

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
September 23, 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 and recorded over Youtube via the following link: <https://youtube.com/live/MvH0S8dm7qs?feature=share>

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

District Goals

1. To cultivate a collaborative, inclusive learning environment that strengthens community partnerships, supports staff, and encourages creative and independent thinking while meeting the academic and individual needs of every student.
2. To create and maintain a fiscally responsible financial framework that sustains and enhances high-quality learning environments.
3. To provide a welcoming, supportive learning experience that inspires a lifelong love of learning for all students.

Board Goals

1. In collaboration with our parents, teachers, and community, we will support the district's goals through active Board engagement, clear & consistent communication, and meaningful outreach.
2. Adopt a balanced annual budget with healthy reserves while targeting major expenditures.
3. To support and retain exceptional educators through collaboration, professional development, and a culture of excellence, while working with new administration to build a unified school community focused on continuous improvement and student & staff success.

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. Notice of the meeting has been posted on the Tewksbury Township School District website. www.tewksburyschools.org. In addition, in accordance with S4654/A5878, signed into law by Governor Murphy in July 2025, the New Jersey Department of State is required to maintain a centralized, publicly accessible directory of legal notice hyperlinks submitted by public entities across the State that can be accessed here: <https://www.nj.gov/state/statewide-legal-notices-list.shtml>.

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	Mr. Garrido 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

- Parette Somjen Architects - Update on referendum projects

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Emergency Drill Report - Tewksbury Elementary School				
Month	Type of Drill	Date of Drill	Weather Conditions	Conductor of Drill
September	Fire Drill	9/4/2026	clear	L. Moore
September	Lockdown Drill	9/10/2026	clear	L. Moore, Officer Kevin Motzer

Emergency Drill Report - Old Turnpike School				
Month	Type of Drill	Date of Drill	Weather Conditions	Conductor of Drill
September	Lockdown Drill	9/3/26	Sunny	P. Garrido, M. Verderamo, D. Krowl
September	Fire Drill	9/14/2026	Sunny	D. Krowl, M. Verderamo, G. Ogden

Bus Evacuation Drill Report					
Date of Drill	Time	School Name	Location of Drill	Route Numbers	Supervisors of Drill
9/16/26	8:30 a.m.	Tewksbury Elementary School	Lower Parking Lot	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18	Principal Moore, Mr. Hoffman, Staff
9/16/26	7:30 a.m.	Old Turnpike School	Front of School	1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 18	Principal Garrido, Mr. Hoffman, Staff

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the September 16, 2026 HIB report from the Interim 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

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- August 10, 2026 Special Meeting

- August 10, 2026 Executive Session
- August 11, 2026 Special Meeting
- August 11, 2026 Executive Session
- August 12, 2026 Special Meeting
- August 12, 2026 Executive Session
- August 17, 2026 Special Meeting
- August 17, 2026 Executive Session
- August 25, 2026 Board Retreat and Regular Board Meeting
- August 25, 2026 Executive Session

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 2026-2027 school year:

Grade	Destination	Date (month/year)	Approximate Cost per Student (cost of attendance not paid by district)	Staff Member(s) Coordinating the Trip
K	Tewksbury Police station and rescue squad	TBD- mid March or beginning of April	\$0	Kindergarten
K	Warren Hills Food For America	TBD- end of April	\$0	Kindergarten
1	Crayola Factory (approved 9/16/26)	November 13, 2026	\$16.00	Levy
1	RVCC Planetarium	March 4th, 2027	\$13.50	Levy
2	Morris Museum	May 12th 2027	\$15.50	Saksa
2	Doyle's Farm	April 28th 2027	\$25.00	Strange

3	Echo Hill Park	May 26, 2027	\$3.64	Nichols
3	Davinci Science Center	April 16, 2027	\$27.75	Emge
4th Grade Resource Room	OTS - Special Education Resource Room Transition Trip	TBD - likely May 2027	\$0	Kinzel
4	OTS 4th Grade Transition Trips	May 24,25,26	\$0	Forsythe
4	Museum of Early Trades and Crafts	TBD Oct/ November 2026	\$10.00	Forsythe
4	Franklin Mineral Mine	TBD April/May 2027	\$22.00	Forsythe
5	Bronx Zoo (approved 8.25.26)	Oct 30	\$100.00	Mendralla
5	Sandy Hook-Gateway National Recreation	Spring 2027	\$100.00	Fiscarelli
8	Broadway	March/2027	\$90.00	Krowl
8	Washington, DC	June 2, 3, 4, 2027	\$900.00	Krowl
8	Bridge Testing Field Trip	January and May	\$0	Berg
8	Clinton Township MS (Mykee Fowlin)	November 12, 2026	\$0	Gould
5-8	Trills and Thrills Music Festival Dorney Park	TBD Spring 2027	\$130.00 - \$150.00	Polinger
5-8	Instrumental Students trip to Voorhees Pops Concert	TBD February 2027	\$0	Polinger
6-8	Vocal Ensemble trip to Tewks Seniors	TBD December 2026	\$0	Polinger
6-8	Vocal Ensemble Trip to Silver Tea for Tewks women's club	TBD December 2026	\$0	Polinger
6-8	Vocal Ensemble Trip to Tewks	TBD Spring	\$0	Polinger

	Seniors Spring BBQ	2027		
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Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wygera _____ Dr. Simon _____

B. Policy

Discussion

C. Finance

Discussion

- Fees for sports and clubs

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 August 26, 2026 through September 23, 2026 for a total amount of \$2,792,357.69.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer's Report for the month of August, 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 2026-2027 school year.

Workshops/Travel Requests

Staff Member	Date	Registration	Other Expenses*	Event/Destination
Ruthie Champagne	10/28/26, 1/7/27 & 4/20/27	\$525.00	Mileage = \$118.44 Tolls/Parking = \$75.00	New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association's Preschool Series: Legal Requirements and Best Practices for Students with Disabilities, Monroe Township, NJ
Ruthie Champagne	11/17/26	\$195.00	Mileage = \$39.48 Tolls/Parking = \$25.00	New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association's Legally Compliant IEPs, Monroe Township, NJ
Ruthie Champagne	10/27/26	\$195.00	Mileage = \$122.20 Tolls/Parking = \$25.00	New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association's Hot Issues in Special Education Law, Mays Landing, NJ
Karen Morrow	10/9/26	\$270.00	-0-	NJ International Dyslexia Association (NJIDA) Fall Conference 2026, East Brunswick, NJ

*Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

6. Approve the following funding requests from the Tewksbury Education Foundation:

Requestor/Contact	School/Grade	Description	Amount of Grant/Donation
Nicola Hall	TES - Grade 1	Nature Kelly - field expert with years of experience running nature-focused outdoor classroom experiences.	\$1,500.00
Camille Bristow	TES - Grade 2	Our Changing Earth - John Miller, Pearl Observatory - focus on changes within the earth's landforms	\$3,350.00
Aimee Emge	TES - Grade 3	BJ Ward is a NJ Poet who brings poetry to life The students learn to write, edit, revise, and publish the poems.	\$3,000.00

7. Approve the following funding request from the Tewksbury PTA:

Requestor/Contact	School/Grade	Description	Amount of Grant/Donation
Rebecca Chapman	TES - Grade 1	Jenkinson's Aquarium Penguin Pointers Outreach Program allows students to learn about animal adaptations through the inquiry and discovery of penguins.	\$650.00

8. Approve AHERA Consultants Incorporated to provide labor and material necessary for asbestos abatement services in the Old Turnpike School for three storage areas at an amount not to exceed \$23,725.00.

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion**Roll Call:**

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Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

D. Technology

Discussion

E. Facilities

Discussion

F. Transportation

Discussion

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Approve the following Hunterdon County ESC bus routes for out of district students for the 2026-2027 ESY and school year:

Route #	Student ID #	ESY Route Cost	ESY Aide Cost	Annual Route Cost	Annual Aide Cost
2610	8326909	\$8,827.80	\$1,858.50	\$52,966.80	\$11,151.00
2617	8327593	\$5,531.20	\$1,243.00	\$49,780.00	\$11,187.00
2716	8327012	\$6,880.0	\$800.00	\$62,952.00	\$7,320.00
Q2724	8327265	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51,602.40	\$0.00

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion**Roll Call:**

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G. Communication

Discussion

H. Other

Discussion

XI. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Discussion

XII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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I. Personnel

Discussion

1. At the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following honoraria/stipend positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

Name	Position	Stipend
Patty Jennings	Basketball Scorekeeper and Supervision at games as needed	\$40/hour
Heather Olla	Alternate Basketball Scorekeeper and supervision at games as needed	\$40/hour
Dee Krowl	Assistant 8th Gr. Play Director	\$2,200.00
Sherri Cameron	8th Gr. Play Musical Director	\$1,950.00
Bonnie Mendralla	Student Council Moderator	\$1,320.00
Chris Mortenson	Odyssey of the Mind - TES	\$1,950.00

2. At the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent, approve the following chaperones for the 5th Grade Bronx Zoo trip in October, 2026:

Name	Position	Stipend
Bonnie Mendralla	Bronx Zoo Trip Chaperone	\$40/hour after normal school hours, up to 4 hours
Dee Krowl	Bronx Zoo Trip Chaperone	\$40/hour after normal school hours, up to 4 hours
Chris Mortenson	Bronx Zoo Trip Chaperone	\$40/hour after normal school hours, up to 4 hours
Yahna Fiscarelli	Bronx Zoo Trip Chaperone	\$40/hour after normal school hours, up to 4 hours
Elisa Devita	Bronx Zoo Trip Chaperone	\$40/hour after normal school hours, up to 4 hours
Darcy Harp	Bronx Zoo Trip Chaperone	\$40/hour after normal school hours, up to 4 hours

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion

Roll Call:

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XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, that the Tewksbury Township Board of Education meeting hereby convenes to executive session for discussion of the following subjects:

1. Student Matters
2. Personnel Matters
3. Attorney Client Privilege

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 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 to enter closed session:

Motion _____ **2nd** _____ Enter closed session at _____ p.m.

Motion to enter open session:

Motion _____ **2nd** _____ Enter open session at _____ p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

Motion _____ **2nd** _____ Time of Adjournment: _____ p.m.

All in Favor:

Roll Call:

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Mr. Schwartz _____ Mrs. Wygera _____ Dr. Simon _____