

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Virtual Meeting MINUTES
November 9, 2020**

The Nutley Board of Education held a Public Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2020 as a Virtual Online Board Meeting.

President Kucinski opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

MEETING NOTICE

President Kucinski 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. Said notice was posted at the entrance of the Board of Education offices, mailed to the Nutley Township Clerk, sent to Tap into Nutley, advertised in the Nutley Sun district website.

This is an official meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

President Kucinski led the assembly in the flag salute

ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: Dr. Julie Glazer
Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Kent Bania
Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. David DiPisa
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Michael Parigi
Director of Buildings & Grounds
Ms. Karen Greco
Human Resources
Ms. Janine Loconsolo
Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

November 9, 2020

Executive Session

MOTION TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:32PM

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 and union contract matters.

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.

MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:03PM

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Glazer spoke about meals that will be provided to Nutley Public School students who are 18yrs old and under through 20/21 school year. She also spoke of the resolution on tonight's agenda regarding Child care for working families. The vendor that was chosen is "**Right at School**". She also mentioned COVID 19 issues getting worse in NJ. Local social media shows children not practicing safe practices during the pandemic.

Mr. Kucinski

Asking people to please abide by CDC guidelines and policies that are put in place to keep everyone in Nutley safe.

Mr. Scott Eveland:

Mr. Eveland asked the Nutley Board of Education to vote on a motion to discuss a school re-opening plan.

Trustee Scalera approved resolution discussion and Ms. Zarro seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call vote, motion to discuss resolution to re-open schools was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION:

Julie Glazer:

Mrs. Glazer is concerned about health and safety of Nutley schools and community. She recommended to revert to virtual instruction after Thanksgiving for entire district.

Mr. Scalera

Mr. Scalera is concerned about the community not abiding by social distancing guidelines and due to this would affect Nutley students & staff if schools are opened.

He also expressed concern about the ventilation systems in the schools and the requirement of keeping the windows open in classrooms. He feels the classrooms would be under the required 63 degrees and would be unacceptable learning environments.

Mrs. Danchak-Martin

Mrs. Danchak-Martin is concerned about our younger learners and special needs children losing skills and falling behind. However, she understands the COVID numbers are growing in NJ and doesn't want to put anyone at risk.

Mrs. Quirk

Mrs. Quirk expresses that we need to look at the entire picture and we cannot put anyone at risk.

Ms. Zarro

Ms. Zarro is concerned about the public not following the social distancing guidelines which would directly affect the Nutley School district. However, we need to make sure Nutley School policies are followed to keep our kids safe. If policies are not being followed during in school activities such as sports/clubs etc. this needs to be addressed.

Mr. Reilly

Mr. Reilly said we need to protect over 5K staff & students in our school district. All districts around us have recently been affected again by COVID and shut down. I rather be proactive than reactive.

Mr. Ferraro

Mr. Ferraro agrees with Mr. Reilly we cannot wait until someone is affected to react.

Mr. DeMaio

Mr. DeMaio agrees with Mr. Reilly & Mr. Ferraro; it is better to be proactive to ensure the health and safety of our kids and staff. I know a lot of people will not be happy about closing the schools but I also know a lot of people that will be happy. The majority of us have children in the Nutley School district and we are not taking the decision lightly.

Mr. Carnicella

Mr. Carnicella is concerned once we get into the holiday season there will be challenges keeping the kids and staff safe. We have the responsibility as a district to make hard decisions to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff.

Mr. Kucinski

Mr. Kucinski commented regarding the online live chat during the meeting. Mr. Kucinski said you will not get the correct answers to your questions through the live online chat. Direct your questions to the Nutley Board of Education.

Mr. Reilly

Mr. Reilly commented that there were only a handful of COVID casing in Clara Mass Hospital a few weeks also. However, as of this morning, there are over 100 cases of COVID in Clara Mass Hospital.

Hearing of Citizens (Resolutions Only)

We now come to the portion of our meeting where we allow members of the public to address the board. In this section we allow questions or comments on Resolutions Only.

Our Board regulations (#0169) allot 20 minutes for these communications. Each person shall be limited to three minutes and we ask you to try to stay within this requirement. Speakers may speak more than once only after all others wishing to speak on a topic have been heard.

All statements will be directed to me as the chairperson and no one may address board members individually.

Please be reminded that if your statement is: Too lengthy, abusive, obscene, irrelevant or redundant, your participation may be terminated.

Please remember to state your name and address each and every time you address the board. Does anyone have any questions?

NUMEROUS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY COMMENTED ON THE BOARD DISCUSSION ON PIVOTING TO VIRTUAL LEARNING.

Trustee Reilly approved motion to add a resolution to the agenda and Ms. Zarro seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call vote, motion unanimously approved to add a resolution to the November 9, 2020 agenda under Academic.

ACADEMIC – Resolution 1 -2

Trustee Danchak-Martin moved and Trustee Reilly seconded a motion that the Board approve Academic Resolution 1 & 2 as follows:

Upon a roll call vote, Academic Resolution 1 & 2 was unanimously approved.

1. APPROVE A SERVICE CONTRACT WITH “RIGHT AT SCHOOL” TO PROVIDE CHILDCARE AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR GRADES K TO 6 UNTIL JUNE 30,2021.
2. APPROVE A RESOLUTION WHICH WILL KEEP STUDENTS IN GRADES PRE-K THROUGH 6 AND SELF-CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION IN THEIR CURRENT HYBRID SCHEDULE UNTIL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH. STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12 WILL NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 16TH AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED. THEY WILL REMAIN VIRTUAL DURING THIS TIME.
THE RETURN OF ALL STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO 100% VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE TIMELINE FOR A RETURN TO SCHOOL WILL BE REVISITED AT THE DECEMBER 21ST BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

PERSONNEL – Resolution 1-2

Trustee Scalera moved and Trustee Reilly seconded a motion that the Board approve Personnel Resolution 1 & 2 as follows:

Upon a roll call vote, Personnel Resolution 1 & 2 was approved. Mr. DeMaio & Mr. Ferraro abstained.

1. APPROVAL OF EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF NUTLEY SIDEBAR AGREEMENT

2. APPROVAL OF DAVID MACRI TO HEAD HOCKEY COACH

- a. Salary and payment is contingent on season commencing
 - i. Salary \$7300
 - 1. 1/15/21 – 1st half payment
 - 2. 2/28/21 - 2nd half payment
- b. Start date TBD
- c. End date 6/30/21
- d. Start date and hire date are pending receipt of County Substitute Certificate

Hearing of Citizens

In this section we allow questions or comments on all school-related matters. Our regulations allot 30 minutes for these communications. Again, each person shall be limited to three minutes and we ask you to try to stay within this requirement. Speakers may speak more than once only after all others wishing to speak on a topic have been heard.

As I stated earlier, all statements will be directed to me as the chairperson and no one may address board members individually.

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NUMBEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS COMMNETED ON THE BOARD DECISION TO PIVOT TO VIRTUAL LEARNING AS OF 11/30/2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 PM on a motion by Trustee

Reilly seconded by Trustee DeMaio and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David DiPisa
Board Secretary

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