

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2008**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Public Meeting on Monday, March 3, 2008 at the JHWMS Library located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

President Olivo opened the meeting at 7:00 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 Special Public Meeting was posted on February 29, 2008. 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 Williams led the assembly in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

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CALL**

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo  
Dr. Philip T. Casale  
Mr. James A. Kuchta  
Mr. James Viola  
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola  
Ms. Patricia Williams  
Mr. Sal Olivo

Absent: Mr. Gerard Del Tufo (arrived 6:15 PM)  
Mr. Angelo Frannicola

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

**Discussion of Superintendent's 2008-09 Proposed Budget**

Trustee Del Tufo arrived at 6:15 PM.

The Budget was discussed in detail on some of the following topics:

- Amount of surplus at July 1, 2008
- Projected surplus at year-end
- Separate Proposal for Technology
- Current Funds Available in the 07-08 Budget
- Lease purchase vs. outright purchase of computers
- Capital Projects
- State Aid
- The CAT Program
- Budget Reduction

After the Board discussion the Superintendent recommended the following change to the 2008-09 Budget:

- To remove the Separate Proposal
- To appropriate \$175,000 from Surplus Funds for the lease purchase of computers and a new 6<sup>th</sup> grade technology initiative program

The Board requested to use unexpended funds available from the current (2007-08) Budget for the lease purchase of computers in the amount of \$175,000. The Board also requested the purchase of music program supplies in the amount of \$35,000 and to deposit any year-end funds available into the Capital Reserve Account.

The Business Administrator cautioned the Board on appropriating the remaining surplus in light of the situation with the ceiling collapse and the need for financial security.

Trustee Moscaritola exited at 8:10 PM.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolution Only)**

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Resident Ken Reilly addressed the Board and commented on the Autism Program, food service per meal equivalent, energy costs, the 2008-09 amount budgeted for energy and the energy consortium Nutley uses for natural gas.

Trustee Moscaritola reentered at 8:17 PM.

Resident Debbie Russo addressed the Board and inquired about the Food Service Contract, the management fees and the use of a Food Service Manager.

Trustee Moscaritola also inquired about the details of the use of a Food Service Manager.

Trustee Casale inquired on the lost guarantee from the previous food service management company.

Resident Alan Thomas addressed the Board and inquired on the CAT Program, Oval lights, Autism Program, registration, the Gifted and Talented Program, the Athletic Program and the Nutley Education Foundation.

Nancy Kehayes thanked the Board for their interest and concern in the Technology Program.

Resident Eric Stetz addressed the Board and inquired on the lease purchase for the technology purchases.

Resident John O'Brien thanked the Board for their input into technology and expressed the importance in technology education.

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTIONS**

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

**APPROVAL OF 2008-2009 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves a tentative budget for the 2008-09 school year in the amount of:

General Fund	\$ 52,917,255
Special Revenue Fund	1,274,128
Debt Service Fund	<u>4,580,862</u>
Total Budget	\$ 58,772,245

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

General Fund Tax Levy	\$ 43,162,248
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>3,269,148</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 46,431,396

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 Secretary be authorized to publish the 2008-09 budget in The Nutley Sun.

Mr. Zarra expressed the importance of passing the budget and thanked the Board for their contribution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta, seconded by Trustee Del Tufo, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Green, Jr.  
Board Secretary