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TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 9, 2015

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Lori Larsen, Board President at 7:05 PM in the Library of the Old Turnpike School.

Mrs. Bartels 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. Thorp, Mrs. Larsen

ALSO PRESENT: Lisa, Schneider-Supervisor of Curriculum, Monica Rowland-Superintendent

ABSENT: Ms. Delventhal, Mr. Regan, Mrs. Resnick, Dr. Schiller

PRESENTATION:

At 7:10 pm, Lisa Schneider presented an update on the curriculum and Project Aspire. Grades K-8 will have a project-based learning environment and many new opportunities to meet students' needs for a more well rounded education. Ms. Schneider stated that there will be a new identification process, the COGAT cognitive abilities test. Ms. Schneider ended her presentation at 8:05 pm.

At 8:05 pm, Monica Rowland presented on the Strategic Plan which includes finance, facilities, advocacy. Ms. Rowland discussed the need to sustain and grow funding through the PTA, TEF and outside sources. The need for safe and updated physical buildings was discussed, including upgrading the bathrooms and the facade at Old Turnpike School. Sensible legislation advocacy and the funding of mandates for special education and sustained increased funding for school

choice is important. Recruiting and maintaining the best possible teachers is imperative. The use of state websites, college recruitment offices and team interviews was discussed. The presentation ended at 8:30 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

BOARD ACTION:

CURRICULUM: Discussed at presentation

POLICY: None

FACILITIES:

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

FA1. Approve application to Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools for school year 2015-2016 for moving established Preschool Disabilities Program from Old Turnpike School to Tewksbury Elementary School.

FA2. Approve application to Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools to eliminate the Autism Self-Contained Program effective July 1, 2015.

Motion carried.

FINANCE:

The Board reviewed the finance motions on the agenda which will be approved at the Regular Board Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Rowland stated that HVAC improvements are underway and they meet every two weeks for updates. Board Goals are to improve communications and celebrate the staff with a recognition program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Bartels to enter Executive Session. The time was 8:50 pm. No action is to be taken.

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 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,