

NUTLEY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2025

Announcement of Meeting – 6:30 pm

President Ferraro

Nutley Board Office Conference Room

Mr. Ferraro called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

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 Board Work Session Meeting was provided to the Township Clerk and sent to Tap into Nutley and district newspapers on April 7, 2025.

Flag Salute

President Ferraro

Mr. Ferraro led the room in the flag salute.

Call of Roll

Mr. DeVita

Present:

Mr. Balsamo

Mrs. Danchak-Martin

Dr. D'Elia

Mr. Fragnals, arrived 6:36PM

Mr. Gilberti

Mr. Kucinski, arrived 6:32PM

Mrs. Quirk

Mr. Scotti

Mr. Ferraro

In Attendance:

Mr. Bania, Superintendent

Mr. DeVita, Business Administrator

Mrs. Makus, State Monitor

Ms. Greco, Director of Communications/Employee Relations

Mr. Viemiester, Director of Data Management and Grant Accounting

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?

No one spoke during public comment. Mr. Scotti motioned to close the public portion of the meeting. Mr. Balsamo seconded it.

Meeting Topics

- 2025/2026 Budget

Mr. Bania and Mr. DeVita presented the District vision and the 25-26 budget, including an opportunity for a tax waiver, offered to the district by the NJ Department of Education. Nutley, one of the districts eligible for this waiver due to significant underfunding, would have access to apply for a one-time only tax waiver incentive, due on April 14, 2025.

Dr. D'Elia motioned to go into executive session. Mrs. Quirk seconded it.

The Board came out of executive session.

Finance Resolution # 1

WHEREAS, In anticipation of the FY2026 Appropriations Act including specific authorization, the Department of Education is offering applications to certain school districts to request authority from the Commissioner of Education to increase expenditures, and

WHEREAS, under this provision, the Commissioner may direct certain school districts to increase expenditures in order to satisfy the thoroughness and efficiency standards established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-46, and

WHEREAS, a district is eligible to apply for the authority to increase expenditures if it is both taxing below its local fair share and spending below adequacy, as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-70, and

WHEREAS, Nutley Board of Education is eligible to apply for \$16,535,033 since it is taxing below its local fair share and spending below adequacy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nutley Board of Education approves the submission of the application to increase district expenditure pursuant to the language provision in the proposed FY2026 budget to the state in the amount of \$2,615,000 for the tax levy portion and \$130,750 for the tax levy incentive aid portion for a total increase of \$2,745,750.

Mr. Fragnals moved the motion. Mr. Gilberti seconded it.

Upon a roll call, voting no were: Mr. Balsamo, Dr. D'Elia, Mr. Fragnals, Mr. Gilberti, Mrs. Quirk, Mr. Scotti and Mr. Ferraro.

Upon a roll call, voting yes were: Mrs. Danchak-Martin and Mr. Kucinski.

Mr. Kucinski then moved a motion to vote on a \$1 million tax levy increase. Mr. Balsamo seconded it.

Upon a roll call, voting no were: Dr. D'Elia, Mr. Friginals, Mr. Gilberti, Mrs. Quirk, Mr. Scotti and Mr. Ferraro.

Upon a roll call, voting yes were: Mr. Balsamo, Mrs. Danchak-Martin and Mr. Kucinski.

Mr.s Danchak-Martin motioned to close the meeting. Mr. Balsamo seconded it. The meeting adjourned.

Adjournment

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