

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The June 22, 2010 Special Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Gene I. Maeroff, at 7:00 P.M. at John P. Stevens High School, 855 Grove Avenue, Edison, NJ.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Gene I. Maeroff, President, Ms. Aimee Szilagyi, Vice President, Mr. William H. Van Pelt, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mr. Joseph Romano, Mrs. Veena Iyer, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward and Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz. Mr. David J. Dickinson, arrived at 7:09 P.M.

Also in attendance were Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, Ms. Deborah Bredahl, No Child Left Behind Coordinator and Mr. Jonathan Busch, Board Attorney.

III. OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Maeroff 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 June 17, 2010.

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

IV. ADJOURN TO 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:

- Discuss the Candidate for the Position of Superintendent and Accompanying Contract

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. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:05 P.M. Ms. Szilagyi made the motion, seconded by Mr. Van Pelt. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Iyer,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mr. Van Pelt,  
Ms. Szilagyi, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to reconvene the public portion of this June 22, 2010 special meeting at 7:59 P.M. Ms. Szilagyi made the motion, seconded by Mr. Van Pelt. Mr. Michaud took roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Iyer,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mr. Van Pelt,  
Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Szilagyi, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VI. AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Michaud read the following resolution:

1. Appointment of Interim Superintendent of Schools

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

by the Edison Township Board of Education that Ronald E. Bolandi is hereby appointed as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period from July 1, 2010 until a new Superintendent of Schools is appointed and commences work as Superintendent of Schools or June 30, 2011, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED:

that the Board of Education approves the previously submitted form of Employment Contract between the Board of Education and Mr. Bolandi. The Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the attesting witness, are hereby authorized to execute the Employment Contract. (Exhibit A)

Mr. Maeroff read a short biography on Mr. Bolandi.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ONLY

Emil Ferlicchi, ETEA President, said the Board should not use the salary of John DiMuzio and Carol Toth as comparison with the Interim Superintendent.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS – APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ONLY

Mr. Dickinson welcomed Mr. Bolandi and stated that Mr. DiMuzio would have made less money than the interim. Mr. Dickinson also said he has not seen the plan for replacing the Superintendent.

Mr. Romano said it is not fiscally responsible to pay the interim a higher salary.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve resolution Item 1 for the appointment of the interim superintendent of schools. Ms. Szilagyi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Iyer. Mr. Michaud took roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Iyer,  
Mrs. Anes, Mr. Van Pelt, Ms. Szilagyi,  
Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: Mr. Romano, Mr. Dickinson

The motion was carried.

Mr. Bolandi, in a statement to the Board and public, said he will reach out to the ETEA and will try to understand their issues.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR ONLY

Emil Ferlicchi, ETEA President, stated that the Director of Special Services cut off the paraprofessional list at 4:00 P.M. today.

D. Sheldon, Resident, felt that Mr. Bolandi gave the paras a glimmer of hope.

R. Vogel thanked the Board for hiring the paraprofessionals for the extended school year.

Ronald Bolandi, Interim Superintendent, informed the Board that they can usually hire summer help and the Board could confirm it later.

2. Extended School Year

BE IT

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

Paraprofessionals–Extended School Year–Rate –\$17.00 Per Hour/5 Hours Per Day(for 30 Days)

BANOS, Nancy  
BONNER, Joseph  
COX, Susan  
JAY, Cindy  
LUTZ, Mary Lou  
MAGRUDER, Jennifer  
PATEL, Kalpana  
PATEL, Shilpa  
PETRUZZI, Marissa  
SHIP, Marisa  
VOGEL, Ruth

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve resolution Item 2 for the appointment of paraprofessionals for the extended school year. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Iyer,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mr. Van Pelt,  
Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Szilagyi, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

At this time, Board Attorney Jonathan Busch prepared the following resolution for authorization by the Acting Superintendent by 6/30/10 or the Interim Superintendent on or after 7/1/10 to hire paraprofessionals for the extended school year:

3. Authorization to Hire Paraprofessionals for the Extended School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED: that on or before June 30, 2010, the Acting Superintendent of Schools is hereby given the authority to hire paraprofessionals for the extended school year and after July 1, 2010, the Interim Superintendent of Schools is hereby given the authority to hire paraprofessionals for the extended school year, at the previously agreed upon rates.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve resolution Item 3, authorizing the hiring of paraprofessionals for the extended school. Mr. Van Pelt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Dickinson. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Iyer,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mr. Van Pelt,  
Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Szilagyi, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

X. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Iyer welcomed Mr. Bolandi.

Mrs. Anes also welcomed Mr. Bolandi.

Mr. Dickinson said there is a limited job responsibility for the posting of Supervisor of Personnel.

Mrs. Anes welcomed Mr. Bolandi.

Mr. Van Pelt welcomed Mr. Bolandi.

Mrs. Bonderowitz welcomed Mr. Bolandi.

Mr. Maeroff welcomed Mr. Bolandi.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Matt Hrevnak, Edison ETEA, asked that the Board recheck the resolution to include June 30<sup>th</sup> instead of after July 1, 2010 for the Interim Superintendent of Schools. The revised resolution reads as follows:

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BE IT

RESOLVED:

that on or before June 30, 2010, the Acting Superintendent of Schools is hereby given the authority to hire paraprofessionals for the extended school year and after June 30, 2010, the Interim Superintendent of Schools is hereby given the authority to hire paraprofessionals for the extended school year, at the previously agreed upon rates.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the revised resolution Item 3, authorizing the hiring of paraprofessionals for the extended school. Mr. Dickinson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Van Pelt. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Iyer,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mr. Van Pelt,  
Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Szilagyi, Mr. Maeroff

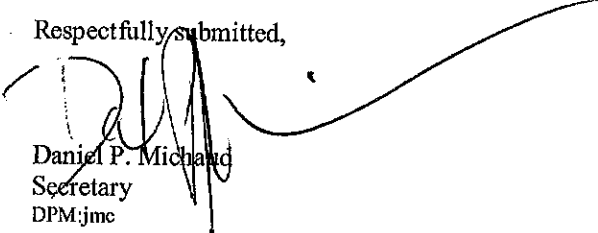
NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn this June 22, 2010 special meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education at 9:34 P.M. Ms. Szilagyi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel P. Michaud  
Secretary  
DPM:jmc

