

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday – September 11, 2006 - 7:00 PM (Closed Session) 8:00 (Regular Session)
Jefferson Township Middle School Media Center

9/11 Moment of Silence Observed

- A. Mrs. Servedio called the meeting to order at 8:04 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>	_____
Mariclaire DosSantos	<u>X</u>	_____
Craig Fuess	_____	<u>X</u>

D. CLOSED SESSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 11th day of September, 2006 at 7:11 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, any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property, litigation, anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and attorney-client 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 8:01 PM.

E. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Good News and Progress in Our Schools.

Mr. Kraemer spoke of school opening and staff orientation. Mr. Kraemer also commented on Weldon Road bus re-routing and commended Mrs. Stanlick on her efforts.

Mrs. Thornton commended everyone on their participation in the 9/11 Commemoration.

F. PRESENTATIONS

None

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

None

Items H, I.1 through I.13 and J.1– J.2

The Board reviewed the motions slated for a vote on September 18th.

J. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion by Mrs. Servedio, seconded by Mr. Chamberlain, to accept the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent to approve and adopt motion J.3, as described below:

J.3 Motion to extend the Acting Superintendent’s contract rider on the same terms set forth therein and to authorize the appropriate officials to execute the contract extension until further action is taken.

MOTION: Mrs. Servedio	SECOND: Mr. Chamberlain			
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 K and L - The Board reviewed the motions slated for a vote on September 18th.

M. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building Needs/Finance – Mr. Andre reported on the facilities walk through. He noted other items will be reported at the Regular Board meeting. Questions were raised regarding funding sources for a restored staff position, as well as proposed security system. With respect to the security system, questions were raised regarding monitoring, maintenance costs, role of State Contract v additional price quotes and whether the Board had given specific direction regarding the next steps, if any. The Board consensus was to refer it back to the Committee for additional fact finding.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Hardy reported on the review of numerous policies.

Education Committee – It was reported that the field trip schedule and curriculum are under review.

N. COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Raj’s letter of resignation was read.

O. OLD BUSINESS

None

P. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Andre reviewed the Purchase Orders.

Q. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Mrs. Castiglione commented on Operation Painkiller and encouraged more widespread dissemination. She noted letters should be addressed to both parents and guardians.
- Mr. Hanisch noted he was impressed with volunteer teachers and wanted to recognize their efforts.
- Several Board Members remarked on the smooth school opening and clean and inviting facilities.
- Mr. Andre noted Dr. Raj will be missed. He also thanked the Middle School for assisting in a smooth transition for the 6th grade; and gave recognition to the Student Representatives.
- Mr. Cerny thanked the Board for their support.

R. STUDENT COMMENTS

Student Representative MarieClaire DosSantos remarked that the Pep Rally will be held Friday.

S. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- A comment was made regarding positive school morale.
- A comment was made that the Middle School had its best opening.
- It was noted that the schools look great and the transition for elementary, middle and high school was phenomenal.
- The PTA was thanked for sponsoring 6th grade orientation.
- A comment was made regarding 8th and 9th graders sharing same world language class.
- Mr. Kraemer was thanked for his proactive stance on Special Ed matters.
- Multiple comments were made regarding Dr. Raj's resignation.
- Thanks to the Garden Club.
- Thanks to parents at Briggs for painting the All Purpose Room.
- A comment was made regarding administration turnover.
- The progress on vandalism was noted.
- A comment was made regarding the perception that communication has slowed down.

T. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Hanisch, seconded by Mrs. Castiglione, that the meeting adjourn at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Mylchreest
Board Secretary