TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
December 8, 2016

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Joanne Black, Business Administrator at 7:07 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, Mrs. Jenkins (arrived at 9:16), Mrs. Resnick (arrived at 7:35) Mrs. Larsen

**ABSENT**: Mr. Regan, Dr. Schiller

**ALSO PRESENT**: Monica Rowland-Superintendent, Joanne Black-Business Administrator

**PUBLIC COMMENT**:

- John Melick, VP of Voorhees Board of Education thanked the Board and community for their support of the referendum. He suggested that the districts work together to assist in the transition for the 8th grade students to high school. Mr. Melick also expressed concerns about the PARCC 3rd grade test results.
- Jennifer Holahan, 28 Parsonage Lot Road , Lebanon, NJ, wanted to discuss the test scores. Ms. Holahan stated that some 3rd and 4th grade parents are dissatisfied with the scores. Mrs. Larsen stated that test score updates will be presented at the December 22nd meeting.

**PRESENTATION:**

- There was a question and answer session with the School Board candidates present at the meeting: C. Scott Tarpley, Cynthia Pettegrove and Erica Johnson. Brian Regan sent a letter of interest to the Board of Education as well.
- Mr. Eric Clarkson from Ahera Environmental Consultants presented the indoor air quality and mold remediation report prepared by Ahera Environmental at the meeting.
- Mr. Glenn Arbesfeld (SSP Architects) and Mr. Eric Collins (Becht Engineering) presented an update on the HVAC mold remediation project and pump repairs.
- Lisa Schneider presented an update on the Professional Development Curriculum.

The Board reviewed the items listed on the agenda.

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

Accept the Lease Purchase Finance Proposal from US Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance Inc. at an interest rate of 2.35% for a term of five years for the purchase of two buses pursuant to the attached analysis and recommendation of the HCESC financial advisor. Furthermore to enter into a financing contract with the above named entity after document review by the Board counsel.

Motion carried on a roll call.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
The homework survey will be addressed at the December 22nd meeting.
There were no increases in the number of available Choice seats.
Mrs. Jenkins inquired about the climate survey and Ms. Rowland stated that she will follow up on the status with Mr. Miller.
The Governor's Educator of the Year Selection will be announced at the meeting on the 22nd.
Ms. Rowland will be meeting with the Mt. Olive Superintendent to discuss various items including schooldigger.com.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Jenkins to enter Executive Session. The time was 9:32 p.m. Mrs. Black read the following statement:

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. Ackerman to approve the following:

Accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Jeff Munsey, Coordinator of Buildings and Grounds/Maintenance, effective December 23, 2016.

Accept, with regret, the letter of resignation from Joelle DiSessa, Maternity Leave Replacement Science Teacher, effective December 23, 2016.

Approve Cynthia Sommer as a School Bus Driver for the 2016-2017 school year effective January 3, 2017 through June 30, 2017 at an hourly rate of $17/hour, pending criminal history review.

Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2016-2017 school year pending criminal history review:

- Michael Wolfe
- Amanda Intili

Motion carried on a roll call.

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

Appoint Cynthia Pettegrove to the open seat on the Board of Education of the Tewksbury School District.

Motion carried on a roll call.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Black
Board Secretary