

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2009**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, February 23, 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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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 annual 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  
Dr. Philip T. Casale  
Mr. Angelo Frannicola  
Mr. James A. Kuchta  
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola  
Mr. Kenneth Reilly  
Mr. Steven Rogers  
Mr. Walter Sautter  
Ms. Patricia Williams

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 Reilly 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 Issues

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**

**RECONVENE**

At 8:05 PM Trustee Frannicola moved, Trustee Alamo 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.

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Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Michael DeVita, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary  
Mr. Frank Pomaco, Board Attorney

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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MINUTES**

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

- February 9, 2009 - Open Public Meeting
- February 9, 2009 - Closed Executive Session
- February 2, 2009 - Open Public Meeting
- February 2, 2009 - Closed Executive Session
- January 26, 2009 - Open Public Meeting
- January 26, 2009 - Closed Executive Session

Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Sautter seconded, and the Board minutes were unanimously approved.

**RECOGNITION OF AWARDS     A**

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Special awards were given to students for both their academic and athletic achievements. Schedule A, which has the list of students, is appended to the minutes of this meeting.

**RECESS MEETING**

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At 8:47 PM upon the suggestion of President Casale, Trustee Frannicola moved, Trustee Alamo seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to recess.

**RECONVENE MEETING**

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At 9:00 PM Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Frannicola seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice to reconvene the meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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A thank-you note from The Taylor's for the Board's expression of sympathy on the passing of their mother Loretta Taylor.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**SUPT'S REPORT     A**

Mr. Zarra presented the Superintendent's Report dated February 23, 2009, Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting, and briefly summarized its contents.

**BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**BOARD  
SECRETARY'S  
REPORT**

Mr. DeVita spoke about the 2009-2010 School Budget that is being reviewed and mentioned that the Board is looking to improve the functions of the district to be more effective and efficient.

**COMMITTEE  
REPORTS**

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Trustee Rogers - Volunteer Committee

President Casale denied allegations of Item #5 of the OFAC Report and he instructed his attorney to send the entire document to the School Ethics Commission. He then called for a motion from the floor for the Board to do the same.

Trustee Rogers made a motion, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, that this report be sent to the State School Ethics Commission for review.

Upon being put to a roll call vote the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Pomaco said that the Board needs to structure a corrective action plan and the results would be presented to the public at the March 9, 2009 meeting.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)**

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network, addressed the Board and asked if both Nutley and Bloomfield school districts would review the curriculum for the joint venture alternative school.

***SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS***

**SUPT'S  
RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Frannicola moved, and Trustee Reilly seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 10 as listed below.

The Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 10 were approved by roll call vote with the following exception:

1. Trustee Moscaritola abstained on Resolution No. 9 – Extra Compensation.

**RETIREMENT  
TEACHER**

1. **RETIREMENT – Teacher**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the retirement of Mrs. Arlene J. Orenstein, high school teacher, effective July 1, 2009.

**RETIREMENT  
ADMIN. ASSISTANT**

2. **RETIREMENT – Administrative Assistant**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the retirement of Mrs. Joyce Marando, Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent, effective July 1, 2009.

**RESIGNATION  
ATHLETICS**

**3. RESIGNATION – Athletics**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the resignation of Mr. Steven DiGregorio as Assistant Track Coach effective February 10, 2009.

**APPOINT  
ATHLETICS**

**4. APPOINTMENT – Athletics**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Christopher Rosati as Assistant Track Coach for the 2008-09 school year at the salary of \$5,210, Step 4 in accordance with the 2008-09 Athletic Salary Guide.

**APPOINT  
TEACHER SUBS B**

**5. 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 2008-09 school year.

**APPOINT PERM.  
UNASSIGNED SUB**

**6. APPOINTMENT – Permanent Unassigned Substitute**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Lori Robinson as a permanent unassigned substitute, effective February 24, 2009, for the 2008-09 school year, at the rate of \$81 per day and fringe benefits which include Health Benefits and dental plans. Replacement for Danielle Purciello.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this candidate met the district's requirements for the permanent unassigned substitute position which is the possession of a County Substitute certificate.

**LONGEVITY  
PAY**

**7. LONGEVITY PAY**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following longevity payment:

Christopher Chern -\$1,400(prorated) Eff. Jan.1, 2009 (15 yrs.)  
Allan Heinis -\$1,700 (prorated) Eff. March 1,2009 (12 yrs.)  
Kerry Wisener -\$1,450 (prorated) Eff. March 1,2009 (10 yrs.)

**APPOINT  
SUBS**

**8. APPOINTMENTS – Substitutes**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2008-09 school year:

School Aide  
Raymond Luzzi

Cafeteria  
Susan LaRocca

**9. 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 January, 2009**

Rose Cioffi                                 \$250.00

**PAYMENT FOR ZERO PERIOD SRA – January 13, 14, 15,  
16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 29, 30, 2009**

Heather Drexler                         \$504.00  
Jessica Mabel                             504.00  
Leann Martin                              504.00

**PAYMENT FOR MATHCOUNTS COMPETITION –  
Montclair State University – February 7, 2009**

Nancy Foglio                             \$233.82

**KINDERGARTEN CURRICULUM REVISION –  
February 7, 2009**

Patricia Adubato                         \$103.92  
Danielle Cancelliere                     103.92  
Rosemary Clerico                         135.12  
Dana DiGiacomo                         103.92  
Susan Dingwell                         103.92  
Jennifer Farro                             103.92  
Holly Jasnowitz                         103.92  
Debra Marchese                         103.92  
Claudia Marra                             103.92  
Rosa Santoriello                         103.92  
Roxanne Tsairis                         103.92

**LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY CURRICULUM –  
Grades 1-4 – February 7, 2009**

Gerard Adubato                         \$103.92  
Kimberly Algieri                         103.92  
Lenore Chieffo                             103.92  
Kristine Comune                         103.92  
Michele Cristantiello                     103.92  
Cynthia DeBonis                         135.12  
Patricia Griffin                             103.92  
Joan Lightfoot                             103.92  
Linda Moscaritola                         103.92  
Carol Perrone                             103.92  
Lorraine Restel                             135.12  
Joanne Tibaldo                             103.92  
Carol VonAchen                             103.92  
Jenifer Wilson                             103.92

**MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM REVISION-Grades  
7- 8 – February 7, 2009**

Linda Batson	\$103.92
Jill Freedman	103.92
Natalie Gatto	103.92
Connie Inguanti	103.92
Sheryl Holly	103.92
Michael Kearney	135.12
Leann Martin	103.92
Frank Sasso	103.92
David Sorensen	135.12
Lawrence Tuorto	103.92

**CENTRAL DETENTION COVERAGE –  
Month of January, 2009**

**High School**

Joseph Cimo	\$262.78
John Gulardo	18.77
Denise Mazza	56.31
Christine Polk	75.08
Michael Russomano	18.77
Lisa Vallo	187.70

**JHW Middle School**

Joseph Cappello	37.54
Melissa Echevarria	75.08
Tracy Egan	75.08
Deanna Fredricks	18.77
Jenny Lombardo	75.08
Luann Zullo	37.54

**SATURDAY MORNING SUSPENSIONS –  
Month of January, 2009**

**JHW Middle School**

Joseph Cappello	\$156.90
Marcellino Marra	78.45

**SPECIAL CLASS  
PLACEMENT**

**10. SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT – Educationally Disabled  
Students**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of a student in out-of-district special education classes for the 2008-09 school year as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>No.of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Stepping Stones/ ARC of Essex County Livingston, NJ	1	Preschool Handicapped	2/4/09	\$19,434.93

**BA  
RESOLUTIONS**

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/  
BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Sautter moved, Trustee Frannicola seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 8 as listed below.

Resolutions numbers 1 through 8 were approved by roll call vote with the following exceptions:

1. Trustee Rogers abstained on check #079188 – Essex County Department of Parks Recreation.

**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 January 31, 2009.

**2. CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR ACCOUNT FUND STATUS**

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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 January 31, 2009, 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.)

**3. BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS**

**BILLS &  
MANDATORY C**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated February 23, 2009 in the total amount of \$6,152,081.06 (Appendix C).



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

**USE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS D**

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

**5. TRANSFER SCHEDULE**

**TRANSFER SCHEDULE E**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)3ii, and NJSA 18A:22-8-1, the transfers in the 2008-09 budget dated January 31, 2009 in the amount of \$927,489.15 as appended (Appendix E).

**6. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL LIST**

**APPROVAL TRAVEL LIST F**

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

**7. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS**

**APPROVAL FIELD TRIPS G**

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

**8. IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL**

Whereas, there exists a need to implement an Alternative School for certain students of both the Nutley Board of Education and the Bloomfield Board of Education; and

Whereas, both school Superintendents have met to discuss the common need for this type of educational environment and have designed a conceptual framework for implementation; and

Whereas, a funding mechanism for this joint endeavor has arisen in the form of a Federal Grant named Safe Schools/Healthy Initiative Grant which is due on March 4, 2009; and

Whereas, both the Nutley Board of Education and the Bloomfield Board of Education desire to apply for this grant to serve as the basis for initial funding for this joint project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Nutley Board of Education, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey as follows:

The Board of Education hereby endorses and supports the joint endeavor with the Bloomfield Board of Education for the implementation of a shared Alternative School and further supports the application as submitted for the Safe Schools/Health Student grant.

**MEMORIAL**

9. **MEMORIAL**

**Mr. Gino Giua**

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

WHEREAS, it is with a sense of deep sorrow and regret that the Nutley Board of Education records the death of Mr. Gino Giua on January 6, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giua had served the Nutley Public Schools as for 42 years, retiring as Manager of Buildings & Grounds, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giua won the respect of all those with whom he came in contact for his dedication to the Nutley School District,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley extends deepest sympathy to the members of his family, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made a part of the minutes of this meeting and a copy sent to the members of his family.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS**

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CITIZENS**

Resident Mike Russo asked about the food management services.

Several residence asked questions about Tri-Tech Engineering and made comments regarding the Nutley School District Building Program Irregularities Report done by the State of New Jersey Department of Education Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance Investigations Unit.

Mr. Pomaco stated that the Board is in pending litigation with Tri-Tech and the Board will have a public meeting to discuss these allegations after they have a special meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Sautter stated that he was concerned about the comments being made regarding the report just based on allegations and not fact.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Sautter and unanimously approved by voice vote.

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,



Michael DeVita  
Board Secretary