

TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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AGENDA
January 25, 2023

6:30 PM Special Meeting-Ethics Training
followed by
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Open to Public
Old Turnpike School Library

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

District Goals

1. To meet the learning needs of students by improving intervention strategies and programs.
2. To continue to address students' social-emotional learning needs through programs and activities.

Board Goals

1. Support programs and provide resources in our schools that address intervention strategies and continued social-emotional learning.
2. Continue to improve the quality of education in the district while remaining fiscally responsible.
3. Encourage engagement with all stakeholders - students, teachers, parents, and the community, while reflecting the community's values and culture.

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. Carrino	Mr. Charniga	Mr. Davidson	Ms. Fleming	Ms. Jardinella
Ms. Munoz	Ms. Niang	Dr. Simon	Ms. Stein	Dr. Shouffler Ms. Goguen

SPECIAL MEETING BEGINS

V. PRESENTATION

- Ethics Training presented by Joe Roselle, Esq. from Schenck Price Smith and King, LLP

REGULAR BOARD MEETING BEGINS

VI. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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Motion to close public comments _____ 2nd _____

All in Favor:

Roll Call:

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VII. PRESENTATION

- Mr. Anthony Ardito, Ardito and Co. LLC - presentation on the audit of the 2021-2022 school year.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

- Email from parent

IX. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- HIB Report - There were no HIB cases for the month of January, 2023
- Enrollment Reports
- Emergency/Fire Drill Reports

School	Tewksbury Elementary School	Old Turnpike School
Month/Year	Jan. 2023	Jan. 2022
Date	1/4/2023	1/11/2023
Drill Description	Fire Drill	Fire Drill
Duration of Drill	4 Minutes started at 11:01	10 minutes
Weather Conditions	Sunny	Cold
Conductor of Drill	L. Moore; TTPD (Ralph, Matt) attended	Verderamo, Mitchell, Krowl, Ely, Scala
Notification Method	Pull Station	Pull station, Walkies

X. MINUTES

1. Motion to approve the following Minutes:

- December 7, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- December 7, 2022 Executive Session
- December 21, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion

Roll Call:

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XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Curriculum

Discussion

- New Jersey Middle School Risk and Protective Factors Survey

B. Policy

Discussion

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

- P 1648.11 The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety (M) (Abolished)
- P 1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements (M) (Abolished)
- P 0152 Board Officers (Revised)
- P 0161 Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation (Revised)
- P 0162 Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)

- P & R 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
- P 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (Revised)
- R 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (New)
- P & R 5200 Attendance (M) (Revised)
- P 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) (Revised)
- P 8140 Student Enrollments (M) (Revised)
- R 8140 Enrollment Accounting (M) (Revised)
- P & R 8330 Student Records (M) (Revised)
- R 8420.2 Bomb Threats (M) (Revised)
- R 8420.7 Lockdown Procedures (M) (Revised)
- R 8420.10 Active Shooter (M) (Revised)

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C. Finance

Discussion

- 2023-24 Budget update
- Substitute pay rate

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 22, 2022 through January 25, 2023 for a total amount of \$1,585,376.36.

2. Acceptance and Approval of Board Secretary’s Report for the month of December, 2022.

3. BE IT RESOLVED that upon review of the Board Secretary’s Reports for the month of December, 2022 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).

4. Acceptance and Approval of Treasurer’s Report for the month of December, 2022.

5. **BE IT RESOLVED** that upon review of the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December, 2022 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).

6. Approve the attached list of transfers.
7. Approve the following workshop/travel requests for the 2022-2023 school year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator make the findings and approve attendance and travel for the following workshops/meetings:

- that travel is directly related to and within the scope of the employee or Board member’s duties or responsibilities; and for employees, the school district’s professional development plan;
- that travel is critical to the instructional needs of the district or furthers the efficient operation of the district;
- that the travel is in compliance with state and federal travel payment guidelines; and
- that the travel is in compliance with the District policy on travel.

Staff Member	Date	Registration	Other Expenses*	Event/Destination
Jeanette Pill	2/16/23	115.00	0	MUJC: Inclusion Do’s, Don’ts and Do Betters, Grades K-12 -Virtual (ESSER funds)
Sheila Donovan	1/19/23	199.00	0	I&RS Services/504: Perfect Together - Virtual (ESSER funds)
Lisa Moore	2/7/23	185.00	0	School Safety & Violent Event Mgt. - Flemington, NJ (ESSER funds)
Sara Femiano	2/23/23	219.99	0	Self Regulation Interventions for Autism, ADHD, Emotional Challenges - Virtual (ESSER funds)
Mary Chandler	2/21 & 2/23/23	\$50.00	0	National Association of Educational Office Professionals Virtual Summit-Skills for the 2st Century-Virtual
Bob Hoffman, Jr.	3/29/23 - 3/31/23	\$400.00	Hotel \$192.00 Mileage=\$125.00 Tolls=\$20.00 Parking=\$40	School Transportation Supervisors (STS) 53rd Annual Conference, Atlantic City, NJ
Kirsli Spinks	1/26/23	\$375.00	Mileage = \$131.00 Tolls = \$10.10 Parking = \$20.00	NJ Association of School Administrators Techspo, Harrah’s Resort, Atlantic City, NJ (Title IV Funds)
Peter Berg	3/8/23	\$110.00	0	New Jersey Educational Computing Cooperative (NJECC) Annual NJ Technology Conference - Virtual (Title IV Funds)
Emily Searle	3/7/23- 3/8/23	\$130.00	Mileage \$43.00	New Jersey Educational Computing Cooperative (NJECC) Annual NJ Technology Conference,

				Little Falls, NJ (Title IV Funds)
Peter Berg	2022-23	\$500.00	0	Project Lead the Way - Virtual (Title IV Funds)

*Mileage will be reimbursed according to board policy.

8. Approve the following Tewksbury Elementary School donation events:

Donation Event	Description	Date	Advisor
Pajama Project	Collect New Pajamas to be donated to Hunterdon Family Services for children who are displaced.	Feb. 28 - March 15	Sheila Donovan, Patsy DelGrande
Open Cupboard Food Pantry	Schoolwide canned food drive for Open Cupboard Food Pantry - celebrating 100th day with 100s of cans.	Jan. 23 - Feb. 9	Sheila Donovan, Alyssa Forsythe

9. 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 2023-2024, 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 2023-2024 school year.

10. Approve the annual tuition of \$7,500.00 for the 2023-2024 Preschool Program.

11. Acknowledge the following proposals for the District’s Broker of Record - Employee Health Benefits, which were received on January 3, 2023:

NAME
Brown & Brown
Henry O. Baker/IMAC
Centric
Conner, Strong & Buckelew

It is recommended that the Board approve Centric as Broker of Record to provide Employee Health Benefit Services to the District for the 2022-2023 school year.

12. Accept the Emergent needs and Capital maintenance funding from the School Development Authority in the amount of \$11,540.
13. Approve the change in the substitute pay rate from \$90 for the first 5 days and \$120 thereafter to \$ _____ .
14. Approve the following TEF Grant for the 2022-2023 school year:

Grade	Title	Cost
5	Wonders of the Universe Science Residency - Pearl Observatory	\$2,600.00

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion

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D. Technology

Discussion

E. Facilities

Discussion

- Update on Food Service

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Tewksbury Township Board of Education, in the County of Hunterdon, New Jersey authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the following projects at Old Turnpike School:
 - a. RTU Replacement at All-Purpose Room
 - b. RTU Replacement at Atrium (+/ 13 Units)
 - c. Air Conditioning Upgrades at Kitchen
 - d. HVAC Upgrades at Gym (New HVAC System)
 - e. Stage Repairs and Floor Replacement at All-Purpose Room

It is also recommended that the Board approve and authorize, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the amendment of the current Long Range Facilities Plan to include the above projects, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be a “Regular Operating District Grant” project and the Board of Education is seeking State funding but will fund the remaining portion of the Project through the District’s Capital Reserve Account.

Motion: _____ 2nd _____

Discussion

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F. Transportation

Discussion

G. Communications

Discussion

H. Other

Discussion

XII. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Discussion

- NJ Student Learning Standards on Information and Media Literacy

XIII. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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I. Personnel

Discussion

Motion to approve the following:

1. Approve the following substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year, pending criminal history review:
 - Mackenzie Rinehart
 - Carol Ann Hontz
 - Susan Lacamera
 - Corrine Blair

2. Accept, with best wishes, the letter of retirement from Becky Palmer, Special Education Teacher, effective July 1, 2023.

3. Accept, with best wishes, the letter of retirement from Janet Wadler, Art Teacher, effective July 1, 2023.

4. Accept the paternity leave request from Joseph Frankosky, Special Education Teacher, effective on or about April 27, 2023, through the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Approve the monthly visitation of therapy dogs with their handlers, provided by The Bright and the Beautiful Therapy Dogs, an American Kennel Club recognized therapy dog organization, as follows:
 - OTS Paul Roland-Bernese Mountain Dog, Penny
 - TES Deanna Cuchiaro-Mixed Breed, Brie
 - TES Joe Pelley-Mixed Breed Beagle, Bojangles

6. Approve the following club and advisors for the 2022-2023 school year:

Advisors	Name of Club	Description	Stipend	Supply Budget
Dee Krowl Monica Scala	Scrapbooking Club	Grade 5-8 . Students will create a keepsake album focusing on middle school. Meets 1x per week 2:30-4:00.	\$1,500 (shared)	\$500.00

7. Approve payment for the following 1/6/23 OTS school dance chaperones:

Staff Member	# of Hours	Rate	Total
Dee Krowl	5	\$40/hour	\$200.00
Nicole Amato	5	\$40/hour	\$200.00
Patty Jennings	3	\$40/hour	\$120.00
Tom Lobb	3	\$40/hour	\$120.00

8. Approve payment for the following chaperones for after school hours while attending the Peer Leadership Conference on 2/2/23.

Staff Member	# of Hours	Rate	Total
Amy Allen	Up to 2	\$40/hour	Up to \$80.00
Rick DeJaager	Up to 2	\$40/hour	Up to \$80.00
Scott Sipos	Up to 2	\$40/hour	Up to \$80.00
Scott Steinman	Up to 2	\$40/hour	Up to \$80.00
Samantha Wu	Up to 2	\$40/hour	Up to \$80.00
Dee Krowl	Up to 2	\$40/hour	Up to \$80.00

9. Approve the renewal of the following teacher as after-school tutor using ESSER II and ARP Beyond the School Day funds.

Name	Grade	Compensation	Hours
Jodi DenBleyker	Grade 6	\$65.49/hour	Up to 10 hours, including 2 hours of prep time

10. Approve the following teachers to facilitate two TES Grade 3 Family Nights to be held in February and March (dates TBD), using ESSER II and ARP Beyond the School Day funds.

Name	Compensation	Hours
Alyssa Forsythe	\$40.85/hour	Up to 4 hours, including 2 hours of prep time
Jaime Levy	\$65.49/hour	Up to 4 hours, including 2 hours of prep time
Pam Nugent	\$63.95/hour	Up to 4 hours, including 2 hours of prep time

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Discussion

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XIV. OLD BUSINESS

XV. NEW BUSINESS

XVI. 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.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

All in Favor:

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