

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 31, 2010 – 7:00 PM
Jefferson Township High School Auditorium

A. Mrs. Mastricola called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM, and read the Open Meeting Statement.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Anzano	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Castiglione	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Cerny	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Feldmann	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Mastricola	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Scott	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Servedio	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Stewart	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Vander Ploeg	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

D. PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Kathaleen Fuchs presented the 2010-2011 budget to the public. She addressed the complexity of the budget process as a result of the \$2.7M cuts and the limited time during the four days the district had to finalize it once state aid figures were released.

E. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- The budget will continue to be analyzed and adjusted
- Will need to be revised upon completion of negotiations
- Administrators and At Will employees have agreed to a wage freeze for the 2010-2011 school year
- Detailed costs for courtesy busing and financial implications to the Township should this no longer be viable
- Questions remain as to the exact impact of pending legislation regarding a mandatory 1.5% of base salary contribution by those who receive health benefits.
- Other efficiencies being explored include pay to participate fees.
- Emphasis was focused on the drastic changes to the Middle School schedule by reverting to a departmentalized rather than team approach
- All recognize that property values are correlated to a quality education
- All agreed that maintaining a strong education was the primary Board goal
- Drummond School closing implications
- Encouraged community members to become a write-in candidate in the school election to fill the Board vacancy

F. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE *(on agenda items only)*

- Many audience members had questions regarding courtesy busing and its cost, efficiency and effectiveness.
- A question was raised regarding athletic and co-curricular activities. It was noted that a list had not yet been developed and it is currently under evaluation.

- Questions were asked about the middle school schedule and teaming.
- An audience member commented that the pay-to-participate option is very important and acknowledged support of de-teaming at the middle school.
- Several audience members noted their feelings on the tenure, benefits and salaries.
- A question was asked regarding the administrative move to Drummond school and the associated costs.
- An audience member questioned whether the Washington DC trip will go on as scheduled, and if canceled, can a reimbursement be expected, as fund-raising efforts were already in place.

G. FINANCE AND BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

G.1 Motion by Mrs. Servedio, seconded by Mr. Feldmann, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to submit the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year to the Acting Executive County Superintendent for State approval.

General Fund	\$ 51,136,285	With a Tax Levy of	\$ 36,056,268
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 819,091		
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 2,076,205</u>	With a Tax Levy of	\$ 2,031,458
Total 2010-2011 Preliminary Budget	\$ 54,031,581		

G.2 Motion by Mrs. Servedio, seconded by Mr. Feldmann, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and adopt the following general budget question, as described below:

The following wording will appear on the ballot as the general budget question:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the tentative 2010-2011 budget as described above in a General Fund Tax Levy of \$ 36,056,268.

Motion by Mrs. Servedio, seconded by Mr. Feldmann, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions G.3 through G.8, as described below:

G.3 Motion to approve \$78,951 as the amount contained in the **2010-2011 budget** as the maximum amount allocated to **travel** related activities, including items such as work related mileage reimbursement, professional development related expenses, and registration fees, all in compliance with A5 travel standards. For the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year the travel allowance was \$97, 230, of which \$38,552.70 has been used to date.

G.4 Motion to approve \$ 0.00 as the amount contained in the 2010-2011 budget as the maximum amount allocated to public relations.

G.5 Motion to approve \$ 7,000.000 as the amount contained in the 2010-2011 budget for professional architecture/engineering services.

G.6 Motion to approve \$ 215,000.00 as the amount contained in the 2010-2011 budget for professional legal services.

G.7 Motion to approve \$ 28,875.00 as the amount contained in the 2010-2011 budget for professional auditing services.

G.8 Motion to approve \$ 24,150.00 as the amount contained in the 2010-2011 budget for professional medical inspector services.

MOTION: Mrs. Servedio	SECOND: Mr. Feldmann			
Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Anzano	X			
Mrs. Castiglione	X			
Mr. Cerny	X			
Mr. Feldmann	X			
Mrs. Masticola	X			
Mrs. Scott	X			
Mrs. Servedio	X			
Mr. Stewart	X			
Mr. Vander Ploeg	X			

H. ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. Castiglione, seconded by Mrs. Scott that the meeting adjourn at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Zeno
Board Secretary