

Minutes July 11, 2019 Board Retreat

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The Board Retreat Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Steffi-Jo DeCasas, Interim Business Administrator at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Old Turnpike School.

Steffi-Jo DeCasas 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, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Mulroony, Mr. Thorp, Mrs. Pettegrove

ABSENT: Mrs. Larsen

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Shouffler-Superintendent, Ms. Steffi-Jo DeCasas-Interim Business Administrator

PRESENTATION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD SELF EVALUATION: For the most part, the board feels that they work well together and as a unit. Comments on discussion time and workload of members was reviewed. Discussion followed regarding challenges facing the district. The board would like to include students in a collaborative effort to work on one or two issues of concern to students.

REVIEW OF RESPONSES FROM CLIMATE SURVEYS: The board discussed the results of the climate survey.

DISTRICT AND BOARD GOALS: The board reviewed last year's district goals and a timeline for completing the next strategic plan. Discussion topics included QSAC, goals for the coming year, climate survey-scheduling. Goals included exploring shared services, evaluating assessment results for required curriculum and instructional improvements, and social and emotional learning.

Updated District Goals are:

1. Identify and implement curricular and instructional improvements to our social emotional programming that will improve TES and OTS student/staff and parent scores in that area.

2. Increase opportunities for staff and student engagement in decision making processes.

Our updated Board Goals are:

1. Revise long range facilities plan to improve school facilities as well as staff and student spirit.
2. Continuously improve the quality of education in the district while remaining fiscally responsible.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Frank to adjourn the meeting. The time was 7:47 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Steffi-Jo DeCasas
Interim Board Secretary