

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010 at the Board Conference Room, 315 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

President Casale opened the meeting at 6:24 PM.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

FLAG SALUTE

**FLAG
SALUTE**

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute.

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 October 8, 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.

ROLL CALL

**ROLL
CALL**

Present:

Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mr. Walter Sautter
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Absent: Mr. Angelo Frannicola (arrived 7:37 PM)
Mr. Kenneth Reilly

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Frank Pomaco, Board Attorney

Absent: Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:26 PM Trustee Kuchta moved and Trustee Moscaritola 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:

Personnel
Legal

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 8:09 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 Choir Room located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

FLAG SALUTE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

**FLAG
SALUTE**

President Casale led the assembly in the flag salute & moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

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Present: Mr. Angelo Frannicola
Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Walter Sautter
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Dr. Philip T. Casale

Absent: Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Mr. Kenneth Reilly

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Frank Pomaco, Board Attorney

Also Absent: Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Stephanie Urso, Student Representative

RECOGNITION OF AWARDS A

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Academic and Music awards were presented to students listed on Schedule A.

RECESS MEETING

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At 8:26 PM upon the suggestion of President Casale, Trustee Sposato moved, Trustee Frannicola seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to recess.

Trustee Rogers left the meeting at 8:28 PM.

RECONVENE MEETING

RECONVENE

At 8:35 PM Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Russo seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice to reconvene the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

APPROVE OF MINUTES

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

- Open Public Meeting – February 8, 2010
- Closed Executive Session – February 8, 2010
- Open Public Meeting – January 25, 2010
- Closed Executive Session – January 25, 2010

Trustee Kuchta moved, Trustee Frannicola seconded, and the Board minutes were approved with the following exception:

Trustees Sautter and Sposato abstained on February 8, 2010 minutes due to their absence from the meeting.

Trustee Rogers returned to the meeting at 8:37 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

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A variance notice regarding property at 45 Hillside Crescent Avenue being 200 feet within school property.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zarra presented the Superintendent's Report dated February 22, 2010, Schedule A, which is appended to the minutes of this meeting, and briefly summarized its contents as well as other activities going on in the district.

SUPT'S REPORT A

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

**BOARD
SECRETARY'S
REPORT**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee – Trustee Kuchta

A Board discussion ensued regarding the 2010-2011 Budget and the possibility of adding all day kindergarten, pay to play and other changes throughout the district.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

Resident Mike Russo asked about full-day kindergarten, Appendix A, B & C not on the website, athletic coaches, \$169,000 for roofs and Appendix G – field trips.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

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

**SUPT'S
RESOLUTIONS**

The Superintendent's Resolutions 1 through 8 were approved by roll call vote with the following exception:

- 1) Trustee Russo abstained on Carmela Pontoriero – Resolution 7 – Extra Compensation.

**RETIREMENT
TEACHER**

1. RETIREMENT - Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the retirement of Miss Denise A. Cleary, middle school teacher, effective July 1, 2010.

**RESIGNATION
ATHLETICS**

2. RESIGNATION – Athletics

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Heather Drexler as assistant girls soccer coach effective February 3, 2010.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE
TEACHER**

3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act for Mrs. Stephanie Lennon, effective March 3, 2010 through May 31, 2010, with a return date June 1, 2010.

**APPOINT
TEACHERS SUBS B**

4. 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 2009/2010 school year.

**APPOINT
ATHLETICS**

5. APPOINTMENTS – Athletics

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Spring Athletic Appointments listed on the attached Schedule C for the 2009-10 school year on the salary guide at the classification and step as indicated in accordance with the 2009-10 Coaches Salary Guide.

**APPOINT
SUBS**

6. APPOINTMENTS – Substitutes

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2009-10 school year:

Bus Aide/Driver

Richard Castigila

**EXTRA
COMP**

7. 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, 2010**

Katianne Oakley (Gratz) \$250.00

**PAYMENT FOR ZERO PERIOD – HSPA Classes
During month of January, 2010**

Jessica Mabel \$378.00

**PAYMENT FOR ZERO PERIOD – SRA Classes
During month of January, 2010**

Heather Drexler \$672.00
Jessica Mabel 126.00
Leann Martin 672.00

**PAYMENT FOR TEACHING EXTRA CLASSES –
High School- (maternity leave)**

Steven DiGregorio	\$630.00 (14 classes)
Andrew Linfante	630.00 (14 classes)
Christopher Rosati	675.00 (15 classes)
Gerald Ryan	585.00 (13 classes)

**PAYMENT FOR TEACHING EXTRA CLASSES –
High School – Special Education (extra period)**

Helen Doyle-Marino	\$720.00 (16 classes)
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**PAYMENT FOR HANDLE WITH CARE TRAINING –
January 23 and 30, 2010**

TEACHERS & RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS

Sherrri Budinick	\$395.89
Maura Byrne	395.89
Eva Casazza	395.89
Judith Cresci	395.89
April Hauer	197.95
Debra Marchese	197.95
Stacey Matarazzo	395.89
Nicolette Misner	197.95
Lisa Palestina	197.95
Matthew Rosenhouse	395.89
Shannon Shaw	395.89
Amy Stoner	395.89
Ellen Wolf	395.89
Leon Yin	395.89

AIDES

Lora Capalbo	144.65
Alan Cappetta	144.65
Edward Farrand	151.36
Dyan Guida	148.61
Erin Lombardozzi	148.61
Barbara McGarty	75.68
Kathleen Pastena	144.65
Barbara Polito	180.29
Carmela Pontoriero	148.61
Marie Quattropani	82.89
Kim Saporito	148.61
Barbara Sarno	172.26
Nicole Simone	72.33
Lesley Tesei	130.41
Layne Vicidomini	144.65

PAYMENT FOR MENTORING NOVICE TEACHERS

Alicia DiPrimio	\$550.00
Christina Osieja	550.00
Lisa Palestina	550.00
Janice Schoem	550.00

**PAYMENT FOR ACADEMY OF FINE AND PERFORMING
ARTS CLASSES – September, 2009 – December, 2009**

Theresa Lappostato \$396.15

**PAYMENT FOR ARTICULATION DAY COMPENSATION -
January 11, 2010**

Danielle Cancelliere \$ 35.22
Susan Dingwell 46.74
Jennifer Farro 43.86
Angela Irene 33.12
Geraldyn Ryan 43.92
Rosa Santoriello 48.18
Debra Tiene 35.94

**CENTRAL DETENTION COVERAGE –
Month of January, 2010**

High School

Helen Doyle-Marino \$ 39.00
Tina D'Urso 97.50
Lori Ferrara 58.50
John Gulardo 195.00
Denise Mazza 58.50
Lisa Vallo 156.00

JHW Middle School

Joseph Cappello 39.00
Melissa Echevarria 78.00
Tracy Egan 78.00
Jenny Lombardo 78.00
LuAnn Zullo 78.00

**SATURDAY MORNING SUSPENSIONS –
Month of January, 2010**

JHW Middle School

Joseph Cappello \$163.02
Tracy Egan 163.02

**SPECIAL CLASS
PLACEMENT**

**8. SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT – Educationally Disabled
Student**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of a student in out-of-district special education classes for the 2009/2010 school year as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
Chancellor Academy Pompton Plains, NJ	1	ED	2/8/10	\$22,051.04

**BOARD
SECRETARY'S
RESOLUTIONS**

BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS

President Casale stated that Resolution 4 – Request for Use of Buildings and Grounds had an error in No. 2 and should be amended to read April 20, 2010 not April 22, 2010.

Trustee Russo moved as amended, Trustee Frannicola seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 16 as listed below.

Upon a roll call vote Resolutions numbers 1 through 16 were approved with the following exception:

1. Trustee Rogers voted "No" on all communication bills and Check No. 082350 to Essex County Dept of Parks, Recreation in the amount of \$3,090.00.

**SECY. & TREAS. A
REPORT B**

1. SECRETARY & TREASURER'S REPORT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acknowledgement and acceptance of the reports of the Board Secretary (Appendix A) January 31, 2010 and Treasurer of School Monies (Appendix B) date January 31, 2010.

**CERTIFICATION
MAJOR ACCOUNT
FUND STATUS**

2. CERTIFICATION OF 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, 2010, 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.)

**BILLS &
MANDATORY C**

3. BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated February 22, 2010 in the total amount of \$ 5,887,931.37 (Appendix C).

5. TRANSFER SCHEDULE

**TRANSFER
SCHEDULE E**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 9:20-2, the transfers in the 2009-10 budget dated December 31, 2009 in the amount of \$77,966.72 and January 31, 2010 in the amount of \$968,582.00 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. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO GPC, INC.

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT
GPC, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 7, in the amount of \$166,118.23 to GPC, Inc. for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager.

9. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO WOJCHIK ELECTRIC

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT
WOJCHIK ELECTRIC**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 5, in the amount of \$39,589.05 to Wojchik Electric for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

10. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO B&B IRON WORKS, INC.

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT
B&B IRON WORKS, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 4, in the amount of \$27,000.00 to B&B Iron Works, Inc. for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT
LEVY CONSTRUCTION CO.**

**11. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO LEVY
CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 4, in the amount of \$210,057.12 to Levy Construction Co. Inc. for the Window and Door Replacement at Lincoln and Radcliffe Elementary Schools as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

**APPROVE PARTIAL
PAYMENT
SAFEWAY CONTRACTING**

**12. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO SAFEWAY
CONTRACTING, INC.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment, Application 3, in the amount of \$169,335.00 to Safeway Contracting Inc. for the Roofing on Radcliffe, Washington, Lincoln, Yantacaw Elementary Schools and the High School as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

**ACCEPT
DONATION**

13. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a donation from Yantacaw School PTO to Yantacaw Elementary School in the amount of \$14,152.00 for the purchase of four Smart Boards.

**ACCEPT
GRANT**

14. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the Target Field Trip Grant sponsored by Target in the amount of \$800.00 to Spring Garden School to be used for a field trip.

**APPROVE SERVICE
AGREEMENT 457(b)**

15. APPROVAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 457(b) PLANS

WHEREAS, the Nutley Board of Education has adopted and offers its employees a 457(b) plan, which is designed to meet the requirements of 457(b) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended; and
WHEREAS the Nutley Board of Education wishes to appoint an agent to perform certain non-discretionary plan administration, plan compliance and related services for the Plan, and PenServ agrees to provide the required plan document for a fee of \$350.00.

**ESTABLISH PUBLIC
HEARING DATE**

**16. ESTABLISH DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
2010-2011 ANNUAL BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education does hereby establish the date of March 31, 2010 to hold the Public Hearing of the 2010-2011 Budget at 7:00 PM at the JHWMS Auditorium.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

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CITIZENS**

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), expressed her support for all-day kindergarten, her concerns for pay to play and her support for keeping freshman in at lunch time.

Resident Mike Russo still had questions on the transfers being fiscally responsible.

Student Josh Rotinsky asked for the Board to support the music boosters.

Resident Ralph Chimento expressed his support for all-day kindergarten and asked the Board to get started on the implementation.

Resident Janice Voltes also expressed her support for all-day kindergarten.

OLD BUSINESS

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Trustee Sposato asked if our new grant writer is working on any grants for the district.

Trustee Rogers suggested making all-day kindergarten a priority.

NEW BUSINESS

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Trustee Russo asked if the Board was staying as a nine- member Academic Committee and if the first meeting was still going to be the Academic Report.

President Casale said it would stay as it is and Mr. Zarra will continue to report on the curriculum at the first meeting.

Trustee Rogers stated that the NHS Cheerleaders should be recognized for placing 2nd at a cheerleading competition. He also asked about the impact music class schedules have on the students' curriculum.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm on a motion by Trustee Kuchta seconded by Trustee Sposato, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans
Interim Board Secretary