The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Olivo opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

MEETING NOTICE

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 Public Meeting was provided in the Revised Schedule of Meetings notice of October 22, 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.

ROLL CALL

Present:  
Mrs. Maria Alamo  
Dr. Philip T. Casale  
Mr. Gerard Del Tufo  
Mr. Angelo Frannicola  
Mr. James Kuchta  
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola  
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  
Ms. Emily Batina, Student Representative
MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 PM Trustee Williams moved and Trustee Alamo 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 the following:

1. Legal and contractual issues for proposed amendment to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Bylaws.

2. Pending Litigation Cases

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 approved by voice vote.

RECONVENE MEETING

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

The meeting reconvened in the JHWMS Library located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

FLAG SALUTE

Trustee Del Tufo led the assembly in the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following minutes:

November 5, 2007 – Public Meeting
November 5, 2007 – Closed Executive Session
October 22, 2007 – Regular Public Meeting
October 22, 2007 – Closed Executive Session
October 15, 2007 – Public Meeting
October 15, 2007 – Closed Executive Session
September 24, 2007 – Regular Public Meeting
September 24, 2007 – Closed Executive Session
Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Viola seconded, and the Board minutes were approved with the following exceptions:

1. Trustee Viola stated a change needed to be made on the November 5, 2007 minutes regarding his name being mentioned twice. The change was noted.

2. Trustee Alamo ‘Abstained’ on the October 22, 2007 Executive and Public Meeting minutes since she was absent.

3. Trustee Casale voted “No” on September 24, 2007 Closed Executive Session, October 15, 2007 Closed Executive Session, October 22, 2007 Closed Executive Session and November 5, 2007 Public Meeting due to omission in data.


4. Trustee Moscaritola voted “No” on all minutes and stated that he would like to meet with the Board Secretary to discuss the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank-you note from Barbara Hirsch for the Board’s expression of sympathy on the passing of her father.

RECOGNITION OF AWARDS

Special awards were given to students for their achievements. Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting, lists the awards and recipients.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Zarra presented the Superintendent's Report dated November 19, 2007, Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting, and briefly summarized its contents.
BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Mr. Green stated that all buses passed the six month inspection and are safe for operation. The Motor Vehicle Department did not order any of our buses off the road.

He deferred to the committee chair for the construction update.

Mr. Cundari reported a plan for replacing the seats in the high school auditorium. He provided a handout to the Board and Administration and reviewed its contents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Emily Batina - Student Representative
Trustee Del Tufo - Facilities Committee
Trustee Alamo - Academic Committee

Trustee Moscaritola exited at 8:40 PM.

Trustee Moscaritola returned at 8:44 PM.

Trustee Williams - Policy Committee

Trustee Alamo inquired about the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

Trustee Viola - Athletic Committee

Mr. DeVita gave an updated report on the Radcliffe School accident.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), addressed the Board and asked if volunteer coaches have a background check performed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Del Tufo seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Superintendent’s Resolutions numbers 1 through 12 as listed below.

Resolutions 1 through 12 were approved by roll call vote with the following exception:
1. Trustee Viola voted “No” on Resolution 5 – Reappointment – Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Trustee Viola commented on Resolution 5 – Reappointment – Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

Trustee Casale stated he is in favor of Resolution 5 – Reappointment – Assistant Superintendent of Schools. He also noted that this salary is below the county average.

Trustee Moscaritola stated he would like to see the Assistant Superintendent’s salary at the county average.

Trustee Casale reiterated what Trustee Moscaritola said.

1. **AMENDING APPOINTMENT – Resignations**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the addendum Resignations, approved at the October 22, 2007 Board Meeting, to reflect a change in the effective date for Nicholas J. Norcia to November 30, 2007.

2. **AMENDING APPOINTMENTS – Professional Staff**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution Appointments – Professional Staff, approved at the October 22, 2007 Board Meeting, to reflect changes in the effective dates for the following personnel:

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<tr>
<td>Stephanie Scheick</td>
<td>November 1, 2007</td>
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<td>LDTC</td>
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<td>Debbie Zaros</td>
<td>October 29, 2007</td>
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<td>Autistic Program</td>
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3. **RESIGNATION – Part-time School Aide**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Carol Costanzo, part-time school aide effective October 30, 2007.

4. **RESIGNATION – Athletics**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of the following coaches:

- Patrick J. Algieri  - Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Kelli Cerniglia  - Assistant Winter Track & Field Coach
- Frank Francia  - Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
- Michael Stefanelli  - Assistant Ice Hockey Coach
5. **REAPPOINTMENT-Assistant Superintendent of Schools**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the reappointment of Mrs. Mariana Francioso as Assistant Superintendent of Schools, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 and for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves a salary for Mrs. Francioso in the amount of $150,000 (retroactive to July 1, 2007) for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves a salary for Mrs. Francioso in the amount of $159,000 for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

6. **APPOINTMENTS – Athletics**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Winter Athletic Appointments listed on the attached Schedule C for the 2007-08 school year on the salary guide at the classification and step as indicated in accordance with the 2007-08 Coaches Salary Guide.

7. **APPOINTMENTS – Volunteer Coach**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments for the personnel listed below for the 2007-08 school year:

George Perdon - Volunteer Ice Hockey Coach
Daniel Wormann - Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach

8. **APPOINTMENTS – Instructional Aides**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the instructional aides (Autistic Program), listed below for the 2007-08 school year, effective November 20, 2007 at the classification and step as indicated in accordance with the 2007-08 Secretarial Guide:

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Step</th>
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<td>Margaret O’Connell</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>17,500</td>
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<td>(Replacing Lisa Landy)</td>
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9. **APPOINTMENTS – Teacher Substitutes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the teacher substitutes listed on the attached Schedule B for the 2007-08 school year.

10. **APPOINTMENTS – Secretarial/Clerical/Aide Substitutes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2007-08 school year:

   **School Aide**
   - Carol Costanzo
   - Denise Silva

   **Bus Aide**
   - Carmine Milici

11. **EXTRA COMPENSATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following personnel be paid extra compensation in the amounts indicated for services rendered:

   **PAYMENT FOR HEALTH DYNAMICS CLASSES - Month of October, 2007**
   - Rose Cioffi $250.00

   **PAYMENT FOR ZERO PERIOD BASIC SKILLS MATH CLASSES – September and October, 2007**
   - Heather Syme $168.00

   **PAYMENT FOR NHS ACADEMY OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES – September and October, 2007**
   - Theresa Lappostato $267.52
   - Nicole SanGiovanni 132.35

   **PAYMENT FOR CUSTODIAL COMMITTEE MEETING – October 18, 2007**
   - Steven Farese $30.00
   - Allan Heinis 30.00
   - Lawrence T. Koster 30.00
PAYMENT FOR RIGHT-TO-KNOW MEETING – October 10, 2007

George Ackerman $ 34.19
Kent Bania 34.19
Joseph Bertuzzi 34.19
Joanne Crupi 34.19
KatiAnne Gratz 34.19
Hillary Hill 34.19
Crispulo Isiminger 34.19
Paula Kasner 34.19
Theresa Lappostato 34.19
Frank Libert 34.19
Lisa Maniscalco 34.19
Nikola Markovic 34.19
Jennifer Mowrey 34.19
Michael Naumoff 34.19
Megan O’Hagan 34.19
Christine Polk 34.19
Joseph Simko 34.19
Sandra Stark-Houck 34.19
Joseph Tagliareni 34.19
Jeremy Thornton 34.19
Michael Tirrito 34.19
Karen Vander Have 34.19

PAYMENT FOR MIDDLE STATES COMMITTEE – September 24, October 1 and 29, 2007

Kent Bania $138.56
Abigail Bergen 207.84
Patricia Camarda 207.84
Paula Cofone 207.84
Michael Fetherman 270.24
Hannah Hungler 207.84
Nancy Kehayes 270.24
Linda McDonnell 138.56
Rebecca Miller 207.84
Robin Powell 207.84
Anne Starace 270.24
John Vitkovsky 270.24

MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP-GRADES 3,4,5 – Joyce Glatzer – October 13, 2007

Nicole Cafone $103.92
Danielle Cancelliere 103.92
Rosemary Clerico 135.12
Kathleen Cullity 103.92
Kimberly DiVincenzo 103.92
MaryLou Dowse 135.12
Jennifer Farro 103.92
Emanuela Fierro 103.92
Katherine Franks 103.92
Rosalina Gencarelli 103.92
Jaimee Grella 103.92
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Flavia Groeling    103.92
Carey Jimenez    103.92
Douglas Jones    90.08
Michael Kearney    135.12
Valerie Martin    103.92
Gina Masino    103.92
Deborah Michels    103.92
Nicolette Misner    103.92
Lynn Mosior    103.92
Stephanie Mozeika    103.92
Jessica Nolasco    103.92
Danine Osetto    103.92
Danielle Pappalardo    103.92
Carol Perrone    103.92
Mary Pontrella    103.92
Lorraine Restel    135.12
Lorraine Rubinstein    103.92
Lesley Sciarrillo    103.92
Debra Tiene    103.92

MATHEMATICS WORKSHOP-GRADES 6,7,8 –
David Glatzer – October 13, 2007

Denise Cleary    $103.92
Nancy Foglio    103.92
Natalie Gatto    103.92
Connie Inguanti    103.92
Courtney Jousset    103.92
Jenny Lombardo    103.92
Laura-anne MacMillan    103.92
Beverly Masullo    103.92
Marcy McKenzie    103.92
Geralyn Ryan    103.92
Frank Sasso    103.92
Janice Schoem    103.92
Lawrence Tuorto    103.92
Jenifer Wilson    103.92

EDEN INSTITUTE TRAINING – AUTISTIC PROGRAM-
October 27, 2007

Peter Behrens    $103.92
Richard Bolcato, Jr.    103.92
Nikki Casale    103.92
Andria Cheney    103.92
Jainine Gambaro    103.92
Dyan Guida    103.92
April Hauer    103.92
Michael Kearney    135.12
Barbara McGarty    103.92
Melissa O’Carroll    103.92
Margaret O’Connell    103.92
Jessica Pravata    103.92
Marie Sanders    103.92
Kim Saporito    103.92
Shannon Shaw    103.92
Amy Stoner    103.92
BASIC SKILLS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
October 27, 2007

Danielle Cancelliere $103.92
Dolores Contreras 103.92
Jennifer Farro 103.92
Rosalina Gencarelli 103.92
Gina Masino 103.92
Danine Osetto 103.92
Geralyn Ryan 103.92
Debra Tiene 103.92
Josephine Tucci 103.92
Jennifer VonAchen 103.92

LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – October 27, 2007

Linda Batson $103.92
Karen Beckmeyer 103.92
Nicole Crowe 103.92
Carla Cullari 103.92
Cynthia DeBonis 135.12
Danielle Ferraro 103.92
Jill Freedman 103.92
Paula Greco 103.92
Jolinda Griwert 103.92
Doreen Holland 103.92
David Johnston 103.92
Walter King 103.92
Paul Kocum 103.92
Erin Lenik 103.92
Cynthia Lynch 103.92
Valerie Martin 103.92
Beverly Masullo 103.92
Marcy McKenzie 103.92
Jessica Nolasco 103.92
Laura Reilly 103.92
Janice Schoem 103.92
Deborah Schop 103.92
Phillip Siculietano 103.92

ART CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – October 27, 2007

Hillary Hill $103.92
Nancy Kehayes 135.12
Theresa Lappostato 103.92
Lisa Maniscalco 103.92
Karen Vander Have 103.92

TECHNICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM – October 27, 2007

George Ackerman $103.92
Nikola Markovic 103.92
Michael Tirrito 103.92
CENTRAL DETENTION COVERAGE –
Month of October, 2007

High School

Joseph Dwyer, III $112.62
Lori Ferrara 37.54
Sean Fitzgerald 56.31
John Gulardo 18.77
Alicia Lombard 18.77
Denise Mazza 56.31
Lisa Vallo 112.62

JHW Middle School

Jennifer Ambrose 56.31
Joseph Cappello 37.54
Tracy Egan 75.08
Michelle Ippolito 37.54
Louis Manganiello 35.54
Luann Zullo 93.85

SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT

12. SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT – Educationally Disabled Students

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of students in out-of-district special education classes for the 2007-08 school year as follows:

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<th>No. of Students</th>
<th>Classification</th>
<th>Effective Date</th>
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<tr>
<td>Essex County Voc. School W. Caldwell, NJ</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>OHI</td>
<td>9/6/07</td>
<td>$4,462.50</td>
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<td>Fort Lee Ed.Center Fort Lee, NJ (Youth Consultation Services)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>ED</td>
<td>10/18/07</td>
<td>41,938.83</td>
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<tr>
<td>Palisades Learning Center Paramus, NJ</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>ED</td>
<td>11/5/07</td>
<td>28,266.48</td>
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Note: This student was terminated from his placement at Fort Lee Educational Center on September 25, 2007, and re-instated again on October 18, 2007.
13. RESIGNATION – Teacher

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Donald Sellari, special education teacher, effective January 1, 2008.

Mr. Zarra stated that Mr. Sellari is resigning due to a change in career.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY’S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Frannicola made a motion and Trustee Moscaritola seconded to table Resolution 17 – Reappointment – Director of the Extended Day Program.

Upon being put to a roll call vote the motion to table was approved as follows:

Trustees Alamo, Casale, Frannicola, Moscaritola and Williams voted “Yes” to table the resolution.

Trustees Del Tufo, Kuchta, Viola and Olivo voted “No” to table the resolution.

Trustee Williams moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Business Administrator/Board Secretary’s Resolutions numbers 1 through 16 and 18.

Upon being put to a roll call vote Resolutions 1 through 16 and 18 were approved by roll call vote with the following exceptions:

1. Trustee Alamo voted “No” on Resolution 2 – Bills and Mandatory Payments stating that she is not in favor of paying certain checks in light of the new law A-5.

2. President Olivo abstained Resolution 5 – Approval of Travel List.

1. CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c) 4, the Nutley Board of Education certifies that as of October 31, 2007, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (Appropriations section) and upon consultation with the
appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Major funds are General Fund, Capital Projects and Debt Service.)

2. **BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated November 20, 2007 in the total amount of $5,489,243.98 (Appendix A).

3. **REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the requests for the use of school buildings and grounds (Appendix B), that conform to the rules and regulations set by the Board of Education.

4. **TRANSFER SCHEDULE**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)iii, and NJSA 18A:22-8-1, the transfers in the 2007-08 budget dated October 31, 2007 in the amount of $407,231.05 as appended (Appendix C).

5. **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL LIST**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the travel list and all expenses per (Appendix D).

6. **COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT/AUDIT**

WHEREAS, the district has prepared the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 2006-07 school year, and

WHEREAS, the audit of the financial records of the school district for the 2006-07 school year has been made, according to the requirements of Title 18A, by the firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, and

WHEREAS, copies of a synopsis of this audit have been made available to the public,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education accepts the 2006-07 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the report of the independent auditors, which includes the audit recommendations which were read aloud and discussed at the public board meeting of November 19, 2007, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board approves the Corrective Action Plan as per (Appendix E) responding to the recommendations of the auditor and that a copy of the Corrective Action Plan be submitted, as required, to the County Superintendent of Schools.

7. **SUBMISSION OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of the Nutley Public Schools are consistent with these requirements, and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for the use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nutley Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached (Appendix F) Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Nutley Public Schools in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

8. **DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS – Commerce Bank**

BE IT RESOLVED that Commerce Bank be designated as the official depository for the following account of the Nutley Board of Education for the 2007-08 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of this account be authorized to sign checks drawn on the account.

Nutley High School Athletic Account

Two of the following signatures required:

Joseph Piro
Gregory Catrambone
Linda Jernick
9. APPROVAL OF THE QAAR REPORT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2006-07

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the district’s Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR) for the 2006-07 school year including school objectives as publicly presented at the October 15, 2007 public meeting.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF NOTIFICATION OF AWARD - No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) – FY 2008

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Notification of Award for No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) FY 2008 in the following amounts:

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<td>Title III</td>
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<td>16,033</td>
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<td>11,871</td>
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<td>Title V</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 299,960</strong></td>
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11. SCHOOL-TO-CAREER TRANSITION PROGRAM AT NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL - 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a voluntary partnership with the following job sites to provide daily transition activities for Nutley High School students for the 2007-08 school year:

- Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville
- Township of Nutley Administrative Offices
- CVS, Harrison Street, Nutley
- Capalbo’s Gift Baskets, Cortland Street, Belleville
- Nutley Board of Education: Elementary, Middle & High School Settings
- UMDNJ, Scotch Plains
12. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board Of Education approves the Secretary to be authorized to enter into transportation agreements With contractors, other school districts or the Union County Educational Services Commission for transportation of Special Education Students for The 2007-08 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any agreements be presented for ratification at the next succeeding meeting of the Board of Education.

13. Restore the Principle of Majority Rule in the State of New Jersey as it Pertains to Special Budget Questions in School Board Annual Elections

Whereas, New Jersey Public School Districts face increasing budgetary challenges to maintain effective and high quality educational programs, and

Whereas, greater budgetary constraints (caps) imposed by recent legislation (Assembly Bill A1 and formally known as P.L. 2007, c.62) force many school districts to present high quality educational programs to district voters by means of special questions, and

Whereas, P.L. 2007, c.62 imposes an unprecedented 60% majority vote requirement for a special question to be successful and further declares that school districts have no right of appeal to the local municipality or the Commissioner of Education should such questions fail, and

Whereas, low voter turnout (often less than 15%) for school budgetary questions often means that success or failure is often based on very low margins, and

Whereas, this requirement violates all principles of majority rule and gives those persons who vote in the negative greater voice and control in their respective communities,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Nutley Board of Education requests its legislative representatives and Governor Jon Corzine to amend Chapter 62 to eliminate the provision of a super-majority (60%) vote for school district special questions and restore the principle of “one person, one vote” in the State of New Jersey, and

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to our local legislative representatives in the General Assembly and Senate, the Governor of the State of New Jersey, and to the New Jersey School Board’s Association.
14. **APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO JOSEPH DUGAN, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the amount of $8,932.00 to Joseph Dugan, Inc. for the Nutley High School Exterior Façade Repairs as per the recommendation of the Board’s structural engineers (CVM).

15. **APPROVAL PAYMENT TO GEOSTRUCTURES, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment in the amount of $7,500.00 to GeoStructures, Inc. for a geo-technical investigation for the proposed gymnasium addition at Spring Garden Elementary School as per the recommendation of the Board’s structural engineers (CVM).

16. **APPROVAL PAYMENT TO HILT CONSTRUCTION, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves payment in the amount of $13,500.00 to Hilt Construction, Inc. for the envelope repairs at Washington Elementary School as per the recommendation of the Board’s structural engineers (CVM).

17. **REAPPOINTMENT – Director of the Extended Day Program**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the reappointment of Mrs. Maria Cervasio as the Director of the Extended Day Program, for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the salary and the terms and conditions of the agreement for Mrs. Maria Cervasio in the amount of $85,500 for the 2007-08 school year and $91,000 for the 2008-09 school year.

18. **ADOPTION OF POLICY (First Reading)**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following policy (first reading) on file in the Business Office (Appendix G):

Policy #2412.1 Homebound
19. **ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION**

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a donation of equipment totaling the amount of $19,550 from the Elmwood Park Athletic Club for use in the John H. Walker weight room.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Resident Elaine Blazeski read a prepared statement and handed a copy to the Board concerning her son’s participation in his senior privileges and graduation.

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), addressed the Board and asked the district to support Elaine Blazeski’s request.

Resident Bob Rusignuolo stated there is a parking issue around the middle school and questioned why the district did not do more to rectify the problem. He questioned the costs involved with errors in performance during the construction. He stated his displeasure with the size of the project without ample parking.

Mr. Zarra suggested meeting with any concerned neighbors from behind the middle school to hear all their concerns.

Resident Donna Ferrara addressed the Board and spoke about financial concerns of installing the chairs for the high school auditorium.

Resident Mike Russo inquired about the following concerns:

1. Smart Boards in the Middle School
2. Oval Tarp
3. Addresses of students being provided to local vendors
4. Board Members running for Township Commission

Resident Chris Oseija asked if Washington School would remain white when it is renovated and will the public have any input on the decision.

President Olivo stated the majority of the Washington School PTO asked for red. He further stated the public will have input, but it will be a Board decision.

A discussion ensued on the matter.
Trustee Casale made a motion, and Trustee Frannicola seconded it, to keep Washington School white. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolution was not approved with Trustee Alamo “abstaining” and Trustees Casale, Frannicola and Moscaritola voting “Yes” and Trustees Del Tufo, Kuchta, Viola, Williams and President Olivo voting “No”.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Moscaritola asked for a breakdown of supplies and purchased services and other expenses of the Extended Day Program. He also asked how much was reported as undesignated surplus at June 30, 2007.

Mr. Green stated undesignated surplus at June 30, 2007 was $343,521.

Trustee Viola spoke briefly on Domestic Partnership Benefits and that the Board is currently covered by law.

Trustee Casale clarified the difference between a civil union and domestic partnership. He also stated the Board needs to approve a resolution in order for employees to receive benefits under a Domestic Partnership. A civil union has the right to receive benefits.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Alamo asked to meet with the Business Administrator to discuss the Corrective Action Plan of the audit report.

President Olivo thanked the Yantacaw teachers for their support.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:05 PM Trustee Casale 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 recess to closed executive session at this time to discuss the following:

1. A Student Matter

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 approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita
Assistant Business Administrator