

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Budget Hearing Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2005
JTHS Auditorium
8:00 PM

A. Mr. Andre called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM, and read the Open Meeting Statement.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. **ROLL CALL:**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Andre	X	
Mr. Cuccio	X	
Mr. Erdmann	X	
Mr. Hanisch	X	
Mrs. Hardy	X	
Miss Klepp	X	
Mrs. Muller	X	
Mr. Tasker		X
Mrs. Van Houwe	X	
Miss DeAnna Vander Ploeg		X
Mr. James Quigg		X

D. **PRESENTATIONS**

- Proposed 2005-2006 School District Budget: Mrs. Mylchreest, Business Administrator
- School Year Calendar 2004-2005 Amendment Study and Report as directed by the Board of Education at the meeting of March 21, 2005: Dr. Antunes, Assistant Superintendent

E. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public comments and questions were raised and responses were made regarding the following:

- Why cut band competitions and not athletics
- Why leave athletic department budget virtually intact
- Support for employee benefit contribution
- Support for band activities to be treated as varsity sport
- Administrative costs
- Field trips
- Elimination of aides and benefits
- Class size clarification
- Debt service
- Support for new band uniforms
- Perhaps give Band ability to opt to attend competitions in place of football games
- Question regarding increased legal fees
- Lack of snow day designation for professional staff contributed to poor staff morale

F. **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

F.1 Motion by Mrs. Muller, seconded by Mr. Cuccio, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to submit the proposed 2005-2006 school district budget to the County Superintendent:

General Fund.....	\$43,672,403 with a tax levy of \$29,307,192
Special Revenue Fund.....	\$ 789,633
Debt Service Fund.....	\$ <u>2,276,458</u> with a tax levy of \$ 2,141,708
 Total 2005-06 Budget.....	 \$46,738,494

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

“RESOLVED, that there should be raised for General Funds \$29,307,192 for the ensuing school year 2005-2006. The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the Core Curriculum Content Standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from your local school district.”

Roll call vote: Mr. Andre - Yes	Mrs. Hardy - Yes
Mr. Erdmann - Yes	Miss Klepp - Yes
Mr. Cuccio - Yes	Mrs. Muller - Yes
Mr. Hanisch - Yes	Mrs. Van Houwe - Yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Motion by Mr. Erdmann, seconded by Mr. Cuccio, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion G.1, as described below:

G.1 Motion to approve amending the 2004-2005 School Calendar to accept one of the five scenarios pursuant to presentation, School Year Calendar 2004-2005 Amendment Study and Report as directed by the Board of Education at the meeting of March 21, 2005, in accordance with the minimum 180 day statutory requirement.

Roll call vote: Mr. Andre - Yes	Mrs. Hardy - Yes
Mr. Erdmann - Yes	Miss Klepp - Yes
Mr. Cuccio - Yes	Mrs. Muller - Yes
Mr. Hanisch - Yes	Mrs. Van Houwe - Yes

All in favor. Motion carried, as amended – **Please refer to Amendment below.**

Motion by Mr. Hanisch, seconded by Mrs. Hardy, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and amend motion G.1, as described below:

Motion to amend G.1 main Motion to select Scenario 4, which would revise the 2004-2005 School Calendar as follows: Day off for students, professional development for staff in the morning, release 10-month staff at 12:30 p.m., be a regular working day for 12-month employees, and if adopted by the Board, subject to sign off by the affected unions.

Roll call vote: Mr. Andre	- No	Mrs. Hardy	- Yes
Mr. Erdmann	- No	Miss Klepp	- Yes
Mr. Cuccio	- No	Mrs. Muller	- No
Mr. Hanisch	- Yes	Mrs. Van Houwe	- Yes

Four in favor. Four opposed. **Amendment failed to carry.**

Motion by Mr. Cuccio, seconded by Mr. Erdmann, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and amend motion G.1, as described below:

Motion to amend the G.1 main Motion to select Scenario 3, which would revise the 2004-2005 School Calendar as follows: Day off for students only and conduct professional development for staff, and if adopted by the Board, subject to sign off by the affected unions.

Roll call vote: Mr. Andre	- Yes	Mrs. Hardy	- No
Mr. Erdmann	- Yes	Miss Klepp	- No
Mr. Cuccio	- Yes	Mrs. Muller	- Yes
Mr. Hanisch	- Yes	Mrs. Van Houwe	- No

Five in favor. Three opposed. **Amendment carried. Please refer to Main Motion G.1.**

H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Miss Klepp questioned new fees imposed by state and asked what, if any impact these fees would have on the budget. Dr. Bowen stated he would clarify the nature of these fees and respond. Miss Klepp also noted her concern regarding the benefits for aides.

I. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Hanisch, seconded by Mr. Cuccio, that the Board of Education meeting adjourn at 10:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Mylchreest
Board Secretary