Minutes 9/20/12

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 20, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, John Santoro, at 7:05 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. Brakewood, Mr. Delia, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Marelli (arrived at 7:15 PM), Mr. Presutti, Mr. Santoro, Mrs. Sernas, Mrs. Thorp (left at 8:45 PM)

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. James Gamble, Interim Superintendent/CSA
Karin Laraway, Board Secretary

ABSENT: Mr. Regan

AUDIENCE – None at this time

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- August 22, 2012 Regular Meeting

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to approve items P1-P6 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

P1. Approve Kelly Cullen for one additional hour per day for school year 2012-2013 from August 29, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at MA+30 Step 10, $49.33 per hour.

P2. Approve the following 2012-2013 Non-Athletic Honoraria positions:

- Student Council Moderator (shared - 30 sessions split)
  - Samantha Tennick
  - Brittany Elder
- Fairview Lake Coordinator
  - Samantha Tennick (16 sessions)

- Odyssey of the Mind (shared - 81 session split)
    - Regina Destefano
    - Patty Mauriello
- Intervention and Referral Service Committee:

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- Guidance Counselor
    - Mary Cutri-French
- School Nurse
    - Kelly Cullen
- Regular Education Teacher
    - Scott Steinman/Yahna Fiscarelli – shared position
- Special Education Teacher
    - Megan Sass
- Child Study Team Representative
    - Connie Feinsod

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- Guidance Counselor
    - Sheila Donovan
- School Nurse
    - Judi Piccolo-Torsky
- Regular Education Teacher
    - Camille Bristow/Gail Grube – shared position
- Special Education Teacher
    - Brenda Votta
- Child Study Team Representative
    - Megan Verderamo

P3. Approve the following 2012-2013 Athletic Honoraria positions:

- Boys Basketball
    - Head Coach
        - Peter Berg
- Girls Basketball
    - Head Coach (shared)
        - Patty Aanonsen
        - Brittany Elder

P4. Approve the following substitutes for the 2012-2013 school year:

- Gina Fernandes
- Marcy Braco
- Nancy Sutor

P5. Approve Karen Hopkins as a Special Education Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year beginning September 17, 2012 to June 30, 2013 at MA +15 Step 3, $59,403 pro rated. The Interim Superintendent was authorized to hire additional personnel as needed during the 2012-2013 school year as approved at the June 27, 2012 BOE meeting.

P6. Approve emergent hire for Karen Hopkins.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee met and discussed motions, the open position for speech, substitute orientation and NBU policies regarding sick leave, longevity, and vacation.

FINANCE

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

F1. Approve the list of bills dated September 20, 2012 in the amount of $745,606.34.

F2. Motion to accept dictionaries for the 3rd grade class from Telcordia Pioneers: approximate value $125.

F3. Motion to approve travel requests:

J Wadler	Art Educatorss NJ Conf	$160 + mileage
C Feinsod	Role of Educator – Identifying Child Abuse	Mileage
J Gamble	Tenure reform-staff Accountability	$147 + mileage
K Laraway	Student Transportation	$50 + mileage
S Stecker	Social Cognitive Disorders	$90 + mileage
C Moran	Intl Dsylexia Conf	$290 + mileage

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee did not meet in September.

CURRICULUM

The committee did not meet. Dr. Gamble spoke about professional development on October 5. Dr. Bolton spoke about the Council of Instruction. Mr. Presutti and Mrs. Marelli had questions about the new teacher evaluation law and the evaluation models. The BOE will approve what evaluation model to use in December 2012, teachers will be trained by July 2013 and evaluators trained by August 2013.

FACILITIES

The committee did not meet in September. The committee chairperson has requested a copy of the facilities maintenance log to review at the October facilities meeting.

NEGOTIATIONS

The teams will meet the first week of October to discuss groundrules.

POLICY

Motion made by Mrs.Thorp, seconded by Mrs. Marelli, to approve items PO1-PO2.

PO1. Approve on first reading Policy #5200 – Attendance

PO2. Approve on first reading Policy #5517 - Interdistrict Public School Choice

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The committee met on September 12 and discussed 4 policies. Two are on hold – discipline and code of conduct.

TECHNOLOGY

The committee met on September 13 and discussed wireless access, networking consultant, bandwidth, fire suppression system, offsite back-up, teacher websites and RealTime.

SEARCH /COMMUNICATIONS

The BOE will review resumes received and make a first cut by December 1. Interviews will begin January/February with finalists for the position by March.

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

None at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to approve items S1-S3.

S1. Approve the following class trips for the 2012-2013 school year:

- Grade 8 to Clinton Twp School, Clinton NJ
- PreK to Whittemore Wildlife Sanctuary, Oldwick NJ
- Kdg to Melick's Apple Orchard, Oldwick NJ
- PreK to West Portal Pumpkin Farm, Asbury NJ
- Grade 8 to Washington DC
- Grade 4 to RVCC, Branchburg NJ
- Grade 2 to Hunterdon Cnty Park, Teetertown, Lebanon Twp NJ

S2. Approve up to three students in the fall of 2012 and up to three students in the spring of 2013 from the College of St. Elizabeth participating in the ACT 3, or preschool to grade three, certification program to complete field observation hours at Tewksbury Elementary School.

S3. Approve the September 2012 School Bus Evacuation Drill reports.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Gamble discussed school choice. He also informed the BOE that there were two reported incidents of HIB – name calling and demeaning comments- and after investigation by the principal at OTS, the determination made was that these were not HIB incidents. They were considered a disagreement between students.

Each month Dr. Gamble will report on School Choice and HIB.

Tewksbury will be recognized by Scientific Learning for the progress made using the FastforWord program.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

AUDIENCE

Mrs. Fabiano asked when will there be a presentation of NJ ASK scores and how Study Island will be used.

A presentation of the test scores will be in October. Study Island can be used at home and also during E & R.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to adjourn to executive session for approximately 15 minutes to discuss personnel/arbitration. The time was 8:55 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Laraway read the Sunshine Law.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 9:10 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:10 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary