

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 25, 2019**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Special Public Meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019 in the JHWMS Auditorium located at 325 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, NJ.

President Carnicella opened the meeting at 6:32 PM.

MEETING NOTICE

President Carnicella stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this special public meeting had been provided as specified in the Act. Proper notice of this Special Open Public Meeting was provided in the notice of March 21, 2019.

Said notice was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, emailed to the Nutley Township Clerk and Tap into Nutley, faxed to the Nutley Sun and Star Ledger and posted on the district website.

This is an official meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

President Carnicella led the assembly in the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mrs. Lisa Danchak-Martin
Mr. Frank A. DeMaio
Mr. Salvatore Ferraro
Mr. Charles W. Kucinski
Mrs. Theresa Quirk
Ms. Erica Zarro
Mr. Daniel A. Carnicella

Absent: Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly
Mr. Fredrick Scalera

Also Present: Dr. Julie Glazer, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John M. Marmora, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Marc Zitomer, Board Attorney

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

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Several retired and present Athletic Directors throughout the state and as far as Delaware as well as coaches and residents expressed their opinions and comments regarding an unscripted presentation which Nutley's Athletic Director, Joe Piro, gave this month at an assembly for Madison High School athletes referencing Adolph Hitler as a leader who used his skills for evil. The comments and opinions included and were not limited to the following:

- Mr. Piro is one of the most prominent athletic officials in New Jersey.
- He has been instrumental in shaping some of the state's most important sports policies.
- He is a model for other leagues across the nation.
- He has a heart of gold.
- Mr. Piro has learned from this experience and apologized if he offended anyone.
- He is a man of character and integrity.
- His actual point was horribly misunderstood.
- He has many accomplishments and awards.
- Words chosen on the spot instead of a prepared statement can sometimes result in unfortunate situations.
- His presentation was a teachable moment.
- He plays many roles at the state level and is a good mentor.
- He is referred to as the "Gentle Giant."
- He is a complete embarrassment to Nutley.
- His presentation was an embarrassment to Nutley.
- The people of Nutley deserve an apology.
- How did he ever get a job in Nutley?
- One mistake should not define the man.
- He has demonstrated superior leadership skills on the local, county and state level.
- He likes this town and the kids of Nutley.
- He "bleeds Maroon."
- Consider all the good things he has done.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:07 PM Trustee Kucinski moved and Trustee DeMaio 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 attorney client privilege.

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. Formal action may be taken.

RECONVENE MEETING

At 8:31 PM Trustee Ferraro moved, Trustee Kucinski seconded, and the Board approved by voice to reconvene the meeting.

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Absent: Mr. Kenneth J. Reilly
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PERSONNEL RESOLUTION:

Trustee Kucinski moved and Trustee DeMaio seconded a motion that the Board approve the following Personnel Resolution:

Upon a roll call vote, the Personnel Resolution was unanimously approved.

RATIFY SUSPENSION OF EMPLOYEE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby ratifies the suspension of Employee I.D.#1615, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:25-6; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized to reinstate the employee following completion of a reentry plan.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Marmora
Assistant Board Secretary