

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, September 27, 2010 in the JHWMS Choir Room located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

President Reilly opened the meeting at 6:33 PM.

FLAG SALUTE

President Reilly led the assembly in the flag salute.

MEETING NOTICE

President Reilly 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 April 28, 2010. Said notice was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to The Star Ledger, The North Jersey Herald & News, The Nutley Journal, The Nutley Sun, Township Clerk advertised in The Nutley Sun on May 6, 2010 and posted on the district website.

This is an official meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Charles Kucinski
Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Dr. Robert Reid
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mr. Walter Sautter
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Mr. Kenneth Reilly

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Frank Pomaco, Board Attorney
Miss Deanna Cafone, Student Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Open Public Meeting – September 13, 2010
Closed Executive Session – September 13, 2010
Special Meeting – August 31, 2010
Closed Executive Session – August 31, 2010
Open Public Meeting – August 23, 2010
Closed Executive Session – August 23, 2010

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

1. Trustee Sposato abstained on the minutes of September 13, 2010 due to his absence.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zarra presented the Superintendent's Report dated September 27, 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.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mrs. Yeamans spoke about the auditors coming in the month of October to complete the 2009-2010 audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Representative Deanna Cafone gave an update on what is taking place in the upcoming month in the high school.

President Reilly provided an overview of construction projects at all the schools.

HEARING OF CITIZENS (Resolutions Only)

Resident Mike Russo questioned the transfer schedule and if there were enough books for the high school oceanography class.

Resident Alan Thomas questioned the Enterprise Fund and federal reimbursements.

Resident Mike Russo asked about the purpose of the trip to St. John's Church in Newark.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:40 PM President Reilly moved and Trustee Kucinski 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
Personnel

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

At 7:05 PM Trustee Kucinski moved, Trustee Sposato seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice to reconvene the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Charles Kucinski
Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Dr. Robert Reid
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mr. Walter Sautter
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Mr. Kenneth Reilly

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

Absent: Miss Deanna Cafone, Student Representative

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Kucinski moved, and Trustee Moscaritola seconded, a motion that the Board approves Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 16 as follows:

The Superintendent's Resolutions 1 through 16 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

1. RESIGNATION – Athletics

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Kimberly DiVincenzo-Root as assistant girls' basketball coach effective September 9, 2010.

2. AMENDING ADDENDUM – Change-in-Training Level

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the Addendum Change-in-Training Level, approved at the August 23, 2010 Board Meeting to reflect a change in Step and Salary for Mrs. Nancy Foglio to Step 23, \$97,302.

3. AMENDING RESOLUTION – Reappointments – Professional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the Reappointments – Professional Staff Schedule D, approved at the June 28, 2010 Board Meeting to reflect a change in part-time status to full-time for Jennifer Farro.

4. 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. Kelli Cerniglia, effective October 1, 2010 through October 29, 2010 with a return date of November 1, 2010.

5. APPOINTMENT – Guidance Department Head

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mrs. Jill Divilio as Guidance Department Head for the 2010-11 school year, effective September 28, 2010, at the annual salary of \$98,313, M.A.+30 Step 7, in accordance with the 2010-11 Principals and Supervisors Salary Guide.

6. APPOINTMENT – Professional Staff

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointments of the personnel listed below for the 2010-11 school year, in accordance with the 2010-11 Teachers' Salary Guide:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Salary</u>	
Michele Ippolito	B.A.	8	46,836 (JHW Science)	-Eff. 9/28/10
Jenna Pavlisko	M.A.	8	49,891 (Social Worker)	-Eff. 10/4/10

7. APPOINTMENT – Permanent Unassigned Substitute

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lora Shertel as a permanent unassigned substitute, effective September 28, 2010 for the 2010-11 school year at the rate of \$81 per day.

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

8. RESCIND/APPOINTMENT – Section 504 Coordinator

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the rescinding of the resolution approved at the April 28, 2010 Board Meeting appointing Mrs. Mariana Francioso as Section 504 Coordinator effective October 1, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Policy No. 104 (1510), that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. John Calicchio as Section 504 Coordinator for the Nutley School District, effective October 1, 2010 for the 2010-11 school year.

9. 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 2010-11 school year.

10. APPOINTMENTS – Secretarial/Clerical/School Aides

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2010-11 school year:

School Aides

Marta Falconcino (9/1-19/10)
Marianne Generelli
Elizabeth Gingerelli
Linda Ritacco (9/1-19/10)
Diane Sangemino

Secretarial/School Aide

Joann Russo

11. APPOINTMENT – Substitute Custodians

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following substitutes for the 2010-11 school year:

Jason Goode Robert Woll

12. APPROVAL OF STIPEND

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following stipend for the 2010/2011 school year:

Director - Academy of Fine & Performing Arts

Michael Cundari

13. 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 SUMMER HOURS – Athletics – 10 Days

Julianne Alessio \$1,373.44

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – Technology - 5 days in August

Christina Osieja \$2,432.55

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – Media – 12 Days

James Kelly \$2,194.50

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – CST/Speech - 5 Days

Nikki Piro \$ 962.22

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – Transition Coordinator – 6 Days in August

Sharon Romaglia \$1,451.40

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS -Librarians

Susan Bresnan \$1,698.88
Christina Stendardi 310.55
Louise Walk 748.36

PAYMENT FOR SUMMER HOURS – Guidance – August

Donna Cocco \$1,153.11
Alisa Gennace 743.28
James Mauro 1,524.03
Kathryn Mitchell 1,524.03
Mary Fran Simmons 1,524.03
Sherrie Tolve 1,459.53
Joyce Wood 987.02

14. LONGEVITY PAY

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

Catherine Turano - \$3,800 (prorated) effective September 1, 2010 (25 yrs.)
Jolinda Griwert - \$1,400 (prorated) effective September 1, 2010 (15 yrs.)

15. SPECIAL CLASS PLACEMENT – Educationally Disabled Students

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to assign classified handicapped children to educational programs according to how they can best achieve success in learning in accordance with the rules and regulations pursuant to Title 18A, Chapter 46, NJ Statutes, and Title 6 Chapter 28, NJ Administrative Code, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the attendance of Nutley Students at the special education classes for the 2010-11 school year as per the attached Schedule C.

16. SCHOOL-TO-CAREER TRANSITION PROGRAM AT NUTLEY HIGH SCHOOL - 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a voluntary partnership with the following job sites to provide daily transition activities for Nutley High School students for the 2010-2011 school year:

Clara Maass Medical Center, Belleville, New Jersey
Township of Nutley: Mayor Cocchiola's Office
Parks and Recreation Dept.
Nutley Public Library
Tempo Music, Nutley, New Jersey
Dr. James Muglia/Smile for Today, Nutley, NJ
CVS, Harrison Street, Nutley
Nutley Family Service Bureau Thrift Shop

Nutley Public Schools:
Lincoln School
Nutley High School
Radcliffe School
Spring Garden School
Yantacaw School
JHW Middle School
UMDNJ, Scotch Plains, New Jersey

17. AMENDING RESOLUTION – REAPPOINTMENTS – Part-time School Aides

Trustee Kucinski moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, the following resolutions. Upon being put to a roll call vote the resolutions were unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amending of the resolution Reappointments – Part-time School Aides (Schedule C), approved at the August 23, 2010 Board Meeting to reflect the following changes:

Delete Eff. October 1, 2010

Giuriceo, Tracy
Sparaco, Elizabeth

17A. APPOINTMENTS – Paraprofessionals

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Paraprofessionals for the 2010-2011 school year, Step 9 - \$19,406:

Eff. September 1, 2010

Duxbury, Roberta
Rosamilia, Nancy

Eff. October 1, 2010

Baker, Susanne	Lewis, Denise
Beck, Andrea	Luzzi, David
Bradley, Mary Ellen	Sainz, Patricia
Cappetta, Alphonse	Volpe, Ashley
D'Onofrio, Bonnie	

Eff. October 1, 2010 – Part-time Paraprofessionals

Giuriceo, Tracy (.44)
Quattropani, Marie (.44)
Sparaco, Elizabeth (.44)

18. APPOINTMENT – Professional Staff

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mr. Trevor Cahill as high school English teacher for the 2010-2011 school year, effective September 28, 2010, at the annual salary of \$46,836, B.A. Step 8, in accordance with the 2010-2011 Teachers' Salary Guide.

19. APPOINTMENTS - CUSTODIANS

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following appointments as custodians effective October 1, 2010 at the annual salary of \$29,025, (Group 2, Step 3), plus a night stipend of \$2,000 prorated in accordance with the 2009-10 Custodial Salary Guide. (To be adjusted pending adoption of a new guide for 2010-2011).

Philip DiMaria
Robert Shuster

20. REVISE REAPPOINTMENTS – Part-time School Aides

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the revision of Reappointments - Part-time School Aides (Schedule C), henceforth referred to as Non-Instruction Aides, approved at the August 23, 2010 meeting to reflect the changes on the Part Time Non-Instructional Aides 2010/2011 – Revised listed on the attached Schedule D.

BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Kucinski moved, Trustee Russo seconded, a motion that the Board approves the Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 22 as follows.

Upon a roll call vote Resolutions numbers 1 through 22 were approved with the following exception:

- 1) Trustee Rogers voted "No" on all the communication bills.

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) and Treasurer of School Monies (Appendix B) for the period ending June 30, 2010, July 31, 2010 and August 31, 2010.

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 June 30, 2010, July 31, 2010 and August 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.)

3. BILLS AND MANDATORY PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills and mandatory payments dated September 27, 2010 in the total amount of \$7,256,735.43 (Appendix C).

4. REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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

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 2010-11 budget dated August 31, 2010 in the amount of \$1,435,999.93 as appended (Appendix E).

6. APPROVAL OF TRIP LIST

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

7. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

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

8. ADOPTION OF BYLAW (Second Reading)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the following Bylaw (second reading) on file in the Business Office:

0155 – Board Committees

9. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION – Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act FY 2011

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves submission of application for the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act for the 2010-2011 school year in the amount of \$21,209.

10. APPROVAL OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION - I.D.E.A. Part B Basic and I.D.E.A. Part B Preschool - FY 2011

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Education approves submission of application for I.D.E.A. for FY 2011 as follows:

I.D.E.A. B-Basic	\$838,333
I.D.E.A. B-Preschool	40,514

11. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a donation from the Radcliffe PTO in the amount \$8,000 for Smart Boards.

12. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO CIRCLE-A CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to Circle-A Construction Co., Inc. for the Exterior Façade Repairs at Lincoln School as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager as follows:

Application 8	\$243,550.51	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-03-000)
Change Orders 3 & 4	<u>28,614.98</u>	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-03-330)
Payment Amount	\$272,165.49	

13. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO ESR MECHANICAL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to ESR Mechanical for electrical upgrades as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager as follows:

Application 4 – Yantacaw School - \$317,810.00	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-07-000)
Application 4 - Radcliffe School – \$399,844.00	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-04-000)
Application 4 - High School - \$373,380.00	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-01-000)

14. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO HILT CONSTRUCTION CO.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to Hilt Construction Co. as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager for the following:

Exterior Façade Repairs at Spring Garden School:

Application 4	\$41,180.33	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-05-000)
Change Order 4	<u>29,493.39</u>	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-05-330)
Payment Amount	\$70,673.72	

Exterior Façade Repairs at Yantacaw School:

Application 5	\$179,881.80	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-07-000)
Change Order 2	<u>1,088.17</u>	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-07-330)
Payment Amount	\$180,969.97	

Exterior Façade Repairs at Washington School:

Application 59	\$ 63,224.54	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-06-000)
Change Orders 5 & 6	<u>8,656.09</u>	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-06-330)
Payment Amount	\$ 71,880.63	

15. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO LEVY CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment Levy Construction Co. Inc. for the Window and Door Replacement at Lincoln and Yantacaw Elementary Schools as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager as follows:

Application 7	Lincoln	\$ 30,532.80	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-03-000)
Application 7	Yantacaw	<u>144,058.64</u>	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-07-000)
Payment Amount		\$174,591.44	

16. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO SAFEWAY CONTRACTING, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to Safeway Contracting Inc. for the Roofing on Radcliffe, Washington, Lincoln, Yantacaw and the High School as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager as follows:

Application 4 - Radcliffe School –	\$ 1,249.05	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-04-000)
Application 4 - Washington School –	548.36	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-06-000)
Application 4 - Lincoln School –	139,148.49	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-03-000)
Application 4 – Yantacaw School -	33,942.60	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-07-000)
Application 4 - High School -	<u>17,749.38</u>	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-01-000)
Payment Amount	\$192,637.88	

17. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO VESPA ELECTRICAL COMPANY

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to Vespa Electrical Company for HVAC upgrades at the High School as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager as follows:

Application 1 - \$121,716.00 (Acct #: 30-999-405-450-01-000)

18. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO GPC, INC.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to GPC, Inc. for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager as follows:

Application 14	\$222,098.15	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-05-000)
Change Orders 4,5,6	<u>40,395.03</u>	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-05-330)
Payment Amount	\$262,493.18	

19. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO SUNNYFIELD CORPORATION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to Sunnyfield Corporation for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager.

Application 12 - \$379,451.95 (Acct #: 30-999-405-450-05-000)

20. APPROVAL OF PARTIAL PAYMENT TO WOJCHIK ELECTRIC

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves partial payment to Wojchik Electric for the Spring Garden School Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Architect and Construction Manager as follows:

Application 12	\$ 12,362.03	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-05-000)
Change Orders 2 & 4	<u>4,270.15</u>	(Acct #: 30-999-405-450-05-330)
Payment Amount	\$ 16,632.18	

21. APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS – ADDITIONS AND ALTERATIONS – SPRING GARDEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Change Order to Sunnyfield Corporation, on file in the Business Office, for the Spring Garden Project as per the recommendation of the Board's Engineer and Construction Manager as follows:

Change Order HVAC 1 – Total Amount - \$(834.24) (Acct.#30-999-405-450-05-330)
Credit for damage to landscaping.

22. APPROVAL FOR SALE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the sale of the obsolete 1998 Dodge Ram Van - Plate MG 51422, as is condition, in the amount of \$200.00 to Bib's Auto Parts, Kearny, NJ.

23. REQUESTS FOR USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

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

1. A request from Juan Echevarria on behalf of the Petracco's Rebels girls basketball team for use of the Washington Gym, on Tuesdays from October 5, 2010 to March 8, 2011 for basketball practice from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

2. A request from Charlie Fanelli on behalf of the Fanelli Brothers Auto Body for use of the Radcliffe Gym, on Mondays from October 4, 2010 to May 22, 2011 for basketball from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

24. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from Wells Fargo International Group Diversity Council to the Radcliffe PTO for Smart Boards.

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), asked what kind of training the lunch aides receive.

Resident Lisa Ludowski spoke about an incident where her son broke his arm on the playground at Spring Garden School and the reaction from the lunch aide.

Dave Schiedel asked if there was a backup plan for the new heating system.

Resident Mike Russo asked if a survey would be conducted for the possibility of school uniforms.

Resident Alan Thomas asked about the status of the Superintendent's report on the NJ Monthly Magazine. He also stated that the notice for the Special Meeting was confusing since it was Executive Session and action is being taken.

Resident Robert Rusignuolo asked how decisions are made to litigate certain matters of the district in terms of cost effectiveness. He agrees with the suggestion to pursue reimbursement from parents for unnecessary costs to the district but suggested also holding accountable district employees and representatives of the district.

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), complimented the Board on how Washington School looks. She spoke about a parent workshop that NPAN is providing. She also asked how the dress code is enforced throughout the district.

Resident Mike Russo thanked Mrs. Francioso for her service to the Nutley District.

EAN President Mike Stoffers spoke on behalf of the EAN and expressed to Mrs. Francioso their appreciation for her service and professionalism.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Rogers brought up the topic of school uniforms and asked if a survey could be sent out.

A Board discussion ensued regarding school uniforms. It was decided to gather information regarding surveys and studies on the issue of uniforms and then possibly form an Ad Hoc Committee.

Trustee Rogers feels the Board should look into the policy to give the Superintendent the ability to admit gifted and talented children early entry into kindergarten.

Trustee Russo inquired if anything was being done about the computer application mandated class for high school students.

President Reilly feels the Academic Committee should meet with the Superintendent and High School Principal in reference to the computer application mandated class.

Trustee Moscaritola asked again for a list of pending litigation and the cost to the district. He also asked when an organizational chart would be available.

Trustee Sautter would like to see a plan to make the Parent Workshop happen.

President Reilly asked him to meet with the Superintendent to pursue it further.

Trustee Rogers would like the Superintendent to look into the textbook needs at all the schools.

Trustee Sposato wanted an update on Stop, Drop and Go at Radcliffe.

President Reilly said he spoke to the Radcliffe parents at Back to School Night and they provided a lot of feedback regarding the Stop, Drop and Go. He asked the parents to form a committee to meet with the Board and town commissioners to pursue the matter further.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Kucinski said he would like the matter of the lunch supervision investigated. He would also like to pursue the matter of having local landscapers provide free services.

Trustee Sposato asked if the free landscaping services would be a legal matter.

Mr. Pomaco said he would investigate regarding a liability and insurance.

Trustee Sposato said he would like to offer a test in the high school to target non-college bound children and help them pursue a career.

Trustee Reid said that the municipal alliance is producing a health survey and he will keep the Board apprised.

Trustee Rogers spoke about two Washington School students who won second place in a chess tournament. He also spoke about the taxpayer tours and the Green School Tour.

President Reilly asked to get an estimate on fixing the high school greenhouse.

President Reilly and Mr. Zarra expressed their best wishes to Assistant Superintendent Francioso.

Mrs. Francioso said it was an honor to be part of the Nutley School District and extended her thanks to the parents and the community for letting her share their children.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 PM President Reilly moved and Trustee Kucinski 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
Personnel

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

At 9:03 PM Trustee Kucinski moved, Trustee Sposato seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice to reconvene the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Charles Kucinski
Mr. James Kuchta
Mr. Vincent Moscaritola
Dr. Robert Reid
Mrs. Deborah J. Russo
Mr. Steven Rogers
Mr. Walter Sautter
Mr. Thomas J. Sposato
Mr. Kenneth Reilly

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

Absent: Mrs. Mariana Francioso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

The Board discussed meeting times and executive sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM on a motion by President Reilly seconded by Trustee Kuchta and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans
Board Secretary