Committee of the Whole – Minutes
December 11, 2014

The meeting began at 7:17 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. Larsen, Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Presutti, Ms. Resnick, Mr. Regan (arrived at 7:21 PM)

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Rowland, Superintendent
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary
Lisa Schneider, Supervisor of Curriculum

ABSENT: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Regan, Dr. Schiller

CURRICULUM

Project Aspire – all data is in and finalized. The PBL teacher will be the PA teacher. There are a total of 67 students that are eligible for PA.

District NWEA results indication that the district means are above the national norms in both reading and math at all grade levels.

Curriculum writing and revisions timeline:

- Science NGSS will begin in the fall of 2015 to be finalized and implementation by September 2016 grades 6-8 and September 2017 for grades K-5.
- PBL revision beginning January 2015 with specific objectives by grade levels
- Standards 8 (Technology Education) and 9 (Career Readiness Practices revision beginning in January 2015 with implementation by September 2015
- K-2 Literacy revision to begin Spring 2015
- ASAP and RtI draft to begin in January 2015 with completion Fall 2015
- Character Education – ongoing efforts to determine areas of need and to retrain teachers.

FACILITIES

The district is awaiting the scan cards from the contractor.
The generator will be installed over the winter break.

FINANCE

The BOE reviewed the bills list and motions.

COMMUNICATIONS

Spring Into Fun Community Day is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2015 from 12 -4 PM. Information about the district's strategic planning process has been released to the media. The students participated in the Hour of Code during International Computer Science Week. A press release was sent to the local newspapers.

The website was presented to the Technology Committee and will be going live after the new year.

The calendar was discussed. The February break will include a full day on Friday and a full day on September 14 which is Rosh Hashanah.

The regular meeting ended at 9:14 PM. The Sunshine Law was read as the BOE was going into an executive session to discuss litigation for approximately 5 minutes. The executive session ended at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary