

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday – March 12, 2007 - 7:00 PM (Closed Session) 8:00 (Regular Session)
Jefferson Township Middle School Media Center

A. Mrs. Servedio called the meeting to order at 8:06 PM, and read the Open Meeting Statement.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Andre	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Castiglione	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Cerny	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Chamberlain	_____	<u>X</u>
Mr. Feldmann	<u>X</u>	_____
Mr. Hanisch	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Hardy	_____	<u>X</u>
Mrs. Mastricola	<u>X</u>	_____
Mrs. Servedio	<u>X</u>	_____
Marieclaire DosSantos	_____	<u>X</u> <i>Student Representative</i>
Craig Fuess	_____	<u>X</u> <i>Student Representative</i>

D. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Servedio, seconded by Mr. Feldmann, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 12th day of March, 2007 at 7:03 PM, as follows:

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) to conduct the Superintendent Evaluation, matters confidential by law, any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property, litigation, anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and attorney-client matters.

The meeting was called to public session at 8:03 PM.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Fuchs reported on the various programs and activities in our schools.

F. PRESENTATIONS

None

G. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE (on Minutes action items only, if applicable)

None

Item H.1

The Board reviewed the motions slated for a vote on March 19, 2007.

I. FINANCE AND BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Motion by Mr. Andre, seconded by Mr. Feldmann, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions I.1 and I.11, as described below:

March 12, 2007 - Action

- I.1** Motion to apply for the **discretionary grant program** entitled The Governor’s Initiative: Enhancing and Expanding In-district Options for Students with Disabilities in the amount of \$208,920. If awarded the grant, the program is to be in place from June 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009.
- I.11** Motion to authorize Dora E. Mylchreest, Business Administrator, to execute and provide a **Statement of Consent** for the Treatment Works Approval Application, Wetlands Permit and any other permits necessary for the Arthur Stanlick School Sewage Treatment Plant Upgrade. The project is necessary to address new effluent limitations imposed by the NJ Department of Environmental Protection, which become effective on September 1, 2008.

MOTION: Mr. Andre	SECOND: Mr. Feldmann			
Name	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Andre	X			
Mrs. Castiglione	X			
Mr. Cerny	X			
Mr. Chamberlain				X
Mr. Feldmann	X			
Mr. Hanisch	X			
Mrs. Hardy				X
Mrs. Masticola	X			
Mrs. Servedio	X			

Items I.2 through I.10, I.12, I.13 and items J, K and L

The Board reviewed the motions slated for a vote on March 19, 2007

M. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance Committee** – Mr. Andre gave a status report of budget development and noted the budget calendar.
- **Community Relations** – Mrs. Masticola reported on the budget calendar and key communicators to educate the public regarding budget content.
- **Policy Committee** – Mr. Feldmann gave an updated report.
- **Negotiation Committee** – Mr. Hanisch noted the next meeting with a mediator will be April 25, 2007.

N. COMMUNICATIONS

None

O. OLD BUSINESS

- Bear proof garbage lids at high school prove effective, buying 6 more.

P. NEW BUSINESS

- Criminal background checks for volunteers. Fee = \$85. Must provide clear definition on volunteers (paraprofessionals and volunteer coaches).

Q. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mrs. Castiglione commented on the accomplishments of the cheerleaders and the success of math night.
- Several Board Members noted the ease of applying for an absentee ballot process and wanted to heighten public awareness regarding the budget process. Also noted was the election link to the voter registration form on the district website.
- Mrs. Masticola commented on Read Across America.
- Clarification was provided for the 08-09 spring recess selection.

R. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- A letter was read regarding the average teacher salaries in Morris County. Jefferson is # 23 of 38. It was commented that the salaries and compensation must compete with other districts to attract and maintain the most qualified employees. Mrs. Servedio noted the Board's continued willingness to negotiate in good faith.
- A member of the public commented that the high school and middle school have wonderful teachers and is in support of a contract settlement.

S. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

None

T. CLOSED SESSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 12th day of March, 2007 at 8:32 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, any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property, litigation, anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and attorney-client matters.
2. This matter 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 9:48 PM.

U. ADJOURN

Motion by Mrs. Castiglione, seconded by Mr. Hanisch, that the meeting adjourn at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Mylchreest
Board Secretary