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TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 30, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, Mr. Presutti, at 7:00 PM in the Library of the Old Turnpike School.

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. Jerkovich (arrived at 7:22 PM), Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Marelli, Mrs. Pieger, Mr. Santoro, Mr. Presutti

ALSO PRESENT: Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

ABSENT: Mr. Delia, Mr. Regan

Mrs. Laraway stated that January is "school Board Recognition Month" and read the following statement: "Governor Christie proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and recognizes the countless hours that school board members devote to their respective communities and appreciates their efforts at overseeing school district operations."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

- December 12, 2012 Special Meeting & Executive Session
- December 19, 2012 Regular Meeting and Executive Session
- January 2, 2013 Organizational Meeting and Executive session
- January 9, 2013 Special Meeting & Executive Session
- January 16, 2013 Special Meeting & Executive Session
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Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve items P1-P7 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

P1. Approve the following Substitute Teachers for the 2012-2013 school year:
Robin Balick
Peter Cartselos

Marie Lewandowski
Kelly Palmer

P2. Approve Pamela Hoy as a Substitute Bus Driver for the 2012-2013 school year.

P3. Approve Joanne Cobb as Secretary for the 2012-2013 school year beginning February 1, 2012 to fill two half time positions for a total of 8 hours per day, 190 days a year at a salary of $24,000 pro-rated. Ms. Cobb will not receive health benefits or compensation for waiving benefits.

P4. Approve Barbara Risalvato as a long term substitute Spanish Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning January 28, 2013 – June 30, 2013, MA+30 Step 6, $63,043 prorated.

P5. Approve Anna Hussey as a long term substitute Music Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning January 25, 2013 – June 30, 2013, BA Step 1, $52,903 prorated.

P6. Approve Dina Innocenti as a Special Education Instructional Aide for 5.5 hours per day for the 2012-2013 school year from February 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013 at Step 4, $15.55 per hour.

P7. Approve Emergent Hire for the following:

Joanne Cobb
Anna Hussey
Dina Innocenti

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee met and discussed the review of job descriptions. The policy committee will be reviewing personnel policies starting with the Superintendent evaluation policy.

FINANCE

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

F1. Approve the bills list dated January 30, 2013 in the amount of $1,138,848.15.

F2. Approve the filing of a waiver request to exempt the Tewksbury Township Board of Education's participation in the SPECIAL Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the fact that the DOE projects an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students.

F3. Motion to approve travel requests:

C Feinsod	Natl Assn of Social Workers	$360 + mileage
Bus Drivers	Driver Safety Seminar	$420
K Csolak	NJMENC Conference	$185 + mileage
B Hoffman Jr.	STS Conference	$325 + mileage
J Burns	Behavior Disorders	$315 + mileage
C Moran	NJ Intl Dyslexia Conf	$170 + Mileage
S Steinman	Reading & Writing Conf	$175 + mileage
G Bogan	HC Librarians Winter workshop	$40 + mileage
A Russell	NJ Assn Gifted Children Conf	$199 + mileage
A Frutchey	Motivating the unmotivated	$215 + mileage

Motion approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

There was discussion regarding the 2013-14 budget. State aid figures will be released on February 28 which is after the February BOE meeting. The BOE will conduct an additional meeting in March to approve the tentative 2013-14 budget.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to have an additional meeting on Wednesday, March 6, to approve the tentative 2013-14 budget for submission to the Executive County Superintendent.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

CURRICULUM

The committee did not meet in January. The Chair of the committee has requested from committee members to prioritize objectives for the coming year.

FACILITIES

The committee did not meet in January.

NEGOTIATIONS

There have been 4 meetings and both teams are working cooperatively.

POLICY

The committee has not met in January. The motions are being tabled.

PO1. Approve on second reading Policy #2330 Homework

PO2. Approve on second reading Policy #2361 Acceptable use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources

PO3. Approve on second reading Regulation #2361 Acceptable use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources

PO4. Approve on second reading Policy #9180 – School Volunteers

The Board of Education self-evaluation is due the end of February. The BOE will be notified electronically when the Superintendent evaluation is available.

TECHNOLOGY

The committee did not meet in January. The district is pursuing a shared service agreement with Readington for the 2013-14 school year.

SEARCH /COMMUNICATIONS

There were 7 candidates that were selected for the first round of interviews.

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items B1-B3.

B1. Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Transfers for November 2012

B2. Motion accepting the Superintendent's certification that the financial report of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month ending November 2012 is in balance and that the Superintendent recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e) that the Board of Education certify that no major account or fund has been overexpended and that as of these reports, sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of this fiscal year.

B3. Motion to accept the Board Secretary's certification as required by N.J.A.C. 6:20-13 (D), that no line item account has been overexpended as of November 2012 and that as of this date, sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Santoro to approve S1.

S1. Approve the following class trips for the 2012-2013 school year:
Grade 8 to the Shubert Theater, NY City NY

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

2013-2014 School Calendar- Multiple calendar scenarios will be provided to the BOE for approval at the February BOE meeting.
HIB – no incidents to report
School Choice – There are 20 students that welcome/information letters were mailed to the families.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Santoro and Mr. Presutti attended a meeting of the NHVRHS Board.

AUDIENCE – None at this time.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Santoro, to adjourn to executive session for a status review of negotiations and Superintendent search for approximately 25 minutes. The time was 8:15 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Laraway read the Sunshine Law.

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

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

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

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary