

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday – November 9, 2009

6:30PM (Board Retreat)

8:00PM (Community Forum)

Jefferson Township High School Media Center

A. Mrs. Masticola called the meeting to order at 6:35 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. Cerny	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Mr. Feldmann	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Mrs. Masticola	<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>

E. **BOARD RETREAT PRESENTATION (6:35-7:40pm)**

- Mrs. Joanne Borin of the New Jersey School Boards Association presented the Board Retreat and Self Evaluation. The Board highlighted their strengths and weaknesses and emphasized their commitment to the students and community of Jefferson Township.

F. **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Stewart, 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 9th day of November, 2009 at 7:40 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 transportation matters.
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 7:50 PM.

The Board recessed at 7:50pm and reconvened to open session at 8:00pm.

G. COMMUNITY FORUM (8:00pm)

Ideas:

- Add on to the MS Cafeteria
- New bleachers & pressbox (should this be a 2nd question?)
- Co-curricular activities at MS and Elementary Schools (EDPs)
- Pre-K and full-day Kindergarten?
- Online textbooks
- Solar/wind power
- More staff to reduce class sizes
- More SMART Boards!—Technology should be a high priority
- Outline a list of what will be cut if the budget fails?
- Target markets: K-5, sports parents, senior citizens
- Core marketing groups (25 persons)—coaches, PTAs, etc.
- Delineate consequences for a failed budget—sports, technology, courtesy busing
- Budget appeals at tricky trays, holiday concerts, etc.

Positives

- Communication is greatly improved
- Perceived quality of education is high

Negatives

- Larger class sizes in some grades

H. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Feldmann, seconded by Mrs. Scott that the meeting adjourn at 9:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Zeno
Board Secretary