Minutes June 22, 2020 Regular Board Meeting (Virtual Board Meeting)

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Board Meeting
June 22, 2020

The Special Board Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Pettegrove at 4:01 p.m. This was a Virtual Board Meeting.

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis, the next scheduled meeting of the Tewksbury Board of Education will not be physically open to the public. This is to ensure we follow best practices for social distancing. The June 17h Board of Education meeting will be live streamed to the public via Zoom. The link to the meeting is June 22, 2020 Virtual Board Meeting. Any member of the public who wishes to participate may do so during the meeting via the chat option on the Zoom link. All participants must provide their name and address, and your comment and/or question will be included in the Board's public record of the meeting, just as it would for a standard Board meeting.

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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT: Mrs. Ackerman, Mrs. Carrino, Dr. Deeney, Mr. Deo, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Pettegrove

ABSENT: Mrs. Larsen

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

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

Whereas, the Tewksbury Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., publicly advertised and solicited for sealed bids for the installation of the fire alarm at the Old Turnpike School; and

Whereas, in accordance with that advertisement, the bids were received, publicly opened and read aloud on June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22 and 18A:18A-36, the Board of Education must either award or reject all bids within sixty (60) days of the opening of the bids, subject to certain exceptions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22(d), a Board of Education may reject all bids for a given project when, after further review, it seeks to substantially revise the bid specifications for the Project; and

WHEREAS, after a full and comprehensive review of the Project and the bids received in response to the advertisement for bids, and upon consideration by the Board of Education and District Administration, the Board of Education has determined to substantially revise the specifications for the Project in order to clarify the documents to be submitted by bidders and the trade classifications and subcontractor work required on the project, as well as to modify the project timeline due to the uncertainty regarding the reopening of school in September;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby rejects all bids received for the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Architect to modify the specifications and timeline of the Project for the reasons identified above, including clarification of the prime trade work required and to better reflect the expected project timeline, and to thereafter immediately rebid the Project.

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Ackerman to adjourn the meeting. The time was 4:05 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori A. Tirone
Board Secretary