TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
February 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 (remote), Ms. Larsen (arrived 7:08) 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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Linda Wellbrock, Oldwick, NJ commented on 8th grade extra curricular activities and would like the 8th grade class to have the opportunity to perform in a play this year.

PRESENTATION: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Governor Murphy announced that schools will be receiving funds and can apply for grants to support COVID related learning loss and mental health challenges. All grades were welcomed to in-person learning on February 16th. The transition went smoothly and students appear happy to be back in the classrooms. On March 1, the Pre-K program will increase from 4 half days to 5 half days. Health data puts our region in the yellow (moderate risk) zone. There were 4 confirmed COVID cases in the district for the month of February. There were no HIB incidents for the month of February, 2021. Enrollment reports and emergency/fire drill reports were reviewed.

OLD TURNPIKE SCHOOL		
Month/Year	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021
Cohort	Front Office staff	All
Date/Time	1/22/21	2/12, 9:30am
Drill Description	Security Drill- Bomb Threat	Fire drill
Duration of Drill	30 minutes	2 minutes
Weather Conditions	nice	Indoor drill
Conductor of Drill	Verderamo/Krowl/Swan	Krowl/Holmes
Notification Method	Zoom meeting set up to discuss procedures	PA system

TEWKSBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL		
Month/Year	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021
Cohort	Front Office and CST office	All
Date/Time	1/29/21	2/12/2021
Drill Description	Security Drill- Bomb Threat	Fire Drill
Duration of Drill	15 min	3 minutes
Weather Conditions	Windy and cold	Indoor drill
Conductor of Drill	M. Verderamo	K. Lemerich, E. Callahan
Notification Method	Email and in-person meeting	Radios & loudspeakers

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

- January 7, 2021 Reorganization Meeting
- January 7, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

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

- January 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting
- January 20, 2021 Executive Session

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

CURRICULUM: Outdoor middle school sports clubs are under consideration for the spring. Governor Murphy announced that the NJDOE would be applying for a federal waiver to remove state testing this school year. The government announced that standardized tests must be administered this year to be used as a source of information for parents and educators rather than for accountability. A week of remote learning after spring break in order to quarantine was discussed. A survey will be sent out to parents and staff regarding remote learning following the break.

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

Make an adjustment to the 2020-2021 school calendar to change the last day of school for students and teachers to Thursday, June 17, 2021. This addition of 1 school day is to compensate for the snow day closure on February 1, 2021.

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

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

Approve Strauss Esmay Associates, LLC, as the policy provider for the Tewksbury Township Board of Education effective July 1, 2021.

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

FINANCE: Mrs. Tirone provided the board members with a handout for the preliminary budget. Summaries of the last two audited years, plus this year and the proposal for next year were included. The OTS locker room renovation was awarded to Venus Tile and Marble for $249,000 plus adding working showers for $54,900. Police Chief Barlow, as the Township Emergency Management Coordinator may be able to assist with finding funding for the project.

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 January 21, 2021 through February 24, 2021 for a total amount of $1,242,918.23.

Acceptance and Approval of Board Secretary's Report for the month of December, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of December, 2020 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 December, 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2020 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 following fundraising events for the 2020-2021 school year:

Fundraising Event	Date	Proceeds to:	Advisor	# of Chaperones Needed (in addition to Advisors)
TES Canned Food Drive	February, 2021	5th Grade Service Learning Project to benefit the local food pantries	Sheila Donovan, Fay Perticari	0

Award the OTS Locker Room Renovations in accordance with contract documents and specifications to Venus Tile & Marble, 1083 Rt. 12, Frenchtown, NJ 08825. Base bid lump sum $249,000 plus Alt. #1 lump sum $54,900.

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

TRANSPORTATION: None.

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

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Becky Palmer and Kristen Rinehart to attend the Committee of the Whole Meeting and/or any other board meeting as needed in addition to the Regular Board Meeting in order to facilitate the live streaming of meetings at the rate of $25/hour for a minimum of three hours.

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

FACILITIES: Mrs. Tirone gave an update on the school cleaning and snow clearing.

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

Approve the building use for the 2021 Extended School Year Program from June 28, 2021 through July 29, 2021 Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Tewksbury Elementary School.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: None.

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 Ms. Larsen to enter Executive Session. The time was 7:45 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. Larsen to return to Open Session. The time was 8:37 PM.

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

Accept the request from Yahna Fiscarelli, 5th Grade Teacher, to extend her maternity leave from May 6th, 2021 to June 1st, 2021.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Next meeting discussions will include ratables and RFP.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Tirone
Board Secretary