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JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Work Session Meeting Minutes
Monday – November 14, 2005
Jefferson Township Middle School Media Center

- A. Mr. Andre 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> |
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| Mr. Andre | X | |
| Mr. Cuccio | | X |
| Mr. Erdmann | X | |
| Mr. Hanisch | | X |
| Mrs. Hardy | X | |
| Mrs. Mastricola | X | |
| Mrs. Servedio | | X |
| Mr. Trignano | X | |
| Mrs. Van Houwe | | X |
| Manny Fanarjian | X | |
| Nicole Yatsonsky | X | |

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 14th day of November, 2005 at 7:21 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.

The meeting was called to public session at 8:04 PM.

D. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

Monthly Progress Report On District Goals:

- *Improve math and writing instruction district-wide.*
- *Improve inter and intra-communication and community relations.*
- *Ensure that the facilities are properly maintained and safe for students, staff and public.*
- *Ensure (instructional) consistency within grade levels and across the district campuses.*

E. PRESENTATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / RECOGNITION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Briggs Gardening Project – Mrs. Grady
- American Education Week Proclamation – November 13 - 19, 2005 (Item I.1) – Dr. Thornton

F, G, H, I, and J - The Board reviewed the motions slated for a vote on November 21st.
No comments and/or questions were raised.

G. FINANCE AND BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Motion by Mr. Erdmann, seconded by Mr. Trignano, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motion G.11, as described below:

G.11 Motion to declare an emergency condition (interruption of water supply) and to approve all actions necessary to procure services to connect the Milton School to the Municipal water supply and permit the Business Administrator to enter an emergency contract to achieve the new water services.

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| Roll call vote: | Mr. Andre | - Yes | Mrs. Mastricola | - Yes |
| | Mr. Erdmann | - Yes | Mr. Trignano | - Yes |
| | Mrs. Hardy | - Yes | | |

All in favor. Motion carried.

I. EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Motion by Mrs. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Mastricola, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions I.1, I.3 and I.4, as described below:

I.1 Motion proclaiming **American Education Week**, November 13 - 19, 2005 by the Jefferson Township Board of Education.

I.3 Motion to approve the settlement agreement on behalf of a Special Education student to effectuate Court settlement terms, which are confidential.

I.4 Motion to accept the 2005/06 Emergency Management Plan for the Jefferson Township School District (Viper Manuals for Jefferson Township Police Department).

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| Roll call vote: | Mr. Andre | - Yes | Mrs. Mastricola | - Yes |
| | Mr. Erdmann | - Yes | Mr. Trignano | - Yes |
| | Mrs. Hardy | - Yes | | |

All in favor. Motion carried.

K. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee – Mrs. Hardy reported on the status of policy development for the following: Defibrillator, Travel and Expense, High School Graduation, Gifted and Talented, Severe Misconduct, Suspension and Corporate Sponsorship.

Education Committee – Mrs. Hardy reported on the status of the Student Assessment Program, the

Finance Committee – Mr. Andre reported that there was a discussion regarding district water/sewer needs.

L. COMMUNICATIONS

Correspondence was received regarding the following:

- Invitation to the Eagle Scouts Award Ceremony
- Donating retirement plaque to Katrina Relief
- Staff Retirements

M. OLD BUSINESS – None.

N. NEW BUSINESS – None.

O. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Manny Fanarjian commented on French Week and Sports.

Nicole Yatsosky commented on the high school play, newsletter, mock trial, debates and upcoming Madrigal Dinner.

P. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Masticola commented that the NJSBA Workshop was a phenomenal experience. She also commented on the Veterans Day Service.

Mrs. Hardy commented on the Daily Record article regarding Hackettstown School District receiving a \$90,000 grant for drug testing. She thanked Dr. Bowen for his attendance at the Veterans Day Ceremonial.

Dr. Bowen commented on the Quality Assurance Annual Report (QAAR) workload, 2004/2005 vs. 2005/2006.

Q. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Comments were made regarding the following:

- The Middle School music program is a bigger district issue than Middle School and would like Board input. Mrs. Hardy responded that the Education Committee is reviewing this issue.
- A question was raised how members of the community can provide input into the music program. Dr. Bowen responded that it is a daunting task and will impact transportation and negotiations. The findings will be reported at the end of the budget cycle.
- A question was asked regarding where and when the Superintendent Sounding Board is and is it an open session. Dr. Bowen noted the date, time and location.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Hardy, seconded by Mrs. Mastricola, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 14th day of November, 2005 at 9:00 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) 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.
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3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The meeting was called to public session at 10:14 PM.

R. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Trignano, seconded Mr. Erdmann, that the meeting adjourn at 10:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Mylchreest
Board Secretary