

**JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, June 4, 2026 7:30 PM Regular Session**  
**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 on the Jefferson Township Board of Education website ([www.Jefftp.org](http://www.Jefftp.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:**

_____ 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. **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution:

_____ 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>

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Jefferson Township Board of Education on this 4th day of June, 2026 at \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, that the meeting is called to public session at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.

_____ 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>

**E. PRESENTATIONS**

- 2026-2027 Budget Process Update

**F. 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 thoughtfully considered and may be discussed at future deliberations by the Board of Education and its Committees.*

**G. FINANCE AND BUILDING NEEDS**

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve and adopt motions G.1 through G.4, as described below:

_____ 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>

**G.1** Motion to approve lease agreement with Sparta Board of Education, as described below:

*WHEREAS*, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Jefferson Township Board of Education hereby enters into a lease agreement with the Sparta Township Board of Education for the Milton Elementary School (“Premises”), located at 52 Schoolhouse Road, Oak Ridge, New Jersey;

*WHEREAS*, pursuant to the terms of the lease, the lease shall commence on July 1, 2026 and conclude on June 30, 2031, with annual rent as follows; and

2026-2027	\$200,000.00
2027-2028	\$258,280.44
2028-2029	\$263,370.80
2029-2030	\$268,682.48
2030-2031	\$273,994.16

*WHEREAS*, pursuant to the lease, the Premises shall be utilized by Sparta for its pre-school program;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, The Board hereby approves the lease agreement with the Sparta Township Board of Education for the term and annual rent as set forth above.

**G.2** Motion to approve the adoption of the Budget for School Year 2026-2027.

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027:

*WHEREAS*, for the second year in a row, Jefferson is being denied formula-based aid in the amount of \$1,166,583, due to arbitrary caps on categorical aid;

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

*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;

*WHEREAS*, the Board of Education 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;

*WHEREAS*, the Jefferson Township Board of Education first adopted a tentative budget on March 23, 2026, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval;

*WHEREAS*, the Jefferson Township Board of Education reconvened on April 9, 2026, to consider the request from the Executive County Superintendent to revise the 2026-2027 budget to reflect a balanced budget;

*WHEREAS*, the Jefferson Township Board of Education carefully reconsidered the impact of the measures necessary to balance the budget on the district's taxpayers and students, and voted to proceed with submitting the budget in its current, unbalanced form;

*WHEREAS*, the tentative budget, approved by the Board at the April 9, 2026 Special Meeting, was posted on the district's website on April 22, 2026;

*WHEREAS*, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held in the Media Center of the Jefferson Township High School, 1010 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge, NJ at 7:30 p.m., on April 27, 2026; and

*WHEREAS*, the Board convened an additional Special Meeting on June 4, 2026, to discuss and consider feedback and recommendations provided by the Commissioner of Education and other representatives of the Department of Education;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*, The Jefferson Township Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for SY 2026-2027:

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

**G.3** *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;

*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;

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

**G.4** *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;

*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

*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;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS**

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**K. CLOSED SESSION**

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**L. ADJOURN**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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