

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2026 5:00 PM**  
**Jefferson Township High School Media Center**

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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. \_\_\_\_\_, called the meeting to order at \_\_\_\_\_ 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, NJ HERALD* 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:**

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

D. **COMMUNICATIONS**

- March 31, 2026 letter from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools regarding the 2026-2027 budget.

E. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Public participation shall be governed by the following rules (per Bylaw 0167):

1. The Public participation period shall be for thirty minutes or fewer;
2. A participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his or her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate;
3. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three minutes duration;
4. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
5. Participants may not yield their time to another individual;
6. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer;
7. The presiding officer may:
  - a) Interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
  - b) Request any individual to leave the meeting when that person does not observe reasonable decorum;
  - c) Request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;

- d) Call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action; and
- e) Waive these rules when necessary for the protection of privacy or the efficient administration of the Board's business.

*Please note that “Comments from the Audience” is not a time for dialogue – it is an opportunity for you to share a comment with the Board of Education. In addition, by law, administrators and Board of Education members are not permitted to publicly discuss personnel matters, student discipline, or other issues requiring confidentiality. While we may not respond to your comments, all input shared with the Board of Education is taken very seriously, and will be discussed at future deliberations by the Board of Education and its Committees.*

**F. FINANCE AND BUILDING NEEDS**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions F.1 through F.3, as described below:

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

**F.1** Motion to approve the adoption of the Tentative Budget for School Year 2026-2027.

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027:

*WHEREAS*, for the second year in a row, Jefferson is being denied formula-based aid in the amount of \$1,166,583; and

*WHEREAS*, this follows a loss of \$1,190,088 for the 2025-2026 school year; and

*WHEREAS*, there has been an absence of funding to compensate for the restrictive provisions of the Highlands Act and the provision of clean drinking water to millions of New Jerseyans; and

*WHEREAS*, the Board of Education district has been put in an untenable position that cannot continue to be solved by overburdening the local community or offering a subpar program for our students;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Tentative Budget be approved for the 2026-2027 school year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit to the Executive County Superintendent for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

|                              | General Fund | Special Revenues | Debt Service | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------|
| 2026-2027 Total Expenditures |              |                  |              |       |
| Less: Anticipated Revenues   |              |                  |              |       |
| Taxes to be Raised           |              |                  |              |       |
| Deficit                      |              |                  |              |       |

and, to advertise said Tentative Budget in the Daily Record Newspaper in accordance with the form suggested by the New Jersey Department of Education and according to law; and, a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year will be held at Jefferson Township High School Media Center, 1010 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 on April 27, 2026 at 7:30 pm.

**F.2** *WHEREAS*, school district policy and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3(a) provides the Jefferson Township Board of Education shall establish in the annual school budget a maximum expenditure amount that may be allotted for such travel and expense reimbursement for the 2026-2027 school year; and

*WHEREAS*, the maximum expenditure amount allotted for travel and expense reimbursement for the 2025-2026 school year was \$86,393; and

*WHEREAS*, travel and expense reimbursement has reached a total amount of \$32,036.16 as of March 20, 2026; and

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Jefferson Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2026-2027 at the sum of \$88,471; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED*, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

**F.3** *WHEREAS*, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A:5.2(a) mandates boards to establish annually prior to budget preparation, for public relations and each type of professional service, a maximum level of spending for the ensuing school year; and

*WHEREAS*, the budget includes the following appropriations:

| Account Code       | Description  | \$        |
|--------------------|--|-----------|
| 11-000-213-300     | Health Services Purchased Professional Services                                | \$31,800  |
| 11-000-216-320     | Purchased Student-Related Support Services                                     | \$5,082   |
| 11-000-217-320     | Purchased Professional Extraordinary Services                                  | \$54,924  |
| 11-000-218-320-390 | Student Guidance Services - Medical Screenings                                 | \$15,950  |
| 11-000-219-320     | Purchased Prof-Ed Services - Educational/Medical Services Provided to Students | \$24,715  |
| 11-000-219-390     | Other Purchased Prof & Tech Services - Student Evaluations                     | \$12,000  |
| 11-000-223-320     | Purchased Professional Development Services - Speakers                         | \$16,288  |
| 11-000-230-331     | Legal Services   | \$80,000  |
| 11-000-230-332     | Auditor Fees   | \$56,100  |
| 11-000-230-334     | Architect/Engineer Services  | \$50,000  |
| 11-000-230-339     | Other Professional Services  | \$10,800  |
| 11-150-100-320     | Hospital-Based Homebound Instruction   | \$20,000  |
|                    | Total  | \$377,659 |

and

*WHEREAS*, the Administration needs to notify the Board if there arises a need to exceed said maximums, upon which the Board may adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal Board action; and

*WHEREAS*, the Board and Administration wishes to minimize the amount of paperwork involved in this area; and

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that the Jefferson Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey establishes maximums for professional services in the areas listed above at a level of 120% of the amounts listed for the 2026-2027 school year.

**G. OLD BUSINESS**

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**I. ADJOURN**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Camacho

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Natale

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Perez

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Poulas

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ruggiero

\_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Seugling

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Small

\_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Mallimo-Orna, *Vice President*

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Brown, *President*