TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
November 18, 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/pQ3q99rby5s?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. Laura Scamardella - State Data Reporting

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from community member

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**
November	Evacuation- Bomb Threat	11/04/2026	clear	Lisa Moore
November	Fire Drill	11/09/2026	overcast	Lisa Moore

Emergency Drill Report - Old Turnpike School				
Month	**Type of Drill**	**Date of Drill**	**Weather Conditions**	**Conductor of Drill**
November	Evacuation- Non-fire	11/4/2026	Sunny	Pedro Garrido, Dee Krowl, Nicole Polinger

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the October 28, 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

Motion to approve the following minutes:

- October 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- October 28, 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

1. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 2027-2028 School Calendar.

2. *Rescind the following motion from August 25, 2026:*

   In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.4 approve the establishment of a Threat Assessment Team for the 2026-2027 school year with the following members:

Tewksbury Elementary School	***Old Turnpike School***
Megan Verderamo - Supervisor of Instruction and Programs (School Safety Specialist)	*Megan Verderamo - Supervisor of Instruction and Programs (School Safety Specialist)*
Sheila Donovan-School Guidance Counselor	*Katherine Gould-School Guidance Counselor*
Steven Strange-Teacher	*Thomas Lobb-Teacher*
One of the following Tewksbury Police Department Members: *Chief Tim Hanft* *Ptl. Ralph Hroncich*	*One of the following Tewksbury Police Department Members:* *Chief Tim Hanft* *Ptl. Ralph Hroncich*

3. Approve the following:

   In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-43.4 approve the establishment of a Threat Assessment Team for the 2026-2027 school year with the following members:

Tewksbury Elementary School	**Old Turnpike School**
Dr. Laura Scamardella-Superintendent	Dr. Laura Scamardella-Superintendent
Lisa Moore-Principal	Lisa Moore-Acting Principal
Ruthie Champagne-Supervisor of Special Education	Ruthie Champagne-Supervisor of Special Education
Karen Morrow-General Education Teacher	Thomas Lobb-General Education Teacher
Katherine Royer-School Psychologist/CST Member	Sara Femiano-School Social Worker/CST Member
One of the following Tewksbury Police Department Members: Chief Tim Hanft Ptl. Ralph Hroncich	One of the following Tewksbury Police Department Members: Chief Tim Hanft Ptl. Ralph Hroncich

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Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

B. Policy
Discussion

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

P 0143	Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised)
P 2361.6	Unauthorized Audio and/or Video Recording (New)
P & R 2412	Home Instruction Due to Health Condition (M) (Revised)
P 2422	Statutory Curricular Requirements (M) (Revised)
P & R 2422.02	Parental Opt-Out From Certain Instruction (M) (New)
P & R 5320	Immunization (Revised)
P 5514	Student Use of Vehicles on School Grounds (Revised)
P 5517	School District Issued Student Identification Cards (M) (Revised)
P & R 6471	School District Travel (M) (Revised)
P 7523	School District Provided Technology Devices to Students (Revised)
P 9181	Volunteer Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants (Revised)
P 9182	Athletic Coaches (New)

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C. Finance
Discussion
- Budget Development Calendar
- Bus Purchase
- Furniture/Casework

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 October 29, 2026 through November 18, 2026 for a total amount of $1,601,739.48.

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

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

   BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Treasurer's Report for the month of October, 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
Pete Berg	12/7/26	-0-	Mileage = $60.16	New Jersey AI Literacy Summit, Old Tappan, New Jersey
Sara Femiano (revised)	12/9/26 - 12/11/26	$320.00	-0-	ADHD Conference: Clinical Innovation in Nervous System-Driven Therapy, Virtual
Sheila Donovan	12/9/26	-0-	Mileage = $18.80	Hunterdon County School Counselors Association Fall Workshop, Flemington, NJ
Heather Goguen (revised)	1/27/27 - 1/29/27		Hotel = $235.52	Techspo 2027 - New Jersey Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City, NJ
Dr. Laura Scamardella (revised)	1/26/27 - 1/29/27		Hotel = $353.28 Meals = $238.00	Techspo 2027 - New Jersey Association of School Administrators, Atlantic City, NJ
Kathy Gould	12/8/26	-0-	-0-	Trauma Savvy School Culture - New Jersey State Bar Association, Virtual
Rob Lovering	11/18/26	-0-	-0-	Amistad Committee Meeting, Flemington, NJ
Jarrett Magierowski	12/18/26	-0-	Mileage = $6.39	Hunterdon/Warren County Technology Leaders Meeting, Califon, NJ

*Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

6. Approve the 2027-2028 Budget Development Calendar.

7. Approve the purchase of a 54-passenger Thomas Freightliner B106 with H.A. DeHart utilizing bus bid HCESC-VEH-22-10 at a cost of $194,953.76 in the 2027-2028 budget.

8. Approve the purchase of furniture/casework with Pro Academy Furniture utilizing EDS bid #12288 at a cost of $1,013,249.14 as part of the OTS referendum interior renovations.

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Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

D. Technology
Discussion

E. Facilities
Discussion
- Referendum Projects - Bid openings
- Partial asbestos abatement

F. Transportation
Discussion

G. Communication
Discussion

H. Other
Discussion
- District/Superintendent Goals

XI. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
Discussion

XII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mr. Schwartz____Mrs. Wygera____Dr. Simon____

I. Personnel
Discussion

Motion to approve the following:

1. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Principal Lisa Moore as the mentor for Rob Lovering, OTS Science Teacher, for his graduate course in educational leadership.

2. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve Hunterdon County Librarians to partner with our Old Turnpike School Library, under the guidance of Library/Media Specialist Annie Rose-Mason, to bring the "Craft and Chat" initiative to Old Turnpike School on a monthly basis.

3. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the leave of absence request from Staff Member #6898, First Grade Teacher, effective January 5, 2026, with a return date on or about February 9, 2026. Staff Member will use accumulated sick days and FMLA leave.

4. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the maternity leave request from Staff Member #6901, Special Education Teacher, effective on or about March 17, 2027, through June 30, 2027. Staff Member will use accumulated sick and personal days, followed by unpaid leave.

5. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following volunteer coaches for Odyssey of the Mind, pending criminal history review:

    - Abraham Beates
    - Lindsey Beates
    - Corrine Blair
    - Iulia Dragan
    - Maryjo Keller-Lake
    - Amanda Kouzis
    - Kiki Zambelli

6. Approve payment for the following chaperones:

Name	**Event**	**Hours**	**Rate**
Dee Krowl	OTS October Dance	3.75 hours	$40/hour
Bonnie Mendralla	OTS October Dance	3.75 hours	$40/hour

7. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year:

    - Nate Moore
    - Sarah Gross
    - Kiki Zambelli (nurse)

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

Name	**Position**	**Stipend**

Laurie Taylor	1:1 After school aide to attend after school Odyssey of the Mind practices at TES.	$40/hour

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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.

I. Personnel
Discussion

Motion to approve the following:

9. At the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve _____ as Middle School Principal, effective January 19, 2027, at an annual salary of $130,000 prorated.

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____