Minutes 11/12/15
TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 12, 2015

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Joanne Black, Business Administrator at 7:09 PM in the Library of the Old Turnpike School.

Mrs. 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. Jenkins, Mr. Regan, Dr. Schiller, Mrs. Larsen

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne Black-School Business Administrator, Monica Rowland-Superintendent, Patrick Duncan-NJSBA Representative

ABSENT: Ms. Delventhal, Mrs. Geoffrion, Mrs. Resnick, Mr. Thorp

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Mrs. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Regan to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss negotiations. The time was 7:12 p.m.

Motion carried..

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 for the purpose of a presentation by Patrick Duncan, NJSBA Representative, on contract analysis. 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.

Mr. Regan left the room at 7:55 pm. Mr. Regan returned at 8:10 pm.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 8:10 p.m.

Motion carried..

Mr. Thorp and Mr. Belske entered the room at 8:10 PM. Mr. Miller entered the room at 8:12 PM.

PRESENTATION:

At 8:10 PM, Mr. Jim Belske, Director of Information Technology, presented a District Technology Update. He reviewed the structure of the team, updated the Board and audience on current projects, and their initiatives. He reported that the wireless access points are completed. Computers have almost doubled within the district. Future budget considerations: server updates, bandwidth, network switches, phone system, smartboards, projectors, server. The status of the phone system and smartboards should be reviewed. Joanne Black will look into the availability of e-rate funding. Jim Belske will provide prioritization list and cost. Mr. Belske ended his presentation at 9:00 PM.

At 9:00 PM, Monica Rowland reviewed the Statement of Assurance with the Board. Ms. Rowland ended her presentation at 9:10 PM.

At 9:10 PM Mr. Jim Miller reviewed the new report card. Factors considered in the design of the report card were a parent survey, other district report cards, and common core standards. The new report card will be utilized beginning with the first marking period. Mr. Miller ended his presentation at 9:50 PM.

Mr. Regan left the room at 9:40 PM and returned at 9:55 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CURRICULUM

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to approve the following field trips for the 2015-2016 school year.

Group/Class	**Event/Destination**	**Date**	**Cost Per Student** (Cost of Attendance not Paid by District)
8th Grade	Voorhees H.S. Transition Presentation	1/6/16	$0.00
Jazz Band Members 5th-8th Grade	Tewksbury Women's Club Holiday Luncheon At Oldwick Fire Co.	12/1/15	$0.00
8th Grade Student Council Members and Advisor	Stuff the Bus – Delivery of food collected to Safe In Hunterdon	11/20/15	$0.00

Motion carried..

POLICY: Discussion – 2000's series discussion – tabled

FINANCE:

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Bartels to approve the following:

Approve the 2015-2016 tuition contract with the Lebanon Township Board of Education to send student SID# 212292985 at a tuition rate of $14,802.00 plus any extraordinary or individual related services required effective August 27, 2015 through the end of the school year.

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.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

TECHNOLOGY: None

FACILITIES: None

COMMUNICATIONS - None

OTHER: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Discussion - Board discussed the 2016-2017 School Calendar. – Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Bartels to approve the following:

Approve submission of the QSAC Statement of Assurance to the NJ Department of Education.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Regan to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss negotiations. The time was 10:05 p.m.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

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 and negotiations for approximately 10 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 made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Regan to return to open session. The time was 10:15 p.m.

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL:

Motion made by Mrs. Bartels and seconded by Mrs. Larsen to move on the following Personnel Addendum items:

1. Approve Thomas Holmes as a custodian for the 2015-2016 school year beginning approximately November 23, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at Step 1, $32,905 (pro-rated) pending criminal history review with a 90 (ninety) day probationary period. The Superintendent was authorized to hire additional personnel as needed during the 2015-2016 school year as approved at the June 25, 2015 BOE meeting.

2. Approve Jeffrey Munsey as Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds/Maintenance, for the 2015-2016 school year beginning approximately November 23, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at an annual salary of $54,000 (pro-rated) pending criminal history review. The Superintendent was authorized to hire additional personnel as needed during the 2015-2016 school year as approved at the June 25, 2015 BOE meeting.

3. Approve the job description for the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds/Maintenance.

Motion carried on a roll call vote.

FINANCE ADDENDUM:

Motion made by Mrs. Bartels and seconded by Mr. Thorp to move on the following Finance Addendum Item:

Motion to approve the agreement between the Tewksbury Township Board of Education and Schwartz, Simon, Edelstein, Celso, LLP to provide the service of negotiations counsel at the blended hourly rate of $160.00 from November 1, 2015 through the Board's organization meeting in January, 2016.
Yes: Mrs. Bartels, Mr. Regan, Dr. Schiller, Mrs. Larsen
No: Mr. Thorp, Mrs. Resnick
Motion did not carry.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mrs. Bartels, seconded by Mrs. Larsen to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:22 PM.