Committee of the Whole – Minutes
October 9, 2014

The meeting began at 7:03 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. Geoffrion, Mrs. Larsen, Mr. Regan (arrived at 7:40 PM), Ms. Resnick (arrived at 7:13 PM), Mr. Presutti, Dr. Schiller (arrived at 7:14 PM)

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Marelli

CURRICULUM

Ms. Schneider updated the BOE on the Project Aspire in conjunction with the CoGat results and the additional testing to identify students. Professional development is well underway for the Writers' Workshop. The writing coach is working with teachers on the narrative and informational aspects of the program.

Ms. Schneider reviewed the professional development that was conducted on Wednesday, October 8, during the delayed opening which consisted of the building principals discussing the SGA's and specific growth targets for the tiers that have been established for the students. Also, there was PD for Aimsweb, an online assessment program specifically for use with special education and ASAP students to monitor student progress.

The October 13 professional development is as follows:

- NWEA results interpretation – targeting using date for instruction
- Department meetings at OTS
- Reflex math training

Project based learning which enables a differentiated learning experience to students was also discussed. The program EdMoto is being used.

FACILITIES

The security project at TES is approximately 85% complete. Cameras are installed. The contractor is waiting for parts for the outer doors and keyless entry system.

The transfer of electricity that is required for the generator project to continue is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 18 to avoid interruption of a school day. The generator should arrive by Friday, October 17.

FINANCE

The BOE reviewed the bills list and motions. The district received the check for the safety grant that was submitted and approved. These funds will be used for upgrades to the security system at OTS.

COMMUNICATIONS

Spring Into Fun Community Day is tentatively scheduled for April 18, 2015 from 12 -4 PM. The gym teachers at OTS are looking into organizing a fun run. The Tewksbury Trail Association has volunteered.

Information about the district's strategic planning process has been released to the media.

The meeting ended at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary