Minutes 2/26/15

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 26, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, Matthew Presutti, at 7:08 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. Geoffrion, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Larsen (arrived at 7:10 PM), Mrs. Marelli, (left at 8:30 PM), Mr. Presutti, Mr. Regan, Ms. Resnick (arrived at 7:26 PM), Dr. Schiller (arrived at 8:55 PM)

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Bartels

PRESENTATION

A presentation was made by the Morris County Arts Workshop (MCAW) detailing their before and after school programs for students. MCAW conducts workshops in the Chester, Mendham, Washington Township (Morris County) and Mt. Olive school districts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Geoffrion, to approve the following minutes:

- January 22, 2015 Regular Meeting and Executive Session
- February 4, 2015 Special Meeting
- February 12, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE – None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

There have been emails from parents regarding snow days.

POLICY

NJSBA has finished the rough draft of the policy review, the committee will review it and then the BOE will adopt it. The committee will review the class size policy with regard to Kindergarten.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items P1-P4 as recommended by the Superintendent.

P1. Approve Michael Fortino as a full time Long Term Substitute Basic Skills Reading Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year beginning February 17, 2015 through March 31, 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.

P2. Approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2014-2015 school year:

- Nicole Clark
- Michael Dalpe

P3. Approve Marlene Perchinske as a Special Education Teacher for Maternity Leave Replacement for the 2014-2015 school year beginning March 2, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at BA Step 1, $53,934 pro-rated.

P4. Approve emergent hire for Marlene Perchinske.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The Child Study Team structure will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items F1-F3 and F6. Motion F4 and F5 are tabled.)

F1. Approve the list of bills dated February 26, 2015 in the amount of $1,186,051.30.

F2. Approve entering into contract with Advancing Opportunities for an Augmentative Communication Evaluation for student #1342339506 at a cost of $1,220.00.

F3. Approve entering into contract with Advanced Behavior Solutions, Inc. for a Functional Behavior Assessment for student #8622710681 at a cost of $100 per hour not to exceed 9 hours or $900.

F4. Approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

F6. Approve the following travel requests:

J Torsky	Pediatric Yoga for Sensory, Behavioral	$199 + mileage
A Wieland	Teaching Power of Story & Stories	$60

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The preliminary 2015-16 budget was discussed.

CURRICULUM

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Geoffrion, to approve C1.

C1. Approve a full-day Kindergarten program for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion approved on a 6-1 vote with Dr. Schiller voting no.

TECHNOLOGY

The committee did not meet. The technology team is preparing for PARCC. The district's technology will accommodate PARCC requirements.

FACILITIES

The bids were received for the HVAC project on February 12. The lowest overall bid was $733,000 which includes all alternates. The bid documents are being reviewed by the attorney.

COMMUNICATIONS

Plans are ongoing for the Spring into Fun Community Day. Information is being sent to local newpapers and surrounding area newsletters for publication.

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items B1-B3.

B1. Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Transfers for December 2014.

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 December 2014 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 certification as required by N.J.A.C. 6:20-13 (D), that no line item account has been overexpended as of December 2014 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.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve items S1-S3.

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

- Grades 6&8 to OM Regional Tournament, Woodstown, NJ
- Grade 8 to Washington D.C.
- Grade 7 to Philadelphia, PA
- Grades 7&8 to Readington Middle School, Readington, NJ
- Grades 5&6 to Holland Township School, Milford, NJ

S2. Approve Ken Bobal, a student of Rutgers University enrolled in the Learning Disabilities graduate course, to observe six hours in Tewksbury Elementary School.

S3. Approve changes to the 2014-2015 school calendar as follows:

- March 4, 2015 will be a full day (no delayed opening for in-service)
- If **8** days are used by March 6, then April 7,8,9 & 10 will be used as school days for students and all staff.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

HIB Report – No reports, no incidents, no investigations for February.

AUDIENCE – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:50 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary