Committee of the Whole – Minutes
June 11, 2015

The meeting began at 7:05 PM.

Mrs. 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.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Geoffrion, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Larsen, Ms. Delventhal (arrived at 7:10 PM), Mr. Regan, Ms. Resnick, Dr. Schiller

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Rowland, Superintendent
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary
Megan Verderamo, Supervisor of Special Programs

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Verderamo presented Goal 4-Professional Development of the Strategic Plan. The objectives are:

1. Individualized staff development
2. Supporting teachers in learning strategies and content related to new curriculum
3. Include paraprofessionals and other instructional staff in professional development programs
4. Open and frequent communication between staff and administration over the efficacy of initiatives.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins to go into executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters 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 and personnel matter 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.

Motion made by Mr. Regan, seconded by Ms. Resnick, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 7:40 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve the Stipulation of Settlement #6343430400, in the amount of $125,000.00.

Motion approved on a roll call vote.

The Board of Education interviewed candidates to fill the vacated Board Seat by Mr. Presutti.
The candidates were: Thomas Thorp, Elissa Schlotterbeck, Andrew Patykula, Terri Maddaloni, Chris Porcello, Michele Tenerelli, and Glenn Hamilton.

Each candidate spoke about what they would bring to the Board of Education and answered questions presented by the BOE.

FINANCE

Bills list was reviewed.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Bartels, to approve Joanne Black as Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the 2015-2016 school year beginning approximately August 15 through June 30, 2016 at an annual salary of $110,000 (pro-rated) pending approval from the Executive County Superintendent.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The Board Retreat will be held on Monday, June 15 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Fiddler's Elbow County Club.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Bartels, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the qualifications of the BOE candidates. The time was 9:10 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

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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 BOE candidates qualifications for approximately 20 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. Regan, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 9:39 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Resnick, to approve Thomas Thorp as the Board candidate to fill the vacant seat.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:40 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary