Minutes 9/23/14

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 23, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, Matthew Presutti, at 7:03 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 (arrived at 7:05 PM), Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Presutti, Mr. Regan, Ms. Resnick (arrived at 7:06 PM), Dr. Schiller (arrived at 7:06 PM)

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

PRESENTATION

Representatives from Maschio's Food Service presented school nutrition information which included the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve the following minutes:
September 11, 2014 Committee of the Whole.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE – None at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Rowland received letter from Margaret Griggs, a township resident, requesting that the BOE consider a full day kindergarten.

POLICY

The district has contracted with NJSBA for policy services and NJSBA is in the process of converting the district policies to conform to NJSBA's policy guides.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mrs. Marelli, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve items P1-P11 as recommended by the Superintendent.

P1. Approve staff that holds a valid NJ Instructional Certificate for Student Supervision for the 2014-2015 school year.

P2. Approve Kelly Cullen as OTS Nurse for the I&RS committee for the 2014-2015 school year at $39.00 per hour.

P3. Approve Nichole Dickinson as Show Chorus/Vocal Ensemble Director for the 2014-2015 school year at $1,170.00.

P4. Approve Joel Barrett as Cross Country Assistant Coach for the 2014-2015 school year at $3,721.00.

P5. Rescind motion from July 24, 2014 meeting (P16) *Approve Megan Verderamo as OTS Special Education Teacher for the I&RS committee for the 2014-2015 school year at $39.00 per hour.*

P6. Accept the letter of resignation for Dina Innocenti, Special Ed Instructional Aide, effective August 29, 2014.

P7. Approve the reduction of hours for Lorrie Pollack, Bus Driver, from 6 hrs to 5 hrs per day for the 2014-2015 school year beginning September 16, 2014.

P8. Approve the increase of hours for Jay Jimenez, Bus Driver, from 5 hrs to 6 hrs per day for the 2014-2015 school year beginning October 1, 2014.

P9. Approve the medical leave of absence request from Christina Johnson, Lunchroom Aide, beginning August 28, 2014.

P10. Approve Jami Alberalla as Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher at Old Turnpike School for the 2014-2015 school year beginning October 1, 2014 through May 15, 2015 at Step 1, MA $58,334 prorated.

P11. Approve Amanda Goldstein as a Substitute Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee met to discuss the motions.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items F1-F11.

F1. Approve list of bills dated September 23, 2014 in the amount of $960,345.17.

F2. Accept a donation of a CD player for TES from E. Plumstead, value $50.

F3. Accept a donation from the TelecomPioneers of the following:

A Student's Dictionary	All third grade students
Webster's Thesaurus for Students	All fourth grade students
Webster's Int'l Atlas	All fifth grade students

F4. Approve entering into a contract with Terry Jones, MA, CCC-SLP to provide speech language services for the 2014-2015 school year for up to 28 hours per week beginning approximately September 24, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a rate of $82.00 per hour.

F5. Rescind motion from May 22, 2014 (F5) *Approve placement of student #6542818998 at Hunterdon Learning Center for the 2014 Extended School Year Program beginning July 8, 2014 through August 15, 2014 at a tuition rate of @240.00 per diem ($7,200) plus transportation.*

F6. Rescind motion from July 24, 2014 (F2) *Approve placement of student #6542818998 at Hunterdon Learning Center for the 2014-2015 school year at a tuition rate of @240.00 per diem ($43,200) plus transportation.*

F7. Approve placement of student #6542818998 at YCS Fort Lee Educational Center for 2014-2015 school year at a tuition rate of $298.33 per diem ($53,699.40).

F8. Approve the resolution that the Tewksbury Board of Education does not require Youth Consultation Service (out of district placement) to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals.

F9. Approve the following travel requests:

M Rowland	HC Supt Retreat	$166.41 + mileage
K Kelsey	Wilson Reading Intro	$450 + mileage
J Wadler	Art Educators of NJ	$185 + mileage
M Verderamo	Hot Topics in SP ED Law	$190 + mileage
P Nuwer	Hot Topics in SP ED Law	$190
C Feinsod	Hot Topics in SP ED Law	$190 + mileage
K Morrow	NJ Intl Dyslexia Conf	$223 + mileage
J Torsky	School Health Conf	$175 + mileage
J Pill	Close Reading and Smart Analytical Writing	$239
H Olla	Close Reading and Smart Analytical	$239

	Writing	
M Yakimec	AMTNJ Conference	$165 + mileage

F10. Approve the following allocation of 2013-2014 surplus:

$200,000 capital reserve
$796,989 budgeted 2015-16

F11. Approve entering into an agreement with NJSBA for Strategic Plan 3D Model Services at a cost of $3,850.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

CURRICULUM

Project based learning was discussed.

TECHNOLOGY

The Tewksbury Education Foundation generously donated $20,000 to purchase student devices. Teachers are happy with the new devices that they received. An old server was reconditioned for Google Docs usage. BYOD (bring your own device) is being reviewed.
The website redesign has begun. The wireless system at TES is being reviewed for potential updating "Stop It" information that was presented at the Committee of the Whole is being reviewed.

FACILITIES

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to apparove item FA1.

FA1. Approve the TAA's request to plant grass on the dirt infield of the TES Roadside filled and placement of a temporary water tank to provide watering for the grass.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The construction projects are still underway. The generator has not been received with an anticipated delivery date of mid-October. The contractor is waiting for parts for the security project at TES.

COMMUNICATIONS

Planning for the Spring Into Fun Day is into full swing. The day is to showcase the schools. Odyssey of The Mind, Project Based Learning, Art and Music programs are planned.

The BOE will invite community members.

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT – None at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve items SA1-SA3.

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

- Grade 8 to SAFE in Hunterdon, Flemington, NJ
- Grade 2 to World of Wings, Teaneck, NJ

S2. Approve the Law Enforcement MOA and Addendum for the 2014-2015 school year.

S3. Approve the HIB Self-Assessment report.

Ms. Rowland reviewed the HIB self assessment with the BOE. OTS received a score of 68 out of 78. The school could do more with HIB education and character education programs. TES received a 71 out of 78.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Rowland reported that there was one HIB incident at the 4th grade level at TES. All timelines were met and there was remediation and consequences.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dates for the Strategic Planning process are being scheduled-one meeting in November, December and January. The BOE will advertise and personally invite residents. It was also suggested to included high school and college students who attended district schools.

NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that the Administration review flipping school times between OTS and TES.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan, to move the November 20, 2014 meeting to Monday, November 24, 2014.

Motion approved on a 8-1 voice vote with Mrs. Larsen abstaining.

AUDIENCE

Mrs. Griggs requested that the BOE consider an full day kindergarten. A parent requested that the BOE review the length of time that students are on the bus.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:55 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.