TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 7, 2021

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Deo at 7:09 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.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ms. Carrino, Mr. Davidson, Dr. Deeney, Ms. Jardinella, Ms. Larsen (arrived 7:18) Ms. Munoz, Dr. Simon, Ms. Stein, Mr. Deo

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Shouffler - Superintendent, Lori Tirone - Business Administrator

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board received a thank you letter from the Open Cupboard Food Pantry, Inc. for the donations from Old Turnpike School's fundraiser spearheaded by students Izzy Settembrini and Emma Roesler.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Shouffler spoke about the ways schools can respond to current events in politics and thanked our educators for all they do to help students understand. Students can be engaged in discussions throughout the curriculum at the appropriate development level. An update on the COVID health data still has Hunterdon County in the high risk/orange level along with the rest of New Jersey. With an improved change to the yellow level, we can move forward with plans on 1/25/21 to modify the hybrid model to offer in-person learning 5 days per week for all students on the early dismissal schedule. The district will await the next county report that will be out on January 14th before making any decisions. Even if there is no change in the health data, requests to change models (remote or hybrid learning) for the January 25th date will be honored. School nurses have received their vaccine as part of the 1A/first group, educators are in the 1B group and should be offered the vaccine within the next month. So far this year there have been four confirmed student cases of COVID at TES, as well as one staff member at TES and one staff member on the district level. Several students have been self quarantining due to exposure outside of school over the holiday break.

CURRICULUM: New Jersey Department of Education test dates will be held the week of May 10th through the week of May 24th. Spring NWEA/MAP testing will be the week of April 19th and the week of April 26th. Dr. Shouffler and Patty Jennings, the Athletic Director, are in discussion to see if there is any interest in a basketball club which follows the administrative orders of Governor Murphy.

POLICY: None.

FINANCE: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Mrs. Stein to approve the following:

1. Approve the following workshop/travel requests for the 2020-2021 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
Jennifer Shouffler	1/21/21	$100.00	-0-	Legal One Issues Pertaining to Vaccinations & Schools- Virtual Mtg.

Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

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: Two teachers will be working as tech assistants to support the streaming for board meetings. These meetings will be live streamed via Zoom and are scheduled to start on January 20th.

FACILITIES: The sensory path has been completed at Tewksbury Elementary School.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: Dr. Shouffler updated the board on the school choice programs and stated that the three openings for next school year have been filled.

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: None.

PERSONNEL: Dr. Shouffler thanked Mrs. Tirone for her help and support over the last two years and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Dr. Deeney to approve the following:

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Lori Tirone, School Business Administrator, effective May 28, 2021.

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff members as technology assistants (shared position) one evening per month to attend the Board Meeting and facilitate the live streaming of meetings at the rate of $25/hour for a minimum of three hours.

- Becky Palmer
- Kristen Rinehart

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mr. Deo and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:07 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Tirone
Board Secretary