TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
February 25, 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://youtube.com/live/Fconp4hvha4?feature=share

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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2. To create a financial framework so that the school district is fiscally responsible while supporting learning environments.
3. To encourage a welcoming and supportive learning environment to foster a lifelong love of learning for all students; This includes robust connection to their school and wider community.

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. Effective March 1, 2026 onwards, all legal notices and board meeting dates shall only be posted on the district website in conformity with revised state code.

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

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.

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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

- Congratulations to Boys Basketball
- Special Education Program - Ms. Lori Lopez-Lopez

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Enrollment Reports- Review for 2025-2026 School Year
- HIB Report
- Emergency/Fire Drill Reports

School	Tewksbury Elementary School		
Month/Year	Jan. 2026	Feb. 2026	Feb. 2026
Date	1/23/26	2/2/2026	2/11/2026 2:17 PM
Drill Description	Hold	Lockdown	Fire
Duration/ Time of Drill	5 minutes	7 minutes	3 minutes
Weather Conditions	Sunny & cold	Sunny & cold	Overcast & Temperate
Conductor of Drill	Principal Moore & Staff	Principal Moore, M Verderamo, S Donovan, TTPD	Principal Moore & Staff
Notification Method	building intercom speakers & walkies	building intercom speakers & walkies	Alarm

School	Old Turnpike School	
Month/Year	Feb. 2026	Feb. 2026
Date	2/12/2026	2/19/2026
Drill Description	Fire Drill	Secure
Duration/ Time of Drill	3 minutes	2 minutes
Weather Conditions	Cold	N/A indoors
Conductor of Drill	Verderamo, Mitchell. Lopez-Lopez, Bracuti, & Krowl	Verderamo, Mitchell, & Bracuti
Notification Method	Walkies & alarm	Walkies & PA

IX. MINUTES

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- January 6, 2026 Reorganization Meeting and Committee of the Whole Meeting
- January 6, 2026 Executive Session
- January 21, 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
Discussion

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the following field trips for the 2025-2026 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	Sterling Hill Mining Museum and Andover Diner	March, 2026	$19 for Museum $20 for lunch	Heather Olla
PreK	Tewksbury Public Library - story time and read aloud	April, 2026 June, 2026	$0	Amanda Kouzis
8	Tewksbury Elementary School - show a preview of the 8th grade play to TES students	March, 2026	$0	Dee Krowl

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Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

B. Policy
Discussion

C. Finance
Discussion
- Fees for clubs and sports
- Budget update

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 January 22, 2026 through February 25, 2026 for a total amount of $2,189,893.95.

2. Acceptance and Approval of Board Secretary's Report for the month of January, 2026.

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Board Secretary's Reports for the month of January, 2026 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 January, 2026.

   BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2026 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
Heather Olla	3/10/26 -3/11/26	$175.00	Mileage = $125.00	Middle School Athletic Director Outreach Annual Workshop - Directors of Athletics Association of New Jersey, Atlantic City, NJ
Sue Moyer	5/12/26	$100.00	Mileage = $31.96	Treatment of Childhood Apraxia: A Practical Guide, Warren County Speech-Language Hearing Assn., Lafayette, NJ
Kara Swan	3/31/26	$195.00	Mileage = $19.18	Purchasing Review/Update - NJASBO, Whippany, NJ
Annie Rose-Mason	3/19/26	$75.00	Mileage = $18.80	Hunterdon County Librarians Association Winter Workshop, Flemington, NJ
Sara Femiano	3/11/26	-0-	Mileage = $55.93	Advancing Affirmative Clinical Social Work, Monmouth University School of Social Work, West Long Branch, NJ
Erin Buttgereit	3/10/26	-0-	Mileage = $7.38	Infusing Civics into the K-5 Curriculum, Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ

*Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

6. Approve the annual tuition of $9,000 for the 2026-2027 Preschool Program.

7. Approve the following Hunterdon County ESC bus route for out of district students for the 2025-2026 school year beginning February 24, 2026 through June 30, 2026:

Route #	Student ID #	Annual Prorated Route Cost	Annual Prorated Aide Cost
Q2655	5942219612	$18,318.81	$4,830.00

8. Approve the following grant from the Tewksbury Education Foundation:

Requestor/Contact	School/ Grade	Description	Amount of Grant/Donation
Heather Olla	OTS-6th	Colonial America Basket Weaving on site at OTS presented by Hunterdon County Division of Parks and Recreation.	$693.00

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D. Technology
Discussion

E. Facilities
Discussion
- Referendum projects update

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the contract with the YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties to provide before and after care school programs for the 2026-2027 school year for a fee of $9,000 payable to the Tewksbury Township School District.

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F. Transportation
Discussion

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. Accept the letter of retirement from Scott Steinman, Old Turnpike School ELA teacher, effective June 30, 2026.

2. Approve the following teacher presenters for the Virtual AI Night to be held on March 2, 2026.

Name	Rate
Nicola Hall	$40.00 per hour up to 4 hours (three hours of prep time and one hour of presenting)
Samantha Wu	$40.00 per hour up to 4 hours (three hours of prep time and one hour of presenting)

3. Approve the following chaperones for the Tewksbury Elementary School Spring Fling to be held on April 23, 2026.

Name	Rate
Tracy Barnes	$40.00 per hour up to 3 hours (includes setup, running station activities, and breakdown)

Eileen Callahan	$40.00 per hour up to 3 hours (includes setup, running station activities, and breakdown)
Alyssa Forsythe	$40.00 per hour up to 3 hours (includes setup, running station activities, and breakdown)
Nicola Hall	$40.00 per hour up to 3 hours (includes setup, running station activities, and breakdown)
Maura Obercian	$40.00 per hour up to 3 hours (includes setup, running station activities, and breakdown)
Kristen Rinehart	$40.00 per hour up to 3 hours (includes setup, running station activities, and breakdown)
Katherine Royer	$40.00 per hour up to 3 hours (includes setup, running station activities, and breakdown)
Bonnie Taffera	$40.00 per hour up to 3 hours (includes setup, running station activities, and breakdown)

4. Approve the following honoraria positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

Staff Member	**Position**	**Stipend**
Krista Kovalsky	After School Track Aide for practices and Track Meets	$40/hour as needed
Darcy Harp	After School Track Aide for practices and Track Meets (alternate)	$40/hour as needed
Chris Mortenson	After School Track Aide for practices and Track Meets (alternate)	$40/hour as needed

5. Approve the following chaperones for the OTS dance on March 2, 2026.

Staff Member	**Event**	**Date**	**Stipend**
Dee Krowl	OTS Gr. 5-8 Dance	March, 2026	$40/hour up to 3 hours
Bonnie Mendralla	OTS Gr. 5-8 Dance	March, 2026	$40/hour up to 3 hours
Kaycie Sconda	OTS Gr. 5-8 Dance	March, 2026	$40/hour up to 2 hours

6. Approve the following after school 1:1 aides for the TES Seussabration on March 3, 2026.

Staff Member	**Event**	**Date**	**Stipend**
Regan Barnes	TES Seussabration	March, 2026	$40/hour up to 1 hour
Monica Scala	TES Seussabration	March, 2026	$40/hour up to 1 hour

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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:
Roll Call:
Yes: Ms. Dorcus____Mrs. Flood____Mr. Infusino____Mrs. Munoz____Ms. Ross____Ms. Russo____
Mr. Schwartz____Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____