

**NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Reorganizational Meeting
January 3, 2023**

Announcement of Meeting – Nutley High School Auditorium - 6:30 PM
Mr. DiPisa opened the public meeting at 6:30pm

Mr. DiPisa

MEETING NOTICE

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 March 31, 2022. 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 on March 31, 2022 and posted on the district website.

Flag Salute

Mr. DiPisa lead the assembly in the flag salute

Mr. DiPisa

1. OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. DiPisa

Mr. DiPisa administered the Oath of Office to :

Charles W. Kucinski

Theresa Quirk

Judge Cocchiola administered the Oath of Office to:

Thomas D'Elia

Judge Cocchiola

2. Call of Roll

Mr. DiPisa

Present:

Mr. Salvatore Balsamo
Mr. Joe Battaglia
Mrs. Lisa Danchak-Martin
Mr. D'Elia
Mr. Charles W. Kucinski
Mrs. Terry Quirk
Mr. Ken Reilly
Mr. Nicholas Scotti
Mr. Salvatore Ferraro

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Also Present:

Superintendent of Schools
Mr. David DiPisa
Assistant Superintendent of Schools :Business /Board
Secretary
Ms. Karen Greco
Director of Communications & Employee Relations
Mr. Michael Parigi
Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Kent Bania

3. Statement of Results of Annual School Election

Mr. DiPisa

BE IT RESOLVED on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 the Annual School Board Election for the Nutley School District was held. Voting was conducted for the election of three members to the Board of Education each for a three-year term. The results of the election were as follows:

Trustee Battaglia moved and Trustee Reilly seconded a motion that the Board approve the Statement of Results of the Annual School Election.

Upon a roll call vote, the Statement of Results of the Annual School Election were unanimously approved.

Candidates for 3-year terms

The candidates elected were:

Charles W. Kucinski	4298
Thomas D'Elia	3924
Theresa Quirk	3570

4. Election of Officers

Mr. DiPisa

Mr. DiPisa announced that he would now accept nominations for President of the Nutley Board of Education.

Trustee Battaglia nominated Trustee Ferraro for President of the Nutley Board of Education and seconded by Trustee Reilly.

Mr. DiPisa asked for any other nominations.

There being no further nominations it is declared that the nominations are now closed.

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Upon being put to a roll call vote the nomination was unanimously approved by the Board for Trustee Ferraro for President.

President Ferraro congratulated Trustee Quirk, Trustee D'Elia, and Trustee Kucinski. President Ferraro listed goals and objectives :

- Space Issues in the district
- Pre-School program expansion
- Alumni survey
- Alumni panel – life after Nutley High School
- Hold BOE assemblies for district students
- Compartmentalization of grade five
- Move letter grade system for grade five and above

Mr. DiPisa announced that he would now accept nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Trustee Scotti nominated Trustee Scotti for Vice President of the Nutley Board of Education seconded by Trustee D'Elia.

Mr. DiPisa asked for any other nominations.

Trustee Danchak-Martin nominated Trustee Balsamo for Vice President of the Nutley Board of Education seconded by Trustee Reilly.

Mr. DiPisa asked for any other nominations.

There being no further nominations it is declared that the nominations are now closed.

Upon being put to a roll call vote for Trustee Scotti the nomination did not carry and Trustee Scotti was denied the nomination for Vice President.

Upon being put to a roll call vote the nomination was approved by the Board and Trustee Balsamo was nominated as Vice President.

Mr. DiPisa gave Vice President Balsamo the chair.

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5. Code of Ethics for School Board Members – 18A:12-24.1

Upon a roll call vote, the Code of Ethics was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the following “Code of Ethics” as established by the New Jersey School Boards Association:

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

Charlie Kucinski

1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

Joe Battaglia

2. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

Sal Balsamo

3. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

Nicholas Scotti

4. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

Lisa Danchak-Martin

6. I will recognize that authority rests with the Board of Education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.

Teri Quirk

7. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

Ken Reilly

8. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

Sal Ferraro

9. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

Sal Ferraro

10. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

Tom D’Elia

10. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

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11. Adoption of Schedule of Meetings

Upon a roll call vote, the adoption of schedule of meeting was unanimously approved.

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Education of the Township of Nutley be held as noted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the annual Schedule of Meetings be adopted as follows:

Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Nutley High School Auditorium As of 1-1-2023

<u>2023</u>			
Month	Day	Date	
January	Monday	30 th	
February	Monday	27 th	
March	Monday	20 th	
April	Monday	24 th	
May	Monday	22 nd	
June	Monday	26 th	
July	Wednesday	12 th	Board Retreat
August	Tuesday	8 th	
August	Tuesday	29 th	
September	Monday	18 th	
October	Monday	30 th	
November	Monday	20 th	
December	Monday	18 th	
January 2024	Wednesday	3 rd	Reorganization

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Hearing of Citizens

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 reports, resolutions, and all school – related matters.

Our Board regulations (#0167) 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?

Mr. Carnicella spoke and congratulated the new board members and also congratulated President Ferraro and Vice President Balsamo.

Nutley citizens and a Nutley student spoke regarding the district having Yom Kippur off. Also, a Rabbi Katz from Bloomfield spoke regarding the Yom Kippur holiday and the importance of having this holiday off.

Ms. Ballou spoke about the 504 program reform and she had questions regarding the South Bergen Jointure program in the district.

Mr. Bania and President Ferraro responded to all concerns and questions.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03pm on a motion by Trustee Reilly seconded by Trustee Danchak-Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

David DiPisa
Board Secretary

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