TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
January 21, 2026

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/jkla9EHk1b4

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. Dorcus	Mrs. Flood	Mr. Infusino	Mrs. Munoz	Ms. Ross
Ms. Russo	Mr. Schwartz	Mrs. Wygera	Dr. Simon	Dr. Shouffler Ms. Goguen

V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Motion to close public comments _____ 2nd_____

All in Favor:
Roll Call:
Yes: Ms. Dorcus, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Infusino, Mrs. Munoz, Ms. Ross, Ms. Russo, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Wygera, Dr. Simon

VI. PRESENTATION

- Mr. Anthony Ardito, CPA-Ardito and Company, LLC - 2024-2025 Audit
- Ms. Caitlyn Adames, Mr. Bill Bannister-Parette Somjen Architects

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

School	Tewksbury Elementary School	
Month/Year	Dec. 2025	Jan. 2026
Date	12/18/2025 1:30 PM	1/8/26
Drill Description	Fire	Fire
Duration/ Time of Drill	2 minutes	2 minutes
Weather Conditions	Sunny	Sunny & Warm
Conductor of Drill	Principal Moore & Staff	Principal Moore & Staff
Notification Method	Alarm	Alarm

School	Old Turnpike School	
Month/Year	Jan. 2026	Jan. 2026
Date	1/6/26	1/12/2026
Drill Description	Fire Drill	Lock Down
Duration/ Time of Drill	3 minutes	4 minutes
Weather Conditions	Cold	N/A indoors
Conductor of Drill	Verderamo, Mitchell, & Bracuti	Verderamo, Mitchell, Twks PD, & Bracuti
Notification Method	Walkies & Alarm	Walkies/PA

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the January 6, 2026 HIB report from the Superintendent.

Motion: _____ 2nd _____
Discussion
Roll Call:
Ms. Dorcus____Mrs. Flood____Mr. Infusino____Mrs. Munoz____Ms. Ross____Ms. Russo____Mr. Schwartz____
Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

IX. MINUTES

1. **Motion to approve the following minutes:**

    - December 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: _____ 2nd _____
Discussion

Roll Call:
Ms. Dorcus____Mrs. Flood____Mr. Infusino____Mrs. Munoz____Ms. Ross____Ms. Russo____Mr. Schwartz____
Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Curriculum

- Student Survey
- Tewksbury 270th Anniversary, 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution
- Boys Lacrosse
- Student Resource Officers

B. Policy

Discussion

1. Motion to approve the following policies and regulations on first reading:

P 0142.1	Nepotism (M) (Revised)
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator (M) (Revised)
P & R 1552	Sexual Harassment – Staff (M) (New)
P 3362	Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
R 3362	Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)
P 4352	Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
R 4352	Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)

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C. Finance

Discussion

- Preschool Tuition
- YMCA rental

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 December 11, 2025 through January 21, 2026 for a total amount of $2,632,634.54.

2. Acceptance and Approval of Board Secretary's Report for the month of December, 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Board Secretary's Reports for the month of December, 2025 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).

3. Acceptance and Approval of Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2025.

   BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2025 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).

4. Approve the attached list of transfers.

5. Approve the following workshop/travel requests for the 2025-2026 school year.

Workshops/Travel Requests

Staff Member	Date	Registration	Other Expenses*	Event/Destination
Erin Buttgereit	2/11/26	$150.00	Mileage = $11.84	Building Literacy and Writing Confidence in Multilingual Learners, Morris-Union Jointure Commission, New Providence, NJ
Rescind: Jaime Levy	*4/17/26*	*$224.00*	*Mileage = $8.46*	*New Jersey Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference, Somerset, NJ*
Jaime Levy	4/17/26	$239.00	*Mileage = $8.46*	New Jersey Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference, Somerset, NJ
Sheila Donovan	3/25/26	$30.00	Mileage = $15.04	Effective Functioning Skills in the School Setting, Hunterdon County School Counselor Association, Annandale, NJ
Sheila Donovan	2/26/26	-0-	Mileage = $22.56	Respond with Care: Child-Adult Relationship Enhancement Training, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

*Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

6. Approve the Resolution regarding Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program Waiver of Requirements.

   BE IT RESOLVED that the Board upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator approve the following resolution regarding Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

   Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for 2026-2027, and

Whereas, the Tewksbury Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that the district projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Tewksbury Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Hunterdon an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. Approve the following fundraisers/events for the 2025-2026 school year:

Contact	School	Date	Event	Stipend
Tewksbury PTA	TES	2/16-26 - 3/2/26	Read-A-Thon - track minutes students read and receive online pledges from friends and family to support the PTA	N/A
Dee Krowl Bonnie Mendralla	OTS	March, 2026	OTS Grade 5-8 Dance - funds raised go towards 8th grade end of year dance	N/A

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Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

D. Technology
Discussion

E. Facilities
Discussion

F. Transportation
Discussion
- New bus

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. Approve the following chaperones for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	Stipend
Patty Jennings	Camp Mason Trip Chaperone- Day 1 plus overnight, Day 2	Day 1 - $276 Day 2 - $40/hour (not to exceed 7 hours)
Alana Magro	Camp Mason Trip Chaperone- Day 1 plus overnight, Day 2	Day 1 - $276 Day 2 - $40/hour (not to exceed 7 hours)
Cathy Zisk	Camp Mason Trip Chaperone- Day 1 plus overnight, Day 2	Day 1 - $276 for overnight Day 2 - $40/hour (not to exceed 7 hours)
Rob Lovering	Camp Mason Trip Chaperone- Full Day on Tuesday and Wednesday (no overnight)	Day 1 - $138 + mileage Day 2 - $40/hour (not to exceed 7 hours) + mileage
Lisa Buhl	Camp Mason Trip Chaperone- Full Day on Tuesday and Wednesday (no overnight)	Day 1 - $138 + mileage Day 2 - $40/hour (not to exceed 7 hours) + mileage

Patty Jennings	Battle of the Books, Readington Middle School	$40/hour, (not to exceed 4 hours)
Lisa Buhl	Battle of the Books, Readington Middle School	$40/hour, (not to exceed 4 hours)

2. Approve the following after school clubs for the 2025-2026 school year. Approval contingent upon a minimum enrollment of 10 students per club.

Name	Name of Club	Session 1 (Sept.-Jan.)	Session 2 (Jan.-May)	Supply Budget Requested	Stipend Amount
Sandy Brinkhoff	OTS Art Club		✓	0	$1,500.00
Krista Kovalsky	OTS Lego Club		✓	0	$1,500.00

3. Approve the following teacher facilitators for the Grade 3 Family Mathematics Workshop to be held in March, 2026 at Tewksbury Elementary School.

Name	**Rate**
Patsy DelGrande	$71.69 per hour up to 4 hours (two hours of prep time and two hours of facilitations)
Alyssa Forsythe	$48.85 per hour up to 4 hours (two hours of prep time and two hours of facilitations)
Jaime Levy	$70.15 per hour up to 4 hours (two hours of prep time and two hours of facilitations)

4. Approve the following substitute teachers, for the 2025-2026 school year, pending criminal history review:
    - Emma Dalrymple
    - Linda Downey
    - Sasha Rogenas

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Discussion
Roll Call:
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Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

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:
Roll Call:
Yes: Ms. Dorcus, Mrs. Flood, Mr. Infusino, Mrs. Munoz, Ms. Ross, Ms. Russo, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Wygera, Dr. Simon