TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting, October 13, 2021

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. Davidson, Dr. Deeney, Mr. Deo, Ms. Jardinella, Ms. Larsen (arrived 7:21), Ms.Munoz, Dr. Simon, Ms. Stein

ABSENT: None.

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 Dr. Simon to return to open session. The time was 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Ms. Goguen at 7:30 p.m. at Old Turnpike School.

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. Davidson, Dr. Deeney, Mr. Deo, Ms. Jardinella, Ms. Larsen, Ms.Munoz, Dr. Simon, Ms. Stein

ABSENT: None.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

All in Favor: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Lori Larsen, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo

PRESENTATION: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: An email was received from a parent on COVID protocols. An email was received from the PTA regarding candidates night on 10/20/21.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Shouffler updated the Board on the implementation of Executive Order 253 on vaccines and COVID testing for any unvaccinated school staff. Dr. Shouffler thanked the school nurses, Kelly Cullen and Nancy Morogiello, for everything they have been doing to help the students and staff stay well. New Jersey school districts are required to follow Executive Order 251 which requires the wearing of masks in schools. The Board recognizes that some parents are in support of this order and some have concerns.

MINUTES: Minutes were sent to Board members for approval at the October 27, 2021 meeting.

CURRICULUM: The 8th grade students were surveyed, and about 70% were interested in a school play/musical. The district is trying to find any staff or community members who are interested in directing. Dr. Shouffler updated the Board on learning plans for students excluded from school due to COVID or being a close contact. In grades K-2, Chromebooks will be assigned to kindergarten students if needed. Students in grades 1 and 2 will be given their Chromebook to take home.

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

Approve the following field trip for the 2021-2022 school year:

Grade	Destination	Date	Cost per Student (cost of attendance not paid by district)
3	Waterloo Village, Stanhope, NJ	November 12, 2021	$12.00

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Lori Larsen, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo

POLICY: Dr. Shouffler updated the Board on the policy committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Dr. Simon to approve the following policy on first reading:

- 3451 Petty Cash Funds

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Lori Larsen, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo

FINANCE: Dr. Shouffler updated the Board on the difficulty of finding substitute teachers due to various reasons. Suggestions are to have paraprofessionals get their sub certifications and increase the substitute pay rate. A survey of nearby district sub rates was reviewed. Ms. Goguen informed the Board that a revision to the Board Secretary and Transfer Reports for June 2021will need to be approved at the next meeting.

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

Approve the OTS and TES fundraiser to collect gift cards to benefit the Manville and Lambertville School Districts that were severely harmed by the flooding on September 1, 2021.

Approve the non-perishable food drive at Old Turnpike School to be held in conjunction with the Tewksbury Township Police Department. Food will be donated to SAFE in Hunterdon, an organization dedicated to offering safety, hope, supportive services, and advocacy to survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Hunterdon County. Date of drive TBD.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Lori Larsen, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo

TECHNOLOGY: None.

FACILITIES: Ms. Goguen provided updates on the food service, Long Range Facilities Planning Committee and M1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

TRANSPORTATION: Bus replacement and the shared services transportation with Readington was discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS: The school nurses sent home information to families about COVID protocols.

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

Approve submission of the Law Enforcement Memorandum of Agreement to the County Executive Office.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Lori Larsen, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

All in Favor: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Lori Larsen, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Approve the leave request from Maura Obercian, Elementary School Spanish Teacher from November 16, 2021 through approximately December 23, 2021.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Yes: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Lori Larsen, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Dr. Deeney asked if we can start looking at the Superintendent's contract for renewal.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Carrino to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:37 p.m.

All in Favor: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Lori Larsen, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Opposed: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Goguen
Board Secretary