Trustee Olivo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Denise Calvitto as the Radcliffe School Driveway Crossing Guard at \$13.47/hr. for the 2005-06 school year.

28. APPOINTMENT – School Crossing Guard Substitute

**APPOINT
CROSSING GUARD
SUB**

Trustee Reilly moved, and Trustee Olivo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Vicki Turi as the Substitute Radcliffe School Driveway Crossing Guard for the 2005-06 school year.

**ADOPT
PRIORITIES
2005-06**

29. ADOPTION OF PRIORITIES – 2005/2006

Trustee Moscaritola moved, and Trustee Reilly seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following priorities for the 2005/2006 school year:

2005/2006 PRIORITIES

CONTINUING PRIORITIES

- . Implementation of district five year facilities plan
- . Implementation of state-mandated school objectives for each school
- . Implementation of District Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Program
- . Implementation of District Revised Emergency Management Plan
- . Implementation of Digital Photo and Design Course - Grades 11 and 12
- . Implementation of AP Italian World Language Course - Grades 11 and 12
- . Implementation of Mathematics Analysis Course, Grades 11 and 12
- . Implementation of Library Media Curriculum - Grades K-12
- . Implementation of Transition Program/Clara Maass
- . Implementation of Stage I - Science Calendar Curriculum Mapping - Grades K-6
- . Implementation of Differentiated Instruction/Inclusion Instructional Strategies - Grades K-6
- . Implementation of Alternate Instructional Strategies in Mathematics, Calendar Math - Grades K-3
- . Implementation of Mathematics Curriculum - Grades 2,3,4

- . Implementation of Culinary Arts Curriculum Program - Grades 9-12
- . Implementation of the One Step Web page - Grades 5-6
- . Implementation of Language Arts New Strategies (Wilson Reading, Four Square Writing) in Elementary Grades
- . Implementation of Core Curriculum Content Standards, K-12

NEW PRIORITIES

- . Review of Facilities Plan - Elementary, Franklin Middle School and Nutley High School
- . Review of District Technology Curriculum, K-12
- . Review of Computer Courses - Grades 7-9
- . Development of Curriculum Mapping and Testing in Mathematics - Grades 5-8
- . Review of Practical (Life Skills) and Performing Arts Curriculum Program - Grades 9-12
- . Review of Pre-School Special Education Program
- . Review of Primary Reading Curriculum - Grades K-3
- . Review of Character Education Program - Grades 9-12
- . Review of Career Education Program - Grades 9-12

OTHER IMPORTANT CURRICULUM RELATED ITEMS

- . In-service training for K-12 faculty in language arts literacy, mathematics, science, social studies
- . In-service training for K-12 faculty in Instructional Theory into Practice(ITIP)
- . In-service training for K-12 staff in technology integration and web-site development
- . In-service training for K-12 staff for I & RS(Intervention and Referral Services) and 504's
- . In-service training in Affirmative Action Policies

- . In-service training in Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- . In-service training in Character Education Program
- . In-service in Mentoring Program
- . In-service training for State assessments (NJASK 3/4, 5,6,7)
GEPA, HSPA and District Terra Nova Tests
- . In-service training in Calendar Math - Grade 4
- . In-service training in Four Square Writing - Grades K-6
- . In-service training in Special Education related processes (e.g.-
Inclusion, Differentiated Instruction, etc.)

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/
BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS**

**BA/BOARD
SECRETARY'S
RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Alamo moved, and Trustee Reilly seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 8 as listed below.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Resolutions 1 through 8 were approved by roll call vote with the following exceptions:

1. Trustees Moscaritola and Restaino voted "No" on Resolution 1 – Bills and Mandatory Payments.

1. **BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS**

**BILLS &
MANDATORY
PAYMENTS A**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated August 29, 2005 in the total amount of \$2,242,671.02 (Appendix A).

2. **REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND
GROUNDS**

**USE OF
BUILDINGS
AND GROUNDS B**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Appendix B), that conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

3. TRANSFER SCHEDULE

TRANSFER SCHEDULE C

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)3ii, and NJSA 18A:22-8-1, the transfers in the 2005-06 budget dated July 31, 2005 in the amount of \$136,017 as appended (Appendix C).

4. JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT – Belleville Board of Education

JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves the following Joint Transportation Agreement with the Belleville Board of Education to provide transportation for Special Education students from Belleville to the following schools, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Subject to approval of the County Superintendent of Schools.

RT#	# OF STUDENTS	SCHOOL	COST PER DIEM
12	1	ECLC Chatham	\$67.00
7	1	Felician School Lodi	\$46.00

An additional charge of \$10 per diem will be added for each additional student on an established route.

5. JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT – Bloomfield Board of Education

JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves the following Joint Transportation Agreement with the Bloomfield Board of Education to provide transportation for Special Education students from Bloomfield to the following schools, effective September 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Subject to approval of the County Superintendent of Schools.

RT#	# OF STUDENTS	SCHOOL	COST PER DIEM
15	3	Children's Institute Verona	\$ 54.00

12	2	ECLC Chatham	\$ 72.00
13	2	Allegro School Cedar Knolls	\$ 83.00
14	1	Midland School North Branch	\$122.00
9* (*AM & PM)	21	Vocational School West Caldwell	\$138.00

An additional charge of \$10 per diem will be added for each additional student on an established route.

6. DEPOSITORY OF HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT - Franklin Bank

**DEPOSITORY OF
H.S. ACCOUNT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin Bank be designated as the official depository for the Nutley High School Account for the 2005-06 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following individuals be authorized to sign checks drawn on this account:

Gregory Catrambone or Anne Starace

and

Jacqueline Camelia

7. THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT - 2005-06 School Year

**THERAPEUTIC
FOOD SERVICE
AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Food Service Agreement with the Therapeutic School at Community Health Care Network, Inc., Belleville, NJ for the 2005-06 school year.

8. APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE ACCESS AGREEMENT

**APPROVAL TO
EXECUTE ACCESS
AGREEMENT**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves the authorization of the Board Secretary to execute access agreements with property owners adjoining Franklin Middle School, contingent on the approval of the Board Attorney.

9. APPROVAL OF CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE NUTLEY COOPERATIVE PETROLEUM SYSTEM APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN NUTLEY COOP. PETROLEUM SYSTEM

Trustee Olivo moved, and Trustee Del Tufo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

WHEREAS, in the year 2000, the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey established a Commodity Resale System for the resale of gasoline and diesel fuel as authorized by N.J.S.A.5:34-7; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Nutley Serves as the Lead Agency for said Resale System with the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley desires to continue to participate in the commodity resale system known as the Nutley Cooperative Petroleum System,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley in the County of Essex, New Jersey, that the Board of Education hereby approves its continued participation in the Nutley Cooperative Petroleum System.

10. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION I.D.E.A. PART B-Basic and I.D.E.A. B-Preschool – FY 2006 APPROVE SUB. APPLICATION I.D.E.A. E

Trustee Reilly moved, and Trustee Olivo seconded, the following resolution. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the submission of application for I.D.E.A. for FY 2006 as follows:

I.D.E.A. B-Basic	\$751,251
I.D.E.A. B-Preschool	29,652

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached budget summary sheets in Appendix E.

11. CAFETERIA PRICES - 2005-06 School Year CAFETERIA PRICES 2005-06 D

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

1. Trustees Alamo and Moscaritola voted "No".

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the cafeteria prices for the 2005-06 school year as per Appendix D.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

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At this time, President Parisi opened this meeting to members of the attending public for comments and/or concerns on any school-related matters.

Resident Joan Rubino asked what the alternative funds would be, besides taxing the taxpayer, if the state money runs out to address the needs of the district.

President Parisi stated the only way to reach funds for such an item, other than alternative funds to address small issues, is through taxation.

She also asked if the taxpayers are still paying for administrative professional dues and magazines.

Board Secretary Oblack responded to her question.

Resident Rubino then suggested that they pay for their own professional dues and magazines and eliminate it from their contracts in the future.

Resident Tom Redner stated that the schools have not been updated in the last 50 years and now the Board is trying to make all the updates within a 5-year period. He asked the Board to be mindful of the citizens who support the school district since taxes have been going up steadily.

He also stated that soda and candy are not the items making our children fat. He said technology, video games and the lack of exercise is what is causing obesity in children.

Hearing no further comments, President Parisi closed this portion of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Viola asked if the air conditioner in Radcliffe School's music room could be looked at since it is not working.

A discussion ensued between Board Secretary Oblack, President Parisi and Trustees Alamo and Viola regarding the referendum and the funds available by the state and the effect of the taxpayers if there is half or no funds given by the state.

A discussion ensued regarding the Park Oval Project. Board Secretary Oblack stated that we have to have a project approved by the state before it could be included in a referendum. The lowest total project cost is \$4.1 million dollars and between the Township and the Board we have grant money totaling \$900,045 so the remaining cost is \$3.2

million dollars. Mr. Oblack spoke about the alternate ways to fund the remainder of the project.

Trustee Viola suggested that the Board address the priority needs regarding the Park Oval, that being the turf, lights and bleachers.

Trustee Restaino left the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Trustee Del Tufo said that the Oval Committee's recommendation is to go with an artificial turf field. After a discussion, the consensus of the Board was to go with a synthetic field turf.

The Board also discussed including the priority needs regarding the Park Oval in the upcoming September 27, 2005 referendum.

President Parisi and Board Secretary Oblack said a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 was needed to approve the wording for the upcoming September 27, 2005 referendum.

Trustee Alamo asked to have something in writing to all staff members in all schools so they understand the 504 Program and that all parents involved with the 504 Program are aware that they have a right to be involved with their child's IEP.

Superintendent Zarra said this is addressed at the faculty meetings and the parents will certainly be made aware of their involvement.

NEW BUSINESS

President Parisi mentioned that the Board has a statutory obligation to evaluate the Board Secretary and reminded those trustees who have not returned the evaluation form to do so as soon as possible.

Trustee Olivo asked about the rising fuel costs and its effects on the board's heating and gas for our busses.

Board Secretary said he spoke to Energy for America and they feel that the money budgeted for heat should be enough this year. Mr. Oblack stated that he would have to take a look at our Transportation Department and come up with a proactive plan with regard to the gasoline prices for our busses.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Zarra stated that we only have three students registered for the pre-school handicapped program with the Children's Institute out of Verona. He stated that in order to run the program we need a total of seven children registered and he is hopeful that more will register within the next few days.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM on a motion by Trustee Olivo, seconded by Trustee Alamo, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Oblack
Board Secretary