

NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION
EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2024

Announcement of Meeting - 6:00pm

President Ferraro

Nutley High School Auditorium

President Ferraro opened the public meeting at 6:00pm

MEETING NOTICE

In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as specified in the Act. Proper notice of this Open Public Meeting was provided by the Township Clerk and Advertised on January 30, 2023.

Flag Salute

President Ferraro

President Ferraro led the assembly in the flag salute

Call of Roll

Mr. DiPisa

Present:

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

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

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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?

NONE

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Nutley Board of Education approves the appointment of a replacement Nutley Board of Education member.

President Ferraro stated we will be nominating the replacement for Mr. Ken Reilly's board seat which was vacated in December 2023. The Board interviewed six candidates on January 27, 2024 for the board vacancy. Nominations are now in order to fill the board vacancy.

Trustee Battaglia spoke about the process and level of commitment from several of the members of the community participating in the interview process. Mr. Battaglia stated the board received six applications that were highly qualified from the public and private sector. Mr. Battaglia said due to the highly qualified applicants it was a difficult process for the board to decide on one. Mr. Battaglia thanked each member of the community for participating in the interview process and also their patience as the Board deliberated the appointment over the last ten days. Mr. Battaglia said our Board in Nutley is very fortunate to be diversified and experience on and off the board, in the workplace, and in the community. However, there are areas where the board is lacking. Mr. Battaglia stated, last year the board hired an outside consultant to conduct a review of the Information Technology systems in the district and the review found several remediations that were needed. The board is in the process of executing projects in the district to correct these issues. Mr. Battaglia said as an appointment, Daniel Fragnals's decades of experience in infrastructure, architecture, cyber security, and software would be an exceptional asset to the Nutley Board of Education and the district.

Trustee Battaglia nominated Daniel Fragnals and Trustee Balsamo seconded that nomination.

There were no additional nominations made.

Upon a roll call vote, Daniel Fragnals was approved to fill the Nutley Board of Education vacancy.

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Executive Session

MOTION TO CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Kucinski moved, Trustee Balsamo seconded, and the Board approved to convene executive session at 6:03pm.

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 for the purpose of property acquisition and negotiations.

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 Danchak-Martin moved, Trustee Kucinski seconded, and the Board approved to close executive session at 8:03pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm on a motion by Trustee Kucinski seconded by Trustee Danchak-Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

David DiPisa
Board Secretary

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