

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONFERENCE MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2007**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2007 at the Nutley High School Cafeteria, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Olivo opened the meeting at 6:30 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 Conference Meeting was legally advertised in the Nutley Sun on September 28, 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 Viola 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. Sal Olivo
Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly
Dr. Gerard M. Parisi
Mr. James Viola
Ms. Patricia Williams

Absent:

Mr. Vincent Moscaritola

Also Present:

Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert A. Green, Jr., Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Michael DeVita, Assistant to the Business Administrator

**RECESS
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION TO RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:31 PM Trustee Del Tufo moved, and Trustee Viola 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 recesses to closed executive session at this time in the conference room to discuss personnel and possible litigation matters.

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

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At 8:00 PM Trustee Del Tufo moved, Trustee Reilly seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the open public meeting.

Mr. Green reported on the grant for Washington School Improvement Plan, the application for an Autism Grant and the recent purchase of the temporary classroom at Yantacaw.

Mr. Zarra spoke about the wrestling program's recent Herpes outbreak and the remedy, the random drug testing update (appended to these minutes) and the positive effects on students regarding the in-school suspension.

Time was allowed for comments and questions from the Board.

Mr. Zarra announced the Bullying Assembly at the Franklin Middle School on January 22, 2007 and the Science Fair at the high school on February 3, 2007.

Mr. Zarra stated that there would be a new internal procedure for field trips.

Trustee Del Tufo gave a Facilities Committee update.

Trustee Casale gave a Finance/Budget Committee update.

Trustee Parisi gave a Personnel Committee update.

Time was allowed for questions and comments from the Board on each committee report.

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President Olivo asked if the Policy Committee had an update on the dress code policy. Trustee Reilly provided a brief update.

Time was allowed for discussion on Old/New Business.

President Olivo suggested the following:

- First meeting each month -- start in open and go into closed session after the agenda items have been covered.
- Second meeting each month -- open in public and address the agenda and then move to closed session until 8:00 PM. At 8:00 PM go back into open meeting and then if necessary go back into closed session.

The Board asked for a recommendation from the Administration on a new procedure.

Mr. Zarra stated a rice notice would only be sent if a personnel member's Terms of Employment would be discussed before the full board.

Trustee Casale asked President Olivo if he felt that the marching band should be cut from the budget. President Olivo responded "No" with a brief explanation.

A discussion ensued among the Board on the subject.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM on a motion by Trustee Del Tufo, seconded by Trustee Casale and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert A. Green, Jr.
Board Secretary