Minutes 1/25/12

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 25, 2012

The Regular Meeting 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, Mr. Delia, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Presutti, Mr. Santoro, Mrs. Sernas, Mrs. Thorp

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

ABSENT: Mr. Regan

PRESENTATION

Dr. Gamble recognized the winners of the Geography Bee:
First place: Johnny Schaff
Second Place: Hunter Rinehart

Each was presented with a book for the accomplishment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- December 21, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

AUDIENCE

Members of the audience questioned the 7th grade language arts program.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Lebanon Borough Resolution supporting Shared Services and discussions on County Wide School District

PERSONNEL

Mr. Presutti attended a presentation about the new teacher evaluation program with Dr. Gamble.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve P3-P5 as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

P3. Approve the employment of Deirdre Parker as a substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

P4. Approve the employment of Kelly Palmer as a substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year pending Criminal History Review and Substitute Certificate.

P5. Accept the letter of retirement from Randy Jones, teacher, effective July 1, 2012.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion P1- and P2 will be discussed in executive session.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded By Mrs. Thorp to approve items F1, F3-F8.

F1. Approve the list of bills dated January 25, 2012 in the amount of $1,037,532.50.

F3. 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.

F4. Approve the tuition rate for Tewksbury BOE to accept out of district students:

Pre-K Autistic program	$30,000 per year (includes speech services)

F5. Accept an out of district student from Hampton School District into the Pre-K Autistic program at a cost of $30,000 prorated. The tuition amount includes Speech services. Transportation and aide will be the responsibility of the sending district. Other related services such as OT and PT will be provided by the Receiving District's contracted provider and billed directly to the Sending District.

F6. Approve the out-of-district placement of student #6542818998 at the Mount Saint Joseph Children's Center at a tuition rate of $282.57 per diem beginning February 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

F7. Approve the building fund list of bills dated January 25, 2012 in the amount of $79,109.02.

F8. Approve travel requests:

G Bogan	HC Librarians Assoc Workshop	$40 + mileage
L Larsen	HC Librarians Assoc Workshop	$40
P Nuwer	Natl Assoc of School Psych.	$619 registration
		137 Lodging (3 n)
		165 M&I
		35 Mileage
		$956 Total
N Carle	Nonviolent intervention training	$2,124 + mileage
A Frutchey	Preparing for Assessments	$150 + mileage
A Malzone	Excel Intermediate	$128 + mileage

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Items discussed at the finance meeting were to present a flat budget for 2012-13.

There was a discussion in regards to moving the school election to November and eliminating the vote on the budget if the budget does not exceed the mandated 2% increase.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve the Resolution Establishing the Election of Members of the Tewksbury Board of Education as the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November.

The motion was approved by a 5-3 vote with Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Presutti, and Mr. Santoro, voting no.

CURRICULUM

Items discussed at the curriculum committee meeting were scheduling, calendar and curriculum updates.

FACILITIES

Items discussed at the facilities committee meeting were he punchlist for the renovation work at OTS an energy conservation plan, and signs for both schools which will be donated by the PTA.

POLICY

Motion made by Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Mr. Delia, to approve items PO1-PO14

PO1. Approve on second reading, Policy #1140 Affirmative Action Program

PO2. Approve on second reading, Policy #1523 Comprehensive Equity Plan

PO3. Approve on second reading, Policy#1530 Equal Employment Opportunities

PO4. Approve on second reading, Regulation #1530 Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure

PO5. Approve on second reading, Policy #1550 Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices

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PO7. Approve on second reading, Policy #2260 Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices

PO8. Approve on first reading, Policy #8220 School Day

PO9. Approve on first reading, Regulation #8220 School Closings

PO10. Approve on first reading, Policy #8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations

PO11. Approve on first reading, Regulation #8420 Emergency and Non-Fire Evacuation Plan

PO12. Approve on first reading, Regulation #8420.2 Bomb Threat

PO13. Approve on first reading, Regulation #8420.7 Lockdown Procedures

PO14. Approve on first reading, Regulation #8420.10 Active Shooter

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The committee continues to review and revise policies according to state regulations.

TECHNOLOGY

Items discussed at the technology committee meeting include the website, additional hardware, and the shared services agreement. The upgrade to the exchange server is in progress.

COMMUNICATIONS

The committee has had conversations on how to go forward, what the role of the communications committee should be and shared services on the county and regional level. The search for A new Superintendent will begin again in the Spring.

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 October 2011.

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 October 2011 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 this report, 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 October 2011 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 by a unanimous roll call vote.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Delia to approve:

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

- Grade 6 to St. Hubert's Animal Shelter, Madison NJ
- Grade Pre-K to RVCC Planetarium, Branchburg NJ
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Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Delia, to approve:

S2. Approve the 2011-2012 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion S3. Discuss and approve the 2012-2013 school calendar was tabled.

There was discussion on the calendar for 2012-13. The first day of school for staff is August 27, for students, August 29/ There will be one full day and two half days for conferences, on full Day for professional development, 4 delayed openings for professional development and emergency closings will remain the same.

AUDIENCE

Members of the audience appreciated the BOE discussion on the calendar, questions about Study Island, and perhaps using Veteran's Day as a day off.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to adjourn to executive session to discuss items P1 and P2 for approximately 15 minutes. The time was 9:14 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Laraway read the Sunshine Law.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 9:48 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve P1-P2, as recommended by the Interim Superintendent.

> P1. Approve the employment of Cheryl Miller as a substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year beginning January 3, 2012. The Interim Superintendent was authorized to hire additional personnel as needed during the 2011-2012 school year as approved at the July 27, 2011 BOE meeting.
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> P2. Approve the employment of Cheryl Miller as a long term substitute Language Arts Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year beginning February 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012 Step 7MA, $62,268 prorated.

Motion approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:50 PM.

Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary