TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 9, 2022

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Ms. Goguen at 7:01 p.m. at Old Turnpike School.

PRESENT: Ms. Carrino, Mr. Deo, Ms. Fleming, Ms. Jardinella, Ms.Munoz, Ms. Niang, Dr. Simon, Ms. Stein
ABSENT: Mr. Davidson

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Shouffler - Superintendent, Heather Goguen - Business Administrator

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Dr. Simon to enter executive session. The time was 7:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Carrino to return to open session. The time was 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.

Ms. Goguen read the Sunshine Law:

Welcome to a meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education. The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Tewksbury Township Board of Education has caused notice of the time and place of this meeting to be published in the Courier News and the Hunterdon Democrat and notice of the meeting has been posted on the Tewksbury Township School District website. www.tewksburyschools.org.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ms. Carrino, Mr. Deo, Ms. Fleming, Ms. Jardinella, Ms.Munoz, Ms. Niang, Dr. Simon, Ms. Stein
ABSENT: Mr. Davidson

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public addressed the board:

- Kristina Cagno, Pottersville, NJ - Ms. Cagno is in favor of masks being optional and inquired about what the district is doing in terms of quarantining.
- Steve Voyce, Califon, NJ - Would like masks to be optional on buses. Would like to know how the district will be handling mental health with the students.
- Danielle Voyce, Califon, NJ - Would like masks to be optional.
- Melissa Pavezzi, Califon, NJ - Would like the board to address the food quality issues.
- Jennifer Flood, Califon, NJ - Would like the district to explore other food service options. Ms. Flood felt that there have been issues with Maschio's Food Service throughout the years.
- John DePeppo, Califon, NJ - Stated that the mask mandate has had an impact on his son's growth in school.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Munoz to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

All in Favor: Jillian Carrino, Karen, Fleming, Susanne Jardinella, Suleyka Munoz, Khadija Niang, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Absent: Greg Davidson

PRESENTATION: Dr. Shouffler shared the results of the Start Strong tests which were given in ELA and Math to students in grade 4-8 as well as Science in grade 6. There have been some concerns from parents regarding the quality of school lunches. Mr. Keith Leder from Maschio's Food Service discussed the concerns and will be working with his staff to address the concerns and improve the lunch quality. Mr. John McGowan from McGowan LLC discussed the district water testing and the OTS water filtration system which is being installed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Several emails were received from parents regarding the school lunches and health protocols related to mask wearing in schools. A thank you note was received from the SAFE program in Hunterdon County for the giving tree holiday gifts collected by the students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Shouffler anticipates that there will be some changes to the health guidance from the state in terms of mask wearing in schools. The district's COVID case numbers have been steadily improving. The boys and girls basketball teams both made it into the playoffs.

MINUTES: The following minutes will be reviewed by the board and approved at the February 23, 2022 meeting:

- January 5, 2022 Reorganization and Committee of the Whole Meeting
- January 26, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
- January 26, 2022 Executive Session

CURRICULUM: Dr. Shouffler discussed next year's relocation of the fifth grade to Old Turnpike School. A letter has been sent out to parents informing them of the change. Dr. Shouffler explained changes to the facilities with the 3 traditional and 1 multi disabled class moving to OTS. OTS currently has space available and this would free up several rooms at TES which is now in need of the rooms due to COVID protocols. The fifth grade classrooms will be housed in the atrium section of the school, next to each other. The fifth grade will have their own lockers. The busing will be more evenly distributed. In the near future, rising fifth graders and their parents will be invited to a presentation and to tour Old Turnpike School and meet Dr. Michael Mitchell, Principal, staff members and students. Moving the fifth graders to OTS will also open the opportunity for the preschool to be held at TES next year. The PTA has offered to donate age-appropriate playground equipment.

POLICY: Dr. Shouffler updated the board on the progress of transitioning to the new policy provider.

FINANCE: Dr. Shouffler thanked Mr. Lenny Mecca for his donation of KN95 masks. Ms. Goguen gave an update on the budget for next school year and the audit of the 2020-21 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Stein to approve the following:
Discussion: None

Accept the generous donation of 2000 KN95 masks from Mr. Lenny Mecca. Approximate value is $3,000.00.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes:Jillian Carrino, Karen Fleming, Susanne Jardinella, Khadija Niang, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Absent: Greg Davidson

TECHNOLOGY: None.

FACILITIES: Ms. Goguen informed the board that topographic surveys will be done at both schools for the paving project next week.

TRANSPORTATION: None.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: Dr. Shouffler shared with the Board the last Executive Order from Governor Murphy on mask wearing in school- Order 281. Noting the significant decline of statewide COVID-19 metrics, Governor Phil Murphy announced recently that masks and facial coverings will no longer be mandated for students, staff, or visitors in schools and childcare centers effective March 7, 2022. If the school decides not to impose a mask mandate, the Safe Return to School Plan will be updated on the website. If the in-school mandate is lifted, those students and staff wishing to wear a mask will be allowed to do so. As of now, masks will still be required on the school buses. Dr. Shouffler notified the board that the TEF would like to create an annual award that serves to recognize a graduating TES with a character award named after Kristy Schaub.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Munoz to approve the following:

Approve Old Turnpike School's 6th grade student council collection of new underwear, and socks for men and women to benefit local veterans. Collection will take place through February 11, 2022.

In partnership with the Tewksbury Township Police Department, approve Tewksbury Elementary School's "Cans for Compassion" food drive to support the Open Cupboard Food Pantry in Clinton, NJ from February 7-28, 2022. Ms. Cain's class will run the drive in consultation with Ms. Donovan as a service learning project.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes:Jillian Carrino, Karen Fleming, Susanne Jardinella, Khadija Niang, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Absent: Greg Davidson

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public addressed the board:

- Brandi Harkins, Califon, NJ - Concerned about the food service. Voiced confusion about the role of Maschio's Food Service, the schools and the parents.
- Steve Voyce, Califon, NJ - Would like to know if Maschio's uses the school water to cook the food.
- Jennifer Flood, Califon, NJ - Would like there to be a healthy eating track offered with items the students can and cannot purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Munoz to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

All in Favor: Jillian Carrino, Karen, Fleming, Susanne Jardinella, Suleyka Munoz, Khadija Niang, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Absent: Greg Davidson

PERSONNEL: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Carrino to approve the following:
Discussion: None

Approve Tyler Crosby as a substitute teacher/aide for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve the following staff member for after school one on one or small group tutoring in ELA/Math funded by the ESSER 2 (After School Salaries) Grant.

Name	Step/Guide	Hourly Salary	Hours
Patsy DelGrande	Step 12 MA+30	$56.96	Up to 10 hours total

According to ethics code, rescind the January 26, 2022 motion approving Khadija Niang as a substitute teacher/aide for the 2021-2022.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes:Jillian Carrino, Karen Fleming, Susanne Jardinella, Khadija Niang, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Absent: Greg Davidson

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Stein would like to look into getting sports banners for the school gym.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Dr. Simon to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:09 p.m.

All in Favor: Jillian Carrino, Karen, Fleming, Susanne Jardinella, Suleyka Munoz, Khadija Niang, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Absent: Greg Davidson

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Goguen
Board Secretary