



# BOARDROOM

## Highlights of the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Education

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### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Fuchs reported:

#### District

\* I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some end-of-the-year activities that took place in the district as well as some key initiatives:

- In early June more than 75 members of the high school Class of 2010 were honored at the Senior Awards Program. Combining awards that were presented that evening and academic scholarships earned by the students, the Class of 2010 received more than \$8.3 million dollars in awards this year. In addition, 237 students (or 86% of the members of the Class of 2010) will be attending 2- or 4-year colleges in the fall. Congratulations Class of 2010!

- Culminating activities for district 8<sup>th</sup> graders included a trip to Washington, D.C., a promotional dance, team activities (including yearbook signing and an awards assembly), and the Promotional Ceremony held on June 17.

- The 2009-10 school year included many activities designed to address board/district goals as well as those outlined in the JT2015 master plan. For example:

- Students learned to be responsible and contributing citizens (Goal 1) through involvement in a myriad of community service and fundraising activities such as contributions to the local food pantry, a continued recycling effort throughout the district, and involvement in interdisciplinary units to develop solutions to selected global issues.

### \*\*\* Board Highlights \*\*\*

Motion to approve the purchase order list dated June, 2010 in the amount of \$112,265.41.

Motion to approve the check journal as of June, 2010 in the amount of \$4,779,278.32.

Motion to approve the funds transfers in the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year, dated May, 2010 in the amount of \$ 0.00.

Motion to approve contract reduction to GMH Associates for the Stanlick STP Clarifier Mechanism Replacement in the amount of -\$18,400, thus finalizing the total contract amount from \$171,220.40 to \$152,820.40 (*balance of unused allowance and the tank was to be primed, however, paint was applied at the factory during manufacturing*).

Motion to approve bus stop agreements between the Jefferson Township Board of Education and the following day care facilities:

- Alpine Montessori
- Country Day School
- Elements of Learning
- Kiddie Academy of Jefferson
- Jefferson Child Care Center
- Loving & Learning
- My School
- Quality Time
- Sunshine Day Care

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- Continuous personal growth (Goal 2) was addressed through the on-going implementation of the Character Counts program as well as through a board/district goal that placed emphasis on character development for both students and staff. For example, Character Counts committees were established in each of the buildings, bullying and substance abuse awareness programs were provided to students and staff, district Intervention and Referral Services/Practices were examined and strengthened, and policies were adopted to support staff ethics and professionalism.
- To help our students develop the skills necessary to be productive and competitive in society (Goal 3), students and staff used technology for digital storytelling, video conferencing, and to make global connections. For example, elementary and middle school classes “connected” with students in other countries, including England and Australia. Students examined topics such as global healthcare and cultural differences. Video conferencing facilitated middle school students’ interaction with a physics professor from Rutgers University who was a co-creator of fiber optics and allowed high school students to speak with a Marine stationed in Mongolia about media differences and similarities.
- Because our students will need to respect and appreciate cultural diversity (Goal 4), district students participated in cultural activities, the study of diverse literature, and the celebration and recognition of diverse groups. Students were involved in simulations such as an Ellis Island processing experience and in learning about different cultures through activities aligned to the revised New Jersey Core Content Standards that embrace individual differences.
- Student achievement (Goal 5) received the most emphasis this year. In addition to being a JT2015 goal this year, it was also a board goal. Conditions that promote student achievement were examined by administration and then an

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Motion to accept the donation of the materials listed below from David Swerzenski to be used for an Eagle Scout landscaping project alongside the stairs leading to the athletic complex at the high school. The materials are valued at a maximum of \$6,350. Donation in accordance with Policy #7230, Gifts, Grants and Donations.

Type of Material	Cost of Material
Pavers	\$500
Base Stone	\$80-\$100
Edging	\$50
Sand	\$60
Wall stone Block	\$2880
¾ stone	\$200-\$225
Draining Pipe	\$100
Glue	\$35
Base Stone	\$80
Plants	\$1200-\$2000
Mulch	\$200-\$250
Topsoil/Compost (If needed) for plants	\$90-\$120
Wooden Benches	\$200-\$300

Motion to approve Agreement with the Township of Jefferson Department of Utilities to operate and maintain wastewater treatment plants for the Jefferson Township Board of Education. Agreement subject to monthly renewals, not to exceed six months.

Motion to approve contract renewals with First Student, Inc. at an increase of 0% for the student transportation 2010/2011 multi-contract no. 1 and Route #CAT (Class and Athletic Trips), consisting of public school routes and class & athletic trips.

Motion to approve bid #2011-003, for wireless technology systems, to Turn-Key Technology, Inc. in the amount of \$65,675, of which, \$5,600 will be funded from the ARRA Grant.

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appraisal form was used to determine the current view of student achievement in each building. The appraisal form was completed by staff, selected heterogeneous student groups in the middle and high schools, as well as by parents at Back-to-School Night programs. Student achievement expectations as well as a professional development plan for staff were established in each building. The Jefferson Township Middle School was selected to be part of a pilot program jointly sponsored by the NJ Department of Education and Educational Information and Resource Center (EIRC) that involved 18 LAB schools in working to promote and establish Professional Learning Communities—a structure that facilitates the examination of data and student achievement. Work will continue next year to establish Professional Learning Communities in all of our district schools.

2009-10 was a very successful year for the district.

In addition, it is my pleasure to report on the following events and activities that have taken place in our schools.

### Drummond

\* On June 8 Girl Scout Troop 771 of Lake Hopatcong came to visit the Drummond students. The girls in the troop read stories to the students to promote the summer reading program. The kindergarteners loved hearing the different stories, and they also participated in making a craft after the books were read.

### Milton:

\* On June 17, PM kindergarten student celebrated the last day of their kindergarten year with a luau in the all-purpose room. Students and teachers danced to different summer songs ending the day with a conga line to the buses. This was also the last day of classes for preschool students.

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Motion to approve purchase of a pickup truck not to exceed \$30,733.

Motion to approve the food service management company contract, between the Jefferson Township Board of Education and The Pomptonian located at 3 Edison Place, Fairfield, NJ 07004 is awarded the contract for the 2010-2011 school year under the following arrangements:

1. Pomptonian shall charge the Local Education Agency a Management Fee of \$.1477 per meal served and meal equivalents during the 2010-2011 academic year.
2. The calculation of cash receipts for meals served to children, excluding sales of National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and After School Snack Program, shall be divided by \$2.00 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.
3. Pomptonian guarantees that the return to the LEA from the Food Service Program for the school year will be \$40,000. If the annual operating statement shows a return less than \$40,000, Pomptonian will pay difference between the actual and the guaranteed amount.
4. This guarantee is contingent upon the guarantee requirements as stated below:
  - a. Minimum of 180 serving days
  - b. Adoption of Student Lunch Price List and Faculty Lunch Price List.

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### Briggs:

\* The first grade classes visited Fosterfields Living Historical Farm. Part of the Morris County Park Commission, Fosterfields is a working farm, using the tools, techniques, and materials of a turn-of-the-century farm.

\* Second grade students visited Stanlick School for an orientation program with Dr. Cooke and a brief tour of the building.

\* Career Day was held under the direction of the Briggs School Guidance Counselor. Students were invited to come to school dressed for the career they would like to pursue. During the morning hours, classes rotated through six stations where parents and other volunteers presented short informational sessions about their careers. The careers represented were: engineer, firefighter, chef, social worker, software developer, and health care professional. The Briggs community thanks all those who volunteered to speak to our students on Career Day (JT2015 Goal 1.5.5 and 2.4.1).

\* In conjunction with Morristown Memorial Hospital and the Jefferson Township Police and Fire Department, a water safety program was given to all second grade students. The program teaches students what to do in the event of an emergency in and around bodies of water. In light of the local environment, this program is a valuable teaching tool. All students were given personal flotation devices as well.

### Cozy Lake:

\* Author's Day was held on June 15 in various Grade 1 classes. Students wrote and illustrated their own books and then invited their friends and family to listen to them being read.

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- c. Reimbursement rates are not less than \$2.73 for free lunch, \$2.33 for reduced lunch, \$.29 for paid lunch and \$1.74 for free breakfast, \$1.44 for reduced breakfast, and \$.26 for paid breakfast
- d. Value of commodities is not less than the previous year
- e. Enrollment remains constant
- f. Assumes all equipment observed during the walk through is the property of the Local Education Agency and will remain for the 2010-11 school year
- g. All information received during the Request For Proposal process is complete and accurate
- h. No change in school policy that significantly affects operating expenses
- i. No restrictions on menu and a la carte offerings except that they meet previously-stated NJ State guidelines
- j. A special dietary policy for an individual or group that results in an extraordinary expense will be recorded separately
- k. No change in Federal or State regulation that impacts cafeteria operating revenue or expense
- l. No changes in Federal or State legislation that cause an increase in the wages, tax rates and/or health benefit expense for the operation
- m. The Offer versus Serve policy is maintained
- n. No competitive sales during cafeteria operating hours

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### Stanlick:

\* The fifth grade Talent Show was a success as 62 students participated in “Stanlick Idol” (JT2015 Goal 5.6.2). Teachers, parents and students were dazzled and entertained with singing, dancing, gymnastic routines, and skits. Even the unknown comic stopped by to tell a few jokes! Zachary Homeijer, this year's host, partook in our festivities with Stanlick's version of the Harry Potter Puppet pals. This year's show was dedicated to our three retiring teachers...Mrs. Hardcastle, Mrs. Vitkovsky, and Dr. Eicher.

### White Rock

\* Fourth grade students competed in a “Battle of the Books” competition. Each team was challenged to read 14 selected titles. During the competition, teammates worked together to answer challenging questions. The team with the most points at the end of ten rounds was declared the champions. (JT2015 Goal 5.1)

\* The White Rock School Art Show was a huge success! The halls were filled with projects such as puppets, floral still life paintings, symmetrical picture puzzles, and basket weaving. These displays demonstrated the creativity, talent, and hard work of the children. (JT2015 Goal 5.1)

\* At the Milton Tri-School PTA tricky tray, one of the prizes was for a child to be selected as “Principal for the Week.” The lucky ticket chosen belonged to Samantha and Cassandra Tice. The girls planned many worthwhile programs and activities for the week. They worked everyday with Dr. Valenti and made some very important decisions for the faculty and students. Their duties included making the morning announcements, conducting a fire drill, observing several teachers, organizing contests for the students during lunch, introducing assemblies, attending meetings, arranging for the teachers to eat lunch with their classes, and taking care of our therapy dog “Murray”. (JT2015 Goal 5.1)

## \*\*\* Board Highlights (cont'd.) \*\*\*

- o. Based on the Labor Schedule submitted.

Motion to approve the First Reading of the following:

File Code	Document	Title	Description of Action
0148b	Bylaw	Board Member Indemnification	Replaces 0148b Board Member Indemnification (10/15/01)
2430p	Policy	Co-Curricular Activities	Replaces 2430p Co-Curricular Activities (02/17/09)
2431p	Policy	Athletic Competition	Replaces 2431p Athletic Competition (02/17/04)
2436p	Policy	Activity Participation Fee Program	New Policy
3216r	Regulation	Dress and Grooming	Replaces 3216r Dress and Grooming (03/19/07)
4145p	Policy	Layoffs	Replaces 4145r Layoffs (08/11/03)
5111p	Policy	Eligibility of Resident/ Nonresident Pupils	Replaces 5111p Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils (09/22/08)
5111r	Regulation	Eligibility of Resident/ Nonresident Pupils	Replaces 5111r Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils 12/17/07)
5240p	Policy	Tardiness	Replaces 5240p Tardiness (10/20/03)
5440p	Policy	Honoring Pupil Achievement	Replaces 5440p Honoring Pupil Achievement (08/19/02)
5600r		Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct	Replaces 5600r Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct (08/17/09)
6360p	Policy	Political Contributions	Replaces 6360p Political Contributions (5/10/10)
6422p	Policy	Budget Transfers/ Emergency Purchases and Over Expenditure of Funds	Replaces 6422p Budget Transfer/Emergency Purchases and Over Expenditure of Funds (07/21/08)
6422r	Regulation	Budget Transfer/ Emergency Purchases and Over Expenditure of Funds	Replaces 6422r Budget Transfer/Emergency Purchases and Over Expenditure of Funds (07/21/08)
6740p	Policy	Reserve Account	Replaces 6740p Capital Reserve Accounts (09/16/02)
6740r	Regulation	Reserve Account	New Policy

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### Middle School

\* The grade 8 promotional trip to Washington, D. C. took place on June 2, 3, 4.

\* The grade 6 White and 6 Blue picnic was held on June 7.

\* Also on June 7, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade speech arts class read scripts of the *Twilight Zone* episode "The Monsters are Due on Maple Street".

\* The Grade 5 parent orientation was held on June 10.

\* The promotional 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance took place on June 11 in the middle school gymnasium

\* Eighth grade promotional exercises were held on June 17 at the Joseph Ennis Football Field.

\* On June 18 the last day of school awards assembly took place.

### High School:

On June 10 over 75 members of the Class of 2010 were recognized at the Senior Awards ceremony. Many community organizations and individuals presented scholarships on behalf of their organization or in memory of family members. Combined with academic scholarships awarded to students, the Class of 2010 received over \$8.3 million in awards this year.

The Class of 2010 postgraduate placement is as follows:

<b>Placement</b>	<b># of Seniors</b>	<b>% of Seniors</b>	
Four year colleges (in state)	59	21.4	Students attending two or four-year colleges 237 (86%)
Four year colleges (out of state)	60	21.7	
Two year colleges	118	42.7	

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<b>File Code</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Description of Action</b>
8420.0 p	Policy	Emergency Evacuation	Replaces 8420p Emergency Evacuation (01/19/09)
8420.1 r	Regulation	Fire and Fire Drills	Replaces 8420.1r Fire and Fire Drills (01/19/09)

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<b>Placement</b>	<b># of Seniors</b>	<b>% of Seniors</b>	
Business and technical schools	8	2.9	
Military	5	1.8	
Apprenticeship program	1	0.4	
Employment	19	6.9	
Non-Grad	3	1.1	
Unknown	3	1.1	
<b>Total</b>	260	100%	