Minutes 4/30/15

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 30, 2015

The Regular Meeting and Budget Public Hearing of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Vice President, Lori Larsen, at 7:04 PM in the Library of the Old Turnpike School.

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.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mrs. Bartels, Mrs. Geoffrion, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Larsen, Mr. Regan, Ms. Resnick (arrived at 7:15 PM), Dr. Schiller

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Rowland, Superintendent
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

ABSENT: Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Presutti

PRESENTATION

- Lisa Schneider - Strategic Planning – Curriculum and Instruction
- 2015-2016 Public Budget Hearing

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve the resolution to adopt the 2015-2016 School Year Budget.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve the following minutes:

- February 26, 2015 Regular Meeting
- March 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole
- March 16, 2015 Special Budget Meeting
- March 26, 2015 Regular and Executive Session

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE – None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE – None at this time.

POLICY

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve items PO1.

PO1. Adopt the Revised Policy Manual prepared by NJSBA in its entirety.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mrs. Bartels, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve items P1-P8 as recommended by the Superintendent.

P1. Approve the New Jersey Family Medical Leave request from Joel Barrett, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher, beginning approximately August 24, 2015 through September 30, 2015.

P2. Approve Pamela Hoy as a part time Bus Driver beginning April 13, 2015 through June 30, 2015 for 5 hours per day at $17.00 per hour. The Chief School Administrator was approved to hire additional staff as needed for the 2014-2015 school year at the June 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

P3. Approve the salary increase for Megan Verderamo to $90,000 (pro-rated) effective May 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015.

P4. Approve Michael Fortino as a Long Term Substitute Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year beginning April 13, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at Step 1, BA at $53,934 (pro-rated). The Chief School Administrator was approved to hire additional staff as needed for the 2014-2015 school year at the June 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

P5. Approve the request to extend the maternity leave for Brittany Friedel with the use of five sick days from May 18 to May 22, 2015, thereby returning to school on May 26, 2015.

P6. Approve the following student teachers from Centenary College for the 2015-2016 school year from August 27, 2015 through December 15, 2015:

- Christie Heuneman - Social Studies/John Preston, Special Education/Heather Olla
- Malcolm McNair – Math/Patty Aanonsen, Special Education/Becky Palmer

P7. Approve Barbara Simcox as Executive Secretary to the Superintendent for the school year 2014-2015 at an annual salary of $50,000 (pro-rated) effective April 20, 2015 through June 30,

2015. The Chief School Administrator was approved to hire additional staff as needed for the 2014-2015 school year at the June 20, 2014 Board of Education meeting.

P8. Approve the maternity leave request for Angela Frutchey, TES Basic Skills Teacher, beginning August 24, 2015, using available sick days followed by 12 weeks of family medical leave with paid benefits, through June 30, 2016 and returning for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The items discussed at the Personnel committee meeting were the motions and the Danielson evaluation procedures.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Bartels, to approve items F1-F4.

F1. Approve the list of bills dated April 30, 2015 in the amount of $1,127,619.43.

F2. Approve entering into contract with Richard Kleinmann, M.D. for a Risk Assessment Evaluation for student #2122929851 at a cost of $495.00.

F3. Approve entering into a contract with the Hunterdon County YMCA to provide Before and After School programs for the 2015-16 school year.

F4. Motion to approve travel requests:

C Feinsod	NJ School Social Works Assn	$95 + mileage
C Feinsod	Building effective IEP's	$129 + mileage
S Donovan	Addressing staff mental health issues	$150 + mileage
J Miller	Addressing staff mental health issues	$150
P Nuwer	Building Effective IEP's	$129 + mileage

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

CURRICULUM

Discussion regarding PARCC testing conducted at the Committee of the Whole.

TECHNOLOGY

Committee did not meet.

FACILITIES

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve items FA1-FA2.

FA1. Motion to rescind the resolution awarding contract for the HVAC project to Sunnyfield Corporation.

FA2. Motion to approve the resolution awarding contract for the HVAC project to Direct Digital Control Systems.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Community Day and Fun Run were great. The transportation ran smoothly between schools. The Budget newsletter will be posted on the website and will be mailed to taxpayers using the Tewksbury Times publication.

The Board Secretary and Treasurer's report was tabled.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to approve S1-S2.

S1. Approve the following trip request for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Grade 8 to TES for play preview
- Grade 4 to OTS for a tour

S2. Approve the 2015-2016 Calendar last day change from June 9th to June 8th.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

HIB REPORT

There was one HIB incident reported at TES which was not confirmed as HIB. There were five out of school suspensions at OTS.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Items being discussed by the Legislature is repealing superintendent salary caps, PARCC testing being conducted once a year, common core repeal, PARCC testing not be tied to teacher evaluations for a year.

AUDIENCE – None at this time.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins, to adjourn to executive session for approximately 25 minutes to discuss a student matter. The time was 9:05 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The Sunshine Law was read.

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 student matter for approximately 25 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. The time was 9:05 PM.

Motion made by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 9:36 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Bartels, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:36 PM.
Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary