

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2006**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2006 at the Nutley High School Auditorium, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Olivo opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

MEETING NOTICE

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President Olivo 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 posted on August 4, 2006 and legally advertised in the Nutley Sun on August 10, 2006. 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: Mrs. Maria Alamo
Dr. Philip T. Casale
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Dr. Gerard M. Parisi
Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly
Ms. Patricia Williams
Mr. Sal Olivo
Mr. James Viola

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert A. Green, Jr., Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Absent: Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Board Secretary Green gave an updated press release report on the ceiling collapse at Yantacaw School.

Mr. Kevin Coll of CVM Engineers of Wayne, PA gave a report on the engineers findings on the Yantacaw School ceiling collapse.

Slide presentations of pictures of the Yantacaw School ceiling collapse were presented to the public for viewing.

Trustee Del Tufo, Chairperson of the Facilities Committee, gave an overview of how and why the ceiling collapsed at Yantacaw School from information provided by the engineers. He also spoke about the steps being taken by the Board to address this issue.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

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Several residents asked questions regarding CVM Engineers, the change order resolution and the proposed referendum.

RESOLUTIONS:

**APPOINT
PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS**

1. **APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

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

WHEREAS, there exists a need for professional engineering services for the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law (NJSA 18A:18A-5) provides for the award of contracts for this type of professional service without competitive bidding, and

WHEREAS, the firm of CVM Engineers of Wayne, PA is well qualified and capable of providing engineering services to the Nutley Board of Education in connection with the investigation and remediation of a collapsed section of ceiling in Yantacaw School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley that the firm of CVM Engineers of Wayne, PA is hereby appointed for professional engineering services for a fee not to exceed \$15,000 with reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$500.

**APPROVE
CHANGE ORDERS**

2. **APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS FOR FMS PROJECT**

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, with the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for the Franklin Middle School Project.

**APPROVE
ED SPECS
FACILITY
IMPROVEMENT**

3. APPROVAL OF EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS AND SCHEMATICS FOR FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PLANS

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NUTLEY IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Project Architect, Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board have heretofore been authorized and such authorization is hereby reconfirmed, to submit the educational plans and the schematic plans for the improvements to the district's school facilities to the State Department of Education for approval and to make application to the Commissioner of Education for approval of the educational plans, the schematic plans and the improvements to the district's school facilities and for any necessary amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000, Ch. 72, effective July 18, 2001 (the "Act"), and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-3.2.

2. The Board President, the Superintendent of Schools, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Project Architect, Bond Counsel and other appropriate representatives of the Board are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Time was allowed for the public to ask questions and make comments regarding the Yantacaw School ceiling collapse and the Franklin Middle School Project.

Several residence asked questions and made comments not limited to the following:

- Water buckets to catch rain water
- Contingency Plan if school does not open by September 12th
- Safety issues
- Who is liable?
- Scope of work to be done at other schools
- Asbestos
- FMS elevator
- When will teachers be allowed in FMS?

- Why the operating budget does not cover the facilities maintenance?
- Who are the contractors?

Township Commissioner Mauro Tucci, Commissioner of Parks & Recreation, offered township services and complimented the Board on the information that the Board provided so far. He also offered to help pass a referendum.

President Olivo announced that there would be a follow-up public meeting on Monday, August 21, 2006 at 7:30 PM.

Time was allowed for board member comments not limited to the following:

- Plan to address all unsafe conditions within each school
- Asked for the public to support the referendum

President Olivo again asked for support on the referendum for the facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 PM on a motion by Trustee Reilly, seconded by Trustee Casale, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Green, Jr.
Board Secretary