Minutes 9/28/11

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 28, 2011

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

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

PRESENTATION

Recognition of Tewksbury Elementary School for achievement of being named a National Blue Ribbon School By Congressman Leonard Lance a 7:45 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Thorp. To approve the following minutes:
July 13, 2011 Special Meeting
July 27, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session
August 24, 2011 Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE

A member of the audience expressed that she would like the BOE to have two separate entities, a superintendent and a principal.

PERSONNEL

Motion made by Mr. Presutti, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood, to approve items P1-P16 as recommended by the Interim Principal

P1. Approve Bernice Rude as a substitute bus driver for the 2011-2012 school year.

P2. Approve Maryann Andrioli as a substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year.

P3. Accept the resignation letter from Cindy Brighton effective for the 2011-2012 school year.
P4. Approve employment of Danielle Meekings as a maternity leave replacement part time Reading Recovery Teacher beginning August 31, 2011 through January 13, 2012 at MA Step 8, $63,918 pro rated at 3.5 hours per day. 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.

P5. Approve employment of Karen Hopkins as a maternity leave replacement part time Basic Skills Teacher beginning August 31, 2011 through January 13, 2012 at MA Step 2, $57,678 pro rated at 3.5 hours per day. 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.

P6. Approve employment of Kristen Rinehart as a family leave replacement Technology Teacher beginning August 31, 2011 through October 28, 2011 at MA Step 3, $58,178 pro rated. 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.

P7. Approve staff that hold a valid NJ Instructional Certificate for Student Supervision for the 2011-2012 school year.

P8. Approve Dr. Penny Nuwer for 12 additional hours for summer evaluations, reports, meetings and case management beginning July 1, 2011 through August 26, 2011 at MA+30 Step 5, $42.80 per hour.

P9. Approve Jennifer Burns for 2 additional hours for home programming beginning July 1, 2011 through August 5, 2011 at BA Step 4, $37.85 per hour plus mileage.

P10. Approve Megan Verderamo as a home instructor for the 2011-2012 school year from September 29, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at BA Step 7, $40.35 per hour plus mileage on an as needed basis.

P11. Approve Megan Verderamo as a substitute to provide home programming for school year 2011-2012 from September 29, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at BA Step 7, $40.35 per hour plus mileage on an as needed basis.

P12. Approve Debra Antonacci as a Special Education Instructional Aide for the 2011-2012 school year for up to 4.5 hours per day at Step 1, $14.65 per hour beginning October 3, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

P13 Approve Debra Antonacci as a substitute to provide home programming for school year 2011-2912 from September 29, 2011 through June 30, 2012 at Step 1, $14.65 per hour plus mileage.

P14. Motion to approve requested leave for Amy Allen, dates subject to delivery of baby, as follows:

1. November 1, 2010-November 30, 2010 (30 days)– Disability leave in accordance with Article VI, C.2(c.) of the Contract Agreement between the Board of Education of Tewksbury Township and the Tewksbury Education Association dated July 1-2010 – June 30-2013. Sick and personal time will be used to the extent available and the remainder of the disability leave will be without pay.
2. December 1, 2010-February 2, 2012 – 12 weeks of unpaid Federal and NJ State Family Leave, with benefits.
3. March 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012 – Unpaid childrearing leave, without benefits, for reasons of educational stability and efficiency, without setting practice or precedent.

P15. Approve Deborah Barends as a substitute teacher for the 2011-2012 school year pending criminal history review.

P16. 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

- Nicole Dickenson

Vocal Ensemble – 5 sessions if needed

- Nicole Dickenson

Show Chorus – 25 sessions

Odyssey of the Mind Advisors – shared position - 81 sessions split between all

- Regina DeStefano

8th Grade Play:

Director - 120 sessions

- Nicole Dickenson

Assistant Director - 50 sessions

- Joel Barrett

Musical Director – 50 sessions

Production Manager – 44 sessions

- Dee Krowl

Ski Club:

Advisor

- Randy Jones

Chaperones

- Nancy Carle
- Jodi DenBleyker
- Scott Steinman
- Jeannette Pill

Intervention and Referral Service Committee:
Old Turnpike School

- Guidance Counselor — Mary Cutri-French
- School Nurse — Kelly Cullen
- Regular Education Teacher
- Special Education Teacher — Meg Sass
- Child Study Team Representative — Connie Feinsod

Tewksbury Elementary School

- Guidance Counselor — Sheila Donovan
- School Nurse — Judi Piccolo-Torsky
- Regular Education Teacher (shared) — Lynn Taylor/Gail Grube
- Special Education Teacher (shared) — Joan Condren
  Megan Verderamo/Brenda Votta
- Child Study Team Representative

2011-2012 – Athletic Honoraria – Winter 2011-2012
Boys Basketball

- Head Coach — Peter Berg

Girls Basketball

- Head Coach (shared) — Patty Aanonsen/Brittany Elder

Cheerleading

- Head Coach — Darcy Harp

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee discussed a maternity leave request and teacher evaluations.

FINANCE

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Thorp, to approve items F1-F9.

F1. Approve the donation of personal dictionaries for each 3rd grade student to use throughout their schooling from Telecom Pioneers.

F2. Motion to approve the list of bills dated September 28, 2011 in the amount of $614,516.16.

F3. Motion to approve the building fund bills dated September 28, 2011 list in the amount of $822,309.75.

F4. Approve Jessica Cohen, Behaviorist, for the 2011-2012 school year to provide up to 3 hours of services per week at a rate of $110 per hour plus mileage beginning October 3, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

F5. Approve Jessica Cohen, Behaviorist, for the 2011-2012 school year to provide consultation services at $110 per hour not to exceed a maximum cost of $660 plus mileage beginning October 3, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

F6. Approve entering into contract with Dr. L. Hanes & Associates for Educational Evaluation for student #6053794043 at a cost of $500.

F7. Approve entering into contract with Dr. L. Hanes & Associates for Psychological Evaluation for student #6053794043 at a cost of $500.

F8. Approve travel requests:

S Donovan	Section 504 in NJ	$189 + mileage
N Sutor	Selective Autism within School Setting	$25 + mileage
N Sutor	Analyzing & Fine Tuning Communication	$275 + mileage
G Acosta	Hot Topics in Sp Ed Admin & Compliance	Mileage
L Baxter M Sass M Verderamo	NJ Literacy Consortium (4 workshops Oct, Dec, Mar, May)	$1300 + mileage
L Baxter	iPAD workshop for School Leaders	$825 + mileage
E Callahan	Mail Merge using Word and Excel	$59 + mileage
E Callahan	Create Forms and Surveys Google Docs	$59 + mileage
J Burns	NJ Autism Conference	$450 + mileage $153.52 lodging
C Moran	Intl Dyslexia Conf	$290 + mileage
K Cullen	Diabetes Symposium	$50
K Cullen	School Health Conference	$175
G Acosta	Section 504, ADA and IDEA	$75 + mileage
B Elder	NJ Science Convention	$125 – one day
S Tennick	NJ Science Convention	$125 – one day+ mile
K Schmid	NJ Science Convention	$125 – one day
A DeMarco	NJ Science Convention	$125 – one day+ mile
J Gamble	HC Supt Retreat	$120.55 1 night+ mile
J Miller	Blue Ribbon-Wash DC	$422 2 nights (inc tax)

		$142 meals+ incidentals Mileage
TES staff member	Blue Ribbon – Wash DC	$422 2 nights (inc tax) $142 meals+incidentals
J Condren	Intl Dyslexia Conf	$290
D Lance	Intl Dyslexia Conf	$165
S Steinman	Nancie Atwell Workshop	$219 +mileage

F9. Motion to approve entering into a joint transportation agreement with Califon BOE for the transportation of 3 Califon students who attend math class at Voorhees High School. The contract cost is $2,106.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Mrs. Larsen, seconded by Mrs. Marelli, to approve entering into a contract with Education Incorporated to provide academic instruction for student #6542818998 for up to 10 hours per week at a rate of $34.90 per hour.

Motion approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

The committee discussed the finance goal, comparative data, and shared services options.

CURRICULUM

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

C1. To Approve the Middle School (5-8) Physical Education Curriculum according to the 2009 NJ Core Curriculum Content Standard set forth by the NJ Department of Education.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve C2 – C4.

C2. Goal #1- to provide all classroom teachers with a minimum of three additional reading comprehension strategies that are brain compatible and that classroom teachers implement as part of their teaching practice during the current academic year.

C3. Goal #2 – to provide all teachers with the necessary skills to be able to integrate a minimum of one Web 2.0 application into their educational practice.

C4. Goal #3 – to provide all of the teachers with the knowledge and skills to implement a minimum of three new formative assessment strategies in their instructional program.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The committee discussed curriculum development, scheduling, pre and post assessment.

FACILITIES

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

FA1. Approve 2011-2012 Bus Routes.

FA2. Approve submission to HC DOE for the application for Dual Use of Educational Space for school year 2011-2012 for use of Room C312 at OTS for dual use of resource room for instruction of math and language arts.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The committee discussed the construction project, OTS athletic equipment, LRFP, TES steps, and solar.

NEGOTIATIONS

There has been an agreement reached on material parts of the Administrators' Contract.

POLICY

Motion made by Mrs. Thorp, seconded by Mr. Presutti, to approve on first reading Policy #5512 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

The committee discussed policies on interim superintendent's evaluation and district complaints that have to be approved by January, NBU employee pay outs upon retirement and RealTime food service charges.

TECHNOLOGY

The committee discussed the new phone system at OTS, update on the exchange server, RealTime lynch payments, staff training and the district website.

SEARCH

There will be stakeholder meetings scheduled for Wednesday, October 12. A letter will be mailed to each township resident.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to approve item S1 of the Superintendent's Report.

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

- Grade Kindergarten Trip to Melick's, Califon NJ

- Grade 8 trip to Clinton Township Middle School, Clinton Twp. NJ
- Grade Pre-Kindergarten trip to Asbury, NJ
- Grade 8 trip to Washington DC
- Jazz Band to Oldwick Fire House, Oldwick, NJ
- Grades 6/7/8 Instrumental and Vocal to Dorney Park, Allentown, PA
- Grade 4 trip to Delaware River Floating Steamboat, Lambertville, NJ
- Grades 7/8 trip to Alstede Farm, Chester, NJ
- Grade 2 trip to Teetertown Park, Lebanon NJ

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Gamble spoke about formative assessment.

AUDIENCE

Members of the audience commented on E & R time for homework, no recess, if when searching for a superintendent to keep in mind what did and did not work with previous administrations, and how will the stakeholders' opinions be weighted.

Mr. Strange congratulated Mr. Miller on his efforts and the National Blue Ribbon School award For TES. Mr. Miller thanked all the staff that assisted.

Motion made by Mr. Regan, seconded by Mrs. Larsen, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the Administrators' contract, for 10 minutes. The time was 8:25 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Marelli, to return to the regular meeting. The time was 8:50 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion made by Mr. Santoro, seconded by Mrs. Marelli, to adjourn. The time was 8:50 PM.

Motion approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Laraway
Board Secretary