NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONFERENCE MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2005

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2005 at the Nutley High School Library, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

NOTE

President Parisi announced at 6:40 PM that due to a lack of a quorum an Academic Committee meeting was going to convene and Principals Mrs. Francioso, Mr. Calicchio and Mr. Catrambone gave a presentation on School-level Objectives for the 2005-06 school year and on the achievement of the 2004-05 objectives.

President Parisi opened the meeting at 7:28 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Gerard Del Tufo
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola (Arrived 8:00 PM)

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

Also Absent: Ms. Marissa Ryder, Student Representative

MEETING 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

Trustee Viola led the assembly in the flag salute.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Committee Reports:

Special Education Ad Hoc Committee – met and will be issuing minutes.

Finance/Budget Committee – Trustee Casale distributed an analysis of estimated fund balance and unbudgeted expenditures.

Construction Committee – Trustee Restaino will meet tomorrow with Administration to discuss the process for the Franklin Middle School construction.

President Parisi informed the Board that he set up a tentative meeting with Joanne Borin, NJSBA Representative, to discuss ethics of School Board Meetings and actions. She will also assist in setting goals and objectives for the Superintendent.

President Parisi discussed with various trustees their thoughts regarding the September referendum failure and what steps should be taken in the near future.

Trustee Restaino said the Board should focus on immediate health and safety violations only and limit the Oval project to grant funds available.

President Parisi suggested requesting a timeline from the consultants as to what could be accomplished with available funds by when.

Mr. Zarra mentioned that lights without turf would result in accelerated deterioration of existing natural turf.

Trustee Moscaritola arrived at 8:00 PM.

Trustee Viola suggested reconsidering combining two schools into one and think creatively about swapping land and building new board offices and leasing space to generate a revenue stream.

Trustee Reilly expressed concern that the plan just defeated will never pass.

Trustee Olivo expressed his concerns with the Franklin Middle School project and the second bids coming in higher or still over the budgeted amount.
Trustee Olivo suggested a contingency plan in case a school must be closed an emergency.

Mr. Zarra believes such a plan exists and he will attempt to find it.

Trustee Restaino indicated that he felt it may be time to consider a change in our design team, for a new perspective. He is not satisfied with "assistance in marketing of project."

Trustee Casale disagreed and felt it would delay the project further and thereby increase the cost.

Trustee Viola felt that the Board should show progress with the Oval and the Franklin Middle School before going out again.

Trustee Reilly suggested writing a letter to the state informing them that the Oval Project will be delayed and ascertain that funds will still be available.

Trustee Restaino asked questions on the gym floor, busses and Radcliffe art room.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:00 PM Trustee Alamo moved and Trustee Olivo 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**

At 10:00 PM the Board reconvened in open session on a motion by Trustee Moscaritola seconded by Trustee Reilly, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM on a motion by Trustee Casale, seconded by Trustee Olivo and unanimously approved by voice vote.
Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Oblack
Board Secretary