Board Retreat Minutes 6/15/15

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 15, 2015

The Board Retreat Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, Lori Larsen, at 2:25 PM at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club, Bedminster, NJ.

Karin Laraway 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 and notice of the meeting has been posted in the Township Municipal Building, both school buildings and the Tewksbury Township Public Library.

PRESENT: Mrs. Bartels, Ms. Delventhal, Mrs. Geoffrion, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Larsen, Mr. Regan, Ms. Resnick, Dr. Schiller, Mr. Thorp (arrived at 3:20 PM).

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Rowland, Superintendent
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary
Gwen Thornton, NJSBA representative

Mrs. Thornton presented 2014-2015 the Board Evaluation to the Board discussing what the Board thought were their strengths and weaknesses. Items discussed were staff recognition, community relations with more community input on the budget process.

Mrs. Thornton conducted BOE Ethics training. The BOE has satisfied this requirement for the year.

Mr. Thorp arrived at 3:20 PM and took the Oath of Office.

Another discussion item was Board Governance-extra training for BOE members, BOE structure, communication and transparency with that communication, and confidentiality.

The BOE discussed the BOE goals, Superintendent goals, and the strategic plan which will be adopted in July. Mr. Regan, Mrs. Bartels and Mrs. Larsen will review the goals and present for Adoption.

Mrs. Jenkins left the meeting at 5:35 PM.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Dr. Schiller, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 6:05 PM. Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

The Administrative team has been meeting and will present to the BOE a cohesive plan with a comprehensive framework for the Strategic Plan.

There is no need for a special policy regarding student taking the PARCC test because the district policy covers it.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Ragan to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter for approximately 10 minutes. The time was 7:30 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Laraway read the Sunshine Law.

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 a legal matter for approximately 15 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.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to return to the special meeting. The time was 8:15 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The BOE discussed PBL and Mr. Sipos will be making a presentation to the BOE.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:50 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary