TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting, July 14, 2021

The Regular Board Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Ms. Larsen at 7:03 p.m. at Old Turnpike School.

PRESENT: Ms. Carrino, Mr. Davidson, Dr. Deeney (attended virtually), Ms. Jardinella, Ms. Larsen, Dr. Simon, Ms. Stein

ABSENT: Ms.Munoz, Mr. Deo

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

Ms. Larsen read the Sunshine Law:

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Connie Wygera, Lebanon, NJ inquired about the critical race theory curriculum with NEA and NJEA's latest information. Mr. Lou Bana and Ms. Debbie Bana, Califon, NJ also inquired about critical race theory curriculum. Mr. Bana would like to get back to teaching for the students' future and careers and offered his assistance. Ms. Margaret Griggs, Lebanon, NJ felt that there would be problems if critical race theory is mandated.

PRESENTATION: Ms. Fasano from Maschio's Food Service gave a presentation on the school lunch program. Ms. Megan Verderamo, Supervisor of the Child Study Team, presented the NWEA student test results.

CORRESPONDENCE: The following correspondence was received: thank you note from B. Tosco, letter from Maschio's Food Services, email from C. Cagno regarding mask wearing and vaccines.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Shouffler advised the board that the NJDOE released a document called The Road Forward, Health and Safety Guidance for the 2021-2022 school year. This document highlights that each community is unique, and appropriate mitigation strategies should be based on the best available data and decision making may vary based on location and level of community transmission. At this time, the district plans to open with full programming and school activities. Masks will need to be worn on school buses, as per CDC order, but will be optional for students and staff in the school. Social distancing protocols will remain in place as much as possible. The NJ Department of Health has referred schools to the CDC table which indicates additional health protocols if community transmission of COVID increases. The Superintendent and school nurses will monitor this data throughout the school year. There were no HIB incidents to report. The board reviewed the enrollment reports and the emergency/fire drill reports. The HIB Grade Reports for 2019-2020 were also reviewed. This self-assessment logs the number of HIB-related training and programs offered to the staff and students.

OLD TURNPIKE SCHOOL	
Month/ Year	June 2021
Date	6/11/21, 10:45am
Drill Description	Security drill- Hold! In classrooms (medical emergency)
Duration of Drill	3 minutes
Weather Conditions	Cloudy
Conductor of Drill	Michael Mitchell
Notification Method	Email staff, PA system and radion

TEWKSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	
Month/Year	June 2021
Date	6/11/21
Drill Description	Security Drill- Hold! In your classrooms. (Medical emergency)
Duration of Drill	3 minutes
Weather Conditions	Cloudy
Conductor of Drill	Megan Verderamo and Katie Lemerich
Notification Method	Email, PA system and radio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Ms. Larsen and seconded by Dr. Simon to approve the following minutes:

- June 2, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- June 2, 2021 Executive Session
- June 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- June 16, 2021 Executive Session

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

CURRICULUM: Dr. Shouffler would like to have several clubs approved for the 2021-22 school year. The Morris County Arts Workshop has closed their after school program and alternatives are being discussed. Dr. Shouffler would like the district to apply for the Math for All grant opportunity through the Department of Education. This grant offers 20 hours of free professional development for K-5 teachers for two years to help increase achievement in mathematics and reduce the gaps between general and special education students. Dr. Shouffler would also like to apply for a partnership with the Teachers College Reading Writing Program through the Teachers College of Columbia University in order to move the district to a more systemic vision of reading and writing instruction. If accepted, this relationship would begin with the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Approve the following policy on second reading:

- 6140 Curriculum Adoption

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

FINANCE: The Board discussed the Property/Liability Insurance Renewal for 21-22.

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

Approval of Bills

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached lists of district bills for payment as presented by the School Business Administrator for the period June 17, 2021 through June 30, 2021 for a total amount of $568,442.96 and for the period July 1, 2021 through July 14, 2021 for a total amount of $276,211.89

Approve the following workshop/travel requests for the 2021-2022 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator make the findings and approve attendance and travel for the following workshops/meetings:

- that travel is directly related to and within the scope of the employee or Board member's duties or responsibilities; and for employees, the school district's professional development plan;
- that travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district or furthers the efficient operation of the district;
- that the travel is in compliance with state and federal travel payment guidelines; and
- that the travel is in compliance with the District policy on travel.

Staff Member	Date	Registration	Other Expenses	Event/Destination
Katie Lemerich	7/20/21	-0-	-0-	ASCD Executive Board Retreat
Allison Caruso	10/19/21	$180.00	-0-	NJ Science Convention

Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

Approve placement of student #2939084202 at The Arc of Essex County Stepping Stones School for the 2021 Extended School Year Program beginning July 1,2021 through August 12, 2021 at a tuition cost of $16,050.00 plus transportation.

Approve placement of student #2939084202 at The Arc of Essex County Stepping Stones School for the 2021-2022 School Year beginning September 8, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a tuition cost of $96,300.00 plus transportation.

Approve placement of student #6343430400 at Somerset Hills Learning Institute for the 2021 Extended School Year Program beginning July 6, 2021 through August 16, 2021 at a tuition cost of $17,095.80 plus transportation.

Approve placement of student #6343430400 at Somerset Hills Learning Institute for the 2021-2022 School Year beginning September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a tuition cost of $102,574.80 plus transportation.

Approve placement of student #6150315175 at The Calais School for the 2021-2022 School Year beginning September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a tuition cost of $70,844.40 plus transportation.

Rescind Finance motion #6 from May 19, 2021 BOE meeting to approve entering into contract with Scott Bagish Educational Services, LLC for Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant Services for Education Evaluations for 2021-2022 School Year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a rate of $410.00 per evaluation.

Rescind Finance motion #7 from May 19, 2021 BOE meeting to approve entering into contract with Scott Bagish Educational Services, LLC for Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant Services for Child Study Team Meetings (Planning, Eligibility, IEP, Reevaluation and Educational Consultation) for 2021-2022 School Year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at a rate of $75.00 per hour, one hour minimum.

Accept the ESEA Federal Grant funds as follows:

Title I-A	$ 9,940.00
Title II-A	$ 7,031.00
Title III	$ 400.00
Title IV Part A	$10,000.00

Approve Maschio's Food Service, Inc., Chester, NJ, to manage the Tewksbury Township Board of Education's food service for the 2021-2022 school year at an annual cost of $7,567.40, as recommended by the School Business Administrator. Maschio's Food Service, Inc. guarantees that the food service operation for the 2021-2022 school year shall operate at "no cost".

Approve the following lunch prices:

Student Lunch	$4.25
Adult Lunch	$4.50

Approve the joint transportation agreement with Califon School district to provide transportation services to 9 Califon resident students that will be attending the Tewksbury School District as school choice students for the 2021-22 school year. Califon will pay $1,000 per student for transportation costs.

Approve Student ID #8689570923 from Califon School District to attend the Tewksbury Township School District Extended School Year program at a cost of $2,614.40 plus transportation.

Accept the receipt of FY21 Extraordinary Aid (EXAID) in the amount of $203,927.00.

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

TECHNOLOGY: Applitrack, an electronic system for employment applications was discussed.

FACILITIES: Ms. Goguen updated the board on the summer projects. The new architect firm will be doing a walkthrough of both buildings this week.

COMMUNICATION: None.

OTHER: None.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: None

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Connie Wygera, Lebanon, NJ, asked about the direction the school is going in. Ms. Margaret Griggs, Lebanon, NJ asked what the policy is for a student testing positive for COVID. Dr. Shouffler stated that there is a nine page document of protocol to follow.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Ms. Larsen and seconded by Mr. Davidson to enter executive session. The time was 9:46 p.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Larsen and seconded by Dr. Simon to return to open session. The time was 10:11 p.m.

PERSONNEL: The school social worker has resigned and hiring an LDTC (learning disabilities teaching consultant) was discussed.

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

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Nancy Auld-Morogiello as an Elementary School Nurse effective August 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at Step 14 BA, $81,782.00. (TES-NUR-01)

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Fay Perticari as a Maternity Leave Replacement Elementary School Library/Media Specialist effective August 30, 2021 through approximately February 28, 2022 at Step 2 MA $59,993.00. (TES-TCH-MEDIA-01)

Accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Kathleen Wright, School Social Worker, effective June 30, 2021. (DIST-SOC-CST-01)

Approve Susan Stecker as Speech Language Specialist for summer evaluations, reports, meetings, and case management beginning July 15, 2021 through August 27, 2021 at an hourly rate of $60.89 on an as needed basis.

Approve Tom Lobb as the new teacher mentor to Emily Montgomery, Physical Education/Health Teacher at the rate of $550/year to be paid by mentee.

Approve the following honoraria positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	Honoraria Position	Compensation
Patty Jennings	Athletic Director	$5,382.00
Cathy Zisk	Cross Country Head Coach	$4,401.00

Tom Lobb	Cross Country Assistant Coach	$3,721.00
Heather Olla	Girls Soccer Head Coach	$4,401.00
Pete Berg	Boys Soccer Head Coach	$4,401.00
Patty Jennings	Field Hockey Coach (Shared)	$4,061.00
Darcy Harp	Field Hockey Coach (Shared)	$4,061.00
Cathy Zisk	OTS Ski Club Advisor	$4,630.00
Amanda Kouzis	Odyssey of the Mind Advisor	$3,900.00
Dee Krowl	Magazine Drive Coordinator	$585.00
Dee Krowl	8th Grade Co-Advisor	$562.50
Bonnie Mendralla	8th Grade Co-Advisor	$562.50
Dee Krowl	Student Council Co-Advisor	$660.00
Bonnie Mendralla	Student Council Co-Advisor	$660.00
Becky Palmer	Yearbook Co-Advisor	$1,500.00
Karen Morrow	Yearbook Co-Advisor	$1,500.00

Approve the following clubs for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name	Club	Compensation
Camille Bristowe Mike Wooby	Safety Patrol Gr. 4-5	$2,000.00 Shared
Emily Searle	Battle of the Books Gr. 6-8	$2,000.00
Kelly Takayama	Art Club Gr. 6-8	$2,000.00

Approve Bonnie Mendralla as a Realtime Student Information Systems scheduler/trainer at the rate of $40.00/hour, maximum 15 hours.

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Brianna Bortz as the Tewksbury Elementary School Music Teacher effective August 30, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at Step 6 MA, $64,183.00, pending criminal history review. (TES-TCH-MUSC-01)

Approve submission to the Executive County Superintendent the Superintendent Merit Goals for the (1) Qualitative Goal and (2) Quantitative Goals for a total of $13,995.93. The Board hereby approves the aforementioned merit bonus for the 2020-21 school year subject to approval by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools that the quantitative and qualitative merit criteria for each of the Board assessed objectives have been satisfied for the payment of such merit bonus.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ms. Larsen and seconded by Mr. Davidson to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:17 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Goguen
Board Secretary