Minutes December 7, 2017

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
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The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Joanne Black, Business Administrator at 7:06 p.m. in the All Purpose Room of the Old Turnpike School.

Joanne Black 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. Bartels, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Geoffrion (arrived 8:25), Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Mulroony (arrived 7:55), Mrs. Pettegrove, Mr. Thorp (arrived 7:35), Mrs. Larsen

ABSENT: Mrs. Ackerman

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Roseann Humphrey-Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Joanne Black-Business Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

PRESENTATION: The Old Turnpike School Cross Country Team was recognized for their championship season along with their coaches, Cathy Zisk and John Preston. Dr Humphrey congratulated the team. The presentation took place from 7:08 to 7:25 p.m. after which time the Board meeting resumed.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CURRICULUM: Mrs. Bartels requested that homework policy be revisited. Dr. Humphrey stated that she would meet with the administration and review the implementation of the homework policy, the coordinating of exams and 8th grade issues with Study Island.

Mr. Thorp entered the meeting. The time was 7:35 p.m.

POLICY: Policy changes should be communicated to 4th grade parents. Dr. Humphrey will send a notice to parents regarding a policy change.

FINANCE: A discussion took place regarding the establishment of the preschool tuition rates for the 18-19 school year.

FACILITIES: Mrs. Black met with Anthony Gianforcaro, district architect/engineer, and reviewed the facilities walkthrough and he is preparing a facility project spreadsheet.

Mr. Mulroony entered the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY: Roll out of 5th Grade Chromebooks will be happening soon. The Board inquired about if technology and software were being effectively used in the classroom. Mrs. Black stated that as part of the budget process this year, all subscriptions were being reviewed to determine if they were being used by staff and students and if the district should renew the subscription for the new school year.

CURRICULUM: Mr. Mulroony requested that the district provide programs/speakers to increase drug awareness for parents and students. Dr. Humphrey will follow up.

COMMUNICATIONS: Discussion ensued regarding how best to alert parents and community members about policy changes.

OTHER: Administrative structure was discussed and further discussion will be tabled until August. The Superintendent search timetable was discussed as well as selecting a search firm and establishing focus groups. In the summer or early fall a search firm should be selected. The Board will select a committee or appoint a point person.

Mrs. Geoffrion arrived at 8:25 p.m.

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

Approve the School Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approve the Organizational Meeting date of Wednesday January 3, 2018 with a snow date of Thursday January 4, 2018.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Humphrey asked for volunteers to be on the nominating committee for Governor's Educator of the Year. Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Geoffrion volunteered. The school choice lottery date has not yet been established. Dr. Humphrey attended a STEM project and training at TES. The vocal ensemble performed in the Board office and it was beautiful.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. C. Lenski asked how school clubs were advertised. Parents need better communication and she suggested sending out a Board Briefs e-mail the night before a meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Bartels to enter Executive Session. The time was 9:00 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.

Motion carried.

Regular meeting resumed at 10:16 p.m.

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

Approve Joseph Frankosky as a special education teacher beginning January 2, 2018 through June 30, 2018 at Step 1 BA at an annual salary of $54,193.00 (pro-rated).

Approve Elizabeth Stryker as a long term substitute replacement teacher beginning January 4, 2018 through approximately April 8, 2018 at Step 1 BA at an annual salary of $54,193.00 (pro-rated).

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Geoffrion to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:17 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Black
Board Secretary