

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The February 26, 2018 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, at 7:00 P.M. at Lindeneau Elementary School, 50 Blossom Street, Edison, New Jersey.

Lindeneau Elementary School Students, Heba Jan and Malcolm Thoms, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, President, Mrs. Beth Moroney, Vice-President, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Shivi Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Ralph Errico, Mr. Richard Brescher, Mr. Paul Distefano and Mrs. Falguni N. Patel. Mrs. Shannon Peng arrived at 7:06 P.M.

Also in attendance were Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, Superintendent, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Douglas Silvestro, 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 January 8 and 23, 2018.

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS

Edison's Own...

Jaida Louie-Hollis, John P. Stevens High School Freshman, was recognized for her accomplishment as a National Tae-Kwon-Do Champion.

Lindeneau Elementary School – Principal, Mrs. Cynthia Tufaro

Mrs. Tufaro highlighted Lindeneau Elementary School's leadership program and recognized six students who have earned the honor of Lindeneau's "Leaders of the Month". The students are Juan Flores, Bryan Zsorey, Brian Destine, Franklin Walker, Jessica Yuan and Beth Mondstin.

Ms. Lisa Rosenfeld, Reading Specialist, was also honored for being named as a State Literacy Leader by the New Jersey Literacy Association.

K-12 Insight Community Survey (Exhibit A)

Mrs. Deborah Gulick, Chief Academic Officer, introduced Ms. Lori Carlin of K-12 Insight who presented a power-point program on the Community Survey.

V. SCHOOL SECURITYPublic Comments (Resolution Only)

Many members of the public spoke about the pros and cons of having police security in the schools and expressed their concerns for the students and staff members in the Edison Public Schools.

Superintendent's Recommendations

Dr. O'Malley then reported that after full consideration and consultation with the Edison Police Department, speaking with staff, and listening to the community, he would like to make the following recommendation to the Board of Education:

We will authorize the Edison Police Department to place a uniformed, armed police officer at each school under the Edison Board of Education jurisdiction. After speaking with Chief Bryan, he is ready and prepared to staff a police officer at each school commencing Monday, February 26th. The Chief further indicated that the town would waive their normal \$10 per hour administration fee and would offer the Board of Education a rate of \$40.00 per hour. This would total \$41,300 per week for the next 15 weeks. The total cost to the Board of Education from February 26, 2018 until June 20, 2018 would be \$619,500. In addition, Chief Bryan will provide his assigned Captain on the Police Force to act as our Director of Security at no additional cost. This Captain will be in charge of the armed police officers at each school and their respective schedules, will work with each building administrator on safety protocols and implement consistent lockdown, active shooter and evacuation drills throughout the district. In addition, the Captain will work with the Superintendent on specific safety measures to improve and enhance the security in the Edison Public Schools. The district has established an emergency reserve, which currently has an approximate balance of \$843,000 to pay for this service. Governor Christie recently signed legislation that allows school districts to utilize this emergency reserve for school security measures with Executive County superintendent approval.

The request is to have a uniformed, armed police officer at each school building (preschool buildings were not part of this budget, but could be added) for the following time periods to cover the buildings when the first students arrive in the morning (morning care program/breakfast) until the last after-school sporting event/activity/club concludes: High Schools: 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.; Middle Schools: 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.; Elementary Schools: 7:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Additionally, these items will be implemented/scheduled starting Monday as well:

- a. Continued reinforcement of strict entrance procedures at each entrance of the school buildings.
- b. An anonymous App and Hotline called STOPIT! Will be implemented. This App can be installed on a parent, students or staff member's smartphone, which will allow anyone to anonymously report inappropriate behaviors. The service also allows for a hotline phone number as well for anyone to anonymously call in a tip. The write-in/calls would go immediately to an operator who takes the anonymous tip and reviews it, then passes it along via email to the assigned building administrator and guidance counselor for follow up.
- c. We are working with Rutgers University Behavioral health to provide professional development training to our staff over the next four months on detection and awareness of students with possible concerns in their school and classrooms.

The following recommendations of long-term security measures for the Board of Education Security Committee to consider are:

1. Installation of Vestibules with bulletproof glass at the entrance of each school building.
2. Replacements of any lock/hardware to every classroom door that DOES NOT lock from inside the classroom.
3. Additional locking mechanism within each classroom door that would assist in locking the classroom door in the event the door window is broken.
4. Classroom phones in every classroom throughout the district.

The following resolution was presented by Dr. O'Malley to the Board for approval:

School Security

- WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education ("Board") is the governing body of the Edison Township School District ("District") and is committed to ensuring to provide its students and staff members with a safe, secure environment in which to learn and work; and
- WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges the serious impact upon the local community of the numerous recent tragic events involving incidents of gun violence in schools, including the school shooting which occurred at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida on February 14, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, the Board is aware that in the aftermath of the Parkland tragedy, various concerns have been expressed by students, staff, and members of the community with respect to appropriate means of preventing and reducing the risk of such violence; and
- WHEREAS, the Board seeks to ensure that all reasonable and legally authorized measures are implemented to support the protection of the physical safety and security as well as the psychological and emotional well-being of all students and staff members in the District; and
- WHEREAS, the Board has received recommendations from the Board's administration and the Edison Township Police Department concerning the possible use of uniformed, armed police officers at specific school buildings, grounds, and facilities in the District; and
- WHEREAS, the Board has considered granting approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the Township of Edison, reflecting a shared services agreement whereby the Board would hire off-duty, Township police officers, who would be uniformed and armed, to patrol the school buildings, grounds, and facilities to be assigned, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, and the Township would waive any administrative fee that would be otherwise chargeable to the Board for such services; and
- WHEREAS, the Township would also provide an assigned Captain employed by the Edison Township Police Department, at no additional cost, to act as the Director of Security for the District and supervise the uniformed, armed police officers assigned to patrol the District's buildings, grounds, and facilities; provide training for each building administrator with respect to safety protocols and the implementation of consistent lockdown, active shooter, and evacuation drills throughout the District; and work with the Superintendent to develop and implement safety measures designed to improve and enhance security in the District; and
- WHEREAS, the Board has an emergency reserve of funds available and intends to utilize those funds for the school security measures described herein, pending approval by the Executive County Superintendent, as specifically permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the use of off-duty Township police officers as described herein, the Board intends to continue to ensure proper implementation of the safety and security measures and practices it has previously approved and enforcement of its policies and procedures designed to protect students and staff; and

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Business Administrator to finalize, approve, and execute the shared services agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between the Board and the Township of Edison for the purpose of hiring uniformed, armed police officers to be assigned to patrol specific school buildings, grounds, and facilities in the District, to take effect immediately thereafter and remain in effect through June 20, 2018.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for School Security. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Distefano. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico,
Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 3RD, 17TH & 22ND, 2018

BE IT
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 3, 2018 Reorganization Meeting, the January 17, 2018 Caucus Meeting and the January 22, 2018 Public Meeting.

VII. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORTS (Exhibit B)

BE IT
RESOLVED: that the following reports as of December 31, 2017 be accepted and approved for filing and audit:
A. Report of the Board Secretary (A148)
B. Report of Treasurer of School Monies (A149)

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certify that no major account (as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) has been over-expended; and that the Board of Education also certifies that there are sufficient funds available to fund the balance of the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 3, 17 and 22, 2018 Reorganization, Caucus and Public Meetings and the Board Secretary’s Report. Mrs. Moroney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Distefano. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng,
Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS ONLY)

Susan Campione, resident, questioned the calendar which includes only one snow day and suggested having a delayed opening on September 4, 2018.

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice President, also inquired about the one snow day on the calendar and also suggested having a delayed opening in on September 4, 2018. He also questioned D. Polizzano's Step 5 salary on the Personnel Report and inquired about the Home Instructor listed as a Professional Service.

Elizabeth Conway, resident questioned the calendar having only one snow day.

Carol Bodofsky, resident, commended the Board for the dedication of the Deborah Anes Fitness Center at John P. Stevens High School.

Melissa Perilstein also thanked the Board for the dedication of the Deborah Anes Fitness Center at John P. Stevens High School.

IX. RESOLUTIONSA. PERSONNEL – LABOR RELATIONS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the following personnel items as indicated below:

1. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Azher, Anum – Girls' Track Co-Head Coach J.P. Stevens High School	Effective: 02/01/18 Reason: Personal
Azher, Maham – Girls' Track Co-Head Coach J.P. Stevens High School	Effective: 02/05/18 Reason: Personal
Bova, Carmen – Library Aide Menlo Park School	Effective: 02/09/18 Reason: Personal
Cinquegrana, Theresa – Lunch Aide John Marshall School	Effective: 01/30/18 Reason: Personal
DeAugustine, Camille – Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School	Effective: 02/28/18 Reason: Personal
Fabrizio, Catherine – Lunch Aide Woodbrook School	Effective: 02/23/18 Reason: Personal
Karamanos, Xanthy – Grade 4 Teacher Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 03/20/18 Reason: Personal
Karamanos, Xanthy – Technology Club Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 03/20/18 Reason: Personal

Karamanos, Xanthy – Technology Coordinator
Benjamin Franklin School
Effective: 03/20/18
Reason: Personal

Lauricella, Kristy – English Teacher
Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Effective: 04/09/18
Reason: Personal

Shatagar, Rupali – Paraprofessional
FDR Building
Effective: 02/01/18
Reason: Personal

Velez, Hector – Custodian
John Adams Middle School
Effective: 02/02/18
Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENTS

Bonner, Ellen – Secretary II
Lincoln Elementary School
Effective: 06/30/18
18 years of service

Charatan, Nancy – Speech Language Specialist
Lincoln School / Herbert Hoover Middle School
Effective: 06/30/18
25 years, 3 months of service

Eberhardt, Alvin – Custodian
John P. Stevens High School
Effective: 02/28/18
29 years of service

Harding, Tracey – Grade 2 Teacher
James Madison Primary School
Effective: 02/28/18
26 years, 6 months of service

Howard, Geraldine – School Nurse
John Adams Middle School
Effective: 04/30/18
25 years of service

Sary, Barbara – Attendance Secretary
Edison High School
Effective: 05/01/18
13 years, 8 months of service

3. APPOINTMENTS

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Agmana, Eleanor Effective 03/14/18-06/30/18	MA, Step 3 \$57,383 Rutgers University	Resignation	College Counselor Edison High School (for O. Pichardo)
Circelli, Lisa Effective 02/20/18-05/20/18	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Kean University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher J.P. Stevens High School (L. Dato)

Davala, Jessica Effective TBD-06/30/18	MA, Step 1 \$53,605 (pro-rated) The College of New Jersey	Transfer	Grade 2 Teacher Woodbrook School (for M. Myers)
Kapitan, Kimberly Effective 03/12/18-6/30/18	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Montclair State University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Health/Physical Education Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School (for L. Dettlebach)
Lewkowitz, Dana Effective 03/01/18-06/30/18	BA, Step 1 \$50,000 (pro-rated) Rider University	Resignation	Grade 4 Teacher Ben Franklin School (for X. Karamanos)
Miller, Taylor Effective TBD-06/30/18	BA, Step 1 \$50,000 (pro-rated) Rider University	Retirement	Grade 2 Teacher James Madison Primary School (for T. Harding)
<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Conley, Lorraine Effective 02/22/18-06/30/18	\$4,363 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide John Marshall School
Meyrowitz, Catherine Effective TBD-06/30/18	Step 1 \$18,872 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Library Aide Menlo Park School
Mukherjee, Aindrila Effective 02/26/18-06/30/18	\$4,363 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide John Marshall School
Singh, Neetu Effective 02/12/18-06/30/18	\$4,363 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Androvich, Lynda – School Secretary III John P. Stevens High School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	03/15/18-03/20/18 03/21/18-03/28/18
Ash, Lauren – Special Education Teacher Lindeneau School	Child Care- Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	11/24/17-06/30/18
Brady, Sara – Grade 1 Teacher Menlo Park School	Child Care- Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	01/25/18-06/30/18

Cowart, Andrea – Speech Teacher Benjamin Franklin School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	01/31/18(.5)- 02/27/18
Dato, Lisa – Special Education Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical-Revised Maternity- Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	01/08/18-01/11/18 01/12/18-02/22/18 02/23/18-05/20/18
Della Salla, Alysia – Grade 4 Teacher James Madison Intermediate School	Medical Maternity- Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised Child Care- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	11/17/17-11/24/17 11/25/17-01/19/18 01/20/18-04/13/18 04/14/18-04/22/18
Dziuban, Alison – Spanish Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Fed FMLA Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay Without Pay	03/26/18-06/17/18 06/18/18-06/30/18
Fernandez, Kristi – Grade 2 Teacher James Madison Primary School	Medical Maternity	With Pay With Pay	04/30/18-05/23/18 05/24/18-06/30/18
Hasner, Courtney – Latin Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical Maternity- Revised Fed FMLA- Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	02/09/18-02/10/18 02/11/18-02/26/18 02/27/18-03/24/18 03/25/18-05/13/18
Hayes, Marnette – Mathematics Teacher Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	01/31/18-02/22/18
Hochman, Sharon – Nurse John Marshall School	Medical	With Pay	01/29/18-02/25/18
Johnson, Christine – Mathematics Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical-Revised Maternity- Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	01/02/18-01/23/18 01/24/18-03/06/18 03/07/18-05/14/18
LaForge, Lindsay – Grade 2 Teacher Woodbrook School	Child Care- Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	03/27/18-06/30/18
Loux, William – Custodian Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/08/17-03/04/18

Masturzo, Patricia –Registered Nurse Edison High School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	12/06/17-02/06/18
Miller, Nicole – Special Education Teacher John Marshall School	Medical Maternity	With Pay With Pay	06/11/18 06/12/18-06/30/18
Rondinone, Samantha – ESL Teacher John Marshall School	Medical Maternity	With Pay With Pay	05/21/18-05/24/18 05/25/18-06/30/18
Szabo, Elizabeth – School Secretary III John P. Stevens High School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	02/26/18-03/04/18
Tagliareni, Donald – Custodian Lincoln School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	11/13/17-04/08/18
Ziolkowski, Jennifer – Special Education Teacher FDR Building	Fed/NJ FMLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	01/24/18-06/30/18

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>ADMINISTRATOR</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Pepe, Richard	Assistant Business Administrator – Education Center Effective TBD-06/30/18 (for M. Hom)		Assistant Business Administrator – Education Center Effective 03/05/18-06/30/18 (for M. Hom)
<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Blair, Therese	Elementary Math Specialist James Monroe School Effective 09/01/17- 06/30/18		Elementary Math Specialist MON/LIN Effective 02/05/18-06/30/18
DeZaio, Lauren	Grade 4 Teacher Martin Luther King School MA, Step 1 Salary \$63,605 (pro-rated) Effective 01/02/18- 06/30/18 (for A. Bannon)		Grade 4 Teacher Martin Luther King School MA, Step 1 Salary \$53,605 (pro-rated) Effective 01/02/18-06/30/18 (for A. Bannon)
Gonzalez, Esperanza	Spanish Teacher John P. Stevens High School Effective TBD-06/30/18 (for E. Zazanis)		Spanish Teacher John P. Stevens High School Effective 03/26/18-06/30/18 (for E. Zazanis)

Gould, Jennifer	Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher Woodbrook School Effective 11/07/17- 04/22/18 (for L. LaForge)		Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher Woodbrook School Effective 11/07/17-06/30/18 (for L. LaForge)
Greeley, Allegra	Speech Language Specialist Education Center Salary \$106,470 Effective TBD-06/30/18		Speech Language Specialist Education Center Salary \$106,470 Effective 01/02/18-06/30/18
Gregoire, Nicole	Special Education Teacher Edison High School Effective TBD-06/30/18 (for K. Lewis)		Special Education Teacher Edison High School Effective 03/26/18-06/30/18 (for K. Lewis)
Hasner, Courtney	Latin Teacher (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Salary \$84,755 Effective 09/01/17- 06/30/18		Latin Teacher (1.2) John P. Stevens High School \$84,755 Effective 09/01/17-02/08/18 and Latin Teacher (1.0) John P. Stevens High School \$76,555 Effective 02/09/18-05/13/18
Kilroy, Mallory	Special Education Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/17- 06/30/18	Transfer	Special Education Teacher FDR Building Effective 02/26/18-06/30/18
Myers, Michele	Grade 2 Teacher Woodbrook School Effective 09/01/17- 06/30/18	Transfer	Elementary Math Specialist Menlo Park School Effective 02/21/18-06/30/18
Parillo-Anthony, Michel	Mathematics Teacher (1.0) John Adams Middle School Salary \$84,250 Effective 09/01/17- 06/30/18		Mathematics Teacher (1.0) John Adams Middle School Salary \$84,250 Effective 09/01/17-11/19/17 and Mathematics Teacher (1.2) John Adams Middle School Salary \$92,450 Effective 11/20/17-06/30/18

Pike, Kelly	School Nurse Lindeneau School MA+30, Step 4 \$59,282 (pro-rated) Effective 11/20/17-06/30/18 (for A. Cornyn)	School Nurse Lindeneau School MA+30, Step 10 \$79,982 (pro-rated) Effective 11/20/17-06/30/18 (for A. Cornyn)	
Preven, Jamie	Long Term Substitute First Grade Teacher Menlo Park School Effective 10/09/17-04/22/18 (for S. Brady)	Long Term Substitute First Grade Teacher Menlo Park School Effective 10/09/17-06/30/18 (for S. Brady)	
Wilson, Sarah	Long Term Substitute English Teacher Edison High School Effective 11/27/17-05/02/18 (for A. Baer)	Long Term Substitute English Teacher Edison High School Effective 11/27/17-04/27/18 (for A. Baer)	
<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Asif, Rahimeen	Lunch Aide John Marshall School Effective TBD-06/30/18		Lunch Aide John Marshall School Effective 01/19/18-06/30/18
Coward, Aaron	Custodian (3:00 pm – 11:30 pm) Washington School Salary \$34,552 (pro-rated) Effective TBD-06/30/18		Custodian (3:00 pm – 11:30 pm) Washington School Salary \$38,391 (pro-rated) Effective 01/23/18-06/30/18
Jay, Cindy	Paraprofessional Benjamin Franklin School Salary \$32,945 Effective 09/01/17-06/30/18	Transfer	Paraprofessional FDR Building Salary \$32,695 Effective 01/31/18-06/30/18
Robertson, Christopher	Paraprofessional Lindeneau School 09/01/17 – 06/30/18	Transfer	Paraprofessional James Monroe School 12/18/17 – 06/30/18

Polizzano, Diane	Administrative Secretary - Maintenance Education Center Step 5 Salary \$47,670 Effective 07/01/17- 08/31/17 And Step 7 Salary \$52,550 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/17- 06/30/18		Administrative Secretary – Maintenance Step 5 Salary \$52,550 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/17-06/30/18
Sklar, Brian	Paraprofessional Woodrow Wilson Middle School 09/01/17-06/30/18	Transfer	Paraprofessional Herbert Hoover Middle School 09/01/17-06/30/18
Wang, Sharon	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School Effective TBD-06/30/18		Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School Effective 02/05/18-06/30/18

6. LONGEVITY

<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Barilka, Christina	LNC	03/12/18	17	\$100,670.00	\$101,142.00
Bertha, Marcia	HHM	03/07/18	23	\$107,136.00	\$107,608.00
Bonjavanni, Karen	WAS	03/02/18	35	\$103,176.00	\$103,676.00
Bruns, Liza	HHM	03/01/18	15	\$96,215.00	\$96,678.00
Buckelew, Amy	JAM	03/16/18	15	\$96,215.00	\$96,678.00
Coughlin, Jennifer	BEN	03/16/18	19	\$99,593.00	\$100,046.00
Crimmins, Stephanie	BEN	03/04/18	17	\$96,558.00	\$97,011.00
Edwards, Kathleen	JMP	03/11/18	17	\$97,731.00	\$98,185.00
Evans, Carol	EDH	03/28/18	22	\$109,044.00	\$109,534.00
Evans, Michael	EDH	03/01/18	22	\$109,044.00	\$109,534.00
Gamboa, Aida	JAM	03/04/18	22	\$105,165.00	\$105,636.00
Greeley, Allegra	LNC	03/20/18	16	\$102,776.00	\$103,257.00
Hayes, Marnette	EDH	03/01/18	17	\$97,731.00	\$98,185.00
Heagney, Gretchen	TJM	03/18/18	19	\$106,181.00	\$106,662.00
Hedges, Jennifer	JPH	03/20/18	18	\$101,862.00	\$102,334.00
Jasionowski, Annmarie	MAR	03/01/18	16	\$100,199.00	\$100,670.00
Jensen, Deborah	MEN	03/01/18	24	\$109,067.00	\$109,548.00

Jirout, Julie	JPH	02/19/18	15	\$99,875.00	\$100,356.00
Klein, Renee	JAM	03/30/18	19	\$109,015.00	\$109,509.00
Larino, Priscilla	JMI	03/23/18	21	\$104,693.00	\$105,165.00
Lee-Garcia, Cherri	MEN	03/21/18	14	\$98,355.00	\$98,827.00
Michaud, Melanie	LIN	03/21/18	15	\$95,204.00	\$95,658.00
Mann, Michelle	HHM	03/08/18	14	\$102,032.00	\$102,527.00
Minto, Kathryn	WAS	01/24/18	14	\$104,652.00	\$105,142.00
Pasquarelli, Deidre	TJMS	03/22/18	18	\$100,949.00	\$101,411.00
Peccarelli, John	MON	03/14/18	24	\$106,108.00	\$106,580.00
Plesnarski, Eileen	JPH	01/04/18	19	\$100,546.00	\$101,000.00
Quan, Florene	JPS	03/01/18	21	\$109,054.00	\$109,544.00
Reusch, Heather	JPS	03/11/18	18	\$114,793.00	\$115,283.00
Ronco, Theresa	WBK	03/11/18	16	\$95,658.00	\$96,111.00
Rossiter, Genoveffa	MARS	03/17/18	16	\$104,632.00	\$105,123.00
Shapiro, Regena	JPH	02/18/18	17	\$102,390.00	\$102,862.00
Smith, Tracie	EHS	03/19/18	22	\$103,763.00	\$104,225.00
Ulrich, Gina	WASH	03/29/18	21	\$109,499.00	\$109,993.00
Vallely, Roseanne	MLK	03/30/18	23	\$105,636.00	\$106,108.00

DIFFERENCE TOTAL \$16,591.00

<u>GUIDANCE/CST</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Abernathy, Lia	JMP	03/01/18	18	\$107,758.00	\$108,253.00
Charatan, Nancy	LNC	03/01/18	25	\$111,720.00	\$112,216.00
Cundari, Karen	JPH	03/23/18	16	\$109,675.00	\$110,191.00
Murphy, Joann	WWMS	03/01/18	24	\$113,282.00	\$113,787.00

DIFFERENCE TOTAL \$2,012.00

<u>FACILITY MANAGER</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
McNulty, Cindy	WBR	11/04/17	15	\$74,503.00	\$75,003.00

DIFFERENCE TOTAL \$500.00

7. EXPERIENCE STIPEND

<u>ADMINISTRATORS</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Rappa, KellyAnn	HHM	03/01/18	14	\$152,946.00	\$154,146.00
Santoro, Virginia	EC	01/23/18	6	\$134,889.00	\$136,489.00
DIFFERENCE TOTAL					\$2,800.00

8. SUBSTITUTE STAFF – AS NEEDED FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

Teachers – State Certified \$90/day – County Certified \$80/day

Adams, Bryan	Anjum, Rashid	Bhandari, Khushboo
Clark, Walter	Coscarelli, Melissa	Davala, Jessica
Fattah, Ahmabulha	Howlett, Jeffrey	Lorenzon, Erica
Muldowney, Marylynn	Teal, Elizabeth	

Custodian - \$10.50/hr
Giannace, Phillip

Lunch Aide - \$11.58/hr
Cinquergrana, Theresa

9. 2017-2018 AVID TUTORS – EDH/HHM/TJM - \$15/hr (as needed)

Avid Tutor - \$15.00/hr
Guido, Kenneth

10. FAMILY GAME NIGHT TITLE I FUNDED – BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 05/22/18

Teacher - \$35-per 45 minutes

Cairoli, Erica	Deleon, Nadia	Timberlake, Karen
Appaiah, Sulekha	Crimmins, Stephanie	Nuzzo, Susan

11. 2017-2018 REVISED TITLE I SPLIT FUNDED PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>TITLE I ALLOCATION</u>	<u>LOCAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL SALARY</u>
Blarr, Erin	EDH	100	\$50,500.00	\$0	\$50,500.00
Bowers, Lauren	EDH	40	\$30,622.00	\$45,933.00	\$76,555.00
Campos, Tara	EDH	15	\$19,663.00	\$	\$19,663.00
Campos, Tara	HHM	15	\$19,663.00	\$	\$19,663.00
Campos, Tara	TJM	50	\$65,545.00	\$26,218.00	\$91,763.00
Coppola, Danielle	TJM	100	\$107,593.00	\$0	\$107,593.00
Duggan, Jennine	EDH	20	\$16,850.00	\$67,400.00	\$84,250.00
Fedowitz, Elizabeth	EDH	20	\$16,850.00	\$67,400.00	\$84,250.00
Ferrante, Sandi	EDH	100	\$102,862.00	\$0	\$102,862.00

Gavric, Karen	HHM	100	\$103,432.00	\$0	\$103,432.00
Jones, Nicole	HHM	50	\$28,000.00	\$0	\$28,000.00
Jones, Nicole	TJM	50	\$28,000.00	\$0	\$28,000.00
McGuigan, Matthew	EDH	20	\$10,800.00	\$43,200.00	\$54,000.00
Minto, Kathryn	WAS	100	\$105,142.00	\$0	\$105,142.00
Rudnick, Amy	LIN	100	\$100,199.00	\$0	\$100,199.00
Stellakis, Kathleen	EDH	20	\$12,050.00	\$48,200.00	\$60,250.00
Timberlake, Karen	BEN	100	\$63,605.00	\$0	\$63,605.00
Weintraub, Allyson	EDH	20	\$20,750.00	\$82,999.00	\$103,749.00
TOTAL:			\$902,126.00	\$381,350.00	\$1,283,476.00

12. 2017-2018 REVISED IDEA FUNDED PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>TITLE II ALLOCATION</u>	<u>LOCAL FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL SALARY</u>
Khot, Heather	District	100	\$61,196.00	\$0	\$61,196.00
TOTAL:			\$61,196.00	\$0	\$61,196.00

13. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTIFIED STAFF BASED UPON COMPLETION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CREDITS - EFFECTIVE 02/01/18-06/30/18

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Adornato, Philip	JPH	Teacher – Science	\$105,322.00	\$105,822.00
Balogh-Sileski, Michele*	MEN	Teacher – Elementary	\$102,362.00	\$104,738.00
Bienvenue, Melissa	TJM	Teacher – Math	\$89,694.00	\$90,194.00
Brack, Diane	EC	Teacher – Staff Development Trainer	\$67,355.00	\$67,855.00
Brown, Morgan	JAM	Teacher – English	\$54,605.00	\$55,105.00
Calabrese, Karen	HHM	Teacher – Science	\$66,605.00	\$67,105.00
Coscarelli, Barbara	JMI	Teacher – Elementary	\$95,615.00	\$96,115.00
DiFilippo, Gary	JPH	Teacher – Science	\$55,802.00	\$56,302.00
Duhamel, Kimberly	MON	Teacher – Elementary	\$107,586.00	\$108,086.00
Earl, Kevin	JPH	Teacher – Health/PE	\$68,444.00	\$68,944.00
Eisenberg, Suzanne	MAR	Teacher – Special Education	\$107,052.00	\$107,552.00
Farrell, Kelli	HHM	Teacher – Special Education	\$100,199.00	\$100,699.00
Gappa, Carolyn	MAR	Teacher – Elementary	\$78,430.00	\$78,930.00
Hantsoulis, Ilias*	EDH	Teacher – Business	\$58,052.00	\$60,355.00
Heagney, Gretchen	TJM	Teacher–Social Studies	\$106,181.00	\$106,681.00
Jones, Jay	JPH	Teacher – Science	\$108,669.00	\$109,169.00
Jones, Robert	JPH	Teacher – Health/PE	\$102,950.00	\$103,450.00
Lalor, Emily	TJM	Teacher – Math	\$72,055.00	\$72,555.00
Luckenbaugh, Pamela	MLK	Teacher – Elementary	\$105,614.00	\$106,114.00
Morcos, Barbara	EDH	School Counselor	\$66,946.00	\$67,446.00

Mosley-Aviles, Maritza	LIN	Primary Coach	Literacy	\$107,586.00	\$108,086.00
Pagel, Todd	JAM	Teacher–Social Studies		\$81,632.00	\$82,132.00
Poland, Melissa	TJM	Teacher – Science		\$100,919.00	\$101,419.00
Poppy, Jennifer	JAM	Teacher – Math		\$54,605.00	\$55,105.00
Price, Allyson	MEN	Teacher – Elementary		\$105,114.00	\$105,614.00
Ramirez, Amanda	MLK	Teacher – Elementary		\$51,000.00	\$51,500.00
Romeo, Lisa	MON	Teacher – Elementary		\$98,635.00	\$99,135.00
Smith, Tracie	EDH	Teacher – Special Education		\$103,763.00	\$104,263.00
Snee, Elizabeth	MEN	Teacher – Elementary		\$54,605.00	\$55,105.00
Wolf, Jennifer	EDH	Teacher – English		\$81,132.00	\$81,632.00

* New salary includes salary guide adjustment

14. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF – ADDITIONAL GRADUATE CREDITS EARNED, EFFECTIVE 09/01/17-06/30/18

<u>CERTIFIED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Alvarez, Lauren	EDH	Step 3 BA \$51,000	Step 3 MA \$54,605
Alfonzo, Richard*	JPH	Step 10 BA+15 \$82,952	Step 10 BA \$84,755
Freeman, Marissa	JPH	Step 6 BA+15 \$57,802	Step 6 MA \$59,605
Goldberg, Kate	WAS	Step 6 BA \$56,250	Step 6 MA \$59,855
Jensen, Cori Anne	WWM	Step 9 BA+15 \$69,252	Step 9 MA \$71,055
Lamont, Taryn	MON	Step 2 BA+15 \$52,302	Step 2 MA \$54,105
Misko, Jennifer	JMI	Step 11 MA+15 \$84,374	Step 11 MA+30 \$86,212
Pedana, Kelly	MON	Step 10 BA+15 \$75,752	Step 10 MA \$77,555
ScottoDiCarlo, Marissa	BEN	Step 6 BA+15 \$57,802	Step 6 MA \$59,605
Thompson, Briana	MEN	Step 5 BA+15 \$55,802	Step 5 MA \$57,605
Zimmerman, Jillian	MAR	Step 8 BA \$63,250	Step 8 MA \$66,855

* includes salary for .2 assignment

15. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF – ADDITIONAL GRADUATE CREDITS EARNED, EFFECTIVE 02/01/18-06/30/18

<u>CERTIFIED</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Balogh-Sileski, Michele**	MEN	OG1 MA \$102,362	OG1 MA+15 \$104,738
Bensetti-Benbader, Hayet	EDH	Step 6 MA \$59,605	Step 6 MA+15 \$61,444

Gavigan, Joann	WWM	OG1 BA+15	OG1 MA
		\$100,023	\$103,701
Hantsoulis, Ilias**	EDH	Step 6 BA+15	Step 6 MA
		\$58,052	\$60,355
Rosario, Megan	HHM	Step 2 BA	Step 2 MA
		\$50,500	\$54,105

** New salary includes PDI salary adjustment

16. INCREMENT ADJUSTMENT FOR OFF-GUIDE STRUCTURE – CERTIFIED STAFF – EFFECTIVE 09/01/17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Feldman, Lauren	JMI	Teacher – Elementary	\$101,032.00	\$102,132.00

17. SUMMER WORK/MAINTENANCE ESN-TV / EFFECTIVE 07/01/18 – 08/31/18

Uhlig, Brandon Stipend - \$10,000

18. 2017-2018 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SCHOOL

CO-CURRICULAR

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Technology Coordinator	\$2,961.00
Hanlon, Mollie (09/01/17-03/20/18 – Split) and 03/21/18-05/31/18 – Full)	

19. COACHING APPOINTMENTS – 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL – FALL</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Cross Country – TJMS	Farley, James	\$2,744.00	1
<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL – SPRING</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Softball - HHMS	Drugos, Heather	\$2,744.00	1
<u>HIGH SCHOOL – SPRING</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Softball – Head – EDH	Bennett, Joseph	\$7,294.00	5
Softball – Assistant – EDH	McGuigan, Matthew	\$4,726.00	4
Softball – Assistant – EDH	Spiess, Kari	\$4,384.00	1
Softball – Assistant - EDH	Breining, Eric	\$4,384.00	1
Girls’ Lacrosse – Head – EDH	Schumacher, Jacqueline	\$6,632.00	5
Girls’ Lacrosse – Assistant – EDH	Eckert, Francis	\$4,263.00	2
Boys’ Track – Head – EDH	Pitarresi, Joseph	\$6,632.00	5
Boys’ Track – Assistant – EDH	White, Thomas	\$4,726.00	5
Boys’ Track – Assistant – EDH	O’Bryan, Cartagena	\$4,263.00	2
Girls’ Track – Head – EDH	McCaffery, Patrick	\$6,632.00	5
Girls’ Track – Assistant – EDH	Krajunus, John	\$4,263.00	1
Girls’ Track – Assistant – EDH	Aker, Bobbi	\$4,263.00	1
Strength and Conditioning – EDH	Critti, Ryan	\$1,679.00	2
Fitness Center Strength and Conditioning – EDH	Pan, Jose	\$1,679.00	2
Boys’ Lacrosse – Assistant – JPH	Koval, Ronald	\$4,263.00	1

COACHING CHANGE IN STATUS SPRING SEASON

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Azher, Anum	Girls’ Track – Head (split) – JPH \$3,145.00 – Step 4	Girls’ Track – Assistant (full) – JPH \$4,554.00 – Step 4
Azher, Maham	Girls’ Track – Head (split) – JPH \$2,798.00 – Step 2	Girls’ Track – Assistant (full) – JPH \$4,263.00 – Step 2
Rovito, Joseph	Boys’ Track – Assistant – JPH \$4,726.00 – Step 5	Girls’ Track – Head – JPH \$6,632.00 – Step 5

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng,
Mr. Errico (Except No – Change of Status – Support Staff - Diane Polizzano Only),
Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: Mr. Errico – Change of Status – Support Staff - Diane Polizzano Only
The motion was carried.

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. Approval of 2018-2019 School Calendar (Exhibit C)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the 2018-2019 School Calendar, as annexed hereto.

2. Dedication of the John P. Stevens High School Fitness Center

WHEREAS, Deborah A. Anes was a member of the Edison Township Board of Education for over ten years; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary and dedicated service to the Edison Township School District community, Mrs. Anes tirelessly promoted the renovation and modernization of the fitness centers available to students; and

WHEREAS, in large part due to the advocacy of Mrs. Anes, the John P. Stevens High School Fitness Center was completely renovated in Spring 2016, which renovation included the removal of masonry walls, opening-up of the 19-foot-high ceiling, altering the existing HVAC system, and completely refurbishing the interior space; and

WHEREAS, the John P. Stevens High School Fitness Center now features two dozen assorted state-of-the-art pieces of high quality professional fitness equipment, located within a 3500-square-foot facility lined with high-performance resilient rubber flooring and high capacity LED industrial lighting; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2017, the community suffered a great loss when Mrs. Anes passed away; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to acknowledge Mrs. Anes' service and to permanently dedicate the John P. Stevens High School Fitness Center in her name;

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby recognizes and names the John P. Stevens High School Fitness Center as the Deborah A. Anes Fitness Center.

3. Youth Art Month – March 2018

WHEREAS, Art Education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary students including the following:

- * Art Education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;
- * Art Education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities;
- * Art Education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-culture values and beliefs;
- * Art Education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and
- * Art Education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students education.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education officially recognizes March 2018 as Youth Art Month, encouraging the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

4. Approval of Bylaws & Policies (Exhibit D)

BE IT
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following bylaw and policies, as annexed hereto:

1. Bylaw No. 0164 – Conduct of Board Meetings (Revised)
2. Policy No. 0169.02 – Board Member Use of Social Networks (New)
3. Policy No. 3437 – Military Leave (Revised)
4. Policy No. 4437 – Military Leave (Revised)

- 5. Policy No. 5516.01 – Student Tracking Devices (New)
- 6. Policy No. 7425 – Lead Testing of Water in Schools (New)
- 7. Policy No. 7440 – School District Security (M) (Revised)
- 8. Policy No. 7441 – Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds (M) (Revised)
- 9. Policy No. 8507 – Breakfast Offer Versus Serve (OVS) (M) (Revised)
- 10. Policy No. 8630 – Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility (M) (Revised)
- 11. Policy No. 9242 – Use of Electronic Signatures (New)

5. Settlement Agreement & General Release (Exhibit E)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the Settlement Agreement and General Release with the Marine Shale Processing Site RPG Group and hereby authorizes the Board’s Administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board.

6. Settlement Agreement (Exhibit F)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education approve the settlement agreement for the matters captioned F.S. and A.S. o/b/o Z.S. v. Edison Twp. Bd. of Educ., OAL Docket No.: EDS 15709-16; and Edison Twp. Bd. of Educ. v. F.S. and A.S. o/b/o Z.S., Docket No.: 2:17-cv-00053-JMV-MF; and authorize the Board’s administration and Board Attorney to take all steps necessary and appropriate to carry out this action of the Board.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Administration Resolutions. Mrs. Peng made the motion, seconded by Mr. Distefano. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher (Except No on Policy No. 0169.02 Only), Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: Mr. Brescher – Policy No. 0169.02 Only The motion was carried.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of 2018 Summer School (Exhibit G)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the 2018 Summer School schedule, as annexed hereto.

2. Approval of Grouping Procedures – 2018-2019 School Year (Exhibit H)

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the Grouping Procedures – 2018-2019 School Year, as annexed hereto.

- English – Grades 6 to 9
- Math – Grades 6 to 9
- English – Grades 9 to 12
- Math Department with District Criteria
- Science – Grades 9 to 12
- Social Studies – Grades 9 to 12

3. Field Trip Approval

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following field trips:

1. REVISED - Twenty students and two advisors (one instructional day) from Edison High School's Model UN will be attending the NYC Model UN in New York, NY from March 2nd through March 4th, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education. (Previously approved on January Agenda for March 1st through March 4th at the Philadelphia Model UN)
2. Nineteen students and three advisors (three instructional days) from Edison High School's DECA Business will be attending the DECA State Career Development Conference in Atlantic City, NJ from February 27th through March 1st, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
3. Fifty students and five advisors (two instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School's FBLA will be attending the NJ FBLA State Leadership Conference Center in Atlantic City, NJ from March 7th through March 9th, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
4. Twenty students and two advisors (two instructional days) from Herbert Hoover Middle School's FCCLA will be attending the State Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ from March 21st through March 23rd, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
5. Sixty students and four advisors (two instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School's FCCLA will be attending the State Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ from March 21st through March 23rd, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

6. Thirty students and three advisors (two instructional days) from Edison High School's FCCLA will be attending the State Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ from March 22nd through March 23rd, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
7. Forty students and four advisors (no instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School's Key Club will be attending the District Convention of NJ Key Club in Long Branch, NJ from March 23rd through March 25th, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
8. Eight students and one advisor (one instructional day) from John P. Stevens High School's Cyberhawks will be attending the American Computer Science League in Barrington, RI from May 25th through May 27th, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

4. Professional Development Documentation – February 2018

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following professional development documentation for February 2018, as annexed hereto.

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	CONFERENCE	LOCATION	REGISTRATION FEE	HOTEL EXPENSES **	OTHER EXPENSES **	FUND
Happel, Danielle	Lindeneau	03/08/18	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Livingston, NJ	\$249.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Facendo, Jennifer	B Franklin	03/08/18	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Reading & Writing	Livingston, NJ	\$209.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Martins, Jennifer	HHMS/JAMS/TJMS/WWMS	03/15/18	Women's Leadership Conference	Monroe, NJ	\$175.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Downey, Michele	EHS	03/16/18	Good Ideas in Teaching Pre-Calculus	New Brunswick, NJ	\$165.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Scarpa, John	EHS	03/16/18	Good Ideas in Teaching Pre-Calculus	New Brunswick, NJ	\$165.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Benedict, Krista	JPS	03/16/18	Good Ideas in Teaching Pre-Calculus	New Brunswick, NJ	\$165.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Lucid, Lauren	JPS	06/16/18	Good Ideas in Teaching Pre-Calculus	New Brunswick, NJ	\$165.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Saverino, Frank	JAMS	03/23/18	Building Connections: Creativity & Collaboration in Gifted Educators	West Windsor, NJ	\$219.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Sabunas, Tina	JAMS	04/10/18	Geometry Today Grades 8-12	New Brunswick, NJ	\$205.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Eagle, Elizabeth	JAMS/TJMS	04/11/18 & 04/12/18	Powerful Strategies to Increase the Success of Your Current FTI Program	Edison, NJ	\$595.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Redmond, Jaclyn	HHMS/WWMS	04/11/18 & 04/12/18	Powerful Strategies to Increase the Success of Your Current FTI Program	Edison, NJ	\$595.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Andrade, Elizabeth	JPS/JAMS	04/13/18	FLENJ Annual Conference	Iselin, NJ	\$160.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Nunez, Josefina	JMI	04/13/18	FLENJ Annual Conference	Iselin, NJ	\$160.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development

Rocha, Consuelo	JPS/JAMS	04/13/18	FLENJ Annual Conference	Iselin, NJ	\$160.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Mendez, Ana	JPS	04/13/18 & 04/14/18	FLENJ Annual Conference	Iselin, NJ	\$175.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Serrano-Vacca, Odalys	JPS	04/13/18	FLENJ Annual Conference	Iselin, NJ	\$175.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Stokes, Douglas Feldman, Dena Brack, Diane Blair, Therese Myers, Michele Gluchowski, Kathy Dulina, Joann Cairol, Erica Santiago, Edna Mosko, Lee O'Brien, Dina Chonka, Lynne	Ed Center Ed Center Ed Center Monroe Woodbrook Marshall Woodbrook B Franklin Washington Lindeneau JMP/JMI MLK	04/25/18-04/28/18	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics	Washington, DC	\$4,140.00 (\$345.00 Per Person)	\$12,156.00 \$1,013.00 Per Person)	\$6,852.00 (\$571.00 Per Person)	Title II
Hrehowesik, Cathy	TJMS	04/27/18	Hands-On Activities for 6 th through 9 th Grade Math Students	New Brunswick, NJ	\$205.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Sabunas, Tina	JAMS	04/27/18	Hands-On Activities for 6 th through 9 th Grade Math Students	New Brunswick, NJ	\$205.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Nadel, Susan	JPS	05/20/18-05/22/18	NJ Association for College Admission Counseling	Atlantic City, NJ	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$190.00	Professional Development
Sieminski, Laurie	EHS	05/20/18-05/22/18	NJ Association for College Admission Counseling	Atlantic City, NJ	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$120.00	Professional Development
Haggard, Kirstin	WWMS	05/31/18	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Kousoulis, Fotini	TJMS	05/31/18	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Patel Kalpana	JMP	05/31/18	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Rossiter, Genoveffa	J Marshall	05/30/18	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Zambrano, Julie	JMI	05/30/18	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Fischer, Jennifer	Ed Center	06/24/18-06/27/18	International Society for Technology in Education	Chicago, IL	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$250.00	Professional Development
Tsaoy, Kristen	Ed Center	06/24/18-06/27/18	International Society for Technology in Education	Chicago, IL	\$550.00	\$900.00	\$250.00	Professional Development

**Pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:11-12 et.seq.; N.J.A.C. 6A23A-5.9, 6.13, and 7.1 et.seq.; Federal OMB Circular 12-14 OMB and Board Policy No. 6471 / * As per previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Curriculum and Instruction Resolutions. Mrs. Moroney made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Peng. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

D. PUPIL/SPECIAL SERVICES

1. Out-of-District Placements

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following Out-of-District Placements (Special Education Students) :

<u>Student ID #</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Previous Placement</u>	<u>New Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>		<u>Rationale</u>
2025296	1/22/18	Bonnie Brae School	Bound Brook HS	32,229		IEP Team Decision
3006812	1/29/18	Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Collier Middle School	55,260		IEP Team Decision
3022624	2/09/18	Residential Laurie Haven Group Home Student @ YCS – George Washington School	N/A	Annual Tuition	District of Origin	YCS Terminated Placement
				N/A Billed Directly	Trenton, NJ	

2. Professional Services – 2017-2018 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the following appointment for professional services for the 2017-2018 School Year:

Lawrence P. Booth
325 Fieldstone Drive
New Hope, PA 18938

Home Instruction Services
\$65.00 Per Hour

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Pupil/Special Services Resolutions. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

E. FINANCE

Mr. Brescher presented Mr. Michaud with a resolution regarding the authorization of appointing a new board attorney.

Mr. Michaud read the following resolution:

1. Resolution Authorizing the Appointment of Attorney

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education (“Board”) hereby appoints Ramon E. Rivera of Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC with offices at 1100 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey as Board Attorney for the period from March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 to replace the Agreement with the Busch Law Group, effective February 28, 2018 with offices at 450 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey 08840 as Board Attorney for the period from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the Board shall pay Scarinci Hollenbeck an hourly rate of \$140.00 plus reimbursement for costs; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the Busch Law Group is authorized by the Board to complete and finalize any active matters, where the firm is currently representing the Board under the terms and conditions of their 2017-2018 Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that this appointment is being made without competitive bidding 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; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education hereby authorizes Scarinci Hollenbeck as Board Attorney to assign legal work to the following law firms, on an as needed basis, for the period from March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in each firm’s Agreement for the specified legal matters:

1. Labor and Employment matters:
 - a. Busch Law Group
 - b. Schwartz Edelstein, LLC
 - c. Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC
2. Special Education matters:
 - a. Busch Law Group
 - b. Yaacov Brisman, Esq.
 - c. Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC
3. School Construction and Facilities matters:
 - a. Busch Law Group
 - b. Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the Board hereby appoints Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A. as Bond Counsel for the period from March 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 in accordance with its previously submitted proposal to the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the Agreements on behalf of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that notice of the appointment shall be provided as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1); and this Resolution and the Agreements shall be maintained on file and available for public inspection in the Board’s office.

Mr. Brescher made a motion to add the resolution authorizing the appointment of attorney to the Finance Agenda for discussion, seconded by Mr. Errico. Mr. Michaud took a vote and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar,
Mrs. Ward, Mr. Shi

NAYS: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mrs. Moroney

The resolution will be added to the Finance Agenda for discussion.

The Board spoke about the proposed resolution regarding the replacement of the current Board Attorney.

Mrs. Moroney made a motion to table the resolution authorizing the Appointment of Attorney until the March Board of Education meeting, seconded by Mr. Distefano.

Board members questioned the timeliness of this resolution.

Mr. Michaud took a vote and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mrs. Moroney

ABSTAINED: Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar

NAYS: Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Shi

This resolution will not be tabled.

Mr. Michaud took a vote on the Resolution to change the Board Attorney.

AYES: Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Shi

ABSTAINED: Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar

NAYS: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mrs. Moroney

This resolution was carried.

Finance Resolutions

1. Bid – Pupil Transportation Regular & Special Education Routes

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education rejects the bid for Pupil Transportation – Regular and Special Education Routes due to the fact that the bid amounts were over the budgeted amount. (Bid Date: 01/09/18)

2. Submittal & Acceptance of National No Kid Hungry Campaign Grant, FY '18

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the submission and acceptances of the National No Kid Hungry Campaign Grant, Fiscal Year 2018, for Lindeneau Elementary School, in the amount of \$7,000 which will provide start-up funds to increase student participation in the school breakfast program.

3. Acceptance of Title I, SIA, Part A Grant, FY '18

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education acceptances of the Title I, School Improvement Award (SIA) Grant, Fiscal Year 2018, for Lindeneau Elementary School, in the amount of \$46,016.

4. Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services – SCESC, FY '18

WHEREAS, the Edison Township School District (“Board”) desires to transport special education, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (“SCESC”) offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED: the Board will pay prorated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 4%, as presented to the Board as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC. The total amount to be charged to the Board will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the SCESC, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

- 1) The SCESC will provide the following services:
 - a) Routes coordinated with other districts when possible to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
 - b) Monthly billing and invoices;
 - c) Computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;
 - d) All information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students;
 - e) All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
 - f) Constant/timely review and revision of routes;
 - g) Transportation as soon as possible after receipt of the formal written request;
 - h) Timely submission of contracts, contract renewals or contract addenda to the county office for approval.

- 2) It is further agreed that the Board will provide the SCESC with the following:
 - a) Copies of district policies as they relate to ride time or other specific transportation parameters;
 - b) Request for transportation on forms to be provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by authorized district personnel;
 - c) Forms will contain all necessary and relevant information, medical or otherwise, regarding individual student's condition and transportation needs;
 - d) Withdrawal from any transportation in writing, signed by authorized district personnel; and
 - e) Strict adherence to the established payment schedule.
- 3) Additional Cost: All additional costs generated by unique requests, including but not limited to, mid-day runs or early dismissals, will be borne by the district making such request.
- 4) It is understood that any change in the number of students being transported on each route, or changes in mileage during the course of the year will necessitate a reapportionment and adjustment of costs.
- 5) The SCESC accepts no responsibility for assuring a pupil's use of arranged transportation or attendance on an established route. Once assigned to a route, the monthly billings for the pupil's reserved seat will continue until the SCESC is otherwise notified, in writing, to delete the pupil from the assigned route.
- 6) The SCESC will contract transportation each day while school or classes attended are in session unless the Board's district is closed due to weather conditions (snow, ice, flooding, etc.). the SCESC accepts no responsibility for defaults by transportation contractors; however, the SCESC will make every effort to reestablish transportation expediently.
- 7) Other Services: The SCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the Board may participate at any time.
- 8) Length of Agreement: This agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018.
- 9) Entire Agreement: This agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the parties and may be amended by an instrument in writing over authorized signature.
- 10) It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this agreement shall be without force and effect until it shall have been approved by the Executive County Superintendent of the County of Somerset and any additional County Superintendent, where applicable.

5. Change Order – Woodbrook Elementary School

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following change order for the Woodbrook Elementary School Addition:

<u>Project/Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Woodbrook ES</u> Brockwell & Carrington	BC0008	24,619.81

6. Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program (Exhibit H)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following orders for the New Jersey Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program, Fiscal Year 2018, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
JNLH524	Keith Wold Johnson Child Care	CDWG	232.78
JNNN13118	Bishop George Ahr HS	CDWG	26,237.97
JNCL931	Bishop George Ahr HS	CDWG	5,494.70
JNDC479	Bishop George Ahr HS	CDWG	2,983.50
HRNJ488	Little Flower Montessori School	CDWG	2,738.62
JMVN947	St. Helena School	CDWG	995.89
JMTZ375	St. Helena School	CDWG	895.84
JMDT023	St. Helena School	CDWG	52.84
JMDQ803	St. Helena School	CDWG	49.47
2204583611	St. Helena School	Apple Education	849.00
2204576754	St. Helena School	Apple Education	79.00
2204606953	St. Helena School	Apple Education	69.00
JNTS028	Bishop George Ahr HS	CDWG	823.00
2204636472	Little Genius Academy	Apple Inc.	946.95
JPMG479	Discovery Christian Montessori	CDWG	603.32

7. Obsolete Items

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education declares the following items obsolete and no longer needed for school purposes:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>
ML King ES	1 iPad Cart 3 Computer Towers 6 Monitors 1 Printer
J Adams MS	3 Promethean Projectors
W Wilson MS	2 Thinkpads 3 Chromebooks
JP Stevens HS	1 Typewriter

Education Center	1 Dodge Van 1 Dodge 350 Maxi Van 1 Dodge Ram 3500 Maxi Van 1 Dodge 250 Pickup Truck with Plow 1 Ford F-250 Pickup Truck
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8. Bill List

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education confirms the payment of bills on the bill list dated January 31, 2018 payable by Cycle Checks No. 141046 through No. 141574 inclusive, totaling \$24,504,891.79 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Finance Resolutions 1 through 8. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico,
Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Shi reported the following upcoming meetings:

Event – Caucus Meeting
Date – Wednesday, March 14, 2018
Location – Education Center (Caucus Room)
Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event – Public Meeting
Date – Monday, March 19, 2018
Location – Thomas Jefferson Middle School (Cafetorium)
Time - 7:00 P.M.

XI. COMMITTEES

1. Finance & Facilities Committee

The Finance and Facilities Committee meet on February 2, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Richard Brescher, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Theresa E. Ward, Paul Distefano, Dr. Richard O’Malley and Daniel P. Michaud

Discussion:

- The Committee discussed the alleged overbilling issue with Special Services provider, Tiny Tots. Board attorney, Douglas Silvestro, gave the Committee an update on the information that was provided regarding Tiny Tots corporate structure and the events that lead to the allegations of overbilling. Christopher Conklin, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil/Specials Services, explained the OT & PT services that Tiny Tots provides to our special education students and the quality of their services, which is excellent.

The Tiny Tots contract requires a 90-day notice of termination; and since that would take us to nearly the end of the 2017-2018 school year, the Committee decided to keep Tiny Tots until June 30, 2018 at which time the District can assess their services and, if need be, advertise a request for proposals (RFP) for OT/PT services for the 2018-2019 school year.

- The Committee discussed the District's purchasing procedures and requested that a 3-tier approval system be implemented for all purchase orders.
- The Committee discussed the need for additional instructional space at the FDR School and whether the District should consider educational trailers or modular classrooms as a solution. They also discussed the possibility of taking some of the full-sized classrooms, which are currently being used for small group special education classes, and building a wall to create two separate small group instruction rooms.
- The 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget was presented to the Committee and discussions ensued about some of the expenditure amounts, the tax impact and the budget cap. The Committee instructed the Administration to forward the 2018-2019 budget document to the other board members to get their comments about the proposed budget.
- The Committee was provided a list of needed capital projects to consider for funding during the 2018-2019 school year. The Committee will revisit these projects at their next meeting.
- The Committee asked about the District's Five-Year Long Range Facilities Plan, which the Administration is preparing and should have completed within the next 60 days.

The meeting adjourned at 12:34 P.M.

2. Overcrowding Task Force Committee

The Overcrowding Task Force Committee meet on February 13, 2018 at 6:00 A.M. at Woodrow Wilson Middle School.

Mr. Ralph Errico, Chairman, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Introductions:

- New Jersey Senator, Patrick Diegnan, stated that it is a complement to Edison Township that everyone wants to live here and in large part due to the great school system.
- Edison Councilman, Ajay Patil, thanked committee members for joining this group. He asked that all ideas be brought to the table, so all taxpayers can be heard.
- Deputy Director of Freeholders, Charles Tomaro, mentioned that he was a graduate of John P. Stevens High School and an Edison resident for over 50 years. The Freeholders cannot offer any funding; however, they can help with a bond through the Improvement Authority.
- Assemblyman, Robert Karabinchak, stated that the SDA has no funds for this and feels that through friends and networking, we can make this work.

- Special Assistant to the Mayor, Mahesh Bhagia, thanked everyone for taking the time to volunteer for this committee.
- President of the Edison Board of Education, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, informed everyone that the next meeting of this committee will be held on March 1, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

He thanked the co-chairs, panelists, and each of the committee members for volunteering their time on this important committee. He stated that his first act as the Board President was to create this Overcrowding Taskforce and did so because he, like everyone, realizes that the overcrowding of our schools, along with the lack of a full day kindergarten program, are the greatest challenges that are facing our district.

Mr. Shi thanked his fellow board member, Ralph Errico, and Council President, Ajay Patil, for agreeing to Co-Chair this Taskforce. He said that he cannot think of two individuals who are more capable and passionate about these issues. Their leadership is invaluable to the success of this committee and our ability to solve these challenges.

While he is still adding members to this taskforce, Mr. Shi stated that everyone is proud of the diversity of this committee. This Taskforce is a true representation of Edison. Mr. Shi said, “Look around you, represented here tonight are parents, PTOs, educators, community organizers, union leaders, coaches, Chambers of Commerce, building and facility managers, Township Committee Members, school administrators, district staff and more. Most importantly, most of you are Edison taxpayers. This is the largest gathering of diverse stakeholders in recent memory.”

Represented at this meeting are important policymakers from the State, County, and local governments. Mr. Shi thanked Senator Patrick Diegnan, Assemblyman Robert Karabinchak, Freeholder Charles Tomaro, and Special Assistant to the Mayor Mahesh Bhagia for joining this Taskforce and stated that it takes a village to raise a child, but it takes much more than a village to strengthen and maintain a school district that educates more than 16,400 children. Edison needs support and resources from the State, County and Municipality. The School District must work with these other units of government, and he is glad to have partners in each of them.

Mr. Shi also thanked his fellow board members Shannon Peng, Richard Brescher and Falguni Patel for agreeing to serve on this committee and residents, Ms. Bodofsky and Ms. Conway for joining this committee. While they may have disagreed on the campaign trail, everyone agrees on the goals of this Taskforce. The diversity of ideas from everyone in attendance will create an optimal solution.

Mr. Shi stated that the task ahead of this committee is not easy, a point discussed by Business Administrator, Daniel Michaud, in a recent article with the Edison Metuchen Sentinel. Mr. Shi thanked Mr. Michaud for reminding everyone of the hurdles we face. At the same time, he said he was confident that this group, which is diverse in world views, knowledgeable as to the needs of the district and community, and rich in resources, will come up with a useable blueprint that the District, with the help of the State, County and Municipality, can implement to alleviate overcrowding and restart a full day kindergarten program. “Together we will make the impossible possible,” Mr. Shi emphasized.

In closing, Mr. Shi said that he looks forward to a civil, but rigorous debate, on this committee. All options are on the table, and all ideas will be considered. At the conclusion of this process, he will ask the co-chairs to put together a report that will then serve as the basis for implementing this taskforce's recommendations and wished everyone "good luck."

Mr. Shi introduced Councilman, Joseph Coyle, who began to moderate this meeting. Mr. John Soltész, Jr. also stepped in to moderate the meeting mid-way.

Slide Show Presentation (Attachments A-C)

- Edison Board of Education Enrollment – 2007 through 2018
- Edison – Functional Educational Space Calculation (FES)
- Current Kindergarten in Edison Public Schools

Public Discussion

Mr. Coyle informed everyone that there will be a three-minute time limit for each speaker.

- Alexander Wants – Asked what are the difficult circumstances teachers are facing and asked how many students are in each classroom.
- Susan Campione – Asked why the Planning Board keeps approving new housing in Edison.
- Andy Hibell – suggested that the Board acquire new property, since most schools cannot be built up.
- Lois Hurley – suggested split sessions, redistricting, remote classrooms and scheduling impact fees.
- Bill Brunner – Inquired about the length of the bonds through the Middlesex County Improvement Authority. He asked about building on the wetlands and suggested the Board buy back Stelton School, knock it down and rebuild on that site.
- Elizabeth Conway – Asked for an engineering study for second floor possibilities and for the Committee to work with local companies (builders) for help.
- Kathy Glasser – Discussed the possibility of year-round schooling and mentioned that the elementary students start earlier and attend classes from 7:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and high schools have a later start time.
- Walter Stochel – Reported that he has a map for the wetlands (environmental)/parks and green acres. He suggested to contact PSE&G facilities and the Diocese of Metuchen for vacant buildings and mentioned the Job Corp site and a 31 acre environmental site on Woodbridge Avenue as possibilities.
- Amelia DeAraujo – Stated that two new buildings would be needed for full-day kindergarten. She suggested to hold off adding full-day kindergartens and take care of the current student needs.
- Alexander Wants – Asked why second floors can't be added to all schools. He also suggested remote education and that residents give donations towards the construction of new buildings.
- Mike Sciarillo – suggested building a regional high school and convert the current high schools into middle schools and the middle schools into elementary schools.
- Manasi Mathur – Discussed the tax differential in different parts of town and suggested expanding James Madison Intermediate School.
- Tom McGuire – Spoke about Abbott School funding, stating that previous poor towns are not poor anymore. He also discussed fair funding, empty nesters leaving and families with children moving into Edison and the illegal students currently in our schools.

- Brett Baker – Asked about year-round schooling and questioned the property at Middlesex County College and corporate donations.
- Susan Campione – Mentioned vacant land on Talmadge Road. She was told that this is private property.
- Beth Moroney – Reported that she and former Board President, Dr. Frank Heelan, looked at Raritan Center and there is nothing available.
- Kathleen Gluchowski – suggested building a specialized school and charge tuition for out of district students to attend.

Mr. Errico reported that the Committee will review everyone's suggestions and will further discuss them at the March 1, 2018 Committee Meeting.

XI. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Moroney reported that March is Art Month and the Edison Art Society has many events scheduled. Students will display their artwork at Town Hall. She mentioned that on January 24th she attended a program at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School on the life of Martin Luther King. On February 2nd Lindeneau Elementary School celebrated their Fifth Grade International Day. This year a local student, Maria Guevara Carpio, a 2017 graduate of J.P. Stevens High School earned a perfect score on the AP Spanish Language & Culture exam. She is one of 46 students in the world to achieve this distinction. In closing, Mrs. Moroney mentioned that the first meeting of the Community Relations Committee will meet on March 22nd at 7:00 P.M. at Edison High School.

Mrs. Ward reported that on February 13th, Mr. Brescher, Mr. Distefano and she attended the Middlesex County School Board Association meeting at Sayreville War Memorial High School. Mr. Ray Pinney, Director of County Activities, led with an up-to-date assessment of their effort to engage more businesses to sponsor School Board Association events. Dr. Lawrence Feinsod of the State School Board Association did likewise regarding state funding. Mr. Craig Coughlin, Speaker of the General Assembly, reviewed and discussed an extensive legislative update – 16 in number – for both the Senate and Assembly.

The featured speaker was Jonathan Busch, Esq. whose presentation, Dealing with a Crisis, dealt with ten types of crises facing boards of education with an in-depth illustration of possibilities and possible actions. His talk was thorough and informative throughout. A question and answer period followed each speaker.

Mrs. Ward told everyone to mark their calendars for C.A.R.E.'s annual run-walk on Saturday, April 29th...Rain or Shine! This will be held at Edison High School. Adults \$20; Children \$10 with activities planned for the whole family.

Mrs. Ward also recognized the 47 students at Woodrow Wilson Middle School who made up 15 teams working on creating environmentally themed apps in a competition sponsored by Tata Consulting Services, an Edison-based information technology company. This is the third year of the goIT Program and she wished them well in the regional competition.

Mrs. Patel thanked the Busch Law Group for their service to the Board.

Mr. Distefano expressed his disappointment in the Board choosing a new law firm without the knowledge of all the board members.

Mr. Brescher responded to Mr. Distefano's remarks.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joseph Romano, resident, questioned the Marine Shale settlement and the Board Attorney resolution.

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice-President, questioned the coaching positions and surveys.

Lynda Zapoticzny, James Monroe Elementary School Principal, and James Monroe staff members expressed their concerns about splitting special education classrooms into two rooms.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, asked the Board to keep to Roberts Rule of Order during each meeting. She discussed the safety issues and overcrowding issues and asked the Board if they are giving the in-house special education students the best education they deserve.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to adjourn this February 26, 2018 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 12:31 A.M. on February 27, 2018. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Moroney and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel P. Michaud
Secretary
DPM:jmc