Tewksbury Township Board of Education
173 Old Turnpike Road
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BOARD MEETING AGENDA
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM IN THE LIBRARY OF THE OLD TURNPIKE SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2015.

1. SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. PRESENTATION
    - Lisa Schneider – Overview of our new "working curriculum" format and continued revision process and timetable for 2015-2016.

      Presentation of :
      a. Revised K-8 Standard 8 Technology Curriculum
      b. Revised K-8 Standard 9 Career Readiness Curriculum
      c. New K-6 Writing Curriculum
      d. New 5-8 Project Based Learning Curriculum

    - Monica Rowland
      a. 14-15 Merit Goal Attainment
      b. 15-16 Merit Goal Proposal

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    - Executive Session 6/11/15
    - Regular Meeting and Executive Session 6/25/15
    - Board Retreat 6/15/15

6. AUDIENCE
7. CORRESPONDENCE
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **POLICY**
Motion:
Discussion:
- Discussion of policy updates and committee responsibilities

B. **PERSONNEL**
Motions to:

P1. Accept the letter of resignation from Charity Dilts, Special Education Instructional Aide, effective August 21, 2015.

P2. Approve Rachel Gentile as Speech Language Pathologist for the 2015-2016 school year beginning approximately October 1 through June 30, 2016 at Step 3 MA at $59,593.00 (pro-rated). The Chief School Administrator was approved to hire additional staff as needed for the 2015-2016 school year at the June 25, 2015 Board of Education meeting.

P3. Approve Bonnie Mendralla to perform STEM Curriculum Research for up to 15 hours at the approved curriculum rate of $39.00 per hour.

P4. Approve resolution of Superintendent Merit Goal Attainment for the 2014-2015 school year and send to Executive County Superintendent for approval.

P5. Approve resolution of proposed Superintendent Merit Goals for the 2015-2016 school year and send to Executive County Superintendent for approval.

P6. Approve Emily Freely as a Speech/Language Pathologist from August 24, 2015 through August 31, 2015 at Step 5 MA at $59,593 (pro-rated).

P7. Approve the leave of absence without pay for Emily Freely from August 24, 2015 through August 31, 2015.

Discussion

C. **FINANCE**
Motions to:

F1**.** Motion to approve the list of bills check #7669 through check #7828 in the amount of $1,089,652.85.

F2. Approve entering into contract with Communications Therapies to provide Speech Language Therapy, Evaluations and participate in meetings at a cost of $350.00 per diem with a maximum of two days per week beginning August 28, 2015 through October 30, 2015.

F3. Approve the appointment of William Colantano as the district auditor for the 2014-15 school year audit.

F4. Motion to approve the following Resolution:

Resolution Increasing the Bid Threshold – Temporary Purchasing Agent

WHEREAS, Joanne Black, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at present does not possess a qualified purchasing agent (QPA) certificate;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in consultation with the State Treasurer and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(b), on July 1, 2015 has increased the bid threshold for school districts with purchasing agents who possess qualified purchasing agent certificates from $36,000 to $40,000;

WHEREAS, the Tewksbury Township Board of Education would like to take advantage of the maximum bid threshold of $40,000;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tewksbury Township Board of Education hereby appoints pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:34-5.5 Joanne Black, as temporary purchasing agent of the board of education, and as such, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of $40,000 for the board of education, and furthermore, the board authorizes Joanne Black to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate the newly established bid threshold amount.

F5. Approve entering into a joint transportation agreement with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2015-2016 school year on an as needed basis.

F6. Approve the following travel requests:

Joanne Black	NJSBA Convention ($250 Registration, $199 Lodging (2N), $165 meals & incidentals + mileage)	$644.00
Lisa Schneider	NJSBA Convention ($250 Registration, $199 Lodging (2N), $165 meals & incidentals + mileage)	$644.00
Monica Rowland	NJSBA Convention	$50.00 (add'l registration fee)
Bonnie Mendralla	PLTW-Launch Lead Teacher Training Conference	$700.00 Fee $487.89 Lodging $300.00 Car rental (not to exceed) $500.00 Airfare (not to exceed)

F6. Approve the cost of school lunch for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

Student Lunch	$2.70
Adult Lunch	$3.20
Reduced Lunch	.40

Discussion

D. **CURRICULUM**
Motions to:

C1. Approve revised Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Standard 8 – Technology Curriculum.

C2. Approve revised Kindergarten through Eighth Grade Standard 9 – Career Readiness Curriculum.

C3. Approve new Kindergarten through Sixth Grade Writing Curriculum.

C4. Approve new Middle School (grades 5-8) Project Based Learning Curriculum.

Discussion

E. **TECHNOLOGY**
Motion:
Discussion

F. **FACILITIES**
Motion:

FA1. Approve Application and Certification for Payment No. 4 to Alarm & Communication Technologies, Inc. in the amount of $8,250.51.

FA2. Approve Application and Certification for Payment No. 4 to Direct Digital Control System, Inc. in the amounts of $144,376.25 for Old Turnpike School and $2,337.00 for Tewksbury Elementary School.

FA3. Approve Application and Certification for Payment No. 3 to Manor II Electric, Inc. in the amount of $103,007.55.

Discussion

H. **COMMUNICATIONS**
Motion:
Discussion

9. BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

B1. Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Transfers for May 2015.

B2. Motion accepting the Superintendent's certification that the financial report of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending May 2015 is in balance and that the Superintendent recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e) that the Board of Education certify that no major account or fund has been overexpended and that as of these reports, sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of this fiscal year.

B3. Motion to accept the Board Secretary's (Karin Laraway) certification as required by N.J.A.C. 6:20-13 (D), that no line item account has been overexpended as of May 2015 and that as of this date, sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

B4. Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Transfers for June 2015.

B5. Motion accepting the Superintendent's certification that the financial report of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending June 2015 is in balance and that the Superintendent recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e) that the Board of Education certify that no major account or fund has been overexpended and that as of these reports, sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of this fiscal year. (Subject to Audit adjustment)

B6. Motion to accept the Board Secretary's (Karin Laraway) certification as required by N.J.A.C. 6:20-13 (D), that no line item account has been overexpended as of June 2015 and that as of this date, sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. (Subject to Audit adjustment)

Discussion

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

S1. Motion to approve the bus routes for the 2015-2016 school year.

Discussion:

- Opening of School
- Status of Goals and Strategic Plan

11. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
13. NEW BUSINESS
14. AUDIENCE
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION
16. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education is Thursday, September 24, 2015.

Board of Education Goals:

To improve communication within the Board of Education. Ensure that the website is appropriately updated for all meetings. Committee chairs will correspond each month with Administration about committee agendas. Additionally, the board will use technology to improve the communication with parents and the community about Board of Education activities.

Develop and implement a staff recognition program. Development of the program will take place in the fall of 2015. Implementation will be scheduled to begin no later than January 2016.

District Goals:

To monitor the progress of the implementation of the Strategic Plan initiatives outlined by the Administration. The Plan will be broken into quarterly objectives for the 2015/2016 school year by the August Board Meeting. Progress will be Monitored Quarterly starting in October 2015 (January 2016, April 2016, July 2016).

To support the nomination and application of the Old Turnpike School to become a Blue Ribbon School.