

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CONFERENCE/SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2007**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference/Special Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2007 at the Nutley High School Cafeteria, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Olivo opened the meeting at 8:00 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/Special Meeting was posted on March 5, 2007. 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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Trustee Moscaritola 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
Mr. James Viola
Ms. Patricia Williams
Mr. Sal Olivo

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

PRESENTATION FROM DOWLING FOOD SERVICE

Robert Green introduced Norman Horn and Joanne Heres to provide information concerning nutrition of the food service program. After a brief presentation time was allowed for comments and questions from the Board.

The subject of comments and questions were based on the menu and financial status.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Trustee Del Tufo - Facilities/Construction

Trustee Del Tufo - Negotiations
on behalf of Trustee Viola

Trustee Alamo - Academic Report

Trustee Williams - School Uniform Report

BUDGET 2007-2008

The following budget items were explained as a budget presentation to the full board by Mr. Green:

- Tax Levy Cap Calculation
- 2007-2008 Budget Reductions Worksheet
- Advertised Revenues
- Detailed Appropriations
- Budget Cost Analysis Worksheet
- Summary of New Positions
- List of Technology Items for the Separate Proposal
- 2007-2008 Budgeted Capital Projects
- Tax Rate Information

Time was allowed for comments and questions from the Board. The subject of comments and questions were as follows, but not limited to, surplus and surplus calculations, new staff, retirements, technology pertaining to the separate proposal, capital projects, tax levy and the tax impact, capital reserve increases, C.A.T. curriculum, Extended Day Program, the new Gifted and Talented Program, new positions and budget reductions.

President Olivo requested attendance records for the C.A.T. program.

Trustee Reilly asked for information concerning the following: retirements, Extended Day Program financial information, credit of painting for the Franklin Middle School façade from Chanree Construction.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

Time was allowed for comments and questions from the Board and Public.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. APPROVAL OF 2007-2008 TENTATIVE BUDGET

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a tentative budget for the 2007-08 school year in the amount of:

General Fund	\$ 50,165,493
Special Revenue Fund	1,265,585
Debt Service Fund	<u>1,294,304</u>
Total Budget	\$ 52,725,382

Of which the following amount shall be raised by local tax levy:

General Fund Tax Levy	\$ 42,055,862
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>1,283,284</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 43,339,146

and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to submit this budget to the County Superintendent for approval, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board requests approval for an increase in health care costs adjustment to the base tax levy for the FY 2007-08 school year to provide additional tax levy of \$373,394, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be authorized to publish the 2007-08 budget in The Nutley Sun.

**2. APPROVAL OF SEPARATE QUESTION PROPOSAL
TO VOTERS**

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley to approve a separate question to be presented to the voters as follows:

RESOLVED, that there should be raised an additional \$553,700 for General Funds in the same school year, 2007-2008. These taxes will be used exclusively for technology upgrades in all seven-district schools. The additional levy will provide funds for 124 computers at the high school including desk jet printers for classrooms and labs, 125 computers at the middle school including desk jet printers for classrooms and labs, 27 computers at each elementary school to be used in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade classrooms. Also included are all necessary hand tools, network testers, cable, network jacks, plugs and software. It will also include a three-year support contract for all hardware. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for these purposes and will result in a permanent increase in the tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

3. APPOINTMENT – Instructional Aide

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Nora Maciel as Instructional Aide for the 2006-2007 school year, effective March 13, 2007 at the annual salary of \$17,000 Step 7, in accordance with the 2006-2007 Secretarial Salary Guide.

4. APPOINTMENT – Teacher Substitute

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Adelia Pacella as teacher substitute, effective March 13, 2007 for the 2006-2007 school year, at the per diem rate of \$75.00, in accordance with the per diem rate established by the Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 PM on a motion by Trustee Reilly, seconded by Trustee Del Tufo, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Green, Jr.
Board Secretary