

Minutes May 11, 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 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. Geoffrion (arrived at 7:10), Mrs. Jenkins (arrived at 7:30), Mr. Mulroony, Mrs. Pettegrove, Mr. Thorp, Mrs. Larsen

ABSENT: Mrs. Frank

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Black-Business Administrator

PRESENTATION

Ms. Lisa Schneider presented a Curriculum and PARCC update

Mrs. Jenkins arrived during the presentation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

An OPRA request was received from Mr. R. Becker requesting the 2013-2016 TEA Contract and an E-mail was received from Mrs. T. Maddaloni regarding holding a fundraiser for seats at graduation and the approval of a donation of a banner.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

POLICY:

There was discussion regarding the requirements for graduation and the current policy will be reviewed and discussed further. Mrs. Jenkins asked about some of the specifics in policy # 6140 and # 6142.4.

FINANCE:

A motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Bartels to approve the following:

Approve the renewal of the Horizon BCBSNJ Medical/Prescription plan and Delta Dental plan for the 2017-2018 school year.

Approve the tax levy schedule for the 2017-2018 school year.

Accept the donation in the amount of \$1,820.19 from the PTA for the purchase of a GaGa Ball Pit at Tewksbury Elementary School.

Approve the School Business Administrator to post and advertise for the hiring of summer custodians as budgeted in the 2017-2018 budget at an hourly rate of \$10.00-\$12.50 depending on experience.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

TECHNOLOGY: The Board discussed a 1:1 initiative and an accompanying insurance plan for the devices for student chromebooks the district will be purchasing. The Board is supportive and would like to discuss the initiative further and the availability of funds.

FACILITIES: Mrs. Black reviewed several quotes and flooring samples with the BOE for the library and music room. Mrs. Black also discussed roof repair costs at OTS \$39,500 and TES \$17,500.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OTHER:

The Board retreat will be June 13th-location to be determined. Gwen Thornton(NJSBA field representative) will meet with the BOE to discuss the BOE self-evaluation. The NJSBA Convention dates are 10/23-10/26. The BOE would like to revisit the lottery for graduation seats again next year.

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

Appoint Mrs. Pettegrove as delegate and Mrs. Geoffrion as alternate delegate for the NJ School Board Association.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs Bartels will coordinate/prepare the necessary BOE communications with the public and other parties.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Ms.Rowland was not present at the meeting.

Mrs. Larsen spoke about the North Hunterdon/Voorhees meeting that she and Mrs. Bartels recently attended regarding consolidation. June 5th is the next meeting date to continue the consolidation discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Geoffrion to enter Executive Session. The time was 9:50 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.

Motion was made by Mrs. Larson and seconded by Mrs. Jenkins to approve the School Business Administrator to submit the REAP-Flex grant application and the Alternative Use Authority Statement(AFUA) for use of funds in 2017-2018.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mr. Mulroony to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:30 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Black
Board Secretary