

**DELAWARE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

April 21, 2010

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement of the Delaware Township School District is to prepare each student to become a productive, responsible member of society, able to adapt and change, by providing an environment that:

Creates a foundation for a self-motivated lifelong learner by providing relevant innovative, comprehensive Curricula;

Focuses on individual needs and promotes individual excellence by encouraging and enhancing the intellectual and social development of each student.

This environment will be realized through an active and responsive partnership that includes the students, parents, community, and staff.

I. STATEMENT OF NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Mrs. Ubry called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and read the following statement:

As required by law, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to *The Trenton Times* and is posted at the Delaware Township School and filed in the Board of Education Office with the School Administrator/Board Secretary.

II. FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Ubry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Mr. Johnston recorded the roll call as follows:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD	Present	Absent	Time of arrival after meeting called to order
Mr. Thomas Bruhl	X		
Mr. Scott Falk	X		
Mr. James Harkness	X		
Mrs. Catherine Mumford		X	
Mr. Joseph Pulkowski	X		
Mrs. Kathy Roethel	X		
Mrs. Lisa Thompson	X		
Mr. Lawrence Wohl	X		
Mrs. Linda Ubry	X		

IV. Audience Participation

Mr. Johnston reported the following unofficial results for the election held the previous evening:

2010-2011 Tax Levy supporting the Budget:

Yes – 371 votes

No – 853 votes

Due to the failed Budget, Dr. Wiener reported that one of the Township Committee Members was anticipating a reduction of \$150K, the approximate amount of the Teacher's salary increase. For discussion purposes, he had prepared the following summary:

**POTENTIAL TOWNSHIP FAILED BUDGET REQUEST – TEACHER RAISES \$150k**

**OPTIONS FOR REDUCTIONS**

**TIER I**

Retirement Breakage/Charter School	< 40k>
Potential Givebacks – Prof Development/Mileage	< 20k>
Tuition Reimbursement	< 40k>
Salary Increases	<150k>
Transportation/Charter School	< 20k>

<b>TIER II</b> - 150 hours @ \$37.50/hour	< 5.6k>
Extra Curricular	
Clubs	
Summer Curriculum	
Athletics (gymnastics)	< 6.5k>

<b>TIER III</b> - Staff Reductions	
Health Consolidation - .5	<30k>
French Reduction - .4	<30k>

<b>TIER IV</b> – Additional Staffing Reductions	
Homerooms/Class size	<60k>
Elementary Science Lab	<10k>

Members of the audience recommended that non-instructional areas should be cut first before anything else is cut from classroom instruction. They were not in favor of increasing class sizes by consolidating from three sections to two sections in the lower grades. A recommendation was also made to cut or reduce athletics or clubs before eliminating any teaching positions. There was also further discussion regarding the status of the Trillium Charter School. Preliminary enrollment was reported as five students, one more than what was budgeted.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Wohl and seconded by Mr. Falk to approve the following:

**Recommend** the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. (The minutes will be released when the reason for the Executive Session no longer exists).

The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Wohl and seconded by Mr. Pulkowski to adjourn the meeting  
At 9:40 PM.

The motion carried unanimously.

