Minutes December 5, 2019 Regular Board Meeting

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 5, 2019

The Regular Board Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Pettegrove at 7:01 p.m. in the Library of the Old Turnpike School.

Mrs. Pettegrove 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 (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Mrs. Carrino, Dr. Deeney, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Larsen (arrived at 7:17 p.m.), Mr. Thorp (exited the meeting at 8:30 p.m.), Mrs. Pettegrove

ABSENT: Mr. Mulroony

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to enter Executive Session. The time was 7:17 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 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.

Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to return to public session. The time was 8:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Anthony Gianforcaro, Architect, updated the Board on the HVAC systems, rest rooms, and long range facilities plans.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Shouffler reported on the school closing and delayed opening due to the snow, and commended Mr. Bob Hoffman on his assistance. The PTA meeting has been rescheduled to December 10th and the topic of discussion will be homework. The Social Media Event held at Old Turnpike School hand a good turnout, with approximately 50 parents and 25 students in attendance. The board reorganization date is scheduled for January 2nd.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Jillian Carrino, Angela Deeney, Paulette Frank, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Thomas Thorp, Cynthia Pettegrove
Absent: Kevin Mulroony

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

CURRICULUM: The new scoreboard which has been purchased by the Tewksbury Women's Club for the Tewksbury Athletic Association has been ordered and will be installed outside at Old Turnpike School. Mr. Strange held an information meeting on the possibility of starting an astronomy club at TES. It was suggested that a flyer be sent home and more advertising to spread the word. Pro-activity will be holding after-school wellness sessions at Tewksbury Elementary School. The space is not available at OTS. Students have voiced an interest in volleyball and fencing. The district will reach out to Califon about sharing a volleyball program. Fencing at Whitehouse is being looked into, but presents more obstacles. Teachers are evaluating the quality/quantity of homework.

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

Approve the school calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

Approve the following members of the School Safety Teams:

Tewksbury Elementary School
Jim Miller, Principal
Sheila Donovan, Guidance Counselor
Janet Wadler, Teacher
Jen Flood, Parent

Old Turnpike School
Michael Mitchell, Principal
Mary Cutri-French, ABS and School Guidance Counselor
Dee Krowl, Administrative Assistant
Kelly Cullen, School Nurse
Tom Lobb, Teacher
Nancy Carle, Teacher
Brad Carr, Parent

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Jillian Carrino, Angela Deeney, Paulette Frank, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Cynthia Pettegrove
Absent: Kevin Mulroony, Thomas Thorp

POLICY: None.

FINANCE: Mrs. Tirone discussed the 8th grade student activities account and will follow up at the next meeting. There was a food service meeting with Maschios, administration and students present at bot OTS and

TES. The meeting went very well and there was much positive feedback and suggestions. OTS students have requested to hold a fundraiser for veterans.

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

Accept the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report for month ending October 31, 2019.

Approve the attached list of transfers.

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

Staff Member	Date	Registration	Other Expenses	Event/Destination
Alyssa Forsythe	1/10/20	$175.00	-0-	Rutgers Mathematics Workshop - Multiplication & Division Concepts - Grades 3-5, New Brunswick, NJ
Bonnie Wade-Taffera	1/10/20	$175.00	-0-	Rutgers Mathematics Workshop - Multiplication & Division Concepts - Grades 3-5, New Brunswick, NJ
Susan Wilkinson	1/10/20	$175.00	-0-	Rutgers Mathematics Workshop - Multiplication & Division Concepts - Grades 3-5, New Brunswick, NJ
Pam Nugent	12/6/19	$175.00	-0-	Rutgers Mathematics Workshop - Developing Number Concepts & Number Sense - Grades K-2. New Brunswick, NJ
Pam Nugent	1/10/20	$175.00	-0-	Rutgers Mathematics Workshop - Multiplication & Division Concepts - Grades 3-5, New Brunswick, NJ
Pam Nugent	1/27/20	$175.00	-0-	Rutgers Mathematics Workshop - Intervention Strategies for Struggling Learners in Mathematics - Grades 3-5, New Brunswick, NJ

Mileage expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with school policy.

Approve entering into contract with Advancing Opportunities for an Augmentative Communication Evaluation plus travel for student #2939084202 at a cost not to exceed $1,740.00.

Motion to approve the donation drive proposed by eighth grades students, Claudia Fodor, Hailey Koplowitz, and Aranjit Dhillon to collect personal hygiene items to donate to veterans in need at Veterans Affairs Hospitals and Jersey Cares.

Accept the $1,000 donation from the Tewksbury Township PBA to fund a portion of the eighth grade Peer Leadership Conference trip to be attended in February, 2020.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Jillian Carrino, Angela Deeney, Paulette Frank, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Cynthia Pettegrove
Absent: Kevin Mulroony, Thomas Thorp

TECHNOLOGY: We will be moving to a new website. Mr. Jim Belske will present at the next board meeting.

FACILITIES: On November 19, 2019 Mr. Bill Poch, the Warren County Business Administrator, Ms. Lisa DeLong, the Hunterdon County Business Administrator, Mrs. Lori Tirone, Business Administrator and Mr. Brian Jesby, Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds performed the facility walk-through inspections at both TES and OTS. Mr. Poch visited every room and reported any issues. Over all it went well. Mrs. Tirone, Dr. Shouffler, and Mr. Jesby held a meeting at Tewksbury Elementary School on November 15th to discuss the control issues with the architect and the various service providers.

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

Approve the following organizations to use the school facilities through June 30, 2019.

Documentation is available in the Board of Education office.

- Pro-Activity

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Jillian Carrino, Angela Deeney, Paulette Frank, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Cynthia Pettegrove
Absent: Kevin Mulroony, Thomas Thorp

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER: None.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: No audience in attendance.

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

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve to hire Kelly Rizzolo as a full time custodian, effective approximately December 9, 2019 through June 30, 2019, at Step 1, Salary $34,337 (pro-rated) with a 90 (ninety) day probationary period, pending criminal history review.

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitute teachers for the 2019-2020 school year, pending criminal history review:

- George Maravel
- Alisha Porcello

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Leslie Ackerman, Jillian Carrino, Angela Deeney, Paulette Frank, Erica Johnson, Lori Larsen, Cynthia Pettegrove
Absent: Kevin Mulroony, Thomas Thorp

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Pettegrove and seconded by Mrs. Ackerman to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:50 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Tirone
Board Secretary