TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 10, 2020

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Pettegrove at 7:02 p.m. in the all purpose room at Old Turnpike School.

Mr. Deo 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, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Larsen (arrived 7:08), Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Pettegrove

ABSENT: None.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: Ms. Megan Verderamo gave a presentation on the special education program. Mrs. Verderamo explained the different ways of teaching and how the goals of the district are being met. Board members asked how the students were progressing and if their needs are being met. Dr. Shouffler stated that MAP testing would be a good indicator to see how the students are progressing. Teachers are also collecting data. Mrs. Verderamo also stated that the shared services agreement with Califon is working out nicely.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: School has been in session for two months and most challenges have been successfully solved. Dr. Shouffler reported that the district had their first reported student case of COVID. Due to the length of time the student had been out of school for self-quarantining, and the district's health and safety protocols, no in-school contacts were identified. Dr. Shouffler explained the changes in CDC protocols for contact tracing learned at the regular briefing from the Hunterdon County Department of Health (DOH). The DOH is still strongly recommending that we maintain 6 feet of distancing in classrooms. Hunterdon County remains in the moderate risk category for COVID. The DOH is urging communities to continue to practice social distancing. The Board was asked to approve the updated Return to School Plan. Grade 3 hybrid students have now transitioned to four days per week. Next step will be to return the Grade 8 students into a 4-day in person week. Re-registration will take place the first week in December. Families will be asked to choose the hybrid program or the remote-only program for the new year. The numbers of registrants for each model will have a major impact on plans for the new year and how students will be scheduled. The administrative team is creating plans for inviting the remaining grades into school four or five days per week. Also under consideration is

switching remote-only Wednesdays to in-person days for students in the new year. Dr. Shouffler reminded the community to use good judgment during the holiday season and to be aware of state guidelines on traveling.

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

1. Approve the revised Tewksbury School District Restart and Recovery Plan to Reopen Schools.

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

CURRICULUM: MAP/NWEA student diagnostic testing has been completed and results should be received soon. School wide data is scheduled to be shared at the December 1st meeting. The district will be offering a series of parent workshops on math fluency and literacy skills. The Aspire program will begin at OTS in a few weeks and then at TES in December.

POLICY: Policy 6171.2 Gifted and Talented is being reviewed and will be approved for second reading at the new board meeting.

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

1. Approve the following fundraising events for the 2020-2021 school year.

Fundraising Event	Date	Proceeds to:	Advisor	# of Chaperones Needed (in addition to Advisors)
Giving Tree - fulfill wishes of those less fortunate	Nov.-Dec.	Safe in Hunterdon and Anderson House	Dee Krowl	0
Food Drive - non perishables	Nov. 10-20	various Hunterdon County Agencies	Dee Krowl, Mary Cutri-French	0

2. Approve submission of the Law Enforcement Memorandum of Agreement to the county office.

3. Accept a mini-grant check in the amount of $552.35 from the Tewksbury Education Foundation for character education and growth mindset books to be housed in the Tewksbury Elementary School library.

4. Approve the following fundraising event for the 2020-2021 school year.

Fundraising Event	Date	Proceeds to:	Advisor	# of Chaperones Needed (in addition to Advisors)
Magazine Drive	11/11/20-11/20/20	8th Grade	Dee Krowl	0

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: ZOOM vs. Streaming OPMA (Open Public Meeting Act) was discussed. A camera and additional microphones would be needed to stream. A platform such as Google Meet can be used. Readington uses Google Meet and they also have a tech person and moderator to let people into the meetings. It will take a couple of months to get a camera due to the backlog. Mr. Jim Belske suggested a test run to see how it would work out.

FACILITIES: The teachers have been requested to go through their items which are currently being stored in the gym. Remaining classrooms are being set up with desks and chairs. Mrs. Tirone believes a storage container will still be needed in order to free up more of the space in the gym that is currently being used for storage. It would cost approximately $3,000 to purchase one 40-foot container that measures 8'x8'6" and have it shipped to our location. Mrs. Tirone reviewed the PFOA and PFOS fact sheets. In order to be in compliance with the NJDEP in 2021, it is recommended that carbon vessels be installed now. The cost should be under $15,000. Mrs. Tirone reviewed the long range facility plans and made recommendations for the remainder of this school year.

COMMUNICATIONS: The board would like to send out another climate survey to the district.

OTHER: The parent teacher conferences went well and the format was very well received. Drafts of the school calendar for 2021-2022 are being prepared.

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 Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to enter Executive Session. The time was 8:55 p.m.**

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 30 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.

Open session resumed at 9:19 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

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

1. Approve the following honoraria positions for the 2020-2021 school year:

Name	Honoraria Position	Compensation
Dee Krowl	Magazine Drive Chair	$585.00
Dee Krowl	8th Grade Co-Advisor	$562.50
Bonnie Mendralla	8th Grade Co-Advisor	$562.50

2. Approve Connie Van Epps as a full time Permanent Substitute Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year beginning November 16, 2020 through June 20, 2020 at a salary of $28,000 per year (prorated).

3. Approve Kara Swan as a full time 10-Month Secretary (190 days) for the 2020-2021 school year beginning approximately December 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 at a salary of $30,000 per year (prorated).

4. Make an adjustment to the salary of Cathy Pepe, Tewksbury Elementary School 10-Month Secretary from $28,656.51 to $33,000.00 effective 12/1/20.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Ackerman to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:20 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Tirone
Board Secretary