

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

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, March 23, 2009 at the John H. Walker Middle School Choir Room, 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Casale opened the meeting at 6:07 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 March 18, 2009. 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**

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CALL**

Present: 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

Absent: Mrs. Maria Alamo

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

Trustee Reilly stated he had reviewed documents received from Administration regarding cuts.

The Board discussed staff cuts, basic skills teachers, stimulus money, Title I money, County Superintendent's approval of the Budget, non-staff cuts and shared services.

### **HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)**

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Resident Mike Russo spoke about athletic cuts, legal fees and judgments against the district, support services, equipment costs, food service costs, administrative costs, administrative salaries, contracts for non-bargaining employees and custodial services.

Resident Alan Thomas spoke about the security amount in the budget, Autism Program, expenditure lines for improvement of instruction and closing schools at a reasonable time for Parks and Rec.

Resident Mike Recchione asked about the food service program, health benefits and the plan for future budgets.

Resident Victoria Flynn asked questions about the Spring Garden Gym plans.

Resident Joe Iannini spoke about practical savings in the budget (best practices) and managing information.

Resident Neil Henning asked about the Autism Program and integrating Special Ed students.

A resident asked about the Gifted and Talented Program.

Trustee Reilly gave a presentation on the design of the Spring Garden gym.

Several residence asked questions and made comments not limited to the following:

- Windows in the Gym
- Elevator Location
- HVAC System
- Size of Driveway
- Traffic Studies
- Teacher Parking/Visitor Parking
- Playground for Students
- Timeframe of Construction
- Safety During Construction
- Rooftop HVAC Units

Trustee Reilly thanked his fellow Board Members and Administration for their hard work during the design phase of the Spring Garden Project.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

Trustee Kuchta moved, and Trustee Frannicola seconded, the following resolutions Nos. 1-3. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolutions were unanimously approved.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **2009-10 DISTRICT TRAVEL MAXIMUM**

#### **1. 2009-2010 BUDGET SCHOOL DISTRICT TRAVEL MAXIMUM**

WHEREAS school district By-Law 0147 Board Member Compensation and Expenses, Policy 3440 Teaching Staff Members Job Expenses and Policy 4440 Support Staff Members Job Expenses, and NJAC 6A:23b-1.2(b), provide that the Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2009-2010 school year, and

WHEREAS the tentative budget adopted by the Board of Education on March 16, 2009 included funds for travel and travel-related expenses in accordance with the above by-law, policies and NJ Administrative Code Regulations,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2009-2010 school year in the sum of \$58,512, as contained in the appropriate budgetary accounts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount spent to date for the 2008-2009 school year is \$22,634, and

ALSO BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary/Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

### **APPROVAL OF SPRING GARDEN GYM**

#### **2. APPROVAL OF SPRING GARDEN GYM PLANS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the plans for the Spring Garden Gym that are on file in the Business Administrator's Office.

**AMEND OFAC  
REPORT RESOLUTION    A**

**3. AMENDING RESOLUTION - OFFICE OF FISCAL  
ACCOUNTABILITY AND COMPLIANCE REPORT  
OF EXAMINATION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution, Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance Report of Examination, approved at the March 9, 2009 Board Meeting to reflect changes in the Corrective Action Plan (Schedule A).

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None

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Reilly and unanimously approved by voice vote.

**ADJOURN**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita  
Board Secretary