

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
October 28, 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/3AiBL0sDofU?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	Dr. Scamardella _____ 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

- Dr. Jennifer Marycz, Bloomsbury Superintendent - North Hunterdon partial regionalization referendum in November

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
October	Fire Drill	10/8/2026	Clear	Lisa Moore
October	Communication	10/16/26	Rainy	BOE office, Megan Verderamo

Emergency Drill Report - Old Turnpike School				
Month	Type of Drill	Date of Drill	Weather Conditions	Conductor of Drill
October	Communication	10/16/26	Rainy	BOE office, Megan Verderamo
October	Fire Drill	10/21/2026	Chilly	Megan Verderamo, Pedro Garrido, Dee Krowl

IX. MINUTES

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- September 16, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- September 16, 2026 Executive Session
- September 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- September 23, 2026 Executive Session
- September 30, 2026 Special 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

- 2027-2028 School Calendar

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the Nursing Services Plan for the 2026-2027 School Year.

2. Approve the following field trip 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
6-8 Choral Members	Voorhees Choral Workshop@ Voorhees High School to expose the students to opportunities in high school and encourage choral participation.	December 2026	\$0	Polinger

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wygera _____ Dr. Simon _____

B. Policy

Discussion

C. Finance

Discussion

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 September 24, 2026 through October 28, 2026 for a total amount of \$2,034,733.78.

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 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
Heather Valenta	11/12/26	199.00	Mileage = \$28.67	Payroll & the BA - New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, Whippany, NJ
Heather Olla	12/9/26	\$325.00	Mileage = \$51.00	What's New in Young Adult Literature and How to Use It - Bureau of Education & Research, Long Branch, NJ
Greg Ogden	10/30/26	-0-	-0-	Indoor Air Quality Training - NJ Association of Designated Persons, Washington, NJ
Samantha Wu	10/20/26 & 10/21/26	-0-	-0-	New Jersey Science Convention, Princeton, NJ
Lisa Moore	10/29/26	-0-	-0-	Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning's (OPSEP) Basic K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training - Full Day Virtual Training
Dr. Laura Scamardella	10/29/26	-0-	-0-	Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning's (OPSEP) Basic K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training - Full Day Virtual Training
Ruthie Champagne	11/17/26	-0-	-0-	Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning's (OPSEP) Basic K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training - Full Day Virtual Training
Pedro Garrido	11/17/26	-0-	-0-	Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning's (OPSEP) Basic K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training - Full Day Virtual Training
Heather Goguen	1/27/27 - 1/29/27	\$625.00 (Partially funded by Title IV Grant)	Mileage = \$131.60 Tolls/Parking = \$100.00 Hotel = \$194.00 Meals = \$150.00	Techspo 2027 - New Jersey Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City, NJ
Dr. Laura Scamardella	1/27/27 - 1/29/27	\$625.00 (Partially funded by Title IV Grant)	Mileage = \$104.81 Tolls/Parking = \$100.00 Hotel = \$194.00 Meals = \$150.00	Techspo 2027 - New Jersey Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City, NJ
Heather Goguen	2/10/27 - 2/12/27	-0-	-0-	International Association of School Business Officials Leadership Conference, Savannah GA
Sara Femiano	12/9/26 - 12/11/26	\$149.99	-0-	ADHD Conference: Clinical Innovation in Nervous System-Driven Therapy, Virtual
Ruthie Champagne	11/10/26, 1/8/27	\$400.00 (member rate)	Mileage = \$39.48 Tolls/Parking = \$25	MTSS Professional Series: Designing, Implementing, and Sustaining a Multi-Tier System of Supports, Monroe Twp. NJ & Virtual
Sheila Donovan	11/10/26, 1/8/27	\$500.00	Mileage = \$39.48 Tolls/Parking = \$25	MTSS Professional Series: Designing, Implementing, and Sustaining a Multi-Tier System of Supports, Monroe Twp. NJ & Virtual
Kathy Gould	11/10/26, 1/8/27	\$500.00	Mileage = \$38.68 Tolls/Parking = \$25	MTSS Professional Series: Designing, Implementing, and Sustaining a Multi-Tier System of Supports, Monroe Twp. NJ & Virtual

*Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

6. Approve the contract between Rutgers, The state University of New Jersey, Rutgers Graduate School of Education - Center for Literacy Development (GSE-CLD) and Tewksbury Township School District (TTSD) to provide 5 days of Professional Development Services for literacy development coaching in literacy instruction. The engagement fee for services provided is

\$7,500, which covers presenter fees, travel, and Rutgers University fees for 5 days of service at \$1,500 per day.

7. Approve the payment to Wireless Communications Electronics for updating repeater and wireless communications in the amount of \$2,238.95. Tewksbury Township will pay half of this cost to the Tewksbury Township Board of Education in the amount of \$1,119.48.

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

Requestor/Contact	School/Grade	Description	Amount of Grant/Donation
Alyssa Forsythe	TES-Gr. 4	Nature Kelly - A 3-day nature science education program for fourth graders exploring the land around TES as they learn how to use a dichotomous key to identify species.	\$1,500.00
Yahna Fiscarelli	OTS-Gr. 5	“Wonders of the Universe” Pearl Observatory residency which allows the students to view through solar telescopes, including telescope night viewing of the moon, planets and nebula, complimenting the 5th grade astronomy unit.	\$2,800.00

9. Approve the following funding requests from the Tewksbury PTA:

Requestor/Contact	School/Grade	Description	Amount of Grant/Donation
Eileen Callahan	TES	Purchase of an adult den shirt for Marley Holston, TES Art Teacher.	\$20.00
Eileen Callahan	TES	Professional cleaning of Fish Tank by Creation of the Sea, LLC	\$125.00

10. Approve Summit Speech School to complete a speech, occupational therapy and or a physical therapy evaluation for student #3550929491 at a rate of \$250 per evaluation.

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wygera _____ Dr. Simon _____

D. Technology

Discussion

E. Facilities

Discussion

- Referendum update
- M1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) and Form M-1 (Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet) for the 2027-2028 school year for submission to the County Office.
2. Approve the Tewksbury Rescue Squad to hold a car show in the Tewksbury Elementary School Parking Lot on Saturday, November 28, 2026, from 12:00PM to 7:00PM. No use of inside facilities will be needed.

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Discussion

Roll Call:

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Mrs. Wygera _____ Dr. Simon _____

F. Transportation

Discussion

G. Communication

Discussion

H. Other

Discussion

XI. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Discussion

XII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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.

I. Personnel

Discussion

Motion to approve the following:

1. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff members to attend Handle With Care Training for professional development on October 12, 2026.

Name	Position	Stipend
Darcy Harp	Paraprofessional	\$23.17/hour up to 7 hours
Mary Raefski	Paraprofessional	\$23.17/hour up to 7 hours
Lauren Sanford	Paraprofessional	\$20.70/hour up to 7 hours

2. Approve the following fundraisers and stipends for the 2026-2027 school year:

Staff Member/Advisor	Event	Date	Hours	Stipend
Dee Krowl Bonnie Mendralla	TES Trunk or Treat Haunted Hallway and Pizza Sale. Proceeds benefit 8th Gr. Washington DC Trip.	October, 2026	Up to 5 hours each	\$40/hour each
Dee Krowl Bonnie Mendralla	OTS Pie Sale. Proceeds benefit 8th Gr. Washington DC Trip.	Oct. 15 - Nov. 15, 2026	0	0
Dee Krowl Bonnie Mendralla	OTS Food Drive for Hunterdon County community.	Oct. 15 - Nov. 15, 2026	0	0
Dee Krowl	OTS/TES Giving Tree for Hunterdon County community.	Nov.-Dec. 2026	0	0
Bonnie Wade-Taffera Sheila Donovan	Pennies for Puppies 4th grade service project to organize a school wide fundraiser for The Seeing Eye.	April/May 2027	0	0
Alyssa Forsythe Sheila Donovan Joe Frankosky	Food Drive - 4th grade service project to organize a school wide fundraiser for the Flemington Pantry and Open Cupboard.	February/March 2027	0	0
Patsy Delgrande Sheila Donovan	Pajama Project, Beyond Bedtimes-4th Grade service learning project to organize a school wide donation drive for pajamas.	November/ December 2026	0	0

3. Approve the therapy dog Leonardo a Bracco Italiano from The Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc., along with his handler Deanna Cuchiaro who will be visiting TES twice a month.
4. Approve the following TES parents to volunteer in the TES Library Media Center during the 2026-2027 school year.

Maggie Haller
Margaux Lampariello
Faith Ross

5. Resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent that employee ID#6914 is hereby terminated effective November 6, 2026 in accordance with the 30 day notice provision in their individual employer contract. Be it further resolved that the employee shall be on an administrative leave from October 7, 2026 through the termination date. Be it resolved the employee shall be given appropriate COBRA notification.
6. Approve the following after school club for the 2026-2027 school year, contingent upon a minimum enrollment of 10 students per club.

Staff Member Name	Name of Club	Session 1 (Sept.-Jan.)	Session 2 (Jan.-May)	Supply Budget Requested	Stipend Amount
Chris Shaffer	Pokemon Club		✓	\$300	\$1,500.00

7. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following staff members to provide building coverage on an as needed basis.

- Bonnie Mendralla
- Nicole Polinger

8. Rescind the following motion from September 16, 2026:

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
<i>Kaycie Sconda</i>	<i>Girls Basketball Head Coach (shared position)</i>	<i>\$2,623.50</i>
<i>Julian Picardo</i>	<i>Girls Basketball Head Coach (shared position)</i>	<i>\$2,623.50</i>

9. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following honoraria position for the 2026-2027 school year.

Name	Position	Stipend
Kaycie Sconda	Girls Basketball Head Coach	\$5,247.00

10. Rescind the following motion from September 23, 2026:

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

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Stipend</i>
<i>Sherri Cameron</i>	<i>8th Gr. Play Musical Director</i>	<i>\$1,950.00</i>

11. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following honoraria positions for the 2026-2027 school year.

Name	Position	Stipend
Riley Conaty	8th Gr. Play Musical Director	\$1,950.00
Patty Jennings (shared position)	Spirit Squad Aide to attend after school practices and games as needed	\$40/hour
Heather Olla (shared position)	Spirit Squad Aide to attend after school practices and games as needed	\$40/hour

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion

Roll Call:

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn:

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 _____