TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2021

The Regular Board Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Deo at 7:01 p.m. in the all purpose room at Old Turnpike School.

Mrs. Tirone 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. This meeting is being live streamed and recorded.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ms. Carrino, Dr. Deeney, Ms. Jardinella, Ms. Larsen (7:21 p.m.), Ms. Munoz, Dr. Simon, Ms. Stein, Mr. Deo

ABSENT: Mr. Davidson

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Shouffler - Superintendent, Lori Tirone - Business Administrator, members of the public

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter to the Board of Education from the Tewksbury Education Association.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Rebecca Chapman read a letter from the Tewksbury Education Association. The following staff members commented to the board:

- Ms. S. Stecker - discussed reasons not to return to full day.
- Ms. L. Gentile - discussed how well the students are currently performing.
- Ms. S. Wilkinson - spoke about how the students are doing well now and a change would be disruptive.
- Mr. S. Steinman - reviewed a typical day for an 8th grade student. 8th graders are thriving now. Moving to a full day would only give the students lunch and an additional 10 minutes of instructional time.
- Ms. C. Bristow - discussed the instructional day and that the current model is working.
- Ms. K. Morrow - We have a safe model now. There are only 54 days of school remaining. Will the extra hour help instruction?
- Ms. J. DenBleyker - emphasized the extended mask wearing and distancing if school were full day. There would also be a loss of E&R. Teachers are able to provide a good education now.
- Ms. J. Wadler - teachers have made a valiant effort this year and it is not a good idea to increase the in person school day.
- Ms. M. Cutri-French - spoke about remaining as is. It is not a typical day, there is no movement and wearing masks and social distancing all day is difficult.

Mr. Deo closed the public session at 7:31 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Hunterdon County remains in the orange (high risk) level. There were 12 confirmed COVID cases this month in the district. The CDC has updated their guidance on social distancing for students in schools from six feet to three feet. Six feet is recommended for middle schools and high schools when in orange. The CDC is also recommending to continue to eliminate or decrease nonessential in-person interactions among staff and limit non essential visitors to the school. There were no HIB cases for the month of March, 2021. Enrollment reports and Emergency/Fire Drill reports were reviewed.

OLD TURNPIKE SCHOOL				
Month/ Year	Feb. 2021	March 2021	March 2021	March 2021
Date	2/24/21	3/2/21 11am	3/9/21	3/18/21 10am
Drill Description	Security Drill- AED	Fire Drill	Bus Evacuation Drill- all buses in the front of the school	School Security Drill- Lockdown
Duration of Drill	20 minutes	3 minutes	15 minutes	3 minutes
Weather Conditions	Sunny	inside	warm	rainy
Conductor of Drill	Dee Krowl/Kelly Cullen	Holmes/Krowl	Michael Mitchel/ Bob Hoffman	M. Mitchell, D. Krowl, K. Swan
Notification Method	Email, PA system and radios	Email 3/1, PA System and Radio	Email to staff on 3/5/21 and 3/8/21	Email staff 3/17/21, PA system and radio

TEWKSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
Month/Year	Feb. 2021	March 2021	March 2021	March 2021
Date	2/24/2021	3/3, 3/4 , 3/5 & 3/8/21	3/10/2021	3/18/21
Drill Description	AED Drill & Debrief	Bus Evacuation Drill (front door exit) 2 buses a day 3/3 - 7 & 12 3/4 - 4 & 9 3/5- 1 & 3 3/8 - 2 & 6	Fire Drill (Grade K and 1 existed building)	School Security drill- Lockdown
Duration of Drill	28 minutes	10 minutes	5 minutes	7 minutes
Weather Conditions	n/a	Cold but good	Sunny	n/a
Conductor of Drill	Katie Lemerich and Grace Page	Bob Hoffman, bus drivers,	Katie Lemerich, Megan Verderamo, Ben	Katie Lemerich, Megan Vederamo, Eileen

		Megan Verderamo	Karmondi	Callahan
Notification Method	Loudspeaker - Hold & Secure	Email (3/1) was sent to teachers and PA reminder each morning	Email (3/10), loud speaker and radio	Email 3/17, loud speaker, radio

PRESENTATION: Dr. Shouffler presented a powerpoint presentation on the challenges and possibilities of returning to school full time. The Board posed questions on re-opening full time following the presentation. Issues discussed included a full day of mask wearing, consideration of dates, NJSLA testing, outdoor tents and spaces for lunch. The topic will be revisited at the April 14th meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Stein to approve the following minutes:

- February 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting
- February 10, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- February 10, 2021 Executive Session
- February 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- February 24, 2021 Executive Session

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

CURRICULUM: The state is still waiting to hear if a federal waiver will be granted for NJSLA testing. If it is not granted, tests will have to be given in May and June. Remote students will also need to take tests with a remote proctor. Next school year, Dr. Shouffler would like to administer the national world language exam to 7th and 8th grade students.

POLICY: None.

FINANCE: The Board wishes to go out to bid for the lockers for the OTS locker room. Dr. Shouffler thanked the TEF for their mini-grant for 3rd grade instruments.

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

Approval of Bills

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached list of district bills for payment as presented by the School Business Administrator for the period February 25, 2021 through March 24, 2021 for a total amount of $1,847,459.86.

Acceptance and Approval of Board Secretary's Report for the month of January, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of January, 2021 in consultation with appropriate district officials, the Board of Education certifies that no fund had been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(b); and the Board of Education further certifies, based on the Board Secretary's certification, that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(a).

Acceptance and Approval of Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2021 in consultation with appropriate district officials, the Board of Education certifies that no fund had been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(b); and the Board Secretary further certifies, based on the Board Treasurer's Report, that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(a).

The Board Secretary certifies, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(c)(3), that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(a).

Approve the attached list of transfers.

Approve the Tewksbury Township School District Board of Education and the Educational Services Commission of Morris County - Professional Support/Non-Public Services Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year.

Accept the Tewksbury Education Foundation mini grant requested by Brittany Spina in the amount of $1,499.50 to purchase 60 Wind Instrument Try-Out Kits for 3rd graders.

Statement of Purpose for Capital Reserve Withdrawal

Approval for the district as it has complied with the procedures governing withdrawals from the capital reserve and will withdraw $1,200,000 to fund "construction projects" in the Long Range Facilities Plan for the 21/22 projects. The capital reserve withdrawals are recorded in capital projects. The projects are: Asbestos Removal at OTS $25,000, Exterior Doors at OTS $200,000, Flooring at OTS $75,000, Irrigation System Repair at OTS $45,000, Lighting Upgrade at OTS $50,000, Lockdown Emergency Notification System at OTS $55,000, Locker Room Renovations $450,000, Parking Lot (Right Side) at OTS $250,000, and Lighting Upgrade at TES $50,000.

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

Approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for Tewksbury Elementary School and Old Turnpike School.

	Tewksbury Elementary School	**Old Turnpike School**
Date of Drill	March 3, 4, 5, 8, 2021	March 9, 2021
Time	8:30 a.m.	7:30 a.m.
Location of Drill	Lower parking lot	Driveway around front and north side

Route Numbers Included	7, 12, 4, 9, 1, 3, 2, 6	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12
Name of School Principal or persons supervising drill	K. Lemerich, M. Verderamo, B. Hoffman, Jr.	M. Mitchell, B. Hoffman, Jr.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: Ms. Tirone will put out a Request for Proposal for architectural services.

LEGISLATION: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

During this portion of the meeting, the public is invited to address the Board with questions or comments on agenda items and if time permitting, other items.

The public is requested to sign the register provided for this purpose and to state their name, address, and direct their comments to the Board President. While all comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate, the Board will not respond to the speakers at the time of their appearance.

The public comment period will be a maximum of thirty minutes in length unless there are unusual circumstances. Those appearing will be allocated three minutes to speak and no one will be permitted to speak twice until all those wishing to speak have had a turn.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Dr. Deeney to enter Executive Session. The time was 8:22 PM.

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, also known as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in executive or private session under certain limited circumstances, and:
WHEREAS, said law required the Board of Education to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Tewksbury that it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters for approximately thirty minutes. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting. Action may be taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Munoz to return to Open Session. The time was 8:55 PM.

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

Accept, with regret, the letter of retirement from Nancy Carle, Physical Education Teachers, effective July 1, 2021.

Approve the following TES after school club advisors. Compensation will be $40/hour, 2 hours per session (includes prep). Anticipated club dates are April 12th through June 4th.

Advisor	Club
Karen Morrow	Garden Club (3-5)
Mike Wooby	City Games in the Country (K-5)
Heather Olla	Running/Fitness (3-5)
Cassidy Cain	Running/Fitness (3-5)
Heather Olla	Yoga Club (3-5)
Cassidy Cain	Arts & Crafts (3-5)
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OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Ms. Larsen to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:58 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Tirone
Board Secretary