Minutes 12/21/11

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 21, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, John Santoro, 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. Brakewood, Mr. Delia, Mrs. Larsen, Mrs. Marelli, Mr. Presutti, Mr. Regan, Mr. Santoro, Mrs. Sernas, Mrs. Thorp

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- November 22, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Strange asked when the BOE was going into executive session for personnel.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve items P1-P4 as recommended by the Superintendent.

P1. Approve the employment of Christina Johnson as a part time Lunchroom Aide for the 2011-2012 school year beginning date to be determined pending criminal history review at Step 1, $13.58 per hour for 2.5 hours per day when lunch is served.

P2. Approve to extend the employment of Danielle Meekings as a maternity leave replacement part time Reading Recovery Teacher beginning January 16, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at MA Step 8, $63,918 pro rated at 3.5 hours per day.

P3. Approve to extend the employment of Karen Hopkins as a maternity leave replacement part time Basic Skills Teacher beginning January 16, 2012 through June 30, 2012 at MA +15 Step 2, $58,778 pro rated at 3.5 hours per day.

P4. Approve Darla Kaminsky as a substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year pending substitute certificate approval from the county.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve P5 as recommended by the Superintendent:

P5. Approve Kyle Kays as a home instructor for the 2011-2012 school year beginning December 22, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a rate of $36.80 per hour plus mileage on an as needed basis.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

At the personnel committee meeting, job description and formalization of the Professional Development committee was discussed.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to adjourn to executive session for a personnel matter for 15 minutes. The time was 7:10 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Mrs. Laraway read the Sunshine Law.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 7:25 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

FINANCE

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

F1. Approve the list of bills dated December 21, 2011 in the amount of $1,004,415.50.

F2. Approve the TEF donation of $40,000 for Professional Development.

F3. Approve the application of the following federal grants:

2010-11 IDEA Final
2010-11 NCLB Final

F4. Approve travel requests:

S. Stecker	Maximizing Your Language Therapy	$225 + mileage

B. Hoffman STS Conference $300+ mileage

F5. Accept the following donations:

37 Binders approximate value of $440
120 Binders approximate value of $750

At the committee meeting, details on professional development was discussed as well as the 2012-13 budgeting process.

CURRICULUM

Items discussed at the committee meeting were offering Mandarin Chinese, scheduling, and council of instruction.

During the BOE meeting there was discussion on the 2012-13 calendar with the first day for teachers to be August 27 and first day for the students to be August 29.

FACILITIES

The OTS construction project punchlist is being worked on.

NEGOTIATIONS

The contract is being reviewed by the BOE attorney.

POLICY

Motion made by Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Mrs. Marelli, to approve items PO1-PO10.

PO1. Approve on second reading, Policy #2415.01 Academic Standards, Academic Assessments and Accountability

PO2. Approve on second reading, Policy #6360 Political Contributions

PO3. Approve on second reading, Policy #6362 Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards

PO4. Approve on first reading, Policy #1140 Affirmative Action Program

PO5. Approve on first reading, Policy #1523 Comprehensive Equity Plan

PO6. Approve on first reading, Policy#1530 Equal Employment Opportunities

PO7. Approve on first reading Regulation #1530 Equal Employment Opportunity Complain Procedure

PO8. Approve on first reading, Policy #1550 Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices

PO9. Approve on first reading, Regulation #1550 Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices Complaint Procedure

PO10. Approve on first reading, Policy #2260 Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

TECHNOLOGY

At the committee meeting, items discussed were bundling telephone lines, shared services and the new district website.

SEARCH

The search for a new district Superintendent has been suspended until late spring. The Communication Committee was reinstated with Mrs. Marelli as chairperson.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to approve items S1-S4.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to change S3 as follows:
Change the word "Procedure" to "Concept".

Motion to amend S3 approved on a unanimous voice vote.

S1. Approve the following class trips for the 2011-2012 school year:
- Grade K trip to Kev Laur Farm, Hampton NJ
- Grade 8 trip to RVCC Planetarium, Branchburg NJ
- Grade 8 trip to Shubert Theatre, NY City, NY
- Grade 8 trip to Tewksbury Elementary School, Califon, NJ

S2. Approve the 2011-2012 Nursing Services Plan

S3. Approve the Council of Instruction Concept

S4. Approve the following Job Descriptions:
- Local Professional Development Committee Chair
- Local Professional Development Committee
- School Professional Development Committee

Motion to approve S1-S4 approved by a unanimous voice vote.

HIB Incident Report – 2 incidents at TES were personal threats. The incidents were investigated according to procedures, parents and police were notified according to procedures and a one day suspension was issued.

School Suspension Report- OTS there was a 4 day suspension. An outside placement of the student is in negotiations.

AUDIENCE

Mr. Brad Bischoff presented information to the BOE regarding the lead in the water at OTS.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Delia, to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel matter for 20 minutes. The time was 9:00 PM.

Motion approved by 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 9:25 PM.

Motion approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve the following motion as recommended by the Superintendent:

Resolved: upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that Amber Leber, an employee of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education, is hereby terminated effective February 24, 2012.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to adjourn to executive session to discuss a personnel matter for 30 minutes. The time was 9:26 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 10:05 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:05 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway, Board Secretary