TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
December 11, 2024

7:00 PM REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Open to Public
Old Turnpike School Library

If members of the public wish to attend the meeting virtually, meetings are streamed Live over Youtube via the following link: https://www.youtube.com/live/eC5dmKyeTXA

During public comment, public participants are invited to address the Board with questions or comments.

District Goals

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I. CALL TO ORDER Time:_____

II. SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Ms. Carrino	Mr. Charniga	Ms. Fleming	Mrs. Jardinella	Mrs. Munoz
Mrs. Niang	Dr. Simon	Mrs. Wygera	Ms. Stein	Dr. Shouffler Ms. Goguen

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Motion to close public comments _____ 2nd_____

All in Favor:
Roll Call:
Ms. Carrino____Mr. Charniga____Ms. Fleming____Mrs. Jardinella____Mrs. Munoz____Mrs. Niang____Dr. Simon____
Mrs. Wygera____Ms. Stein____

VI. PRESENTATION

- Governor's Educators of the Year
- Anthony Ardito, CPA - 2023-2024 Audit
- NJ School Boards Association Representative - Patricia Rees
- Thank you to outgoing Board Members

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- HIB Report
- Enrollment Reports
- Emergency/Fire Drill Reports

School	Tewksbury Elementary School		
Month/Year	Nov. 2024	Nov. 2024	Dec.2024
Date	11/12/2024 12:45 PM	11/25/2024	12/4/2024
Drill Description	Lockdown	Fire Drill	Communications Test
Duration/ Time of Drill	20 minutes	2 minutes	n/a
Weather Conditions	Sunny and Cool	Sunny and warm	n/a
Conductor of Drill	Technical Glitch	L. Moore	n/a
Notification Method	Phone System	walkie talkies	Realtime Parent Contact Information

School	Old Turnpike School			
Month/Year	Nov. 2024	Nov. 2024	Dec.2024	Dec. 2024
Date	11/13 1:18 PM	11/22/24	12/2/24	12/4/2024
Drill Description	Fire Drill	Lockdown	Fire Drill	Communications Test
Duration/ Time of Drill	6 minutes	4 minutes	5 minutes	n/a
Weather Conditions	chilly	snowy	cold	n/a
Conductor of Drill	Bracuti, Krowl, & Mitchell	Sargeant Russo, D. Krowl, M. Mitchell	Bracuti, Mitchell, & Krowl	n/a
Notification Method	walkies	walkies	walkies	Realtime Parent Contact Information

IX. MINUTES

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- November 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: _____ 2nd _____
Discussion
Roll Call:
Ms. Carrino____Mr. Charniga____Ms. Fleming____Mrs. Jardinella____Mrs. Munoz____Mrs. Niang____Dr. Simon____
Mrs. Wygera____Ms. Stein____

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Curriculum
Discussion

- PSAT Scores at Voorhees High School

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the following after school club for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name of Club/School	Full or Half Year Club/Dates	Staff Member	Supply Budget Requested	Stipend Amount
Gaming Club - Grades 5-8	Half (Spring)	Nicole Polinger	$100 (did not purchase any games in the fall)	$1,500.00

2. Approve the updated Safe Return to School Plan for the 2024-2025 school year.

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Roll Call:
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B. Policy
Discussion

C. Finance
Discussion

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approval of Bills

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approve the attached lists of district bills for payment as presented by the School Business Administrator for the period November 14, 2024 through December 11, 2024 for a total amount of $1,454,967.57.

2. Acceptance and Approval of Board Secretary's Report for the month of November, 2024.

3. BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Board Secretary's Reports for the month of November, 2024 in consultation with appropriate district officials, the Board of Education certifies that no fund had been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(b); and the Board of Education further certifies, based on the Board Secretary's certification, that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(a).

4. Acceptance and Approval of Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2024.

5. BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2024 in consultation with appropriate district officials, the Board of Education certifies that no fund had been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(b); and the Board Secretary further certifies, based on the Board Treasurer's Report, that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(a).

   The Board Secretary certifies, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(c)(3), that the total of encumbrances for each line item account does not exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16:10(a).

6. Approve the attached list of transfers.

7. Approve the following workshop/travel requests for the 2024-2025 school year.

Workshops/Travel Requests				
Staff Member	**Date**	**Registration**	**Other Expenses***	**Event/Destination**
Karen Morrow	03/27/25	$180.00	-0-	Literacy with Multilingual Learners - Rutgers University Center for Literacy Development, Virtual
Alana Magro	1/23/25	$90.00	Mileage = $16.83	Improving Writing, revising and Editing Skills Through Increased Student Accountability and Engagement in the Writing Process - Morris Union Jointure Commission, New Providence, NJ
Pete Berg	1/29/25	$120.00	Mileage =$16.83	STEAM Powered Curriculum Fusion: Integrating Innovation into Education or Integrated Content Learning through STEAM - Morris Union Jointure Commission, New Providence, NJ
Amanda Kouzis	12/12/24	-0-	Mileage = $26.88	Whole Versus Part: The Role of Small Group Literacy Learners - The Center for Literacy Development - Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Nicola Hall	12/6/24	$320.00	-0-	Wilson Fundations® Level 1 Launch Workshop - Newgrange School of Princeton, Inc., Virtual
Sheila Donovan	12/6/24	-0-	-0-	Hunterdon County School Counselor Meeting, Flemington, NJ
Joelle Capece	12/6/24	$295.00	-0-	Using AI Tools to Improve Special Education Student Learning and Increased Teacher Productivity - Bureau of Education & Research, Virtual
Michael Mitchell	1/29/25-1/31/25	$590.00	Mileage = $125.02 Tolls/Parking =$60.00 Lodging = $234.44 Meals = 102.00	Techspo 2025 - New Jersey Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City, NJ
Jarret Magierowski	12/17/24	-0-	Mileage=$7.43	Hunterdon County Technology Leader Meeting, Califon NJ
Jarret Magierowski	1/22/25	-0-	Mileage=$37.37	Spring 2025 NJDOE District Test & Technology Coordinator Training

*Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

8. Approve the following field trips for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade	**Destination**	**Date (month/year)**	**Approximate Cost per Student (cost of attendance not paid by district)**	**Staff Member(s) Coordinating the Trip**
6-8	Voorhees High School - Choral	December, 2024	-0-	Nicole Polinger

	Workshop to have OTS choral students sing with and be mentored by high school students and watch a high school performance.			
6	Museum of Natural History, NYC - Science/Social Studies. Ancient Civilization/Artifacts, Astronomy, Butterflies (pollinators). Museum scavenger hunt of specific exhibits.	March, 2025	$92.00	Heather Olla

9. Approve the following grant from the Tewksbury Education Foundation.

Requestor/Contact	School/ Grade	Description	Amount of Grant/Donation
Jill Pecora	TES - all grades	Professional muralist, Dan Fenelon, will work with teachers and students to create a large-scale mural outside the cafeteria.	$7,000

10. Approve the following grants from the Tewksbury PTA.

Requestor/Contact	School/ Grade	Description	Amount of Grant/Donation
Tara Saksa	TES - 1st and 4th grades	Penguin Pointers Outreach Program - students can learn about animal adaptation through inquiry and discovery of penguins.	$625
Fay Periticari Brianna Cresci Liz Gentile	TES - Kindergarten	Three rotations of dramatic play centers to share to support creative role play.	$366.67

11. Approve the following fundraising events for the 2024-2025 school year:

Fundraiser	Description	Date	Advisor(s)
The Pajama Project	TES- 4th Gr. - service learning project to collect pajamas to donate to the Pajama Project, a non-profit organization supporting children facing adversities.	December, 2024	Sheila Donovan Patsy DelGrande
The Seeing Eye - Pennies for Puppies	TES- 4th Gr. - donation drive to benefit The Seeing Eye, Inc., Morristown, NJ	April, 2025	Sheila Donovan Bonnie Wade-Taffera

12. Approve entering into contract with Sweet Consulting, LLC for the 2024-2025 School Year effective December 11, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at a rate of $135.00 per hour for BCBA services, or $65.00 per hour for RBT services up to $1350.00.

13. Approve the joint transportation agreement with Lebanon Township for choice students attending Lebanon Township for the 2024-2025 school year.

14. Approval of 2023-2024 School Audit.

    BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the 2023-2024 Audit Report conducted by Ardito and Co. (ACFR) and Audit Management Program (AMR).

    BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the Board Secretary be directed to file the necessary reports with the State Department of Education.

    Recommendations:

    None

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D. Technology
Discussion

E. Facilities
Discussion

F. Transportation

G. Communication
Discussion

H. Other
Discussion

XI. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
Discussion

XII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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I. Personnel
Discussion

Motion to approve the following:

1. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the leave request from Pam Nugent, Second Grade Teacher, effective January 6, 2025, through February 11, 2025. Ms. Nugent will use her accumulated sick days.

2. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Carol Kasperowitz as a substitute teacher for Pam Nugent, effective January 7, 2025 through February 11, 2025, Tues. - Fri. from 9:00am through 3:00pm at the daily substitute rate.

3. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the leave request from Robert Lovering, Seventh Grade Science Teacher, effective January 13, 2025, through January 31, 2025. Mr. Lovering will use one week of his accumulated sick days followed by NJFLA.

4. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Autumn Walter as a long term substitute teacher for Robert Lovering, effective January 13, 2025, through January 31, 2025 at the daily substitute rate of $140/day for days 1-10 and $175/day thereafter.

5. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Regan Barnes as a full time paraprofessional, effective on or about December 12, through June 30, 2025, at Instructional Aide Step 3, $18.49/hour.

6. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Christopher Caramucci as a substitute teacher/paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year.

7. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Joan Condren as a substitute teacher/paraprofessional for the 2024-2025 school year.

8. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Donna Lance as a maternity leave replacement teacher, effective January 2, 2025 through April 17, 2025, Mon.-Thurs. from 9:00am through 3:00pm at MA Step 6, $70,412 (pro-rated).

9. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Theresa Bostock as a substitute custodian for the 2024-2025 school year, pending criminal history review.

10. Approve the following honoraria positions for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Stipend
Dee Krowl	OTS Winter Concert Chaperone	$40/hour - up to two hours
Bonnie Mendralla	OTS Winter Concert Chaperone	$40/hour - up to two hours
Deana Timpanaro	OTS Winter Concert Chaperone	$40/hour - up to two hours
Amy Allen	OTS 8th Grade NYC/Broadway Trip	$40/hour - up to 4.5 hours
Sara Femiano	OTS 8th Grade NYC/Broadway Trip	$40/hour - up to 4.5 hours
Dee Krowl	OTS 8th Grade NYC/Broadway Trip	$40/hour - up to 4.5 hours
Tom Lobb	OTS 8th Grade NYC/Broadway Trip	$40/hour - up to 4.5 hours
Scott Sipos	OTS 8th Grade NYC/Broadway Trip	$40/hour - up to 4.5 hours
Scott Steinman	OTS 8th Grade NYC/Broadway Trip	$40/hour - up to 4.5 hours
Samantha Wu	OTS 8th Grade NYC/Broadway Trip	$40/hour - up to 4.5 hours

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XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion _____ 2nd _____ Enter closed session at _____p.m.

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, also known as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in executive or private session under certain limited circumstances, and:
WHEREAS, said law required the Board of Education to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Tewksbury

that it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in executive session at this time to discuss personnel and legal matters for approximately thirty minutes. The matters discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting. Action may be taken.

Motion _____ 2nd _____ Enter open session at _____p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion _____ 2nd _____ Time of Adjournment:_____p.m.

All in Favor:
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