Minutes February 11, 2016

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
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The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Joanne Black, Business Administrator at 7:04 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 (arrived at 7:23), Dr. Schiller (arrived at 7:05), Ms. Tenerelli, Mrs. Larsen

ABSENT: Ms. Delventhal

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Rowland-Superintendent, Joanne Black-Board Secretary

PRESENTATION: Glen Arbesfeld from SSP Architects gave a presentation on the facility plans. The time was 7:45 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter was received from the Anderson House and from two families thanking the district for the Giving Tree holiday gifts. A letter was also received from a parent regarding the food program and food served in class. Mrs. Black has contacted Maschio's and food advisory meetings will be set up. Further discussion will take place at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

CURRICULUM: Lisa Schneider presented an update on the K-5 Math Program and the Social-Emotional Committee. Monica Rowland discussed the PARCC Scores.

FINANCE: The SDA grant was received in the amount of $1,019,354.12. The window replacement grants documents were sent on 2/8/16 to the SDA.

Motion was made by Lori Larsen and seconded by Brian Regan to approve the following motions:

1. Approve Benefit Tax Link to process COBRA applications and payments at a cost of $.75 per benefit-eligible employee per month, (approximately $70.00 per month), beginning March 1, 2016 and continuing on a month to month basis. 30 days written notice is required for cancellation.

2. Motion to approve the disposal of the Xerox WorkCenter Pro 65 copier machine.

Motions carried on a roll call.

TECHNOLOGY: Jim Belske will present a technology update to the Board.

FACILITIES: Jeff Munsey will meet with the staff at both schools and discuss policies and practice regarding the facilities. Mrs. Black updated the Board on the insurance claim and the repairs needed at the treatment plant.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Board discussed improving communications with North Hunterdon/Voorhees and the community. Suggestions included a Facebook page, Remind App and Community Day ,and a press release in the Tewksbury Times.

OTHER: Board members were reminded to complete their 2016 Financial and Personal Disclosure Forms.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Ms. Rowland was very happy with the response to the January Staff Recognition survey. The Board agreed that all nominees should be recognized. Ms. Rowland also discussed the Strategic Plan-2nd quarter update.

NEW BUSINESS: It was suggested to have exit interviews with families/students moving to the private sector.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Motion was made by Mrs. Larsen and seconded by Mrs. Bartels to enter Executive Session. The time was 9:55 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 five 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 will be taken.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Ms. Larsen and seconded by Dr. Schiller to return to Open Session. The time was 9:57 p.m.

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

1. Motion to approve the placement of Employee I.D. # 06120 on a paid FMLA, using accumulated sick days, commencing February 16, 2016, for up to twelve weeks with benefits.

Motion carried on a roll call.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Bartels and seconded by Mrs. Resnick to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Black
Board Secretary