

Minutes 1/21/16

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

January 21, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Joanne Black, Business Administrator at 7:10 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, Ms. Delventhal, Mrs. Geoffrion, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Resnick (arrived at 7:15), Ms. Tenerelli

ABSENT: Mr. Regan, Dr. Schiller, Mrs. Larsen

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne Black-School Business Administrator, Gwen Thornton, NJSBA Field Representative

PRESENTATION: Gwen Thornton, NJSBA Field Representative gave a presentation on policy from 7:00-7:30 pm. Ms. Thornton requested her scheduled presentation on annual ethics training be rescheduled to a later date due to the large number of Board Members not in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mrs. Jenkins asked about response to parents regarding the math program and Ms. Rowland stated that she has already communicated with the parents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartels and seconded by Mrs. Geoffrion to enter Executive Session. The time was 7:32 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 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.

OPEN SESSION: Motion was made by Mrs. Bartels and seconded by Mrs. Geoffrion to return to Open Session. The time was 7:44 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- Approval of Minutes July 9, 2015 Committee of the Whole
- Approval of Minutes November 24, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of Minutes December 10, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Approval of Minutes December 10, 2015 Executive Session
- Approval of Minutes December 22, 2015 Regular Board Meeting
- Approval of Minutes December 22, 2015 Executive Session

Motion carried.

CURRICULUM:

The motion to approve the Spanish Club field trip was tabled and scheduled for the February Agenda.

PERSONNEL:

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartels and approved by Ms. Tenerelli to approve the following:

1. Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year pending criminal history review:

Eric Chenet
Samantha Cottone
Delia Kiraly

2. Approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board hereby approves Elizabeth Stryker as a short term leave replacement for Meg Sass for approximately a four week period of time, depending upon Meg Sass's return date, commencing on January 13, 2016, at the annual salary of \$54,193.00 pro-rated (Step 1 BA).

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

POLICY:

The consensus of the Board was to keep the same number of meetings per month and to not hold remote meetings. The calendar for review of the board policies was outlined.

FINANCE:

Motion was made by Mrs. Bartels and seconded by Ms. Delventhal to approve the following motions:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-16.10(c)(3), I certify that as of November 30, 2015, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district's Board of Education.

Board Secretary

Date

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS

Motion to certify that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-16.10(c)(4), after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) for November 30, 2015 and upon proper consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A-23A-16.10(c)(4) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

1. Motion to accept the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report for month ending November 30, 2015.
2. Motion to approve the attached list of transfers.
3. Approve the list of bills dated January 21, 2016 in the amount of \$1,267,620.13.
4. Approve the purchase of the Savin Copier MP9002 at a cost of \$10,250.00 and Savin Copier C8002 at a cost of \$15,250.00 for a total cost of \$25,500.00 from Atlantic Tomorrows Office State Contract # A40467.
5. Approve the disposal of the obsolete inventory as per attached list.
6. Approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Tewksbury Township Board of Education's 2015-2016 participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students and the estimated revenue projection would provide no cost benefit to the district.
7. Approve the amendment to stipulation of settlement between the Tewksbury Board of Education and parents of student ID#8326260.

8. Approve to extend the contract between the Tewksbury Township Board of Education and Maureen Joyce as an SDA Grant Consultant at an hourly rate of \$75.00/hour, up to a maximum of \$6,000.00.
9. Approve the following travel requests:

Staff Member	Date	Registration	Other Expenses	Travel/ Mileage	Event/Destination
Keith Csolak	2/19/16	\$200.00	0	yes	NJMEA Music Educators Conference
Sheila Donovan	2/4/16	\$150.00	0	yes	How to Conduct Functional Behavior Assessments in Schools
Samantha Wu	3/5/16	\$125.00	0	yes	RVCC NJACE Science Education Institute
Katherine Kelsey	3/14/16	\$149.00	0	yes	Princeton University-Closing the Gap through Developing Executive Function
Megan Verderamo	3/14/16	\$149.00	0	yes	Princeton University-Closing the Gap through Developing Executive Function

10. Motion to approve the contract between the Tewksbury Board of Education and Advanced Opportunities effective January 21, 2016 through June 30, 2016 for evaluative services. (Evaluation \$880; additional support/training \$115 per hour.)
11. Motion to approve the payment #5 to Alarm & Communication Technologies in the amount of \$10,364.50 for security upgrades at Tewksbury Elementary School.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

FACILITIES: Glenn Arbsefeld-SSP Architects and Jeff Munsey-Grounds Coordinator, will give a presentation at the February 11th Committee of the Whole Meeting regarding the septic system inspection and time frame.

OTHER: Motion was made by Mrs. Bartels and approved by Mrs. Resnick to approve the following resolution:

Tewksbury Township Board of Education

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2016 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Tewksbury Township Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Tewksbury Township Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) scores and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Tewksbury Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2016 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Tewksbury Township Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Black reviewed the procedure regarding the 2016 Financial & Personal Disclosure Form to be completed by Board Members.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mrs. Bartels and seconded by Mrs. Jenkins to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Black
Board Secretary