Minutes 11/24/14

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 24, 2014

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, Mrs. Jenkins, Mr. Presutti, Dr. Schiller

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Regan, Ms. Resnick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- October 23, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE – None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE – None at this time.

POLICY

The policy audit by NJSBA should be well underway towards completion by the end of the month.

PERSONNEL

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

P1. Accept the resignation of Michele Cone, Art Teacher at Old Turnpike School, effective December 31, 2014.

P2. Rescind the motion from October 23, 2014 meeting (P18) *Accept the resignation of Tim Davis, Social Studies Teacher and Athletic Director, effective December 2, 2014.*

P3. Accept the resignation of Tim Davis, Social Studies Teacher and Athletic Director, effective October 31, 2014.

P4. Approve Tom Lobb as Athletic Director for the 2014-2015 school year beginning December 1, 2014 at $5,648 (pro-rated).

P5. Approve John Preston as Boys Baseball Assistant Coach for the 2014-2015 school year at $3,046.

P6. Approve Sally Warner as part-time Special Education Instructional Aide at TES for the 2014-2015 school year beginning approximately January 5, 2015 through June 30, 2015 at $14.65 per hour for 4 hours per day.

P7. Approve Giovanna Feula as a Substitute Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year.

P8. Approve Ryan Lagomarsino as a 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year beginning December 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at Step 1, BA at $53,934 (pro-rated).

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Bartels, to approve items F1-F7.

F1. Approve the list of bills dated November 24 in the amount of $1,163,277.63.

F2. Approve entering into contract with Louis A. Daly to provide Restraint Training: Strategies for Crisis Intervention and Prevention (SCIP) to staff for two (2), six (6) hour sessions at a cost of $750.00 per session for a total of $1,500.00.

F3. Approve entering into contract with Douglass Outreach for a Functional Behavioral Assessment for student #9018305163 at a cost of $2,800.00.

F4. Approve entering into contract with Douglass Outreach for a Functional Behavioral Assessment for student #8648863621 at a cost of $2,800.00.

F5. Approve transfer of student #6542818998 placed at YCS Fort Lee Educational Center to placement at East Mountain School at a tuition rate of $317.14 per diem effective November 21, 2014.

F6. Approve entering into contract with UMDNJ for a psychiatric evaluation for student #4353182744 at a cost of $750.00.

F7. Motion to approve travel requests:

M Rowland	NJASA Techspo	$395 Registration
		99 Lodging (I night)

		66 M&E incidentals
		$560 Total
M Rowland	Facing media during a Crisis	$ 75
E Freely	Strategies for SLP in the Classroom	$235 + mileage
S Stecker	Strategies for SLP in the Classroom	$235 + mileage
A Russell	NJ Assn of Gifted Children	$219 + mileage
P Nuwer	NJ Assn of School Psychologists	$110

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

CURRICULUM

Items discussed at the open committee meeting were PBL, testing reports, communication to parents in layman's terms regarding testing with the objective to be over communicating and character education at TES.

TECHNOLOGY

The committee did not meet however Ms. Rowland displayed a screen shot of the new website design that includes a consolidated district calendar.

FACILITIES

Scan cards have been ordered for TES and the generator is being installed on December 29.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Rowland and Ms. Resnick met to discuss a communication plan for the district. The BOE discussed how to solicit feedback from stakeholders.

The next strategic planning meeting is Dec 9 to discuss a shared vision and the last meeting is January 13 to discuss specific goals for the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Bartels, to approve items SA1-SA4:

S1. Approve the following trip request for the 2014-2015 school year:
- Grade 6 to ShopRite, Chester, NJ
- Grade 8 to Voorhees HS, Glen Gardner, NJ

S2. Approve submission of QSAC Statement of Assurance to NJDOE.

S3. Approve Christie Heuneman, a student from Centenary College, for a 15 week practicum beginning January 20, 2015 at Old Turnpike School.

S4. Approve Gary Stevens, a student from Centenary College, for a 15 week student teaching experience beginning January 20, 2015 at Tewksbury Elementary School.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

HIB Report – Ms. Rowland reported that there were no HIB investigations or suspensions in November.

Ms. Rowland presented additional information about the 2013-14 district testing results that included number of students that were tested and the total percentage of students that were advanced proficient and proficient.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Legislation has been presented for a feasibility study for switching start times for elementary and high school students. The have been proposed talks about changing the QSAC process to seven years instead of three years. The Hunterdon County Freeholders have requested that BOE's to pass a resolution about shared services.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussions with Califon for sharing a Superintendent continue. Ms. Rowland met with the principal of Califon for additional information.

Ms. Rowland will prepare a survey for parents regarding the sale of snacks.

AUDIENCE – None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Bartels, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:30 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary