

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2009**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, January 12, 2009 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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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. Steven Rogers
Mr. Walter Sautter
Ms. Patricia Williams
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Absent: Mr. Kenneth Reilly (arrived 6:37 PM)

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

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:35 PM Trustee Williams 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:

Legal Matters
Student 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 Reilly moved, Trustee Rogers seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the public meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola (arrived 8:09 PM)

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

Academic Report

Mr. Zarra spoke about two new course proposals at the high school. One course will be in business education and the other in history. He mentioned that in the past 5 years there have been 27 new courses added.

Trustee Moscaritola arrived at 8:09 PM.

Trustee Alamo asked if there would be any prerequisites for the new business course.

Mr. Zarra spoke about a possible alternative school setting within the district instead of an outplacement school for disruptive students in the high school.

Mrs. Francioso gave an in-depth report on curriculum revisions, assessments and new continuing developments within the district.

Mrs. Francioso also spoke about the Preschool Program and budgetary concerns regarding the program.

Mr. Zarra and Mrs. Francioso spoke about the in-service day that took place and the subject matter addressed with the teachers in the district.

Trustee Rogers spoke positively about the way the district responded to a violence situation.

Trustee Sautter asked about the status of a finance course for the high school.

Trustee Alamo spoke about a seeing-eye dog program and the visits to the elementary schools in the district.

A discussion ensued between Susan Scavone, Grant Writer, and the Board regarding the grant for safe driving.

Trustee Rogers suggested an Excellence in Academic Initiative Proposal. This would give remedial instruction to struggling students. A Board discussion ensued regarding when to hold the instruction and what subjects.

President Casale said that the Volunteer Committee would be meeting for the first time on January 27, 2009.

Mr. Zarra and Trustee Sautter had a discussion regarding the AP Courses that are given in the high school and the testing requirements.

Trustee Sautter commented that he has noticed a large amount of students in the National Honor Society lately.

Trustee Reilly said that the Department of Education has a Finance Course and requested that it should be presented to the Board as a whole.

Trustee Reilly spoke about the HVAC at Lincoln and Washington Schools as well as the RFP for a new construction manager.

**HEARING OF
CITIZENS**

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Academic Report Only)

Resident Rusignuolo congratulated the Board on the in-depth Academic Report given at this meeting.

Resident Neil Henning commented on AP courses and asked if the students are recommended.

Mr. Zarra said the students are recommended.

A discussion ensued regarding AP Courses and the challenges.

**HEARING OF
CITIZENS**

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

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

**AMEND
APPOINTMENT
PROF. STAFF**

1. **AMENDING APPOINTMENT – Professional Staff**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution Appointments – Professional Staff, approved at the December 22, 2008 Board Meeting, to reflect a change in degree and salary for Mr. Lawrence Weiss to M.A., \$47,000.

***Business Administrator/
Board Secretary's Resolutions***

Trustee Alamo moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, Resolutions 1-3. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolutions were approved.

1. **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL LIST**

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

**APPROVAL
TRAVEL LIST A**

2. **APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS**

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

**APPROVAL
FIELD TRIPS B**

**DEPOSITORY OF
SCHOOL FUNDS**

3. **DEPOSITORY OF SCHOOL FUNDS – TD Bank**

BE IT RESOLVED that TD Bank be designated as the official depository for the following account of the Nutley Board of Education for the 2008-09 school year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officers of this account be authorized to sign checks drawn on the account effective January 1, 2009.

Board of Education – NJ Family Leave Insurance Trust Fund

Michael DeVita, Board Secretary

and

Jean Unglaub, Manager of Accounts

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Resident Mike Russo spoke about the Safe Homes Program and the procedure for getting this information out to the students.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Reilly and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita
Board Secretary