

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CONFERENCE MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2007**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Conference Meeting on Monday, April 2, 2007, at the Nutley High Cafeteria, 300 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

Vice President Del Tufo opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

**ROLL  
CALL**

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

Absent: Mr. James Viola

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

**MEETING NOTICE**

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Vice President Del Tufo 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 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**

**FLAG  
SALUTE**

Trustee Reilly led the assembly in the flag salute.

### **2007-2008 Budget Presentation**

The Administration provided a power-point presentation to the public on the 2007-2008 budget.

Trustee Del Tufo recognized Commissioners Tucci, Evans and Former Freeholder Joseph Scarpelli.

The public asked questions regarding public vs. private school education.

### **Curriculum Presentation**

Mr. Catrambone and Mrs. Starace gave a presentation on the following proposed courses:

Music Honors  
AP Human Geography  
World Languages Honors  
SAT Preparation: Verbal/Math

Also presenting were Mr. O'Dell, Mr. Violante and Mr. Vitkovsky.

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

### **Health Benefits Presentation**

Mr. Joseph Maurillo of IMAC provided a presentation that detailed a two year savings of 1.5 million dollars since changing from the State Health Benefits Plan. This is based on the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years. It also provides for better health coverage through Horizon Blue Cross health coverage through Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

### **State Health Benefits Presentation**

Mr. Chris Lowery of Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield explained the State Health Benefits Plan and how it operates throughout the state for various municipalities, schools and other tax funded entities. In summary, he stated it would be in the districts best interest to remain in the their current health benefits plan.

Time was allowed for comments and questions from the Board.

### **Committee Reports**

Trustee Alamo - Academic Committee

**Other Items of Concern**

President Olivo asked how the Board felt about obtaining playground equipment. The Board agreed that obtaining playground equipment would be beneficial to the district.

**ADJOURN TO  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:05 PM Trustee Moscaritola moved and Trustee Del Tufo 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 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert A. Green, Jr.  
Board Secretary