

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The March 7, 2019 Special Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, at 4:30 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Michaud took the roll, and the following members were present:

Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, President, Mr. Ralph Errico, Vice-President, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Beth Moroney, Mrs. Shannon Peng, Mr. Richard Brescher, Mrs. Falguni Patel and Mrs. Elizabeth Conway. Dr. Yunxia (Yuna) Chen arrived at 4:33 P.M

Also in attendance were Mr. Paul J. Saxton, Superintendent, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, and Mr. Ramon Rivera, Board Attorney.

III. OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Shi read the following opening statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of 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 this act, the Edison Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board of Education Administrative Offices. Copies of these notices were sent to the Home News and Tribune and the Star Ledger on February 26, 2019.

The Public may participate at regular meetings in accordance with the By-Laws and the applicable State regulations.

IV. PRIVILEGED SESSION

Mr. Michaud read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: by the Board of Education of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Attorney/Client Privileged Discussion Regarding:

- Collective Bargaining Sidebar Agreements
- Professional Services Contract for Architectural Services

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the privileged session resolution at 4:34 P.M. Mrs. Ward made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,
Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Moroney, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to reconvene this March 7, 2019 Special Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education to open session at 5:10 P.M. Mrs. Ward made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Moroney. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,
Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Moroney, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS ONLY)

There were no public comments at this time.

VII. RESOLUTIONS

1. Sidebar Agreement – ETBOE & ETEA

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education hereby (1) approves the Sidebar Agreement for Professional Employees between the Edison Township Board of Education and the Edison Township Education Association and (2) authorizes the Board President and the Board’s administration to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board.

2. Professional Services Contract for Architectural Services

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the appointment of the Architectural firm of SSP Architects, 1011 Route 22, Suite 203, Bridgewater, NJ 08807 for the preparation of plans for State submission for the upcoming Referendum, in the amount of \$25,000 for John P. Stevens and Edison High Schools and \$20,000 for John Adams Middle School, James Madison Intermediate School, Lincoln and John Marshall Elementary Schools, for a total amount of \$45,000; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that this appointment is being made without competitive bidding inasmuch as the contracting of professional services is an exemption of the New Jersey Public School Contract Law as provided in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Sidebar Agreement between the ETBOE and the ETEA and the Professional Services Contract for Architectural Services Resolutions. Mrs. Moroney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Errico. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,
Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Moroney, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no Board Member comments at this time.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to adjourn this March 7, 2019 Special Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 5:12 P.M. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel P. Michaud
Board Secretary
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