**TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**
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# SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA
## July 8, 2025

## 3:00 PM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - Open to Public
## Old Turnpike School Library

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

District Goals

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2. To create a financial framework so that the school district is fiscally responsible while supporting learning environments.
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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**

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| Mr. Charniga | Ms. Dorcus | Mr. Infusino | Mrs. Jardinella | Mrs. Munoz |
| Mr. Schwartz | Dr. Simon | Ms. Stein | Mrs. Wygera | Dr. Shouffler<br>_____<br>Ms. Goguen |

## V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

During this portion of the meeting, the in-person public participants are invited to address the Board with questions or comments on actionable agenda items only. If your comment pertains to personnel, individual employees or students, negotiations or legal matters, we ask that you see the superintendent separately as the Board does not generally discuss these issues in public.

The public is requested to sign the register provided for this purpose and to state their name, address, and direct their comments to the Board President. While all comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate, the Board will not respond to the speakers at the time of their appearance.

The public comment period will be a maximum of thirty minutes in length unless there are unusual circumstances. Those appearing will be allocated three minutes to speak and no one will be permitted to speak twice until all those wishing to speak have had a turn. Civility and mutual respect is expected. Speakers should be courteous to Board members, District employees, students, and other members of the public.

**Motion to close public comments _____ 2nd_____**

All in Favor:
**Roll Call:**
Mr. Charniga____Ms. Dorcus____Mr. Infusino____Mrs. Munoz____Mr. Schwartz____Dr. Simon____Ms. Stein____
Mrs. Wygera____Mrs. Jardinella____

## FINANCE

**Motion to approve the following:**

1. Approve the retainer agreement between the Tewksbury Township Board of Education and Lenox, Socey, Formidoni, Giordano, Lang, Carrigg & Casey ("Lenox Law Firm"), 136 Franklin Corner Road, Unit B2, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, 08648.

2. Approve entering into contract with DBA Aveanna Healthcare for nursing services for 2025-2026 School Year beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 at a rate of $75.00 per hour.

3. Approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEWKSBURY IN THE COUNTY OF**

**HUNTERDON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF TWO BOND PROPOSAL QUESTIONS, TOGETHER WITH AN EXPLANATORY STATEMENT, TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY** The Board of Education of the Township of Tewksbury in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Board") (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following two bond proposals (the "Proposals"), together with an explanatory statement (the "Explanatory Statement") shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at the annual School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 for the purposes hereinafter provided. The form of the Proposals together with Explanatory Statement will read substantially as follows except as otherwise may be set forth herein:

**BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION #1**

The Board of Education of the Township of Tewksbury in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Board") is authorized to (a) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Tewksbury Elementary School, including but not limited to improvements and upgrades to the HVAC system, boiler replacement, and the replacement of exterior doors, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, equipment, and any site work; (b) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Old Turnpike School, including but not limited to improvements and upgrades to the HVAC system, the replacement of various portions of flooring, and the replacement of exterior doors, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, equipment, and any site work; (b) appropriate $14,688,916 for such improvements; and (c) issue bonds in an amount not to exceed $14,688,916.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are $14,688,916 (consisting of $10,979,030 for Tewksbury Elementary School and $3,709,886 for Old Turnpike School). The projects include $0 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

**Do you approve this Bond Proposal Question #1?**

## BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION #2

**(Bond Proposal Question No. 2 will only go into effect if Bond Proposal Question No. 1 is also approved by the voters at this election.)**

The Board of Education of the Township of Tewksbury in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey (the "Board") is authorized to (a) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Old Turnpike School, including but not limited to the replacement of interior doors, and renovations to various instructional spaces, including the art classroom, science labs, technology room, and all-purpose room (APR); including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (b) appropriate $10,322,515 for such improvements; and (c) issue bonds in an amount not to exceed $10,322,515.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are $10,322,515. The projects include $0 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

**Do you approve this Bond Proposal Question #2?**

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

**At this election, the voters of the school district are being asked to consider Bond Proposal Questions #1 and #2. As set forth above, Bond Proposal Question #2 will only go into effect if Bond Proposal Question #1 is also approved by the voters at this election.**

If Bond Proposal Questions #1 and #2 are approved by the voters at this election, the Board of Education will be authorized to (a) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Tewksbury Elementary School, including but not limited to improvements and upgrades to the HVAC system, boiler replacement, and the replacement of exterior doors, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, equipment, and any site work; (b) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Old Turnpike School, including but not limited to improvements and upgrades to the HVAC system, the replacement of various portions of flooring, the replacement of exterior doors and interior doors, and renovations to various instructional spaces, including the art classroom, science labs, technology room, and all-purpose room (APR), including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work.

The total cost for the projects will be $25,011,431, and the Board of Education will be authorized to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed $25,011,431. The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are $25,011,431 (consisting of $10,979,030 for Tewksbury Elementary School and $14,032,401 for Old Turnpike School). The projects include $0 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposals and Explanatory Statement set forth above and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same as described therein (the "Project"). The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, consistent with any advice received from bond counsel, to revise the Proposals and/or Explanatory Statement, if necessary, prior to the Election to conform to any applicable legal requirements.

3. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-17, a Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposals, and that such Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in the office of the Township Clerk, and in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution, and will be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, to request the County Clerk to submit the Proposals to the voters at the Election and to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the Election.

5. The Board hereby: (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letter from the New Jersey Department of Education and not to appeal such determinations made therein; (ii) determines to construct the Project itself; (iii) agrees to locally fund any excess costs, if any; and (iv) delegates the supervision of the Project to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

6. Parette Somjen Architects, the School District's appointed architect for the Project (the "Project Architect"), has heretofore been authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Project in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who has been delegated the responsibility to work with the Project Architect for this purposes on behalf of the Board, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16, and such authorizations and delegations are hereof reconfirmed.

7. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, and the Project Architect, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposals to the voters of the School District at the Election.

8. This Board hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary through a public offering of private placement or through a conduit borrower on a tax exempt basis. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on its bonds

or notes if issued as tax exempt, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on its bonds or notes. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Board to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue bonds or notes in the amount set forth in the Proposals approved by the voters as set forth in Section 1 and to use the proceeds to pay or to reimburse expenditures for the costs of the Projects authorized herein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury Regulations 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law,

9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Motion:** _____ 2nd _____
**Discussion**
**Roll Call:**
Mr. Charniga____Ms. Dorcus____Mr. Infusino____Mrs. Munoz____Mr. Schwartz____Dr. Simon____Ms. Stein____
Mrs. Wygera____Mrs. Jardinella____

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

All in Favor:
**Roll Call:**
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Mrs. Wygera____Mrs. Jardinella____