TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 2, 2020

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Pettegrove at 7:56 p.m. in the Library of the 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, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Pettegrove

**ABSENT:** None

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

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PRESENTATION:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Mr. Mario Colitti sent an e-mail regarding the status of the softball fields.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**: Dr. Shouffler welcomed the new board members, Michael Deo, Susanne Jardinella and Andrea Stein. Thanks to the PTA, Tewksbury Elementary School first grade students had a visit from staff at Jenkinson's Aquarium along with a penguin. Ski club will be starting next week. Training is taking place for teachers who work with English Language Learning students at TES. Administration is busy preparing for the state review (QSAC) scheduled for February 11th. The month of January is board recognition month.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None.

**BOARD RECOGNITION:**

The school board members were thanked for their service and acknowledged with a certificate. **Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Ackerman to acknowledge the board members in honor of School Board Recognition Month:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent approve January as School Board Recognition Month. In honor of Board Recognition Month, a special thank you to the Board of Education Members for serving on the board.

**WHEREAS**, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2020 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tewksbury Township School District Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Tewksbury Township School District Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Tewksbury Township School District Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2020 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Tewksbury Township School District Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

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:** None.

**POLICY:** Dr. Shouffler discussed the pros and cons of using an alternative policy provider, Strauss Esmay, rather than continuing with New Jersey School Boards.

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

Approve payment to the following:

| Staff Member | Date | Event | Hours | Unit Price | Total Payment |
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| John Preston | 12/18/19 | Supervision/Scoreboard during OTS Basketball Game | 2.25 | $40.00/hour | $90.00 |

Approve the following workshops for the 2019-2020 school year:

| Staff Member | Date | Registration | Other Expenses | Event/Destination |
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| LeighAnn Kimmick | 1/17/2020 | -0- | -0- | ESC Payroll Group Meeting |

Approve the following field trips for the 2019-2020 school year:

| Group/Class | Event/Destination | Date | Approximate Cost Per Student | Approximate Total Cost |
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| Pre-K | Oldwick/Tewksbury Library | 1/17/2020 | -0- | -0- |
| Pre-K | Oldwick/Tewksbury Library | 2/14/2020 | -0- | -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:** None.

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

Approve the following organizations to use the school facilities through June 30, 2020. Documentation is available in the Board of Education office.

- Readington/Tewksbury Junior Baseball League

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**OTHER:** None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**: None.

**PERSONNEL:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:35 p.m.**

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Tirone
Board Secretary