

Minutes September 8, 2016

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 7:02 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. Bartels, Mrs. Geoffrion, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Regan, Mrs. Resnick, Dr. Schiller, Ms. Tenerelli, Mrs. Larsen

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Rowland-Superintendent, Joanne Black-Business Administrator, Marc Zitomer-Board Attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Jenkins to enter Executive Session. The time was 7:02 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 matters pertaining to confidential client matter for approximately 20 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.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Dr. Schiller to return to Open Session. The time was 7:55 pm.

FACILITIES:

- September 23 is the scheduled completion date for the loading dock. No change orders were necessary at this point. Several sidewalks are being replaced as well.

- Ms. Rowland gave an update on the status of mold remediation.
- Ms. Rowland presented the survey on make-up days. The Board reached a consensus to have 10/10/16 and 11/10/16 added back as regular school days and to add 2 days to the end of the school year. Mrs. Rowland also clarified that calendar option #4 was approved. Also, if conferences were not during the convention week, there would not be a solid week of school during the month of November.

Mr. Zitomer left the meeting. The time was 8:30 p.m.

#### PRESENTATION:

- Ms. Lisa Schneider reviewed the schedule changes in schools. There was discussion about not having E&R available every day.

Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Resnick to approve the revised calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion carried.

FINANCE: Mrs. Black reported that the audit is currently underway.

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

Accept the proposal from Ahera Consultants, Oceanville, NJ in the amount of \$23,780.00 for the microbial testing and consulting services at the Old Turnpike School and Tewksbury Elementary School. This quote has been awarded under Section 18A:18-7.

Accept the quote in the amount of \$82,500.00 and award the contract to B & G Restoration, Inc., Lincoln Park, NJ for the mold remediation at the Tewksbury Elementary School. This quote has been awarded under Section 18A:18-7.

Motion carried on a roll call.

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

Approve the contract with Becht Engineering Building Technologies, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 for the consulting services regarding the HVAC systems at the Old Turnpike School and Tewksbury Elementary School and preparing the specs for the reinsulation of the pipes at TES. This quote has been awarded under Section 18A:18-7 Emergency Contracts.

Motion carried on a roll call.

OTHER: The Board discussed the Board vacancy position. The Board thank Ms. Lisa Delventhal for her service. Ms. Gwen Thornton from NJSBA is scheduled to come back on 9/22 for additional discussion of the Board self-evaluation.

Ms. Rowland discussed early dismissal due to the heat in the school as a result of no air conditioner. There is not a set temperature where school needs to be dismissed. The Board supported Ms. Rowland's decision to keep the building open.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Rowland reported that the wellness committee may have had major misperceptions at the last meeting. Ms. Rowland would like the Board to share with her items that were the biggest concerns and she will readdress at a committee meeting. It was recommended to put this topic back on the Agenda for Sept. 22nd for review again.

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

Approve the bus routes for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION:

A member of the public thanked Ms. Rowland for listening and adhering to the safety of the school and students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mr. Regan to enter Executive Session. The time was 9:25 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 matters pertaining to school safety and security and personnel matters for 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. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Bartels to approve the following:

PERSONNEL: Approve Courtney Shideler as a part-time Instructional Aide (25 hours per week) for the 2016-2017 school year effective August 29, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at Step 2, \$15.21 per hour.

FINANCE: Accept the quote from E-Plus in the amount of \$10,300.00 for the security upgrade project.

Motion carried on a roll call.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Resnick to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:56 pm.

Motion carried.