Minutes 10/26/11

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 26, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by President, John Santoro, at 7:02 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

AUDIENCE

Mr. George Burdick of Franklin Township BOE requested that the districts dialog regarding shared services.

Members of the audience encouraged the BOE to vote to extend the contracts of the Interim Superintendent and the Interim Principal.

SEARCH

Motion made by Mrs. Marelli, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve items SE1 – SE2.

> SE1. Resolved, that the Board of Education hereby approves the revised Interim Superintendent employment agreement with Dr. James Gamble which has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent and which has been amended to extend the contract end date from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2013 -- all other terms remain the same.
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> SE2. Resolved, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, hereby approves the revised Interim Principal employment agreement with Mr. Kenneth Wark, which has been amended to extend the contract end date from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2013 -- all other terms remain the same.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

PRESENTATION

Mrs. Baxter, Supervisor of Curriculum, presented the 2010-2011 district test scores report.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood to approve items P1-P7 as recommended by the Superintendent:

P1. Approve lateral moves:

2010-2011 school year

- J. Barrett MA to MA+15
- J. Condren MA to MA +15
- K. Novello BA+30 to MA
- J. Pill BA to BA+15
- M. Regan BA to BA+15

2011-2012 school year

- N. Amato MA to MA+30
- M. Cone BA to BA+15
- C. Moran BA+15 to BA+30

P2. Approve the employment of Lori Palazzo as a long term substitute Third Grade Teacher for the 2011-2012 school year beginning date to be determined pending release from current employer at BA+30, Step 7, $60,068 pro-rated pending documentation. 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.

P3. Approve employment of Patty Mauriello as an Office Aide for the 2011-2012 school year beginning November 1, 2011 to fill two half time positions for a total of 8 hours per day, 190 days a year at a salary of $13.98 per hour pro-rated. Ms. Mauriello will not receive health benefits or compensation for waiving benefits.

P4. Approve the employment of Robert Johnson as a substitute bus driver for the 2011-2012 school year.

P5. Approve the following staff members who have applied for the 2011-2012 school year honoraria positions:

Co-Yearbook Advisors – shared position – 90 sessions split by all

- Dee Krowl

Intervention and Referral Service Committee:

Old Turnpike School

- Regular Education Teacher Scott Steinman

P6. Accept the letter of resignation from Joseph Tenerelli effective October 15, 2011.

P7. Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year pending criminal history review:

- Era Patel
- Oscar Flores

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mr. Santoro, to approve employment of Darla Kaminsky as a Library Aide for the 2011-2012 school year beginning date to be determined pending release from current employer for a total of 25 hours per week, 182 days a year at a salary of $13.58 per hour prorated pending criminal history review.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee met and discussed incentive pay for the non bargaining unit staff and national teacher certification.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mr. Delia, to approve items F1-F12.

F1. Approve the list of bills dated October 26, 2011 in the amount of $1,263,398.71.

F2. Motion to approve a $10,000 donation from the Tewksbury Education Foundation for teacher mini-grants.

F3. Motion to approve entering into a joint transportation agreement with Delaware Valley BOE for the transportation of non public students for the 2011-2012 school year. The contract cost is $2,652.

F4. Motion to approve the following PTA donations:

$500	Pearl Observatory	K Schmid
$450	Speaker - Navy SEAL	J Barrett
$500	Art display boards	J Wadler

F5. Approve travel requests:

B Palmer	Multi sensory Reading	$975 + mileage
K Csolak	NJ Music Conf	$185 + mileage

F6. Rescind motion from June 22, 2011 (F3): *Approve entering into a contract with Douglas Outreach for Psychological Evaluation for student #5152116652 at a cost of $1,100.*

F7. Rescind motion from June 22, 2011 (F4): *Approve entering into a contract with Douglass Outreach for Educational Evaluation for student #5152116652 at a cost of $950.*

F8.Rescind motion from June 22, 2011 (F5): *Approve entering into a contract with Douglass Outreach for Speech and Language Evaluation for student #5152116652 at a cost of $950.*

F9. Approve entering into a contract with Dr. L. Hanes & Associates for Psychological Evaluation for student #5152116652 at a cost of $500.

F10. Approve entering into a contract with Dr. L. Hanes & Associates for Educational Evaluation for student #5152116652 at a cost of $500

F11. Approve entering into a contract with Dr. L. Hanes & Associates for Speech and Language Evaluation for student #5152116652 at a cost of $500.

F12. Approve placement of student # 3390346956 at Hunterdon Learning Center for the 2011-2012 school year beginning October 24, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at a tuition cost of $223.60 per diem plus transportation.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee discussed school choice and shared services.

CURRICULUM

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

C1. Approve the K-8 Science 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.

The committee discussed district goals, assessments, scheduling.

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

FA1. Approve the 2011-12 M1 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan in compliance with the Department of Education guidelines.

FA2. Approve participation in the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT) through the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The committee discussed the referendum project punch list, LRFP, and solar energy.

NEGOTIATIONS
Administrators' contract - There has been an agreement on compensation but there are other aspects of the contract that are being reviewed.

POLICY
Motion made by Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Mrs. Sernas, to approve items PO1-PO7.

PO1. Approve on second reading, Policy #5512 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

PO2. Approve on first reading, Policy #9130 Public Complaints

PO3. Approve on first reading, Policy #1240 Evaluation of Interim Superintendent

PO4. Approve on first reading, Policy #5516 Use of Electronic Communication

PO5. Approve on first reading, Policy and Regulation Guide #6112 Reimbursement of Grants

PO6. Approve on first reading, Policy #6830 Audit and Financial Report

PO7. Approve on first reading, Policy #6820 Financial Reports

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

TECHNOLOGY
Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve item T1.

T1. Approve entering into contract with Schoolwires for the development, training and hosting of the school district website utilizing the Centricity Core package silver design. First year design, training and hosting is approximately $6,282.00 pro-rated. The second year cost going forward is $5,236.00 annually.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

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

BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

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

B1. Board Secretary/Treasurer's Report, Transfers for July 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 July 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 July 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

Report on the EVVRS for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Delia, to approve items S1-S6.

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

- Grade 4 trip to Monmouth Museum, Lincroft NJ
- Grade 4 trip to Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ
- Grade 1 trip to Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ
- Grade 6 trip (Artline) to Hunterdon County Museum of Art, Clinton, NJ
- Grades 7 and 8 (Poetry Slam) to Clinton Township Middle School, Clinton, NJ
- Grades 5, 7 and 8 (Math Workshop) to Conley School, Bethlehem, NJ
- Grades 7 and 8 (Debate) to Clinton Township Middle School, Clinton, NJ
- Grades 6, 7 and 8 (CSI) to Clinton Community Center, Clinton NJ
- Grade 6 (Artline II) to High Bridge Middle School, High Bridge, NJ

S2. Approve the Law Enforcement MOA for the 2011-2012 school year

S3. Approve Kiera Walsh, speech-language pathology graduate student from Ithaca College, as an intern with Nancy Sutor, Speech Language Teacher, for up to 7 hours per day beginning January 3, 2012 through March 2, 2012.

S4. Approve Dara Dresden, a student from Kean University to observe 4 hours in an elementary grade classroom as part of Kean University's NJ State approved 24-hour Introduction to Teaching Workshop.

S5. Approve the Violence and Vandalism Report for the 2010-2011 school year.

S6. Approve the October 2011 School Bus Evacuation Drill reports.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE

Items discussed by members of the audience: NJ Ask scores, 4th grade RealTime grades, team approach when assigning homework, math double periods, recess.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Marelli, to adjourn to executive session for 10 minutes to discuss administrative negotiations. The time was 9:15 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 9:25 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to adjourn the meeting. The time was 9:25 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary