

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
DECEMBER 1, 2008**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Casale opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**CALL TO  
ORDER**

**MEETING NOTICE**

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NOTICE**

President Casale 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 Open Public Meeting was provided in the notice of May 12, 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**

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**ROLL  
CALL**

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo  
Mr. Angelo Frannicola  
Mr. James A. Kuchta  
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola  
Mr. Kenneth Reilly  
Mr. Steven Rogers  
Mr. Walter Sautter  
Ms. Patricia Williams  
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael DeVita, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

At 6:35 PM Trustee Rogers moved, and Trustee Kuchta 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:

**Contractual 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 approved by voice vote.

**RECONVENE MEETING**

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

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

**FLAG SALUTE**

**FLAG  
SALUTE**

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

A moment of silence in remembrance of those serving our nation.

**ROLL CALL**

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CALL**

Present: Mrs. Maria Alamo  
Mr. Angelo Frannicola  
Mr. James A. Kuchta  
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola  
Mr. Steve Rogers  
Mr. Walter Sautter  
Ms. Patricia Williams  
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Reilly (arrived 8:15 PM)

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael DeVita, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**RECOGNITION OF THE MILITARY FAN CLUB**

Trustee Rogers spoke about the Spring Garden students led by Mrs. Holland who are in the Military Fan Club and the positive effect it has on the students in building their character.

Mrs. Clerico, Spring Garden Principal, introduced Mrs. Holland and Ms. Holler who organize the students who sent cards and letters to the service men and women.

Mr. Zarra and the Board congratulated the students for a job well done.

**RECESS MEETING**

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At 8:10 PM upon the suggestion of President Casale, Trustee Moscaritola moved, Trustee Frannicola seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to recess.

Trustee Reilly arrived at 8:15 PM.

**RECONVENE MEETING**

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At 8:15 PM Trustee Alamo moved, Trustee Williams seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the open public meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

At 8:16 PM Trustee Alamo moved, and Trustee Williams 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:

Contractual 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 approved by voice vote.

## **RECONVENE MEETING**

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At 8:30 PM Trustee Moscaritola moved, Trustee Rogers seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the public meeting.

Trustee Rogers spoke in depth about the benefits and suggested proceeding aggressively on the Green Schools Project and also Project Global Learning – Solar Energy. He suggested contacting Mr. Brown so the Green School Project could be up and running by January 2009.

President Casale spoke about a new committee that he instituted called the Public Information Committee. Trustee Rogers will chair the Committee and Mr. Zarra will be part of this Committee. He stated that the purpose of this Committee is to hold regular meetings with the public and put out a newsletter and use the school website to enhance accurate information throughout the district.

Trustee Rogers suggested contacting the Township to see if we can enter into a partnership with their emergency alert system. He also stated that he would be in contact with the PTO Presidents and PT Council President so they could be up and running with this process.

## **Academic Report**

Mr. Zarra spoke about the NJQSAC and what its purpose is. He stated that the county would come in on December 16<sup>th</sup> to view data.

Mrs. Francioso spoke about Language Arts Literacy in grades 1- 4, revising the kindergarten curriculum, revising the math curriculum grades 5-8 and next year some of the courses in the high school and grades 1-4.

Trustee Alamo asked if the Language Arts Literacy curriculum was a continuation of the 2007-08 workshops that were held. She also asked about the revisions of the SAC curriculum.

Trustee Alamo asked if the children have to take a test to get into the art curriculum in the middle school.

Trustee Alamo also asked if the Board was looking into a designated space for the OT/PT children.

Mrs. Francioso and Mr. Zarra responded to Trustee Alamo's questions.

Mr. Zarra said that all out-of-country travel has to be approved by the county superintendent.

**HEARING OF  
CITIZENS**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS (Academic Report Only)**

Resident Rusignuolo asked when the schools assessments would be available to the public.

Mrs. Francioso explained why the assessments were held up.

**HEARING OF  
CITIZENS**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)**

None

***SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS***

Trustee Alamo moved, Trustee Williams seconded, a motion that the Board approves Resolutions numbers 1 and 2.

Resolutions 1 and 2 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

**AMEND  
APPOINTMENT  
COORDINATOR OF BUS. &  
CREATIVE ARTS**

**1. AMENDING APPOINTMENT – Coordinator of Business & Creative Arts**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution Appointment – Coordinator of Business and Creative Arts, approved at the November 17, 2008 Board Meeting to reflect a longevity payment for Mr. George Ackerman of \$4,450.

**2. APPOINTMENT – Secretary**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Julianne Alessio as ten-month secretary to the Athletic Director for the 2008-09 school year, effective January 1, 2009 at the annual salary of \$26,800 Step 11, which is in accordance with the 2008-09 Secretarial Salary Guide.

**APPOINT  
SECRETARY**

***BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS***

Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Sautter seconded, a motion that the Board approves Resolutions numbers 1 - 3.

Resolutions 1 - 3 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

1. **SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT**

**SECY. & TREAS. A  
REPORTS B**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acknowledgement and acceptance of the reports of the Board Secretary (Appendix A) and Treasurer of School Monies (Appendix B) for the period ending October 31, 2008.

2. **BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS**

**BILLS & MANDATORY C  
PAYMENTS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated December 1, 2008 in the total amount of \$2,675,539.62 (Appendix C).

3. **APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS**

**APPROVAL OF D  
FIELD TRIPS**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO BILL LEARY AIR CONDITIONING & HEATING**

**APPROVAL PARTIAL D  
PAYMENT  
BILL LEARY**

Trustee Williams moved, Trustee Kuchta seconded, a motion that the Board approves the following Resolution:

Upon being put to a roll call vote the Resolution was approved with the following exception:

1. Trustee Moscaritola voted "No".

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment in the following amounts to Bill Leary Air Conditioning & Heating as per the recommendation of the Board's architect and attorney.

\$ 569,478.00 – HVAC Lincoln Elementary School

\$ 574,725.70 – HVAC Washington Elementary School

Trustee Reilly stated that he had hoped that the heating situation at Washington School would have been moved further along and he is greatly disturbed by the situation there.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

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Resident Mike Russo asked why we legally are obligated to pay for the heating system. He spoke about the Nutley Municipal Alliance Committee – Safe Arms Program. He wanted to know how to get access to a list of students in town and if a pledge letter could go home with the students.

A resident questioned parents paying for the AP exams and the amount of students getting a 3 or above.

President Casale asked Buildings & Grounds Manager, Phil Nicolette, to give an update on the facilities at Lincoln and Washington Schools.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM on a motion by Trustee Frannicola seconded by Trustee Kuchta and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita  
Board Secretary