

Minutes 09/25/13

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION September 25, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, Matthew Presutti, at 7:00 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, Mr. Delia (arrived at 7:05 PM), Mrs. Larsen (arrived at 7:08 PM), Mrs. Marelli, Mrs. Pieger, Mr. Presutti, Mr. Regan,

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Jerkovich, Mr. Santoro

PRESENTATION

- Dave Cooley presented information to the Board of Education regarding the TAA-PTA efforts to replace the scoreboard at OTS.
- Jon Ackerman spoke to the Board of Education about the efforts of building a turf field at OTS.

MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve the August 21, 2013 Regular Meeting minutes.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

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

P1. Approve Melissa Fogg as full time Tewksbury Elementary School Secretary for the 2013-2014 school year (190 days) beginning August 29, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at a salary of \$24,000, pro-rated.

P2. Approve the maternity leave request for Amy Allen, OTS Special Education Teacher, beginning December 20, 2013 then using her sick and personal days followed by 12 weeks of Family Medical leave without the need for benefits through June 30, 2014 and returning for the 2014-2015 school year.

P3. Approve the maternity leave request for Emily Freely (Winckler), Speech-Language Specialist, beginning January 2, 2014 with an approximate return to work date of May 12, 2014.

P4. Accept the resignation of Dina Innocenti from her part time Special Education Instructional Aide position effective August 22, 2013 to fill the position of full time Special Education Instructional Aide position for the 2013-2014 school year beginning August 26, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

P5. Approve Jami Steinbeiser as part time (25 hours per week) Instructional Aide at Old Turnpike School for the 2013-2014 school year beginning September 12, 2013 through June 30, 2014 at step 1, \$14.65 per hour.

P6. Approve the lateral move of Nicole Dickinson from BA to BA+30 retroactive to August 26, 2013.

P7. Approve the following 2013-2014 Non-Athletic Honoraria positions:

- 8th Grade Advisor
 - Bonnie Mendralla
- 8th Grade Overnight Trip Coordinator
 - Joel Barrett
- Odyssey of the Mind Advisors – shared position
 - Regina DeStefano
- 8th Grade Play:
 - Assistant Director
 - Emmalee Cogle
 - Musical Director
 - Emmalee Cogle
 - Production Manager
 - Dolores Krowl
- Intervention and Referral Service Committee:
Tewksbury Elementary School
 - Guidance Counselor
 - Sheila Donovan

P8. Approve the following 2013-2014 Athletic Honoraria positions:

- Cross Country
 - Head Coach

- Catherine Zisk
- Assistant Coach
 - Samantha Tennick

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion P-9 was pulled by the Superintendent.

P9. Approve the following job descriptions:

- Recess Aide
- 8th Grade Overnight Trip Coordinator
- Outdoor Education Coordinator

The committee met and reviewed the motions and also discussed evaluations of honoraria.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Marelli, to approve items F1-F3.

F1. Approve list of bills dated September 25, 2013 in the amount of \$955,621.54.

F2. Rescind motion approved 3-27-13 due to the fact that the child did not attend the program.

“Accept an out of district student from Hampton School District into the Preschool Autistic 2013 Extended School Year program at a tuition cost of \$3,910 beginning July 1, 2013 through August 8, 2013. The tuition amount includes Speech services. Transportation and aide will be the responsibility of the sending district. Other related services such as OT, PT will be provided by the Receiving District’s contracted provider and billed directly to the Sending District.”

F3. Motion to approve travel requests:

M Rowland	NJ Supt Study Council	\$450
A Warren	NJ Science Convention	\$165 + mileage
J Condren	NJ Dyslexia Assoc	\$170 + mileage
D Lance	NJ Dyslexia Assoc	\$290 + mileage
C Moran	NJ Dyslexia Assoc	\$290 + mileage
K Morrow	NJ Dyslexia Assoc	\$330 + mileage
M Yakimec	AMTNJ Math Conf	\$135 + mileage
S Donovan	Healing in the Classroom	Mileage
K Laraway	Capital Projects – bid specs	\$50 + mileage
K Laraway	Ethics in Business Law & Purchasing	\$50 + mileage
K Laraway	Pension Update	\$50 + mileage
S Stecker	Social Thinking (2 days)	\$340 + mileage
		<u>\$82.50</u> M & I
		\$422.50 +mileage
J Burns	Social Thinking (2 days)	\$340
		\$116 lodging (1n)
		<u>\$82.50</u> M & I
		\$538.50

B Tosco	Preschoolers & Autism	\$179 + mileage
J Burns	Autism Conf (2 days)	\$500 Registration
		\$96 Lodging (1n)
		\$44 M & I
		<u>\$83</u> mileage
		\$723 total
E Calamito	Section 504, ADA, IDEA	\$75 + mileage
S Donovan	Section 504, ADA, IDEA	\$75
M Cone	Hunterdon Art Museum Roundtable	\$45 + mileage
C Feinsod	NJ School Social Workers Fall Workshop	\$95 + mileage
E Freely (Winkler)	Autism conf (2 days)	\$500 Registration
		\$96 Lodging (1n)
		\$69 Mileage
		<u>\$44</u> M & I
		\$709 Total
M Cutri-French	Blending of Virtual World & Augmented Reality	Mileage
P Nuwer	Conducting Successful IEP Mtgs	\$75
E Calamito	Conducting Successful IEP Mtgs	\$75 + mileage
C Feinsod	Conducting Successful IEP Mtgs	\$75
C Feinsod	SGO's and Special Ed	Mileage

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee met and discussed the TEF and curriculum programming as well as the motions.

CURRICULUM

The committee met and discussed Aspire & ASAP, the RTI model, process to revise curriculum, Council of Instruction, SGO's (Student Growth Objectives). The NJASK results will be presented at the October BOE meeting.

TECHNOLOGY

The committee met and discussed the beginning of the year and technology start-up, wireless network and public access, pursuing information on BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative. The committee will also meet again with Administration to discuss a strategically and philosophic technology plan for the district

FACILITIES

Motion made by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve FA1-FA3.

FA1. Approve Shannon Powelson's Girl Scout Silver Award project of installing gym wall pads in the Old Turnpike School gymnasium.

FA2. Approve payment of \$85,620 to A-Tech Concrete Co. for the stairs at TES.

FA3. Approve change order #1 from A-Tech Concrete Co. in the amount of (\$7,500) for general repair allowance #1.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve FA4.

FA4. Approve the donation from the TAA/PTA of scoreboards in the OTS gym in the amount of \$9,000 (\$7,000 for scoreboards and \$2,000 for installation).

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee met and discussed the SDA grants, Ms. Powelson's Girl Scout Silver Award, and the "Fill the Bus" initiative by OTS.

Mr. Delia also stated that he received an email from a parent questioning the bussing of the Califon Choice Students attending Tewksbury Schools. Mr. Delia responded that Tewksbury Busses go through Califon and that Califon is paying Tewksbury for the bussing of these students.

NEGOTIATIONS

The committee met with the Administrators. The meetings have been productive and there is a very cooperative environment. The contract should be wrapped up shortly.

POLICY

Motions made by Mrs. Marelli, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items PO1-PO6.

PO1. Approve on first reading Policy # 3144.3 Suspension Upon Certification of Tenure Charge

PO2. Approve on first reading Policy #3144.12 Certification of Tenure Charges – Inefficiency

PO3. Approve on first reading Policy #3372 Teaching Staff member Tenure Acquisition

PO4. Approve on first reading Policy #3373 Tenure Upon Transfer or Promotion

PO5. Approve on first reading Policy 5512 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

PO6. Approve on first reading Regulation #5512 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Investigative Procedures

Motions approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The committee met to discuss the motions. The policy wellness check requested from the NJSBA should be completed in a few months. This should not get into the way with dealing with Strauss Esmay. The Anti-Big Brother policy was also discussed.

COMMUNICATIONS

The committee met prior to the BOE meeting and discussed communications to the community via mail, websites, portals, twitter, Facebook, etc. The district also should be communicating what is happening within the schools such as assemblies, competitions, etc. to the media. This is important to showcase the good things that are happening in the district.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mrs. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan to approve S1-S2.

S1. Approve the following class trips for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Grade PreK to West Portal Pumpkin Patch, Asbury NJ
- Grade 8 to Majestic Theatre, New York, NY
- Grade 5 to The Bronx Zoo, New York, NY

S2. Approve the Law Enforcement MOA and Addendum for the 2013-2014 school year

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Rowland stated that the Superintendent's revised goals will be sent to the County Executive Superintendent for approval.

Discussion

- HIB Incident Report – There were no HIB incidents or Suspensions for the month of August.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan, to change the Regular Board of Education meeting from October 22 to Monday, October 28 beginning at 7:00 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The Communications committee will meet prior to the October 28th BOE meeting at 6:00 PM.

The BOE goals will be presented at the next BOE meeting.

Ms. Rowland stated that the Choice Students are doing well.

Mr. Delia would like to see efforts made to have OTS recognized as a Blue Ribbon School.

AUDIENCE

Mrs. Venito questioned when the 6,7,8th grade math and 8th grade science curriculum's would be posted to the website. Mrs. Fritz commented on the Kindergarten back-to-school night and requested that the administration consider including Kindergarten BTS night with the grade 1-4 BTS night.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Regan to adjourn to executive session to discuss litigation. The time was 8:50 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Laraway read the Sunshine Law.

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

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vot

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary