April 10, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting
TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education was called to order by Ms. Stein at 7:03 p.m. at Old Turnpike School.

Ms. Stein read the Sunshine Law:

Welcome to a meeting of the Tewksbury Township Board of Education. 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 the Hunterdon Democrat and notice of the meeting has been posted on the Tewksbury Township School District website. www.tewksburyschools.org.

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mr. Charniga, Ms. Fleming, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Munoz, Dr. Simon, Mrs. Wygera, Ms. Stein

ABSENT: Ms. Carrino, Mrs. Niang

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Jennifer Shouffler-Superintendent, Heather Goguen-Business Administrator

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion was made by Ms. Stein and seconded by Mrs. Munoz to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

All in Favor: Mr. Charniga, Ms. Fleming, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Munoz, Dr. Simon, Mrs. Wygera, Ms. Stein
Absent: Ms. Carrino, Mrs. Niang

PRESENTATION: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Shouffler recently sent out a letter to families on the topic of school safety in relation to the recent earthquake, as well as CDC guidance that was received on this topic. The school district retained a structural engineer to check both school buildings. There was minor damage to a few ceiling tiles, light covers, and floor tile cracks, however, the engineer reported that there were no areas of concern and both schools are structurally sound. The engineer returned to check on the buildings since aftershocks have taken place. Science teachers met to discuss how the experience of an earthquake and solar eclipse can be used in teaching. A community safety meeting was held on April 9th. This event was hosted by the Town Safety Committee. There were many panel members in attendance, including the Tewksbury Superintendent and School Safety Officer, members of the Tewksbury Police Dept., Hunterdon Prosecutor's Office and Safe in Hunterdon Organization.

Motion was made by Ms. Stein and seconded by Ms. Fleming to approve the following:

Approve the March 27, 2024 HIB report from the Superintendent.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Charniga, Ms. Fleming, Mrs. Munoz, Ms. Stein
Abstain: Mrs. Jardinella, Dr. Simon, Mrs. Wygera
Absent: Ms. Carrino, Mrs. Niang

MINUTES: The March 6th, 13th, and 27th minutes were shared with the board for review.

CURRICULUM: Changes were made to the OTS Handbook/Code of Conduct pertaining to student cell phone usage. The motion to approve these changes was postponed to a future meeting. Once the changes are reviewed and board approved, OTS parents will be notified.

POLICY: None.

FINANCE: Ms. Goguen has stated that the budget has been approved by the county. There will be a public hearing and board meeting on April 24th. Ms. Goguen thanked the PTA for the grant to purchase black lights for TES. The shared services agreement with Califon should be finalized and ready for approval at the April 24th meeting.

The board reviewed the upcoming field trips:

Motion was made by Ms. Stein and seconded by Ms. Munoz to approve the following:

Approve the following donations:

Donations/Grants/Activities			
Requestor/Contact	**School**	**Description**	**Amount of Grant/Donation**
Patsy DelGrande	TES	Grant from the Tewksbury PTA to purchase 4 black lights for various occasions in the classroom and other special events such as glow days.	$119.40

Approve the following workshop/travel requests for the 2023-2024 school year.

Workshops/Travel Requests				
Staff Member	**Date**	**Registration**	**Other Expenses***	**Event/Destination**
Bob Hoffman, Jr.	4/19/24	0	Mileage = $40.80	NJDOE - Criminal History and School Bus Safety Training Program, Flemington, NJ
Jessica Mukherjee	4/26/24 & 4/30/24	Approved on 3/27/24	Amended Mileage = $50.56	Google Educator Level 1 Certification Boot Camp 2-Day Series, Morris Union Jointure Commission, New Providence, NJ
Lisa Moore	4/11/24	$500.00	-0-	NJPSA Affirmative Action Certification, Virtual

*Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Charniga, Ms. Fleming, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Munoz, Dr. Simon, Mrs. Wygera, Ms. Stein

Absent: Ms. Carrino, Mrs. Niang

TECHNOLOGY: ESC has been on site three days this week during the transition before the new IT specialist begins. Ms. Goguen is working with Hunterdon County ESC to set up summer projects for replacing switches and access points.

FACILITIES: Ms. Goguen reiterated that a structural engineer has examined the buildings twice and reported that they are in good shape. Most of the cracks were in areas that already had some stress, they just became more pronounced. The district has earthquake insurance and the items that need repairing will be covered. The annual kindergarten event will take place in August and will be up for approval at the April 24th meeting.

TRANSPORTATION: None.

COMMUNICATION: None.

OTHER: None.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW: None.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Brandi Harkins, Califon, thanked Dr. Shouffler for being a part of the community safety panel, but was surprised that there was not more of a turnout from the community and staff. Ms. Harkins also commented that the climate survey is challenging for parents to fill out without sounding like they are complaining. Ms. Amanda Nafey, Califon, would like to see something in the OTS Code of Conduct about filming with your cell phone in the locker rooms.

Motion was made by Ms. Stein and seconded by Mrs. Munoz to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

All in Favor: Mr. Charniga, Ms. Fleming, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Munoz, Dr. Simon, Mrs. Wygera, Ms. Stein
Absent: Ms. Carrino, Mrs. Niang

PERSONNEL: Dr. Shouffler thanked Kelly Cullen, OTS school nurse, and wished her well on her retirement. The board reviewed the lateral moves for next school year and upcoming dance chaperones.

Motion was made by Ms. Stein and seconded by Ms. Munoz to approve the following:

Accept, with best wishes, the letter of retirement from Kelly Cullen, OTS School Nurse, effective July 1, 2024.

Approve the following chaperones for the trip to Camp Mason in April, 2024.

Grade	Destination	Date	Chaperone	Compensation	Total
6	Camp Mason Overnight Trip	April, 2024	Allison Caruso	2 Nights @ $276/Overnight	$552.00
6	Camp Mason Overnight Trip	April, 2024	Dee Krowl	2 Nights @ $276/Overnight	$552.00
6	Camp Mason Overnight Trip	April, 2024	Cathy Zisk	2 Nights @	$552.00

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6	Camp Mason Overnight Trip	April, 2024	Tom Lobb	2 Nights @ $276/Overnight	$552.00
6	Camp Mason Overnight Trip	April, 2024	Alana Magro	2 Nights @ $276/Overnight	$552.00
6	Camp Mason Overnight Trip	April, 2024	Patty Jennings	2 Nights @ $276/Overnight	$552.00
6	Camp Mason Overnight Trip	April, 2024	Carrie Lindower (Nurse)	$250/day (3) $276/Overnight	$1,302

Approve Jeremiah Burd as a substitute custodian for the 2023-2024 school year, pending criminal history review.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Charniga, Ms. Fleming, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Munoz, Dr. Simon, Mrs. Wygera, Ms. Stein
Absent: Ms. Carrino, Mrs. Niang

OLD BUSINESS: Ms. Wygera spoke about equity versus equality.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Charniga spoke about the concerns he had regarding a full page ad in the Tewksbury Times.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion was made by Ms. Stein and seconded by Ms. Jardinella to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The time was 7:57 p.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Stein and seconded by Dr. Simon to exit Executive Session. The time was 8:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Ms. Stein and seconded by Dr. Simon to adjourn the meeting. The time was 8:31 p.m.

Final Resolution: Motion carried on a roll call vote.
Yes: Mr. Charniga, Ms. Fleming, Mrs. Jardinella, Mrs. Munoz, Dr. Simon, Mrs. Wygera, Ms. Stein
Absent: Ms. Carrino, Mrs. Niang

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Goguen
Board Secretary