Minutes June 8, 2017

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 8, 2017

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Joanne Black, Business Administrator at 7:05 p.m. in the Library 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. Ackerman, Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Geoffrion, Mrs. Jenkins , Mr. Mulroony (arrived at 7:22), Mrs. Pettegrove (arrived at 7:08), Mr. Thorp, Mrs. Larsen (arrived at 7:22)

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Ms. Monica Rowland -Superintendent, Mrs.Joanne Black-Business Administrator

PRESENTATION: Mr. Jim Belske presented a technology update. Topics included: refreshing access points at the elementary school, Smartboards at OTS and TES, 1:1 device allocation in 6th-8th grade, Honeywell/Realtime communication update. A Realtime refresher will be provided to support staff.

CORRESPONDENCE: Communication was received from Mr. A. Patakyula regarding the clarification of the March 9, 2017 COTW minutes and the posting of BOE audio.An anonymous letter was received regarding the District's sports program policies. Mr. M. Colletti emailed stating that the TAA and PTA would like to share in a joint effort to improve the softball fields.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Four Old Turnpike School students spoke in support of Ms. L. Vasko.
Ms. C. Clark stated that she received a letter of non-renewal for next year and has requested that the BOE consider renewing her. Mrs. Tracey Such inquired about the special education program next year.

CURRICULUM: Ms. Lisa Schneider will present a curriculum update at the June 22nd meeting.

FINANCE: Odyssey of the Mind was discussed. Mrs. J. Black will review and update the BOE donation/contribution policy and ensure that it is clear regarding the funding and procedures surrounding programs/competitions.. The Board would like to contribute to the direct cost of the program. Mrs. Black reviewed the finance motions on the agenda.

TECHNOLOGY: None.

FACILITIES: Mrs. J. Black reviewed the lead test results received from Haks Engineering and the plan going forward. There were three exceedances at TES and two exceedances at OTS. Another round of sampling on the five points will be conducted by Haks Engineering, the environmental consultants hired by the district to oversee the testing.

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

Accept the change order from HAKS, 485E Route 1 South, Iselin, NJ 08830, in accordance with the terms of the contract awarded by the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC), for professional water testing services as follows:

Change order reflects the pricing for flush sampling at TES and OTS due to exceedances plus additional samplings at the raw valve point of entry at OTS and 2 field blank samples.

Water Sampling Services

# of samples (1 sample drawn per fixture)	9
Sampling and Reporting ($30.50/sample drawn)	$274.50
Laboratory Fees-Reimbursable Lead ($30.50/sample) - Assumes 2-week TAT Markup for expedited lab turnaround is included below: 24 hr. for 150% - 48 hr. For 100% 72 hr. for 75% - 1 week for 50%	$274.50
Total =	**$549.00**

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Mr. D. Rose would like to donate a tree to the Tewksbury School District to be located near the path entrance to the softball field.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. M. Rowland will be presenting the budget to the Tewksbury Education Foundation on June 13, 2017.

OTHER: The annual School Board Election will be Tuesday, November 7, 2017. The petition for school board candidates is due to the County Clerk's office no later than Monday, July 31, 2017.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Ms. M. Rowland reviewed the culture and climate survey questions with the Board and summarized results of the survey. The Board decided not to pursue additional information regarding the survey but will review the action plan.

Mrs.J. Black reviewed the reappointment motions on the agenda.

Mrs. L. Larsen reviewed the Agenda for the Board Retreat.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Jenkins to enter Executive Session. The time was 9:30 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 thirty 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.

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

Rescind the motion to renew the employment of Substitute ID #6541 for the 2017-2018 school year and terminate the employment for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year effective May 26, 2017.

Approve the recommendation of the Superintendent to suspend employee# 6287 with pay effective May 31, 2017.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

FINANCE:
Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and approved by Mrs. Bartels to approve the following:

Authorize Mrs. J. Black, Business Administrator, to request proposals for legal service for general counsel for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

Approve payout of unused vacation days(not to exceed 10 days) for Ms. M. Rowland.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Black
Board Secretary