

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday – March 13, 2006
Jefferson Township Middle School Media Center

A. Mr. Andre called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM, and read the Open Meeting Statement.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Andre	X	
Mr. Cuccio		X
Mr. Erdmann	X	
Mr. Hanisch	X	
Mrs. Hardy	X	
Mrs. Masticola	X (arrived at 8:00 PM)	
Mrs. Servedio	X	
Mr. Trignano	X	
Mrs. Van Houwe	X	
Manny Fanarjian	X	
Nicole Yatsonsky	X	

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Andre, seconded by Mr. Hanisch, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 13th day of March, 2006 at 7:20 PM, as follows:

1. The Board shall recess to closed session in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b (1), (3), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion will involve matters confidential by law, personal privacy, any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property, litigation, anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and attorney-client matters and employment, evaluation, termination of employees.
2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies, which is anticipated to be later this evening.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The meeting was called to public session at 7:59 PM.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bowen reported the *Good News and Progress in Our Schools*.

Monthly Progress Report On District Goals:

- *Improve math and writing instruction district-wide.*
- *Improve inter and intra-communication and community relations.*
- *Ensure that the facilities are properly maintained and safe for students, staff and public.*
- *Ensure (instructional) consistency within grade levels and across the district campuses.*

E. PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE *(on agenda items only, if applicable)*

Comments were made regarding the following:

- A comment was made in support of absentee ballots being sent home in student backpacks.

F, G, H.1 through H.13, I, J and K - The Board reviewed the motions slated for a vote on March 20th. No comments and/or questions were raised.

H. FINANCE AND BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Motion by Mrs. Servedio, seconded by Mr. Hanisch, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions H.14 and H.15, as described below:

H.14 Motion to submit the proposed 2006-07 school district budget to the County Superintendent:

General Fund	\$ 46,248,596	with a tax levy of \$ 32,320,004
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 813,135	
Debt Service Fund	\$ 2,246,149	with a tax levy of \$ 2,111,399
Total 2006-07 Budget	<u>\$ 49,307,880</u>	

Utilizing Special Growth Limitation Adjustments (SGLA's) of:

Transportation	\$ 12,000
Special Education Costs	\$ 455,235
Enrollment	\$ 276,243
Banked CAP 2005-2006	\$ 53,304

H.15 Motion to approve the date of March 29, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Jefferson Township Middle School Media Center for the Public Budget Hearing.

Roll call vote: Mr. Andre - Yes	Mrs. Masticola - Yes
Mr. Erdmann - Yes	Mrs. Servedio - Yes
Mr. Hanisch - Yes	Mr. Trignano - Yes
Mrs. Hardy - Yes	Mrs. Van Houwe - Yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

L. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

M. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence was received regarding the following:

- MCIA solicitation regarding Bonding.
- Letter regarding meeting with Senator Bucco on April 7, 2006.

N. OLD BUSINESS – None.

O. NEW BUSINESS – None.

P. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Servedio commented on the grueling process of budget development and thanked the Administration.

Mrs. Hardy commented that her access to the district email is working.

Mr. Erdmann commented that he appreciated the work the Administration has put into the budget process.

Mrs. Masticola referred to the Committee of the Whole Finance meeting last week, and gave kudos to Dr. Bowen stating the decision process is tough.

Mr. Andre stated the Administration should be treated with respect. He commented on the lack of progress in Trenton regarding the deficit of \$48 billion, which is larger than the state of Oklahoma's budget.

Mr. Andre referred to an upcoming cable television segment on April 16, 2006 at 6:00 PM regarding Board of Education highlights.

Mrs. Masticola inquired into the status of questions submitted by the public on March 6, 2006.

Q. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Nicole Yatsonsky commented on student achievements and mentioned upcoming events such as the Spring Play, Pep Rally and Talent Expo.

Manny Fanarjian commented that there are three wrestlers who were eligible for state level competition, upcoming fashion show and dances. He also commented on a student assembly regarding civics.

R. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Comments were made regarding the following:

- The Board was thanked for the positive message.
- The Board was thanked for keeping co-curricular program intact.
- A question was raised regarding the location of the public budget hearing.
- A question was raised regarding the status of the tennis court resurfacing.
- A question was asked regarding the need to place a second question on the ballot for infrastructure improvements.

S. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Trignano, seconded by Mr. Hanisch, that the meeting adjourn at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Mylchreest
Board Secretary