TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting, September 8, 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.

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, the Hunterdon Democrat, the Hunterdon Review and notice of the meeting has been posted in the Township Municipal Building, both school buildings and the Tewksbury Township Public Library.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ms. Carrino, Mr. Davidson, Dr. Deeney, Mr. Deo, Ms. Jardinella, Ms.Munoz, Dr. Simon, Ms. Stein

ABSENT: Ms. Larsen

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 exit public comment.
Discussion: None

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

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letters were received from parents regarding mask wearing, some supporting and some against.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Shouffler stated that it would have to be the majority of the BOE present to write to the Governor regarding the wearing of masks in school. The start of school was delayed by one day due to flash flooding caused by Hurricane Ida. Some Tewksbury roads were impassable and other concerns were that staff living outside of Tewksbury would have difficulty getting to school. School was able to fully open on September 3rd. Lunch at Tewksbury Elementary School has been challenging. Maschio's Food Service is short staffed and also has many new staff. The district is speaking to Maschio's to resolve the issues. Assigned seats in both cafeterias should reduce contact tracing if needed. A new drop off procedure is being

implemented at TES. OTS pick up and drop offs went well. Dr. Shouffler thanked the parents for helping the district by transporting their children when possible. The music programs in both schools will be up and running this school year. Protocols will be put in place to help mitigate the spread of COVID. The topic of holding virtual conferences and back to school nights was discussed. A decision will be made shortly.

CURRICULUM: The district will be running an after-school homework helper program using federal funds allocated for learning loss. An enrichment extension for after-school is also under consideration. Dr. Shouffler shared after school club proposals from the PTA and from Whittemore. These clubs would replace programs previously offered by the Morris County Arts Workshop. One day and overnight field trips were discussed. If health data permits, the district would like to start planning for field trips and advertising for the 6th and 8th grade trip advisors. The district has two goals this school year: 1) Identify students' learning needs due to the disruption of the pandemic and support students' academic growth, and 2) Address students' social-emotional learning needs through various support programs. The Board of Education goals will include 1) supporting our school programs and providing resources in our schools that address student learning and social emotional needs due to the pandemic and 2) continuing to improve the quality of education in the district while remaining fiscally responsible. Dr. Shouffler stated that she has had curriculum questions from parents recently. The district does not teach Critical Race Theory as it would not be developmentally appropriate at the K-8 grade level. The curriculum is on the district's website. The curriculum is based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

POLICY: Motion was made by Mr. Davidson and seconded by Mr. Deo to separate the votes on the first and second policy readings.

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

- 5141.10 Face Coverings
- 5141.11 Vaccination and Testing

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

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

- 3542.2 School Meal Arrears
- Bylaw Guide 0155.1 - Board Member Participation at Board Meetings Using Electronic Devices

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Jillian Carrino, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Suleyka Munoz, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
No: Greg Davidson, William Simon
Absent: Lori Larsen

FINANCE: On the September 29th agenda, the board will be asked to approve the following. This is additional federal aid that will be used for out of district tuition and OT/PT and itinerant services.

Submission of American Rescue Plan-IDEA grant for the following amounts:

Basic:	$20,444.00
Preschool:	$ 1,746.00

TECHNOLOGY: The board is reviewing an addendum to the Readington shared services agreement.

FACILITIES: Ms. Goguen will email board members interested in being on the Committee for the Long Range Facility Plan. The OTS locker room is on track for the week of September 20th. Once the locker room is complete, the board will tour Old Turnpike School in order to help prioritize for both the long range facility plan and the maintenance items needed.

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

Approve the attached Tewksbury School District bus routes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Opposed: None
Absent: Lori Larsen

COMMUNICATION: None.

OTHER: None.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Carolyn Thow, Califon, NJ provided additional information regarding Whittemore's proposal to run after school clubs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Stein to enter executive session. The time was 8:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Stein to return to open session. The time was 8:29 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Approve Yvette Shangold as a substitute school nurse for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve Bonnie Mendralla as a teacher for the homework helper club for one hour after school 2 days per week at the hourly rate of Step 15 MA+30 $65.73/hour for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve Rick de Jaager as a teacher for the homework helper club for one hour after school 1 day per week at the hourly rate of Step 15 MA $64.20/hour for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approve Pam Nugent as a teacher for the homework helper club for one hour after school 3 days per week at the hourly rate of Step 15 BA+30 $62.66/hour for the 2021-2022 school year.

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Katherine Provel as a part time (25 hours per week) Speech Language Pathologist at MA Step 2 $59,993 (pro-rated), effective October 11, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (OTS0025/DIST-SPE-CST-02)

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff for study of the math curriculum and development of scope and sequence.

Name	Date	Grades	Hours	Rate
Jaime Levy	8/24/21	K-2	5	$40.00
Kristy Schaub	8/24/21	K-2	5	$40.00

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Kara Swan as Old Turnpike School School Safety Coordinator for the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of $11.65 per on-site day.

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Connie Van Epps as a full time Instructional Aide at Step 2, $16.75/hour beginning August 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022. (TES-AID-INST-01)

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Molly Petty, Payroll/Human Resources Specialist, effective on or about November 1, 2021. (DIST-HRC-BOE-01)

Approve the five (5) merit goals for the superintendent for the 2021-2022 school year, and subsequent submission to the Hunterdon County Executive Superintendent. This includes two (2) qualitative goals and three (3) quantitative goals.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Jillian Carrino, Greg Davidson, Angela Deeney, Susanne Jardinella, Suleyka Munoz, William Simon, Andrea Stein, Michael Deo
Opposed: None
Absent: Lori Larsen

OLD BUSINESS: Dr. Deeney requested access to the results of the climate survey.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Stein to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:43 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Goguen
Board Secretary