JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
Tuesday
January 04, 2005

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A. Mr. Andre called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, and read the Open Meeting Statement.

B. Pledge of Allegiance.

C. ROLL CALL:

	Present	Absent
Mr. Andre	X	
Mr. Cuccio	X	
Mr. Erdmann	X	
Mr. Hanisch	X	
Mrs. Hardy		X
Miss Klepp	X	
Mrs. Muller	X (arrived at 7:08 PM)	
Mr. Tasker	X (arrived at 7:05 PM)	
Mrs. Van Houwe	X	

D. CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

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

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 4th day of January, 2005 at 7:04 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 (7). The general nature of the discussion will involve 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.

The meeting was recalled to order at 7:45 PM.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZATION THE COMPLETE PRIVATIZATION OF THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND THE ADJUSTMENT OF CAFETERIA LUNCH PRICES FOR JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the annual school audit required by law included the food services account on or about November 1, 2004, which revealed a deficit of approximately $170,000 for the Fiscal Year End June 2004; and

WHEREAS, the identified deficit, if unchecked, is growing at the rate of approximately $1,574.00 per day; and

WHEREAS, no school account is permitted to end in deficit, and a corrective action plan designed to eliminate the deficit was required, and was prepared and approved by the Board of Education on December 6, 2004; and

WHEREAS, as part of the corrective action plan, the Fiscal Year End 2004 deficit is to be eliminated and the Board has to be vigilant to prevent future deficits; and

WHEREAS, a detailed investigation of the cafeteria food services was conducted in response to the discovery of the rapidly increasing deficit; and

WHEREAS, the exposed immediate factors make it necessary to control and ultimately eliminate this deficit as well as future deficits, including high labor and benefit costs as well as the prices set for the school lunches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 4th day of January, 2005, by the Board of Education of Jefferson Township as follows:

1. The Board hereby authorizes a complete privatization at this time of all Jefferson Township school cafeterias, including all cafeteria staff workers, effective immediately.

2. The Board hereby authorizes the following adjustments in cafeteria lunch prices, effective February 1, 2005:

	FROM	TO
Elementary School:	$1.85	$2.00
Middle School:	$2.00	$2.25
High School:	$2.25	$2.50

Roll call vote:

Mr. Andre	- Yes	Miss Klepp	- Yes
Mr. Erdmann	- Yes	Mrs. Muller	- Yes
Mr. Cuccio	- Yes	Mr. Tasker	- Yes
Mr. Hanisch	- Yes	Mrs. Van Houwe	- Yes

All in favor. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Comments were made regarding the following:

- Food service deficit
- Privatization vs. district
- Loyal employees

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Cuccio and Mr. Tasker commented that there is no easy way to handle situation.

Dr. Bowen stated there were many deliberations, agonizing discussions and a thorough assessment of situation before any decisions were made.

E. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Cuccio, seconded by Mr. Tasker, that the meeting adjourn at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora E. Mylchreest
Board Secretary