NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE MEETING JANUARY 9, 2006

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Nutley High School Auditorium, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Parisi opened the meeting at 6:41 PM.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL

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Mrs. Maria Alamo

Present:

Mr. Gerard Del Tufo Mr. Sal Olivo Mr. James Viola

Dr. Gerard M. Parisi

Absent:

Dr. Philip T. Casale (Arrived 6:47 PM)

Mr. Vincent Moscaritola Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly 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 Mr. Christopher Lowery- Representative for State Health Benefits

Also Absent:

Ms. Marissa Ryder, Student Representative (Arrived 7:50 PM)

MEETING NOTICE

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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 Conference 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.

Trustee Casale arrived at 6:47 PM.

FLAG SALUTE

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Trustee Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

PRESENTATIONS

President Parisi reviewed the items on the agenda for the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Zarra who introduced High School Principal Catrambone who gave a brief overview of the proposed course in Forensic Science. Mr. Catrambone introduced Mr. Fetherman, Science Coordinator, who gave a detailed presentation on the proposed Forensic Science course for the high school. Mr. Fetherman answered several questions from the trustees.

President Parisi introduced Mr. Christopher Lowery, Representative from Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey who gave a detailed presentation on the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

Committee Reports

Trustee Alamo – The Personnel Committee met to discuss the Assistant Superintendent's position and will issue a report.

Trustee Alamo – The Academic Committee met to review GPA, elementary foreign language and curriculum revisions.

Trustee Viola – The Community Relations Committee met to work on the next newsletter.

Trustee Alamo suggested that the Board send a letter to Governor Corzine requesting him to reconvene a Benefits Task Force to continue to work to improve the existing situation. President Parisi indicated that he would work with the Board Secretary to prepare such a letter.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 PM Trustee Alamo moved and Trustee Casale 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.

ITEMS DISCUSSED

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RECONVENE

OPEN MEETING

At 8:05 PM the Board reconvened in open session on a motion by Trustee Casale seconded by Trustee Del Tufo, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

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President Parisi discussed the need for the Board Members to be prudent in the spending on Board/School sponsored events.

A discussion ensued on various health insurance alternatives.

ADJOURN ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM on a motion by Trustee Viola, seconded by Trustee Casale and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis M. Oblack Board Secretary