TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 1, 2020

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Pettegrove at 7:03 p.m. in the all purpose room at Old Turnpike School.

Mrs. Ackerman 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: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Carrino, Dr. Deeney, Mr. Deo (arrived 7:12), Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Larsen (arrived 7:11), Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Pettegrove

ABSENT: None.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: The district's auditor, Mr. Anthony Ardito presented the audit findings for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Verderamo's presentation on the MAP/NWEA student testing results have been moved to the December 17th meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Shouffler announced that the Supervisor of the Child Study Team, Ms. Megan Verderamo, is receiving an award from Centenary University for Educator of the Year. Congratulations to Ms. Verderamo. Dr. Shouffler gave an update on Hunterdon County health data. The county and state of NJ is now in a high risk level for COVID. If it moves to very high risk, the district will move to all remote learning. The schedule will be an early dismissal schedule for all remote learning with extra help sessions and some electives to be held in the afternoon. Special Education services would be on-going throughout the full day. The district has implemented contact tracing and exclusion from school anyone reporting COVID-like symptoms. Students can enter remote-only learning programs during quarantine. Students are required to re-register this month for the second half of the school year. January 25th is the goal date to offer in-person learning to all grades 5 days per week on an early dismissal schedule.

CURRICULUM: The draft 2020-21 calendar is being reviewed for approval. Ski club and all other sports are on hold right now due to Executive Orders from the Governor. It was decided that on inclement weather days, remote learning will be put into place rather than a snow day. However, in the event of severe weather and power outages, a traditional snow day would be used which would require a make up day at the end of the school year.

Dr. Shouffler thanked Pam Nugent and Patsy DelGrande for their assistance with the elementary school virtual parent workshops held last week. A middle school workshop is scheduled for December 3rd.

POLICY: None.

FINANCE: Mrs. Tirone informed the board of the new health benefit plan implemented by the state beginning January 1, 2021. Mrs. Tirone highlighted some of the differences and costs. All new employees hired after July 1, 2020 will have to be entered into the new plan.

Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to approve the following:

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
Mary Cutri-French	12/2/20	$125.00	-0-	Legal One: HIB Law Update, NJPSA/FEA
Sheila Donovan	12/2/20	$125.00	-0-	Legal One: HIB Law Update, NJPSA/FEA
Dr. Michael Mitchell	12/2/20	Free	-0-	Legal One: HIB Law Update, NJPSA/FEA

Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

Approve the joint transportation agreement between the Tewksbury Township School District and the Califon School District. Tewksbury will transport 10 school choice students residing in Califon for the annual fee of $1,000 per student.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Jillian Carrino, Angela Deeney, Michael Deo, Susanne Jardinella, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Andrea Stein, Cynthia Pettegrove

TECHNOLOGY: Mrs. Tirone has received quotes on equipment to livestream the board meetings. Microphones are on backorder, they are not available to purchase right now. A moderator will be needed and the cost of having a tech person at each meeting is being reviewed.

FACILITIES: Dr. Shouffler and Mrs. Tirone spoke about the new regulations for PFOA and PFOS levels in the water. Our water treatment company (McGowan) has stated that we may get a violation for Old Turnpike School, but no fine, and the district will have a year to remediate the issue. Any reimbursement from the state spill fund would only be granted after receiving a violation. McGowan recommends contacting The Portasoft Company for a quote on mineral tanks to remove the PFOA and PFOS. Mrs. Tirone shared the long term facility plans that have been completed and future plans.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: January 6th, 2021 is the proposed date for the reorganization meeting with a snow date of January 7th.

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: The school nurses have been asked to perform enhanced contact tracing due to COVID. Dr. Shouffler asked for approval for payment to the nurses for any services performed outside of regular school hours.

Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to approve the following:

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Christian Jesby as a part-time custodial helper on an as needed basis for the 2020-2021 school year at the rate of $13.50 per hour.

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Kara Swan
- Antonia Ypsilantis

Approve a $40 per hour stipend to school nurses, Kelly Cullen and Grace Page for any contact tracing performed outside the hours of the regular school day.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Jillian Carrino, Angela Deeney, Michael Deo, Susanne Jardinella, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Andrea Stein, Cynthia Pettegrove

Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to approve the following:

Approve Liza Cruz, a student from Centenary University Department of Education to perform her Clinical Internship (student teaching) at Tewksbury Elementary School for the spring semester, 2021. Clinical Internship will be two placements and shall be of no less than a total of fifteen weeks beginning approximately January 13, 2021 through April 30, 2021. The cooperating teachers will be Nicole Amato and Nicole Fuentes.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Jillian Carrino, Michael Deo, Susanne Jardinella, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Andrea Stein, Cynthia Pettegrove

Abstain: Angela Deeney

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Ackerman to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:19 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Tirone
Board Secretary