Minutes 3/28/12

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 28, 2012

The Public Budget Hearing of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, John Santoro, at 7:03 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, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Presutti, Mr. Santoro, Mrs. Sernas (arrived at 7:05 PM), Mrs. Thorp

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

ABSENT: Mr. Delia, Mr. Regan

PRESENTATION

Amy Scalera presented information about her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Motion made by Mr. Santaro, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve Amy Scalera's Gold Award Project.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Gamble presented the 2012-2013 school district budget.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve the 2012-2013 school district budget.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to approve the February 29, 2012 Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve items P1-P3 as recommended by the Superintendent.

P1. Accept the letter of return from Maternity Leave from Tara Saksa for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

P2. Approve the return from Family Leave of Lori Burr effective April 16, 2012.

P3. Approve the following staff members who have applied for the 2011-2012 school year honoraria positions:

Athletic Honoraria

Assistant Track Coach (on as needed basis based on student participation)

- Samantha Tennick

Non Athletic Honoraria

School Professional Development Committee (not to exceed 5 hours)
OTS (2) – Samantha Tennick

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to approve Shelia Donovan an additional 25% at Step 6MA to provide coverage for the OTS Guidance Counselor beginning March 26, 2012 and ending upon the return of the OTS Guidance Counselor.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Items discussed at the Personnel Committee meeting were honoraria and the Superintendent's evaluation.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve items F1-F5.

F1. Approve the list of bills dated March 28, 2012 in the amount of $646,931.13.

F2. Approve Entering into contract with Douglass Outreach for Speech and Language Evaluation for student #5152116652 at a cost of $950.

F3. Accept a $10,000 anonymous donation for 8th grade year-end awards.

F4. Approve the building fund list of bills dated March 28, 2012 in the amount of $147,507.00.

F5. Approve travel requests:

J Burns	All Kids Can Succeed-Behavior/Social	$135 + mileage

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Item discussed at the committee meeting was a 5 year plan, high level plan.

CURRICULUM

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve item C1.

C1. Approve the K-8 Comprehensive Health and Physical Education Curriculum according to the 2009 NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards set forth by the NJ Department of Education.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Items discussed at the committee meeting were scheduling at OTS, Study Island, and the summer Teacher Quality Institute.

FACILITIES

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items FA1-FA2.

FA1. Approve the Interlocal Shared Services Agreement between the Township of Tewksbury and the Tewksbury Township Board of Education dated January 2012.

FA2. Approve the following change orders for the Renovation Project at OTS:

1. Net value of change order $0-informational change order to reflect changes charged against allowance of $44,700
2. Net value of change order $0-informational change order to reflect changes charged against allowance of $44,700
3. $24,274 – Replace 12 condensing units as requested by owner
4. $5,471 Thermostat relocation, flashing, louver, gas pipe, balance to reflect changes charged against allowance of $44,700
5. $3,989 Power door supplies plus a credit for concrete curbs and sidewalks
6. $9,016 Above ceiling electric – Time and material

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve radon testing to be conducted during spring break.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Items discussed at the committee meeting were radon testing, update on water system.

NEGOTIATIONS

Motion made by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve item N1.

> N1. Ratify the bargaining agreement between the Tewksbury Township Board of Education and Tewksbury Administrators Association dated July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

POLICY

Motion made by Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items PO1-PO8. PO9 and PO10 were pulled.

> PO1. Approve on second reading, Policy #8220 School Day
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> PO2. Approve on second reading, Regulation #8220 School Closings
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> PO3. Approve on second reading, Policy #0142 Board Member Qualifications, Prohibited Acts, and Code of Ethics
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> PO4. Approve on second reading, Policy #2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
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> PO5. Approve on second reading, Regulation #2431.4 Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries
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> PO6. Approve on second reading, Policy #6220 Budget Preparation
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> PO7. Approve on first reading, Policy #1230 Superintendent's Duties
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> PO8. Approve on first reading, Policy #1522 School-Level Planning

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Items discussed at the committee meeting were overnight field trips, home schooling.

TECHNOLOGY

Items discussed at the meeting were laptop carts, website and teacher use of website.

SEARCH /COMMUNICATIONS

The Search Committee is on hiatus to begin again in May. There is a recommendation that Search and Communication Committees be separate. Budget information will be on the website. There will be an open public forum for search.

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

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

B1. Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Transfers for January 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 January 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 January 2012 and that as of this date, sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve item S1-S4.

S1. Approve the following class trips for the 2011-2012 school year:

- Grade 6 to Fairview Lake, Newton NJ
- Grade 5 to Bronx Zoo, Bronx NY
- Grade 2 to Hunterdon Cnty Parks, Teetertown Preserve, Lebanon NJ
- Grade (ABA) K to Shop Rite, Chester NJ
- Grade (ABA) K to Somerset Pediatric Group/Burger King, Bedminster NJ
- Grade PreK to Whittemore Wildlife Sanctuary, Oldwick NJ
- Grade 4 to Washington's Crossing National Park, PA
- Grade 8 to Tewksbury Elementary School, Califon NJ
- Grade 6 to Lakota Wolf Preserve, Columbia NJ

S2. Approve Dara Dresden, a student from Kean University, to observe 20 hours in an elementary grade classroom as part of Kean University's NJ approved 24-hour Introduction to Teaching Workshop.

S3. Approve Annie Taggart, a student from Raritan Valley Community College, to observe 10 hours in math specific classes in grades K-8 as part of Raritan Valley's Problem Solving Strategies class which focuses on teaching elementary level math concepts.

S4. Approve John Barnett, a first year teacher of the Chester Twp. School District, to observe an elementary gym class for one full teaching day in the spring of 2012.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Brakewood asked the Superintendent and BOE to consider revising the 2012-13 school calendar to align a delayed opening with a NHVRHS delayed opening.

AUDIENCE

Terri Maddaloni presented information on the signs for both schools that the PTA would like to donate. This will be considered at the next facilities meeting. There also was a parental concern about chaperones at the Fairview Lake trip.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:35 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary

Resolution to Approve the 2012-2013 School District Budget

BE IT RESOLVED that the budget of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education be approved for the 2012-2013 school year;
WHEREAS, the proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction
which will enable all students to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A as well as funding for additional programs and services.

Expenditures		Revenue	
General Current Expense	$11,589,968	General Fund	
Capital Outlay	$234,722	..Budgeted Fund Balance	$227,899
Special Revenue Fund	$155,463	..Local Tax Levy	$10,878,900
Repayment of Debt	$823,320	..Misc Revenue	$50,249
		..Tuition	$42,705
		..State Aid	$501,538
		..2011-12 State aid	$123,399
Total Expenditures	$12,803,473	Special Revenue Fund	
		..Federal Aid	$155,463
		Debt Service Fund	
		..Budgeted Fund Balance	$1
		..Local Tax Levy	$823,319
		Total Revenue	$12,803,473