

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday – September 12, 2005
Jefferson Township Middle School Media Center

A. Mr. Andre convened the work session meeting (which was preceded by a closed session, as described below) to order at 8:13 PM, and read the Open Meeting Statement.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Andre	X (arrived at 6:15 PM)	
Mr. Cuccio	X	
Mr. Erdmann	X (arrived at 6:20 PM)	
Mr. Hanisch	X	
Mrs. Hardy	X	
Mrs. Mastricola	X	
Mrs. Servedio	X	
Mr. Trignano	X	
Mrs. Van Houwe	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 12th day of September, 2005 at 6:11 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) and (8). The general nature of the discussion will involve matters confidential by law and employment evaluation of employees.
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 called to public session at 8:13 PM.

D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

E. PRESENTATIONS

- Report on School Opening, Including Significance of District Report of Transported Resident Students
- District Goals – Finalizing the Language for Public Information
- Hurricane Katrina Morris County Response in the Public Schools

F, G, H, I, and J - The Board reviewed the motions slated for a vote on September 19th.
No comments and/or questions were raised.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

L. COMMUNICATIONS

- Report on Jefferson Township Administrators' Education Association (JTAEA) officers election results
- Stokes Field Trip and Board of Education stance on public input regarding evaluative public comments
- Note in support of Principal appointment

M. OLD BUSINESS – None.

N. NEW BUSINESS – None.

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Masticola commented on the new JTHS volunteer pilot workup.

Mrs. Hardy stated that a football player from the visiting team was injured and raised the question of whether or not a doctor's presence was required. Dr. Bowen noted that NJSIAA strongly recommends medical presence, and this provision is contained in the district contract with the school physician.

Mrs. Servedio raised questions regarding the nutritional value of meals served. She also inquired into the prepaying process.

Mr. Andre commented on his tour of Drummond School. He encouraged attendance at Back to School Nights.

P. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Comments were made regarding the following:

- A question was raised regarding the system for JTMS lunch cards.
- Pros and cons of Band vs. Exploratory Electives. Parental understanding of Excel programs and impact on Arts program.
- A question was raised regarding wearing hats in schools.
- The Board was asked if there will be JTHS Students Representatives – yes, in October.
- Difficult choice when students select between Band vs. Keyboarding.
- A question was raised regarding Social Security No.'s on student schedules.
- Question and disputes regarding bus route length and Transportation Department responses.
- Cozy Lake sewer easements settlement encouraged.
- A question was raised regarding lunch and recess times.
- A question was raised regarding why the Spanish program in Cozy Lake and Milton Schools had not commenced.
- A question was raised regarding Portable Johns on the varsity field.
- Allegation of smoking on bus.
- A question was raised regarding consistency across grades/town, e.g. length of lunch/recess.

CLOSED SESSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 12th day of September, 2005 at 10:00 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), (3), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion will involve matters confidential by law, personal privacy, any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or public property, litigation, anticipated litigation or contract negotiation and attorney-client matters and employment, evaluation, termination of employees.
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.

Q. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Trignano, seconded Mrs. Servedio, that the meeting adjourn at 11:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Mylchreest
Board Secretary