

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday – June 13, 2005
Jefferson Township High School Media Center

- A. Mr. Andre called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 (arrived at 8:45 PM)	
Mr. Erdmann	X	
Mr. Hanisch	X	
Mrs. Hardy	X	
Mrs. Mastricola	X	
Mrs. Servedio	X	
Mr. Trignano	X	
Mrs. Van Houwe	X	
Miss DeAnna Vander Ploeg	X	
Mr. James Quigg		X

CLOSED SESSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 13th day of June, 2005 at 7:15 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 (6) and (7). The general nature of the discussion will involve any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property and 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, which is anticipated to be later this evening.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried.

The meeting was recalled to order at 8:05 PM.

D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bowen reported the *Good News and Progress in Our Schools*.

E. PRESENTATIONS

- Recognition of Mr. James Tasker for his dedicated service to students and community as a member of the Jefferson Township Board of Education
- Recognition of Miss DeAnna Vander Ploeg as the Jefferson Township Board of Education Student Representative
- Review of *Policy #9700 – Special Interest Groups*, and recent applicability
- Presentation of High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) and Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) 2005 Results by Dr. Antunes, Assistant Superintendent

F, G, H, I, J, K and L - The Board reviewed the motions slated for a vote on June 20th. No comments and/or questions were raised.

M. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Relations Committee – Mr. Erdmann read into the Record this Committee’s Mission Statement and Goals.

Personnel Committee – Mr. Hanisch highlighted agenda items.

Township Liaison – Mr. Andre reported a meeting has been scheduled with the Township for 6/15/05.

Building Needs Committee – Mr. Andre reported that Buildings and Grounds Department improvements are being undertaken and they are long overdue.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Hardy reported that updates are always being worked on.

N. COMMUNICATIONS - Correspondence was received regarding the following:

- Letters received by Union Officials regarding grievances
- Letters in support of Dr. Prystash

O. OLD BUSINESS – None.

P. NEW BUSINESS – None.

Q. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Servedio commented on the Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) results and the elimination of the double language arts periods, noting her disappointment and that her fears came to fruition. She requested comparison of New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) and urged the Board to take the results very seriously.

Mrs. Mastricola thanked the public for their letters in support of Dr. Prystash and encouraged forwarding future letters to the Board’s attention. She thanked Ms. Stanlick for having the fence installed at Stanlick School.

R. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Yearbooks have been distributed.

S. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Comments were made regarding the following:

- Support for full time Instructional Aides
- Question if prepaid lunches are use or lose
- Improvement of communications between JTEA, Board and Administration
- Schedule of student and personnel hearings
- Suggestions for advertising special meeting notices
- Support for Each One Reach One Program and question regarding whether it is in 05/06 budget
- Suggest posting of Board Meetings on district website and reference to dated information on website
- Language Arts and correlation to test scores
- Support for Gifted and Talented field trips
- Support for Dr. Prystash's renewal
- Discussion regarding criteria to send flyers home with students

CLOSED SESSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 13th day of June, 2005 at 9:30 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 (6) and (7). The general nature of the discussion will involve any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property and 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, which is anticipated to be later this evening.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried.

The closed session meeting was recalled to order at 9:45 PM.

T. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Cuccio, seconded Mr. Trignano, that the meeting adjourn at 11:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Mylchreest
Board Secretary