Minutes 11/22/11

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 22, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Vice President, Mr. Delia, 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. Marelli, Mr. Presutti, Mr. Regan, Mr. Santoro (arrived at 8:55PM), Mrs. Sernas, Mrs. Thorp

ABSENT: Mrs. Larsen

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

Ms. Gwen Thornton, NJSBA, conducted mandatory Ethics Training for Board of Education members.

AUDIENCE: Mr. Miller presented an overview of his trip to Washington DC. Mr. Miller and Mrs. Bogan represented TES at the National Blue Ribbon Schools recognition ceremony.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- October 20, 2011 Special Goal Setting Meeting
- October 26, 2011 Regular and Executive Session

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

PERSONNEL

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

P1. Approve adjustment to placement on salary guide for Karen Hopkins from 2MA to 2MA+15, 3.5 hours/day prorated beginning August 31, 2011 through January 13, 2012.

DRAFT

P2. Approve the employment of Kyle Kayes as a Maternity Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year beginning November 3, 2011 through June 30, 2011. Salary to be $52,598, BS Step 1 pro-rated.

P3. Approve Cailla Mullen as a Substitute Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

P4. Accept the letter of Child Care Leave extension for Tara Saksa through June 2012.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve P5-P6 as recommended by the Superintendent.

P5. Approve the employment of Ronald Jeff as a School Bus Driver for the 2011-2012 school year at $17.00 per hour beginning December 12, 2011 pending completion of Criminal History review.

P6. Authorize request for Emergent Hiring of Ronal Jeff.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee met and discussed national teacher certification, tenure, entering into a contract with colleges, the grievance presented to the personnel committee and incentive pay for non-bargaining employees.

FINANCE
Motion made by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve items F1-F7.

Motion made by Mr. Delia, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to amend F2 changing the amount of the bills list from $258,656.50 to $198,577.50.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

F1. Approve the list of bills dated November 22, 2011 in the amount of $1,064,951.32.

F2. Approve the building fund list of bills dated November 22, 2011 in the amount of $198,577.50.

F3. Accept the additional Education Jobs Funding in the amount of $811.00.

F4. Approve the TEF donation of 8 (eight) ELMO projectors with a cost of $4,500.

F5. Approve entering into a contract with Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County for Augmentative Communication Evaluation for student #9018305163 in the amount of $875.

F6. Approve entering into a contract with Cerebral Palsy Association of Middlesex County for Augmentative Communication Evaluation for student #8648863621 in the amount of $875.

F7. Approve travel requests:

G Grube	Reading/Writing Workshop	$175+mileage
P Nuwer	NJ Assoc of School Psychologists	$90
L Baxter	PARCC & NJASK testing	$149 + mileage
K Laraway	Special Education	$75

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee did not meet.

CURRICULUM

The committee discussed the 10 year plan for curriculum renewal, assessments, OTS scheduling.

FACILITIES

The committee did not meet. OTS renovation project punchlist items still being completed.

NEGOTIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve the negotiated terms for the July 2010-June 2013 Administrators' Contract:

Compensation:

Year 1 2010-2011	2.0% increase
Year 2 2011-2012	2.5% increase
Year 3 2012-2013	2.0% increase

Vacation

0-10 years of service – 15 days
11 years and beyond – 20 days

Prescription

Same benefits as non bargaining unit employees

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The contract will be revised and sent to the BOE's attorney for review. Once all the language is verified, the BOE and the Administrators will ratify the final contract.

POLICY

Motion made by Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Mr. Regan, to approve items PO1-PO9

Motion made by Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to amend PO2 eliminating the word "Interim" in the policy title.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

PO1. Approve on second reading, Policy #9130 Public Complaints

PO2. Approve on second reading, Policy #1240 Evaluation of Superintendent

PO3. Approve on second reading, Policy #5516 Use of Electronic Communication

PO4. Approve on second reading, Policy and Regulation Guide #6112 Reimbursement of Grants

PO5. Approve on second reading, Policy #6830 Audit and Financial Report

PO6. Approve on second reading, Policy #6820 Financial Reports

PO7. Approve on first reading, Policy #2415.01 Academic Standards, Academic Assessments and Accountability

PO8. Approve on first reading, Policy #6360 Political Contributions

PO9. Approve on first reading, Policy #6362 Contributions to Board Members and Contract Awards

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The committee will review the Ethics policy.

TECHNOLOGY

The committee discussed the update to the server, new website, laptop carts.

SEARCH

The search for a Superintendent has been suspended therefore until the search resumes, the committee is suspended until approximately April or May. Mrs. Marelli suggested that there be a second community forum when the search resumes with the intent to refocus energies. She also suggested that perhaps the Communications Committee be revived.

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

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

B1. Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Transfers for August 2011 and September 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 August and September 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 August and September 2011and 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. Brakewood, to approve items S1-S3.

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

- Grade 2 trip to Sandy Hook, Sandy Hook NJ
- Grade 1 trip to RVCC Theatre, Branchburg NJ
- Grade 3 trip to Davinci Science Center, Allentown PA
- Grade 6 trip to Adventure Aquarium, Camden NJ
- Grade 8 trip to Voorhees High School, Glen Gardner NJ

S2. Approve entering into an agreement with Ithaca College.

S3. Approve in accordance with Policy #511, admittance of a first grade student whose family has a contract to purchase a home in district closing on or before November 15, 2011.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Gamble reported the the Media Release for students has been updated and the strategies for the 4th grade will include reciprocal reading and more engagement with the text.

LEGISLATIVE

Items being discussed in Trenton include tenure and teacher evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Thorp suggested that perhaps the sign in from of OTS be changed to a billboard style so that district information can be displayed on the sign.

AUDIENCE

Items discussed by members of the audience: additional math periods.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to adjourn to executive session for 15 minutes to discuss the grievance presented to the personnel committee.. The time was 10:10 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 10:25 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 10:25 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary