# NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING JANUARY 31, 2011

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, January 31, 2011 in the JHWMS Teachers' Cafeteria, 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ 07110.

Vice President Kuchta opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

### **FLAG SALUTE**

Vice President Kuchta 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 Special Meeting was provided in the notice of January 11, 2011. 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**

Present: Mr. James Kuchta

Mr. Vincent Moscaritola

Dr. Robert Reid

Mrs. Deborah J. Russo Mr. Thomas J. Sposato

Absent: Mr. Charles Kucinski

Mr. Kenneth Reilly (arrived 6:03 PM) Mr. Steven Rogers (arrived 6:08 PM)

Mr. Walter Sautter

Also Present: Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Also Absent: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools

### MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:02 PM Vice President Kuchta moved and Trustee Sposato 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 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 7:37 PM President Reilly moved, Trustee Kuchta seconded, and the Board unanimously approved by voice vote a motion to reconvene the public meeting.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mr. James Kuchta

Dr. Robert Reid Mr. Steven Rogers Mrs. Deborah J. Russo Mr. Kenneth Reilly

Absent: Mr. Charles Kucinski

Mr. Vincent Moscaritola Mr. Walter Sautter Mr. Thomas J. Sposato

Also Present: Mr. Joseph Zarra, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Karen A. Yeamans, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Zarra spoke about the district's plans for going green.

#### **BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT**

None

### Presentation on Solar, Technology, Safety & Security Referendum

Presenters for Solar Energy Panels and Bond Information:

Anthony Catana, Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. Cliff Doll, Retired BA from Bayonne, NJ that installed Solar Panels in his district. Ryan Holl, Orion Engineered Systems John Shertell, PSE&G, explained how the metering works. Anthony Solimine, McManimon & Scotland, LLC, Bond Counsel

Each person gave an in-depth presentation either by power-point or prepared statements on their experiences with the cost savings and benefits the district will gain if they install solar panels. Bond Counsel explained the procedure to go out for bonds if the district decides to go for a referendum.

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

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), asked how a workshop on Superintendent's Resolution 1 – Approval of Travel List had anything to do with education.

At 8:38 PM Trustee Reid left the room. There was a brief interruption due to a lack of a quorum.

Trustee Reid returned at 8:41 PM.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Russo moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, a motion that the Board approves Superintendent's Resolutions numbers 1 through 2 as follows.

The Superintendent's Resolutions 1 through 2 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

### 1. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL LIST

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

# 2. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

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

# BOARD SECRETARY'S RESOLUTIONS

Trustee Reid moved, and Trustee Kuchta seconded, a motion that the Board approves Board Secretary's Resolutions numbers 1 through 2 as follows.

The Board Secretary's Resolutions 1 through 2 were unanimously approved by roll call vote.

# 1. APROVAL OF ARCITECTURAL SERVICES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the proposal (on file in the Business Office) from Spiezle Architectural Group, Inc. for pre-referendum services for the lump sum of \$29,000.

### 2. AUTHORIZATION TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to withdraw funds from Capital Reserve Account to pay for the pre-referendum cost.

#### **HEARING OF CITIZENS**

Resident Terry Quirk, representative for the Nutley Parent Advocacy Network (NPAN), questioned if a social worker's position was filled at the high school and about camera's installed throughout the buildings.

Resident Alex Rubens asked questions regarding the solar presentation because of his interest in solar panels for his residence. He questioned if the equipment is the most up-to-date technology.

Resident Amy Christman asked if the Board would buy the solar panels directly. She also supplied the Board with information regarding the Gifted & Talented Program, asked if parents could volunteer in the lunch room and the status of school uniforms.

Resident Jessica McDonald asked if the Board had a chance to review the traffic report for the Stop, Drop & Go.

Resident Rosemary Pacilla who lives across the street from Radcliffe School agrees that there are safety issues and said parents should cross at the corner and not jaywalk in the middle of Bloomfield Avenue.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm on a motion by Trustee Kuchta, seconded by Trustee Reid, and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen A. Yeamans Board Secretary