

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 2, 2026 5:30 PM**  
**Jefferson Township Board of Education - Central Office**

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**District Vision Statement**

*The district will be a leader in academic excellence while developing healthy, well-rounded, resourceful students who are positive, contributing members of local and global communities.*

A. Mr. Brown, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, and read the Open Meeting Statement, below:

In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the Jefferson Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof, posted in the Jefferson Township Municipal Building, with copies of such notice delivered or mailed or electronically mailed to the following:

*DAILY RECORD* and posted on the  
Jefferson Township Board of Education website ([www.Jefftwp.org](http://www.Jefftwp.org));

and a copy of said notice delivered to the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Jefferson and the Jefferson Township Library.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. **ROLL CALL:**

<u>Aye</u> Mr. Camacho	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Poulas	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Small
<u>Aye</u> Mr. Natale	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Ruggiero	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Mallimo-Orna, <i>Vice President</i>
<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Perez	<u>Aye</u> Ms. Seugling	<u>Aye</u> Mr. Brown, <i>President</i>

D. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- An audience member asked the Board to reconsider using a firm to search for a superintendent candidate.
- An audience member relayed their concern about the cost of hiring a firm to perform the superintendent search.

E. **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Mr. Natale, seconded by Mr. Camacho, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

<u>Aye</u> Mr. Camacho	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Poulas	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Small
<u>Aye</u> Mr. Natale	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Ruggiero	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Mallimo-Orna, <i>Vice President</i>
<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Perez	<u>Aye</u> Ms. Seugling	<u>Aye</u> Mr. Brown, <i>President</i>

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 2nd day of February, 2026 at 5:33 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), (2), (6), (7) and (8). The general nature of the discussion will involve matters confidential by law, any investigations or tactics or techniques to protect persons or litigation, anticipated litigation and attorney-client matters.
2. These matters will be disclosed to the public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer applies.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion to close Executive Session by Mrs. Mallimo-Orna, seconded by Mrs. Small, that the meeting is called to public session at 5:57 PM.

<u>Aye</u> Mr. Camacho	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Poulas	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Small
<u>Aye</u> Mr. Natale	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Ruggiero	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Mallimo-Orna, <i>Vice President</i>
<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Perez	<u>Aye</u> Ms. Seugling	<u>Aye</u> Mr. Brown, <i>President</i>

**F. SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONSULTANT**

Motion by Mr. Natale, seconded by Mrs. Ruggiero, to approve and adopt motion F.1, as described below:

<u>Aye</u> Mr. Camacho	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Poulas	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Small
<u>Aye</u> Mr. Natale	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Ruggiero	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Mallimo-Orna, <i>Vice President</i>
<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Perez	<u>Aye</u> Ms. Seugling	<u>Aye</u> Mr. Brown, <i>President</i>

- F.1** Motion to approve professional appointment of New Jersey School Boards Association to conduct the Superintendent Search process at a cost of \$15,500.

**G. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board did not convene to Closed Session at this time.

**H. ADJOURN**

Motion by Mrs. Poulas, seconded by Mr. Natale, to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 PM.

<u>Aye</u> Mr. Camacho	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Poulas	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Small
<u>Aye</u> Mr. Natale	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Ruggiero	<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Mallimo-Orna, <i>Vice President</i>
<u>Aye</u> Mrs. Perez	<u>Aye</u> Ms. Seugling	<u>Aye</u> Mr. Brown, <i>President</i>