

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The June 21, 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. David J. Dickinson, Mr. William H. Van Pelt, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mr. Joseph Romano, Mrs. Veena Iyer, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward and Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz

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 15, 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 Candidates for the Position of Superintendent

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: Mr. Dickinson

The motion was carried.

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to reconvene the public portion of this June 21, 2010 special meeting at 9:50 P.M. Ms. Szilagyi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward. 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Ray Koperwhats, Resident, thanked John DiMuzio and Carol Toth for their service to the district and wished them well in their retirements.

Stanley Jacobson, Resident, complained that he had a two hour and forty-five minute wait to speak at this meeting.

VII. AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

BE IT

RESOLVED:

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

1. Extended School Year  
Aides

ALTMAN, Jennifer  
GANATRA, Bharti  
LOEFFLER, Nancy  
SHELDON, Deborah  
WALDRON, Karen  
JAFFE, Therese  
SULLIVAN, Kathy

COLLETTO, Patricia  
HENTLEY, Karen  
PANOS, Julia  
SHIRLEY, Patricia  
EMERY, Kathy  
RONCO, Theresa  
TORTAJADA, Nancy

FELDMAN, Dena  
JOHNSON, Kathleen  
PRADHAM, Chandana  
VOGEL, Ruth  
GABRIEL, Janey  
STANZIALE, Anne

2. Summer Literacy Academy  
Teachers

FANOUS, Claudia

MASS, Katie

PECCE, Christine

3. Summer Early Intervening Services Program

Teacher  
SARDONE, Julie  
TREGLIA, Christine

School  
TBD  
TBD

4. FCCLA

Name  
GERSTEIN, Rachel

Position  
Clerical

Hourly Rate  
\$10.00/hour

5. Retirements

BE IT  
 RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the following retirements as indicated below:

DIMUZIO, John

Acting Superintendent at the Education Center, will retire 7/1/10 after serving the Edison school district for 41 years and 4 months

TOTH, Carol

Superintendent at the Education Center, will retire 7/1/10 after serving the Edison schools for 41 years

6. Appointment of Professional Services

BE IT  
 RESOLVED:

That upon the recommendation of the Director of Special Services, the Edison Board of Education approve the following appointment for professional services for the 2010-2011 School Year:

- 1) David Katz  
 52 Amboy Avenue  
 Metuchen, NJ 08840

Certified Orton Gillingham Trainer  
 \$65.00 Per Hour

7. Professional Development Approval Documentation

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION FEE	HOTEL EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	FUND
DiGiola-Laird, Patricia Reiker, Catherine	JPS	06/24/10 - 06/26/10	State Officer Training	N/A	\$1,283.04	\$2,400.00	FCCLA Grant
Weiner Hart, Karen Corsun, Gina	EHS	07/12/10- 07/16/10	Summer PA Institute	\$2,050	N/A	N/A	In-Service

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stanley Jacobsen, Resident, did not think it was fair for people to wait for over two hours for public comments.

Ray Koperwhats, Resident, objected to not filming the meetings. He mentioned that two of the Edison middle schools and the two high schools are some of the top schools in the state and also remarked that the referendums, where the state would have paid for part of the construction, were all voted down.

Maurice Patel, Resident, said that John DiMuzio did a good job as Superintendent and wanted to know why the Board would pay more for someone else.

Joe Petrucelli, Resident, discussed the \$9.7 million aid cut and asked the Board to file suit against the State. He also felt Mr. DiMuzio knew the school system and the community.

Tony Beachino, Resident, thought that Mr. DiMuzio did a good job as Superintendent and that all students should be treated equally, including special education.

Beth Nichols, Resident, wanted to know where the balance of the teacher aides were coming from.

Emil Ferlicchi, ETEA President, felt Mr. DiMuzio should have been appointed as Superintendent. The Interim Superintendent, he said, will make more money than Mr. DiMuzio and felt the district needs stability.

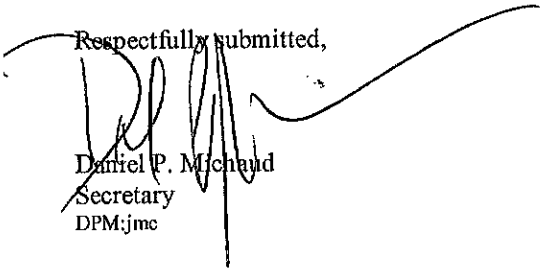
Matt Hrevnak, Edison ETEA, thanked Carol Toth and John DiMuzio for the fine service they gave to Edison. He asked what items are on tomorrow's agenda and thought that the four minute time limit was unfair.

Ray Koperwhats, Resident, asked the Board to let the public speak for as long as they want for transparency and commented that Mr. DiMuzio did a fine job as Superintendent and said he should have been appointed.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn this June 21, 2010 special meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education at 10:46 P.M. Ms. Szilagyi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Darrel P. Michaud  
Secretary  
DPM:jmc