

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2010 – 7:00 PM**  
**Council Chambers – Jefferson Township Municipal Building**

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A. Mrs. Scott called the meeting to order 7:00 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>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Feldmann	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Mrs. Mastricola	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Mr. Millar	<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. Council President Mr. Yocum asked the Jefferson Township Education Association and high school and middle school student representatives to make a statement on behalf of their respective alliances.

E. **DISCUSSION - Defeated budget deliberations with the Jefferson Township Council**

- The Board of Education, together with the Jefferson Township Council discussed adjustments to the proposed budget which would result in a reduction to the local tax levy of \$340,000. Thus the tax levy amount defeated by the community would be reduced from the original amount of \$36,056,268 to \$35,716,268.
- It was the Council’s sentiment that the Board restore co-curricular student activities at the Middle School in the amount of approximately \$117,000. This cost, coupled with the restoration of courtesy transportation and breakage resulting from staff retirements submitted after the budget was voted upon, would result in total adjustments of approximately \$541,000. The Council also urged the Board to explore greater energy efficiencies. Other areas focused upon were the role of district supervisors and special education costs.

F. **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Mastricola, seconded by Mr. Anzano, that the Board of Education adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010 at 7:59 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), (2), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion was matters of funding impairment.
2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The meeting was called to public session at 8:41 PM.

**G. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- An audience member asked whether teacher input had been solicited in regard to staff reductions.
- The Supervisors’ role at the elementary level education was discussed.
- An audience member supported a greater contribution towards health benefits by BOE staff.
- A member suggested the district balance heat in the buildings as much energy is wasted.
- Someone suggested the bonds be restructured to reduce debt service payments.

**H. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Motion by Mr. Feldmann, seconded by Mr. Anzano, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion H.1, as described below:

**H.1** Motion to appoint and submit to the County Superintendent applications for **emergent hiring** and the applicant’s attestation that he/she has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.1 et. Seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:39-17 et. seq., or N.J.S.A. 18A:6-4.13 et. seq. for those employees listed below: (All appointments are contingent upon receipt of proper teaching certification and all salary placements are pending receipt of college transcripts verifying degree status and letter stating years of service in other districts).

PERSONNEL								
Name	Nature of Action	Position	Deg/Step	Salary	Loc.	Date Effective	Date Termin.	Discussion
<b>A. Administrative</b>								
<b>B. Instructional</b>								
#0522	Rescind	Spanish Teacher			High School	5/12/10	5/12/10	
#0500	Rescind	Math Teacher			Middle School	6/30/10	7/1/10	
#0520	Rescind	Elementary Teacher			White Rock	5/12/10	5/12/10	
Dana Millar	Correction	BSIP Teacher .49	BA+15 Step 2	\$23,177**	Briggs	9/1/10	6/30/11	Correction from 5/10/10 agenda
Christine Modula	Correction	Elementary Teacher	BA Step1	\$45,300**	White Rock	9/1/10	6/30/11	Correction from 5/10/10 agenda
Rebecca Wetzel	Appoint	Reading Specialist	MA Step 5	\$51,300**	Briggs	9/1/10	6/30/11	
Ashlee Wenrich	Appoint	Elementary Teacher .49	BA+15 Step 1	\$22,687**	Milton	9/1/10	6/30/11	
Stephen Barbato	Appoint	English Teacher	BA Step 3	\$47,300**	High School	9/1/10	6/30/11	

(\*\*) 2008-09 Salary Guide

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

**I. CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Mastricola, seconded by Mr. Anzano, that the Board of Education adopt the following Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010 at 9:11 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), (2), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion will involve matters confidential by law, matters of funding impairment, matters of personal privacy and collective bargaining.
2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The meeting was called to public session at 9:40 PM.

Members of the Building Needs/Finance Committee addressed the Council and stated the district had reached a tentative agreement with the JTEA. Pending ratification, the district could be in a position to restore a significant number of teaching positions. Reference was made to the percent allocated to special education expenses in relation to the whole budget. There was BOE support to accept a \$340,000 tax levy reduction.

**J. ADJOURN**

Motion by Mrs. Scott, seconded by Mrs. Servedio that the meeting adjourn at 9:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Zeno  
Board Secretary