

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The April 29, 2010 Reorganization Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey.

Mr. Michaud led the pledge to the flag.

II. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS BY BOARD SECRETARY

Mr. Michaud had the newly elected board members recite the following Oaths of Allegiance:

State of New Jersey  
Required Oaths for School Board Members  
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

I, Veena Iyer, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Veena Iyer, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Veena Iyer, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April AD 2010  
/s/ Veena Iyer  
/s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
School District of Edison Township  
County of Middlesex  
State of New Jersey  
Required Oaths for School Board Members  
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

I, Theresa E. Ward, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Theresa E. Ward, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Theresa E. Ward, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD 2010  
/s/ Theresa E. Ward  
/s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
School District of Edison Township  
County of Middlesex  
State of New Jersey  
Required Oaths for School Board Members  
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS BY BOARD SECRETARY (continued)

I, Lori A. Bonderowitz, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Lori A. Bonderowitz, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Lori A. Bonderowitz, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April AD 2010  
/s/ Lori A. Bonderowitz  
/s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
School District of Edison Township  
County of Middlesex  
State of New Jersey  
Required Oaths for School Board Members  
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

III. ROLL CALL

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

Mr. David J. Dickinson, Mr. William H. Van Pelt, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mr. Joseph Romano, Mr. Gene I. Maeroff, Ms. Aimee Szilagyi, Mrs. Veena Iyer, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward and Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz

Also in attendance were Mr. John A. DiMuzio, Acting Superintendent, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. John Fenimore, Director of Curriculum, Ms. Kathleen French, Director of Pupil/Special Services, Dr. Michael Quinn, Director of Instruction, Mr. John Griffiths, Transportation Specialist, Ms. Deborah Bredahl, No Child Left Behind Coordinator, Mr. Paul Jenney, Supervisor of Facilities and Mr. Joseph J. Jankowski, Board Attorney.

IV. OPENING STATEMENT

A. Mr. Michaud 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 May 11, 2009.

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

B. Election Results - Official

Mr. Michaud gave the following results for the April 20, 2010 School Election:

Registered Voters: 53,124  
Number of Voters: 12,286  
Percentage of Voters: 23.13%

Budget Votes: Yes 4,580  
No 7,371

Candidate Votes: A1 - Ralph Errico 4,213  
A2 - Susan C. Scerbo 3,982  
A3 - Veena Iyer 6,383  
A4 - Rosemary Meade 4,128  
A5 - Theresa E. Ward 6,223  
A6 - Lori A. Bonderowitz 5,748

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Michaud opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Ms. Szilagyi nominated Mr. Gene I. Maeroff, seconded by Mrs. Ward.

Mr. Van Pelt made a motion to close the nominations and to vote for the office of President, seconded by Ms. Szilagyi. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

ABSTAINED: Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

Mr. Maeroff, President, opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Iyer nominated Ms. Szilagyi. Mrs. Bonderowitz seconded the nomination.

Mr. Van Pelt made a motion to close the nominations and vote for Vice President, seconded by Mr. Dickinson.

Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote for Ms. Szilagyi as Vice President, and the result was as follows:

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

ABSTAINED: Ms. Szilagyi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

President, Gene I. Maeroff, thanked the Board. He addressed the Board and public with the following comments:

"It goes without saying that our main responsibility is to serve the students as best we can and to provide as fine an education as possible. I'm sure that we are united on this paramount goal and that is the *raison d'être* for this school board. I hope that all of us on this board can work together toward that goal.

It will be a very tough assignment in this stressed economic climate. It will not be easy to reconcile the needs and demands of our various constituencies—students, parents, taxpayers, staff, and community. We have many difficult decisions to make in the coming weeks and months. Inevitably, with each action we take, we will not please everyone.

A very high priority of this board will be to win the confidence of the community. Voters turned out in record numbers and now this board has to show the people of Edison that they can trust us to do the right thing. Unless we are able to do that this community will not pass budgets and we will not be able to get referenda approved. This means demonstrating that we are open and transparent, that we are above board in everything that we do, that we have done our homework, and that we understand the needs of various constituencies that we serve.

This board will do much to reach out to the community and to make them partners in our efforts to make this school system as good as it can possibly be. We will form community liaison committees made up community members and with a single board member who joins them and brings their thoughts and recommendations back to board. We can model these committees after the Long-Range Facilities Committee that Mr. Van Pelt formed and nurtured.

The first of these community liaison committees will deal with community relations. Many of our citizens have wonderful ideas to offer for making the public more aware of what is happening in the school system—including making our web presence better than ever. We will very shortly let people know how they can join this committee.

We will also try to strengthen the committee structure of the board itself. We will form a budget committee to meet on a regular basis and to report back to the board at large. It will operate with the help of our very fine business administrator, Dan Michaud. The committee will closely follow what we do financially to make certain that our budget remains on a sustainable path. Then, toward the end of the calendar year, it will turn its attention—in close association with the superintendent and the business administrator—to the budget for the next school year. The committee will lay a foundation upon which other board members can stand as they get involved in the annual budget. We don't want surprises. The taxpayers and parents don't want surprises.

Let me address our three new members to illustrate how the board can build trust and confidence among the public. People in Edison want to believe that all jobs at the board are awarded on merit, that it's what you know, not who you know. Appearances count. There has to be a process that everyone can respect. This means there should be no hint of favoritism, patronage, or nepotism in selecting candidates for positions.

One way to help achieve this is for board members to refrain from involving themselves in the personnel process. This raises the question of the propriety of a board member handing the superintendent a resume for someone looking for a job or even speaking to the superintendent or some other board employee about a person to fill a job opening.

It undermines public confidence in the fairness of the hiring process. I hope that you and all board members will choose to refrain from doing this despite its legality. I don't believe the voters sent us to this board to operate a jobs program for the favored few.

If you decide, and it is your choice, to pass along recommendations and resumes then you must think there is nothing wrong with doing this. Thus, I assume that you will have no objection to sending a note to each board member every time you do this, telling all of us whom you've recommended and to whom you made the recommendation.

As a second example for the new members of how to keep your conduct on a high plane and win the respect of the public I want to impress on you that your role is to govern, not to administer. We do not operate the schools. We have no business wandering around school buildings telling employees what to do.

Thus, if you are going to be in the Education Center or in one of the system's school buildings your visit should be purposeful and dignified. We don't hang around the Education Center or the schools. We always get permission from principals to be in their buildings. No employee of the Edison Public Schools should ever be intimidated by a board

We govern, we set policy. Certainly, we may speak to staff to obtain information useful to our governance, but make no mistake—staff doesn't work for us directly. The only one who works for us directly, the only one we appoint, is the superintendent. Everyone else is employed at the recommendation of the superintendent. We may say "yea" or "nay" to those recommendations.

And so the nine of us start out together on a year-long journey during which we bear responsibility for this community's most precious possession—its young. Every decision we make must consider the students who attend our schools and what will be in their best interests—given the constraints of time and finances. We must always keep in mind that we are carrying out our governance duties in behalf of other peoples' children and with other people's money. There can be no greater responsibility."

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS)

Members of the public congratulated the newly elected board members.

Many members of the audience expressed their concerns for and against full-day kindergarten and the elimination of instrumental music and other programs in the schools.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

A. Affirmative Action/Title IX Officer

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of James Muldowney as the Affirmative Action/Title IX Officer for the 2010-11 school year.

B. AHERA Designated Person

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Daniel P. Michaud as the designated person for the AHERA program for the Edison Board of Education for the 2010-11 school year.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointments – Items A and B. Mr. Romano 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.

C. Architect of Record

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the firm of Garrison Architects, 130 Presidential Boulevard, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004 as the architect of record for projects requiring architectural services initiated by the administration of the Edison Board of Education, for the 2010-11 school year, at the rate not to exceed 7% of the project cost, unless a flat fee arrangement is negotiated.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointment C – Architect of Record. Mr. Dickinson made the motion, seconded by Ms. Szilagyi. Ms. Szilagyi made the motion to table this item, seconded by Mrs. Iyer. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote to table Item C, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Van Pelt, Mr. Dickinson  
The item was tabled.

D. Attorney

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of the firm of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, NJ 07095, as legal counsel of the Edison Board of Education, for the 2010-11 school year; and

that the firm of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer be and is hereby authorized and designated to represent the Edison Board of Education in all matters and actions now pending and in all future actions pursuant to the terms and conditions of the retainer agreement previously submitted; and

BE IT FURTHER

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

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointment D – Attorney. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mr. Van Pelt. Ms. Szilagyi made the motion to table this item, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote to table Item C, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mr. Van Pelt, Mr. Dickinson

The item was tabled.

E. Auditor

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Andrew Hodulik of the firm of Hodulik & Morrison, P.A., 1102 Raritan Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904 as the statutory auditor of record for the Edison Board of Education, for the 2010-11 school year, at an annual fee of \$43,000; and

BE IT FURTHER

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

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the auditing firm be directed to conduct the fiscal audit for the 2010-11 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that they shall perform such other duties as shall become necessary from time to time, and that they shall be compensated at a compensatory fee.

F. Authorization for Purchasing for Goods & Services; Inspection of Goods & Services

Authorization to Purchase

BE IT

RESOLVED: that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), the Edison Board of Education designates Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, as the purchasing agent for the Board of Education and authorizes him to award contracts that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the total sum of \$29,000.00 (bid threshold) without public advertising for bids, unless purchased through a New Jersey state contract; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that Daniel P. Michaud is authorized to solicit competitive quotations pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(a) and to award contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37(c); and

Preparation of Bid Advertisements

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(b), Daniel P. Michaud is designated to have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids; and

Purchase Order System Authorized Purchases

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that all purchases made by the Board of Education shall be done through the purchase order system. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(v), a purchase order is a document issued by the purchasing agent authorizing a purchase transaction with a vendor to provide goods or to perform services; and

Unauthorized Purchases

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that any Board of Education employee who orders and/or receives any goods and services without going through the approved purchase order process has made an unauthorized purchase. Unauthorized purchases are a violation of State Law N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(v) and 18A:18A-3(a). Board employees making unauthorized purchases are subject to disciplinary action as outlined by the Acting Superintendent; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-44, all goods and services provided or performed under any contract with the Board shall be inspected and reviewed by the purchasing agent and/or by the appropriate officer (administrator; supervisor) of the school district who initially recommended the award of contract. The appropriate officer in consultation with the purchasing agent, shall condemn goods or services which in their judgment do not conform to the specification of the contract; and

Trade in of Personal Property

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the purchasing agent pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45(g) may include the sale of personal property no longer needed for school purposes as part of the specifications to offset the price of a new purchase.

G. Board Secretary

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Daniel P. Michaud as Board Secretary of the Edison Board of Education, at the board-approved salary, from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

H. Civil/Site Engineer of Record

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Remington, Vernick & Vena Engineers, 3 Jocama Boulevard, Suite 2, Old Bridge, NJ 08857 as the Civil/Site Engineer of Record to the Edison Township Board of Education, for the 2010-11 school year, at an hourly rate, based on the following structure: Principal - \$145/ph; Regional Manager - \$135/ph; Facilities Department Head - \$125/ph; Project Engineer - \$115/ph; Sr. Design Engineer - \$110/ph; Design Engineer - \$100/ph; Engineering Aide - \$65/ph; Environmental Department Head - \$125/ph; Environmental Project Manager - \$115/ph; Sr. Project Environmental Engineer - \$110/ph; Senior Geologist - \$105/ph; Geologist - \$100/ph; Project Environmental Engineer - \$95/ph; Sr. Environmental Engineer - \$90/ph; Environmental Engineer - \$85/ph and Environmental Aide - \$65/ph; Inspector (NICET II/III) - \$103/ph; Inspector (NICET I) - \$98/ph; Survey Department Head - \$125/ph; Survey Project Manager - \$105/ph; Party chief - \$95/ph; Transit Person - \$89/ph; Landscape Architect - \$115/ph; Design Draftsperson - \$90/ph and Technical Writer - \$47.50/ph; and

BE IT FURTHER

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

I. Compliance Officer

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approves the appointment of Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, as the District Compliance Officer in the area of public contracts executed with public agencies, to serve from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 17:27.

J. Cooperative Purchasing Consultant

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Educational Data Services of 224 Midland Avenue, Saddle Brook, New Jersey 07662 as the Cooperative Purchasing Consultant through the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, for the bidding of services and materials, including but not limited to Related Arts, Art, Science and General Supplies on a percentage of the bid awards, at an amount not to exceed \$22,500 annually, for the 2010-11 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER

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



K. Food Service Vendor

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Compass Group USA, Inc. (a.k.a. Chartwells) as the Board's food service management company for the 2010-11 school year, pursuant to the Request for Proposal received 3/14/08, for a management fee of \$.0824 per meal and for an administrative fee of \$.0927 per meal served and with a guaranteed return of \$125,000.

L. Hazardous Communications Officer

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Paul Jenney, Jr. as the hazardous communications officer for the Edison Board of Education for the 2010-11 school year.

M. Health Insurance Consultant

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Willis HRH Insurance Agency, 350 Mt. Kemble Avenue, PO Box 1969, Morristown, NJ 07962 as Health Insurance Consultant to the Edison Board of Education, for the 2010-11 school year, at the annual contract amount of \$39,000; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED:

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

N. Indoor Air Quality Designee

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Paul Jenney, Jr. as the Indoor Air Quality Designee for the Edison Board of Education, from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

O. Integrated Pest Management Coordinator

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Paul Jenney, Jr. as the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the Edison Board of Education, from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

P. Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with Edison Township

WHEREAS,

the Edison Board of Education and the Township of Edison have discussed cost saving measures through joint purchasing and shared services for the benefit of Edison taxpayers; and

WHEREAS,

it has been determined that savings could be realized by entering into a joint purchasing agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education enter into an interlocal purchases agreement with the Township of Edison to jointly purchase common items such as, but not limited to: custodial supplies, office supplies, paper goods, macadam, salt, sand and ice melter when a cost savings results.

Q. Liaison with the Education for Homeless Children & Youth in New Jersey

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that in accordance with the McKinney-Vento legislation, the Edison Board of Education designates John Russell as liaison with the Education for Homeless Children and Youth in New Jersey Program from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

R. Mechanical Engineer of Record

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Strunk-Albert Engineering, RD #5, Box 5198, Route 208, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 as the mechanical engineer of record, for the 2010-11 school year, based on the following hourly rate structure: Principal - \$130.00; Staff Engineer - \$95.00; Designer - \$80.00; Field Engineer - \$80.00; Drafting - \$65.00 and Secretarial - \$45.00; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED:

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

S. Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Nonpublic Title I & IDEIA Services

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approves the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide nonpublic Title I and IDEIA services, for the 2010-11 school year.

T. Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Representative

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Acting Superintendent, John A. DiMuzio, as the official delegate to the Representative Assembly of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, for the 2010-11 school year.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointments – Items E and T. 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,  
Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Szilagyi, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

U. Middlesex County and NJ School Boards Representative

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of William Van Pelt, as the official delegate to the Representative Assembly of the Middlesex County and New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2010-11 school year.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointment – Item U. Mr. Romano 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. Dickinson,  
Ms. Szilagy, Mr. Maeroff

ABSTAINED: Mr. Van Pelt

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

V. OPRA Designee

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Daniel P. Michaud as the designated person for the Open Public Records Act (OPRA) for the Edison Board of Education for the 2010-11 school year.

W. Risk Insurance Agent

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of The Barclay Group, 202 Broad Street, PO Box 244, Riverton, NJ 08077 as the district's risk insurance agent for the 2010-11 school year.

X. Roofing/Masonry/Window Architect/Construction Management Services

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Thomas C. Rienzi, RA, Architects/Roofing Consultants, 88 Liberty Drive, Bensalem, PA 19020 as the Roofing/ Masonry/ Window Architect/Project Management Services to the Edison Board of Education, for the 2010-11 school year, at a rate of \$125 per hour not to exceed 4% of the total construction cost; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED:

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

Y. Services of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Acting Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator of the Edison Board of Education are authorized to contract for services through the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for all applicable services.

Z. Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Coordinator

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Kathleen French, Director of Pupil-Special Services, as the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Coordinator for the 2010-11 school year.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointments – Items V and Z. Mr. Van Pelt made the motion, seconded by Mr. Romano. 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.

AA. Substance Awareness Coordinator

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Susan Cohen as the substance awareness coordinator for the Edison Board of Education for the 2010-11 school year.

BB. Treasurer of School Funds

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of Agnes Yang as Treasurer of School Funds of the Edison Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-11 from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, at the annual fiscal contracted salary of \$5,000.

CC. Workers Compensation Administration

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of PMA Insurance Group, 330 Fellowship Road, Suite 200, Mt. Laurel, New Jersey 08054, as the third party administrator of the Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Program for the Board of Education of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, for the 2010-11 school year, and for managed care services, at an annual fee of \$50,500; and

BE IT FURTHER

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

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointments – Items AA through CC. Mrs. Anes made the motion, seconded by Ms. Szilagyi. 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.

DD. Collaborative Services Agreement – Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) wishes to utilize the services of the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “MRESC”) for Collaborative Educational Services; and

WHEREAS, MRESC is willing to provide Collaborative Educational Services to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board and MRESC believe that MRESC can provide comprehensive Collaborative Educational Services; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to reduce to writing the understanding and agreement that exists between the Board and MRESC.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of mutual promises, it is agreed by and between the Board and MRESC as follows:

1. The MRESC hereby agrees to provide Collaborative Educational Services to the Board from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015 in accordance with state laws and regulations.
2. It is hereby understood and agreed by MRESC that this Agreement may be terminated by the Board upon one hundred twenty (120) days prior written notice to MRESC. MRESC may also terminate this Agreement in accordance with paragraph 14 herein.
3. MRESC shall assign such administrative supervision as necessary to oversee the Collaborative Educational Services. MRESC shall coordinate the services provided pursuant to this Agreement with the Edison Board of Education.
4. The Collaborative Educational Services provided by MRESC shall comply with the applicable provisions of Title 18A Education and New Jersey Administrative Code, Title 6A, Education.
5. MRESC, through its personnel, or subcontractor shall provide Collaborative Educational Services. MRESC shall provide the Board with periodic updates and written reports as necessary. When services, other than those listed on Schedule A are required, the expenses of these additional services will be the responsibility of the Board.
6. MRESC shall have sole and exclusive control over the Collaborative Educational Services to be provided with consultation with the Board.
7. All materials will be provided by MRESC unless otherwise agreed to prior to the provision of service.
8. MRESC shall provide services during regular business hours. If services for after school hours are needed, a special arrangement must be made in consultation, with and consent of the Board and MRESC. After school hours that are arranged with the consent of MRESC for completion of assignments shall be billed at a rate agreed upon when approved.
9. MRESC shall provide reports as necessary to the District Administrator.
10. All professional personnel employed by MRESC who perform services pursuant to this Agreement shall possess appropriate New Jersey Certification and must provide the Board with copies of said certificates prior to the provision of services.

DD. Collaborative Services Agreement – Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission  
(continued)

11. It is understood that the Board will not offer employment to any MRESC staff member employed to work in the Program for at least two (2) years after the employee ceases to work for MRESC or contract with any consultant employed to work in the Program for at least sixty (60) days after the consultant ceases to work for MRESC.
12. The parties shall each maintain worker's compensation insurance for their employees at the locations covered by this agreement and provide proof of such insurance to the other. The parties shall each name the other as additional insureds on their general liability insurance policies for the locations covered by this agreement and shall provide proof thereof to the other party.
13. MRESC shall provide all necessary professional and clerical services needed to fulfill its obligation to the Board. The professional and clerical staff will be employees of the MRESC and are entitled to benefits per their MRESC contract. The professional and clerical staff will be under the supervision of the MRESC. The Business Administrator will act as a liaison between MRESC and the Board.
14. The Board agrees to make payments within thirty (30) days of being billed by the MRESC pursuant to this Agreement. Payments shall be made based on actual services rendered.  
In the event the Board shall fail to make such payments when due, MRESC shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days notice to the Board and to discontinue all services. In such event, MRESC shall be entitled to the value of services provided up to the date of termination and thereafter shall have no further obligation to provide services under the agreement.
15. In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such holdings shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.
16. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with laws of the State of New Jersey.
17. This Agreement (including Schedule A) constitutes the entire Agreement between the Board and MRESC and may not be amended or modified except by written instruments signed by the Board and MRESC.
18. Any notice to the parties under this Agreement shall be sent certified mail, returned receipt requested, addressed as follows: To the Board: Edison Board of Education, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837, Attention: Daniel P. Michaud; To the MRESC: Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, 1660 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854, Attention: Dale Caldwell

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointment – Item DD. Mr. Romano 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.

EE. Participation in Coordinated Transportation – Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission

WHEREAS,

the Edison Board of Education desires to transport special education, non-public, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the MRESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

the MRESC will organize and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness.

NOW, THEREFORE

it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 2% or 4% for member districts, or of 5% for non-member districts, as presented to the Edison Board of Education as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the MRESC's Board of Education. Said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by the number of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to districts will be adjusted based on actual costs.

- I. The MRESC will provide the following services:
  - a. routes coordinated with other districts 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 MRESC;
  - d. all necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
  - e. constant review and revision of routes;
  - f. provide transportation within three days or sooner after receipt of the formal written request; and

IT IS FURTHER  
AGREED:

that the Edison Board of Education will provide the MRESC with the following:

- a. requests for special transportation on approved forms to be provided by the MRESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
  - b. withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received.
- I. Additional Cost – all additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the Edison Board of Education.

EE. Participation in Coordinated Transportation -- Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission  
(continued)

II. Length of Agreement -- this agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

III. 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.

FF. Participation in Coordinated Transportation -- Somerset County Educational Services Commission

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education desires to transport special education, non-public, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the 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 that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 6%, as presented to the Edison School District as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC's Board of Education. Said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by home to school mileage of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to district 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 Commission Superintendent, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

I. The SCESC will provide the following services:

- a. Routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. Monthly billing and invoices;  
Computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;
- c. All necessary interactive and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- d. Constant review and revision of routes;
- e. It is further agreed that the Edison School District will provide the SCESC with the following:
  1. Requests for any additional transportation on approved forms to be provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
  2. Withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received;



FF. Participation in Coordinated Transportation – Somerset County Educational Services Commission  
(continued)

- II. Additional Cost – all additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissal will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the Edison School District.
- III. Whereas, the SCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, coordinated purchasing, professional development and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the Edison Board of Education may participate at any time.
- IV. Length of Agreement – this agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.
- V. 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.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Appointments – Items EE and FF. Mr. Romano 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.

VIII. DESIGNATION OF

A. Designation of Depositories

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the appointment of the following banking institutions located in the Township of Edison as legal depositories for the School District of Edison Township:

TD BANK

Lunch Account #7855087693  
Unemployment Account #7856732438  
General Account #7859601549  
Salary Account #7859601556  
Agency Account #7859601564  
Flexible Spending Account #7855086620

PROVIDENT BANK

Capital Reserve Account # 690003725

A. Designation of Depositories (continued)

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED:

that all checks, notes, drafts and warrants be signed by all of the following:

Gene Maeroff, President  
Daniel P. Michaud, Board Secretary  
Agnes Yang, Treasurer of School Funds

signatures shall be duly certified to said banks, and that all checks, drafts, notes and warrants issued by the Board of Education will not be honored unless so signed; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED:

that all salary checks be signed by Agnes Yang, Treasurer of School Funds for the Edison Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED:

that the Board of Education authorizes the Board Secretary or his designee to contact the following banking/financing institutions for investment purposes:

- |                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Wachovia Bank           | 8. Bank of America         |
| 2. PNC Bank                | 9. Provident Bank          |
| 3. TD Bank                 | 10. Sovereign Bank         |
| 4. Skylands Community Bank | 11. Investors Savings Bank |
| 5. Bank of New York        | 12. JP Morgan-Chase        |
| 6. NJ ARM                  | 13. MBIA Class-Municipal   |
| 7. Columbia Bank           | Investors Service Corp.    |

B. Designation of Official Newspaper

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that The Star Ledger, published in Newark, New Jersey, be designated as the official newspaper for all advertisements, notices, statements, et al. of the Edison Board of Education.

C. Designation of Tax Shelter Annuity Providers

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approve the following tax shelter annuity providers for 403B and 459 Plans for the 2010-2011 school year:

1. VALIC
2. Great American Life Insurance Company
3. Metlife
4. The Equitable
5. Legend/NEA
6. Lincoln Investment
7. Oppenheimer Funds
8. Financial Resources

D. Petty Cash

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education has determined there is a continuing need for an imprest petty cash fund; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the amount of the fund shall be set at \$300.00, with no individual expenditure exceeding \$50.00, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education designates Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, as the individual responsible for disposition of said funds; and

WHEREAS, all unused petty cash funds will be closed to the general account no later than June 30, 2011;

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.10, et. seq., revised on February 21, 1989, that an imprest petty cash fund be established with the rules set forth in the preambles hereto.

IX. ADOPTION

A. Meeting Dates

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education designate the dates for the regular public action meetings and caucus meetings of the Board of Education as listed below:

<u>CAUCUS MEETINGS</u>		<u>ACTION MEETINGS</u>	
(Education Center – [EC] 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison)		(John P. Stevens High School – Grove Avenue, Edison or at Edison High School – Boulevard of Eagles, Edison)	
Wednesday	05/19/10	JPS	Monday 05/24/10
Wednesday	06/09/10	EHS	Monday 06/14/10
Wednesday	07/14/10	EC **	Monday 07/19/10
Wednesday	08/18/10	EC **	Monday 08/23/10
Wednesday	09/22/10	JPS	Monday 09/27/10
Wednesday	10/13/10	EHS	Monday 10/18/10
Wednesday	11/17/10	JPS	Monday 11/22/10
Wednesday	12/15/10	EHS	Monday 12/20/10
Wednesday	01/19/11	JPS	Monday 01/24/11
Wednesday	02/23/11	EHS	Monday 02/28/11
Wednesday	03/23/11	JPS	Monday 03/28/11
Wednesday	04/13/11	EHS	Monday 04/18/11

\*\* Summer Meetings Held at the Education Center

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education shall be conducted on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that all meetings of the Board of Education commence at 7:00 P.M. on the date set forth unless otherwise specified by the Board of Education, but in no case, later than 8:00 P.M.; and

A. Meeting Dates (continued)

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED:

that pursuant to the Public Meetings Act, the Board Secretary is hereby directed to publish these dates in the official newspapers of the Board of Education and to post notices of the foregoing dates at the offices of the Board of Education, the Municipal Town Hall and in all schools of the district.

B. Policies/By Laws

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. Title 18A:11-1, readopt, for its own operation of the school district, all existing policies and bylaws heretofore approved by the previous Board of Education and adopted by this Board of Education.

C. Bargaining Unit Representatives

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. Title 34:13A-5.3, recognize the following associations as the official unit representatives effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, to wit:

the Edison Township Education Association, as representative of the teaching staff, guidance counselors, special services personnel, administrative secretaries, school secretaries, para-professionals, security guards, attendance investigators, library aides, registered nurses and staff assistants;

the Edison Township Principals' Association, as representative of all principals, assistant principals, academic directors and academic supervisors;

the NJEA/Edison Public Schools Custodians and Maintenance Association, as representative of all school custodians, maintenance and grounds personnel; and,

the Edison Facilities Maintenance and Management Association, as representative of school facility managers and maintenance, grounds and warehouse facility managers.

D. Pupil Records

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey collect and maintain student records in the authorized categories, pursuant to NJAC Title VI, Education, Chapter 3, Pupil Records, to insure the educational welfare of the students of this district.

E. Curriculum Guides/Basic Textbooks

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey adopt annually an educational program or curriculum which shall be developed by the Board in consultation with the teaching staff members under the direction of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to NJAC Title 6:8-3.5; and

WHEREAS, an educational program or curriculum for the district has been developed and 20% of the guides revised annually as required and which provides for the following, to wit:

- 1) It is consistent with written goals, objectives and identified pupil needs and with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards; and
- 2) It is designed to develop individual talents, interests and to serve diverse learning styles to motivate pupil achievement; and
- 3) Does provide for continuous learning through an effective articulation between and among the schools; and
- 4) Does provide all pupils continuous access to sufficient programs and services of a library/media facility, classroom collection, or both, to support the educational program or curriculum; and
- 5) Does provide all pupils guidance and counseling to assist in career and academic planning; and
- 6) Does provide a continuum of educational programs and services for all children with learning disabilities, pursuant to law and regulation; and
- 7) Does provide bilingual/ESL programs for English language learners, pursuant to law and regulation; and
- 8) Does provide supplementary education programs for pupils, pursuant to law and regulation; and
- 9) Does provide all pupils equal educational opportunity, pursuant to law and regulation; and
- 10) Does provide career awareness and vocational education, pursuant to law and regulation; and
- 11) Does provide educational opportunities for exceptionally gifted and talented pupils.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED:

by the Edison Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that it adopt, and it does hereby adopt, the educational program, curriculum guides, the 5-year revision matrix and basic textbooks developed under the direction of the Acting Superintendent of Schools after consultation with the teaching staff members as required by NJAC Title 6:8-3.5 and as per list and description attached hereto and made a part hereof.

F. Adoption of Bio-Security Plan

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education adopts the bio-security plan for the 2010-11 school year.

G. Adoption of Crisis Management Plan

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education adopts the crisis management plan for the 2010-11 school year.

H. Adoption of Pandemic Plan

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education adopts the pandemic plan for the 2010-11 school year.

X. APPROVAL OF INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (2010-11)

A. New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A authorizes the payment of the annual dues in the amount of \$28,066 to the New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2010-11 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the members of the Board of Education are encouraged to partake of the various workshops and services offered by the New Jersey School Boards Association.

B. N.J. State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, is authorized to participate in the approved interscholastic athletic programs sponsored by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association for the 2010-11 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Designation Of- Items A through D; Adoption - Items A through H and Approval of Institutional Memberships- Items A and B. Mrs. Bonderowitz 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.

XI. ADOPTION OF STATE MANDATED CODE OF ETHICS

Mr. Michaud read each of the twelve provisions of the code of ethics to the board members and asked them to inquire about the meaning and intent of each, if they were not perfectly clear on it's rationale. Mr. Jankowski, Esq. and Mr. Michaud were available to clarify any concerns or questions. Each board member was given a copy of the code of ethics to sign that they received them and understood their content.

A. Code of Ethics

WHEREAS,

the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.3 which requires, among other things, that each district board of education:

1. Discuss the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics for School Board Members, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq., at a regularly scheduled public meeting annually; and
2. Adopt policies and procedures regarding the training of district board of education members in understanding the Code of Ethics; and
3. Provide documentation that each member of the district board of education has received and reviewed the following Code of Ethics:
  - a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
  - b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
  - c. I will confine my board action to policymaking, planning and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
  - d. I will behave toward my fellow board members with the respect due their office -- demonstrating courtesy,
  - e. I will refrain from inappropriate conduct in public meetings and in making public statements, refraining from any disparagement of my fellow board members or others on a personal, social, racial or religious basis.
  - f. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
  - g. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.
  - h. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
  - i. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information, and in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
  - j. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief school administrator.
  - k. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
  - l. I will refer all complaints to the chief school administrator and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED:

that the School Board Members serving the Edison Board of Education acknowledge that they have received a copy of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and understand the responsibilities they are undertaking as members of the Edison Board of Education.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Adoption of State Mandated Code of Ethics. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Ms. Szilagyi. 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. FINANCE

A. Non-Renewal of Contract

BE IT  
 RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education not renew the employment contract of the following personnel for the 2010-11 school year:

<u>Special Education</u>	<u>School</u>
BOVINE, Brian	HHM
PARENTE, Peter	TJM
SLOAN, Deena	MAR
 <u>Social Worker</u>	
LEWIS, April	EC
 <u>Math</u>	
EIDE, Kristina	HHM
RUDA, Tara	TJM
 <u>Science</u>	
MOHAMMED, Patrick	EDH
 <u>Social Studies</u>	
PATALANO, Douglas	EDH
 <u>Physical Education</u>	
CARNIGLIA, Stephanie	HHM
 <u>Family/Consumer Science</u>	
GOLDBERGER, Rhonda	TJM

XIII. ADMINISTRATION

A. Professional Development Documentation

BE IT  
 RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Edison Board of Education approves the following professional development documentation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>Hotel Expenses</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Executive Super-intendent Approval</u>
Patel, Kalpana	JMP	05/18/10 & 05/19/10	NJTESOL 2010 Spring Conference	\$189.00	N/A	N/A	Title III	
Darrah, Laura	JPS	05/06/10 & 05/07/10	Career Choices Implementation Workshop	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA Prof. Development	



A. Professional Development Documentation (continued)

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Registration Fee</u>	<u>Hotel Expenses</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Executive Super-intendent Approval</u>
Harris, Brian	JPS	05/06/10 & 05/07/10	Career Choices Implementation Workshop	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA Prof. Development	
DiMuzio, John Michaud, Daniel French, Kathleen Bredahl, Deborah Fenimore, John Dickinson, David* Romano, Joseph* Anes, Deborah* Maeroff, Gene* Szilagyi, Aimee* Van Pelt, William* Bonderowitz, Lori* Iyer, Veena* Ward, Theresa*	Ed Center	10/19/10-10/21/10	NJSBA Convention, Somerset, NJ	\$550.00 *(Waived by Board Members, D. Michaud & J. DiMuzio)	N/A	N/A	Local	

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Personnel and Administration Reports. Mr. Dickinson made the motion, seconded by Ms. Szilagyi. 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.

XIV. FINANCE

A. Appropriation of Undesignated Free Balance

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Edison Board of Education approves the appropriation of \$810,000 for undesignated free balance to capital outlay to fund the projects that are entitle to receive 40% grant funding with the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act.

B. Substitute Teachers

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Edison Board of Education authorizes the preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Purchased Service to provide and place substitutes.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Finance- Items A and B. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Iyer. 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.

C. Reinstating Full-Day Kindergarten

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education hereby restores full-day kindergarten, restoring 25 teaching positions and 15 lunch aides at a cost of \$1,360,000 with reallocations of \$500,000 from substitute teachers salaries; \$500,000 from the Unemployment Insurance Account and \$360,000 from Free Balance.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Finance- Item C. Mr. Dickinson made the motion, seconded by Mr. Romano. Mrs. Bonderowitz made a motion to table Finance Item C, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Michaud took a roll call voteto table, 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 item was tabled.

D. Amendment to the IDEIA-Basic & Preschool Grant, FY '10

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Edison Board of Education approves an amendment to the application of the IDEIA-Basic and Preschool Grant, Fiscal Year 2010.

E. Participation in Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield Direct Access Design 7 Plan

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Edison Board of Education approves the participation in the Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield Direct Access Design 7 Plan, effective July 1, 2010.

F. Bid -- Lease Purchase of Essential Equipment

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Edison Board of Education awards the bid for the lease purchase of essential equipment for copy machines to TD Equipment Finance, Inc., 1068 Stelton Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854 as follows:

<u>Banking Facility</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
TD Equipment Finance, Inc.*	2.93%
PNC EF, LLC PNC Equipment Finance	2.95%
Sovereign Bank	3.95%
SunTrust Equipment Finance & Leasing Corp.	3.64%

\*Awarded Bid

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve Finance- Items D through F. Mrs. Bonderowitz 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.

Mr. Maeroff asked Mr. Michaud to read the following resolution:

G. Reopening Search for a Superintendent

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education hereby resumes its search for a superintendent, allowing applicants whose resumes were received earlier this year to remain under consideration if they ask to continue as candidates. The New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) will reopen the search and solicit additional applications in accordance with the Board of Education's goal of having a superintendent in place by January 1, 2011. The cost of the additional search, including the services of the NJSBA and advertisements, is not to exceed \$9,500.

After a lengthy discussion regarding this item, Mrs. Anes asked for a motion to table this item, seconded by Mr. Dickinson. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Anes, Mr. Dickinson

ABSTAINED: Mr. Van Pelt

NAYS: Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Iyer,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Szilagyi, Mr. Maeroff

The item was not tabled.

Mrs. Anes requested that the resolution be amended to read "renegotiate for no cost", because she felt that the New Jersey School Board Association did not complete their obligation from the original search. Mr. Maeroff made the motion to reopen the search for a Superintendent, seconded by Ms. Szilagyi. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

ABSTAINED: Mr. Van Pelt

NAYS: Mr. Romano, Mr. Dickinson

The motion was carried.

XV. ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

- BOE & Town Council Meeting – Budget Discussion  
Monday, May 3, 2010  
6:00 PM – Municipal Complex (Council Chambers)
- BOE Caucus Meeting  
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 (Tentative)  
7:00 PM – Education Center (Caucus Room)
- BOE Regular/Action Meeting  
Monday, May 24, 2010 (Tentative)  
7:00 PM - John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)

XVI. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Bonderowitz thanked the voters, said she was happy with the voter turnout and implored all to stay involved with the schools.

Mrs. Ward applauded the three incumbents who also ran for the Board of Education and said they were worthy advisories in the campaign.

Mrs. Iyer echoed the words of Mrs. Bonderowitz and Mrs. Ward and pledged to work for the public. She hopes to see more information posted on the Board's website in the future.

Mr. Maeroff, in closing, remarked that he had been asked about what the new leadership intends to do about the proposal that the Edison Township Education Association offered for a salary freeze. The answer is that we intend to explore it with the ETEA officers. Ms. Szilagyi and he tried to do this once and were directed to withdraw from any negotiations. They did, however, have a single meeting with the ETEA officers at which they felt that they established a comfortable rapport and a basis for further conversation. Before long, they expect to have that conversation.

Mr. Maeroff said he does not want to mislead anyone. The offer contains conditions that have to be addressed. Obviously, he can't say what will come of all this. For those who are not aware of it, the three other employee unions with which the Board of Education has contracts voluntarily took unconditional salary freezes and he praised them for this. The big money, though, is in the contract with the ETEA. Mr. Maeroff said he was pleased to have had this initial contact with the teacher union. The newly reconstituted Board of Education very much wants to work with the ETEA on many matters. It is important that everyone understands that.

Mr. Maeroff stated that for the last two years, from the time Ms. Szilagyi and he ran for these seats on the board, some people have tried to portray the an unfriendly to teachers. This is simply a falsehood, a canard since both of are connected with institutions of higher education and are firm advocates of teachers and of all educators.

He firmly stated that to find fault with fiscally unsustainable provisions in a labor contract is not to be against teachers. Those who misrepresent our position do a disservice to us and to the teachers with whom we want to collaborate for the good of all students in this school district.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank Heelan, Resident, asked that the Chinese School be reinstated in Edison, since they recently moved their location to Woodbridge.

Maryann Atwood, Resident, said she could no longer afford the taxes in Edison.

Mrs. Rotelli, Resident, was in support of the state mandated programs and full-day kindergarten is not a state mandated program.

Emil Ferlicchi, ETEA President, asked the public to look into having the millionaire tax reinstated and maybe then budgets will pass. The shortfall, he said, comes from the governor and also said he is tired of education being the scapegoat.

Lois Wolke, resident, stated that the procedures and tax appeals are what is wrong.

Joe Serelli, asked the ETEA to keep open-minds when coming to the table the next time they review their contract.

XVIII. ADJOURN TO PRIVILEGED SESSION

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

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

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

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

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- Attorney/Client Privileged Information Regarding Confidentiality Issues and Board Member Ethical Obligations

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 privileged session at 12:32 AM. Mr. Dickinson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes. Mr. Michaud took a roll call, and the following members were present:

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.

XIX. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to reconvene this April 29, 2010 reorganization meeting of the Edison Board of Education to open session at 12:53 AM. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes. Mr. Michaud took a roll call, and the following members were present:

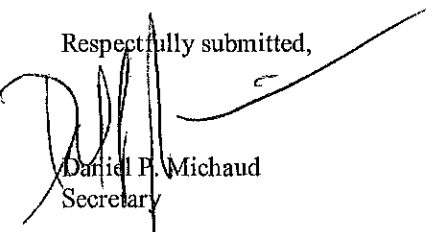
PRESENT: Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Iyer,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mr. Van Pelt,  
Mr. Dickinson, Ms. Szilagyi, Mr. Maeroff

ABSENT: None

XX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn this April 29, 2010 Reorganization Meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 12:54 AM. Mr. Van Pelt made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel P. Michaud  
Secretary

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