Minutes 1/22/15

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 22, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, Matthew Presutti, at 7:16 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 (arrived at 7:18 PM), Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Presutti, Mr. Regan, Ms. Resnick, Dr. Schiller

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Larsen

Mrs. Geoffrion read the Oath of Office for School Board members.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Colantano, Board Auditor, presented the 2013-14 audit.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter for approximately 15 minutes. The time was 7:57 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 Mr. Regan, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 8:10 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

December 17, 2014 Regular Meeting and Executive session
January 8, 2015 Committee of the Whole
January 8, 2015 Reorganizational Meeting

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE- None at this time.

POLICY

Ms. Rowland reported that the policy review is almost completed. Parent volunteers will be required to undergo the fingerprinting process for the Camp Mason overnight trip and will be communicated to the parents.

PERSONNEL

Motions made by Mrs. Bartels, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve P1-P4, as recommended by the Superintendent.

P1. Approve Ryan Lagomarsino as a volunteer to assist with the boys' basketball team for the 2014-2015 school year.

P2. Approve Michael Fortino as Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach for the 2014-2015 school year at $2,198.00.

P3. Approve maternity leave request for Jeannette Pill, beginning approximately March 9, 2015 through June 30, 2015 using available sick and personal days followed by 12 weeks of family medical leave with paid benefits. No additional voluntary unpaid leave is approved for the 2015-2016 school year.

P4. Approve Kenneth Bobal as a Substitute Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Presutti stated that the BOE wants to hire the best and the brightest and want to have a standard of performance for teachers. Ms. Rowland will prepare aggregate data on teachers' evaluations, teacher absentee trends, and prepare a teacher climate survey.

FINANCE

Motions made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve F1-F3.

F1. Approve the list of bills dated January 22, 2015 in the amount of $1,358,209.50.

F2. Approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Tewksbury Township Board of Education's 2015-16 participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students and the estimated revenue projection would provide no cost benefit to the district.

F3. Approve the following travel requests:

M Ryder	Climate Control for your school	$295
K Csolak	NJ Music Educators Conf	$185 + mileage
Bus drivers (12)	School Bus Drivers Safety Seminar	$420
S Donovan	ADHD-Executive Functions	$189 + mileage
B Hoffman	STS Conference	$325 + mileage

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

CURRICULUM

The winter testing of the MWEA will be conducted in January. Ms. Schneider attended PARCC training and will share information with the staff at the next staff meeting.

Samples of character ed curricula and quotes on professional development are being obtained.

TECHNOLOGY

Technology met on January 19. Mr. Regan stated that the technology team from Readington are doing a great job and have a great relationship with staff. The nes website is live and optimizes with other devices. There will be an update to the firewall and filtering with a higher level of security. The district's network will be able to handle the PARCC testing. Goggle Apps for Education is being rolled out. Each student has a log-in. Students can access from home. There will be teacher professional development on Goggle Apps for Education. The district will be moving to email from Goggle next school year which will free up a server. The district's network can handle a BYOD initiative starting with 7/8 grade. The district is also looking into purchasing additional devices for a 1 to 1 initiative.

FACILITIES

The projects are in the punch list stage.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Spring into Fun Day is in the organization stage with a Fun Run being planned.. TAA will schedule a girls' lacrosse game. A flyer is being created.

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

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

B1. Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Transfers for November 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 November 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 November 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 Dr. Schiller, to approve item S1.

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

- Grade 3 SE to Shoprite, Chester, NJ

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The BOE would like more information on field trips and how they tie to the curriculum.

Ms. Rowland reported that there was one incident of HIB at OTS. Parents were contacted and procedures were changed.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW - None

AUDIENCE - None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:16 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary