

NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
Reorganizational Meeting
January 3, 2024

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 January 12, 2023. 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 January 12, 2023 and posted on the district website.

Flag Salute

Mr. DiPisa led the assembly in the flag salute

Mr. DiPisa

1. OATH TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. DiPisa

Salvatore Ferraro

Lisa Danchak-Martin

Salvatore Balsamo

2. Call of Roll

Mr. DiPisa

Present:

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

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Absent:

Mrs. Terry Quirk

Also Present:

Mr. Kent Bania
Superintendent of Schools
Mr. David DiPisa
Assistant Superintendent of Schools :Business /Board
Secretary
Janine Loconsolo
Assistant Superintendent of Schools :Curriculum and
Instruction
Ms. Karen Greco
Director of Communications & Employee Relations
Scott Eveland
Board Attorney

Mr. DiPisa stated that the Board Vacancy notice will be sent out on January 4, 2024.

3. Statement of Results of Annual School Election

Mr. DiPisa

BE IT RESOLVED on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 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 Kucinski moved and Trustee Ferraro 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 was unanimously approved.

Candidates for 3-year terms

The candidates elected were:

Salvatore Ferraro	2,939
Lisa Danchak-Martin	2,749
Salvatore Balsamo	2,695

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4. Election of Officers

Mr. DiPisa

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

Trustee Scotti nominated Trustee Ferraro for President of the Nutley Board of Education and seconded by Trustee Kucinski.

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 the nomination was unanimously approved by the Board for Trustee Ferraro for President.

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

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

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 the nomination was unanimously approved by the Board for Trustee Battaglia for Vice President.

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

Trustee Kucinski moved and Trustee Balsamo seconded a motion that the Board approve the Code of Ethics for School Board Members.

Upon a roll call vote, the Code of Ethics for School Board Members was unanimously approved.

Charlie Kucinski

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:

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.

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Lisa Danchak-Martin

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.

Nicholas Scotti

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.

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.

Sal Balsamo

5. 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.

6. 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.

Joe Battaglia

7. 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.

Tom D'Elia

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

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

Sal Ferraro

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.

6. Adoption of Schedule of Meetings

Trustee Kucinski moved and Trustee Scotti seconded a motion that the Board approve the adoption of the schedule of meetings.

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

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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:

<u>2024</u>			
Month	Day	Date	
<i>January</i>	Monday	29th	
<i>February</i>	Monday	26th	
<i>March</i>	Monday	25th	
<i>April</i>	Monday	29 th	
<i>May</i>	Monday	20th	
<i>June</i>	Monday	17th	
<i>July</i>	Monday	15th	
<i>August</i>	Monday	5th	
<i>August</i>	Monday	26 th	
<i>September</i>	Monday	30th	
<i>October</i>	Monday	28th	
<i>November</i>	Monday	25th	
<i>December</i>	Monday	16th	
January 2025	Monday	6th	Reorganization

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?

NONE

Executive Session

MOTION TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Ferraro moved, Trustee Balsamo seconded, and the Board approved to convene executive session at 6:39pm.

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 professional services and property acquisition.

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 thereasons for discussing such matters in closed session no longer exist.

No public action will be taken.

Adjournment of Executive Session

Trustee Balsamo moved, Trustee Kucinski seconded, and the Board approved to close executive session at 7:13pm.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm on a motion by Trustee D'Elia seconded by Trustee Balsamo.

Respectfully submitted,

David DiPisa
Board Secretary

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