

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The May 23, 2011 Public Meeting of the Edison 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, Mrs. Veena Iyer, Vice President, Deborah A. Anes, Mr. Joseph Romano, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz, Ms. Sapana Shah and Dr. Frank Heelan. Mr. David J. Dickinson was absent.

Also in attendance were Richard O'Malley, Ed.D., Superintendent, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, Mr. Peter Pitucco, Personnel Director 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 May 11, 2011.

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

IV. BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Mr. Maeroff presented former Board members Mr. William H. Van Pelt and Mrs. Aimee Szilagyi-Corzo with certificates in appreciation for their dedicated service as members of the Board.

V. 2010-2011 TEACHER RECOGNITION

Mrs. Nicole Cirillo, Principal of Woodbrook Elementary School, presented the following administrators and teachers for the 2010-2011 Teacher Recognition:

<u>School</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Lincoln Elementary School	Doreen Harrison	Mr. Joseph Krouse
Washington Elementary School	Suzanne Busse	Mrs. AnnMarie Griffin-Ussak
James Madison Intermediate School	Jill Emmich	Mr. Michael Duggan
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School	Maria Steinheber	Mr. Steven Preville
John Marshall Elementary School	Mary Schaefer	Mr. Gerald Young
Menlo Park Elementary School	Janine Fekete	Ms. Melissa Sadin
James Monroe Elementary School	Virginia Pattie	Mrs. Lynda Zapoticzny
Lindeneau Elementary School	Marilyn Latham	Mrs. Rosemary Schutz
Woodbrook Elementary School	Carolyn Gappa	Mrs. Nicole Cirillo
Martin Luther King Elementary School	Bridget O'Grady-Robbins	Mrs. Diane Wilton
James Madison Primary School	Natalie Schulz	Ms. Gina Foxx
Herbert Hoover Middle School*	Laurie Bonja	Mr. Louis Figueroa
John Adams Middle School	Angelique Hickman	Mr. Shawn Scully
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Robert Hanas	Mrs. Antoinette Emden
Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Catherine Nee	Ms. Patricia Cotoia
Edison High School	Ann Snyder	Mr. Charles Ross
John P. Stevens High School	Fern Jurgrau	Ms. Gail Pawlikowski
*Overall Edison Township "District Teacher of the Year"		

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Edison Board of Education approves the minutes of the April 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meetings.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the minutes of April 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Mrs. Anes 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, Mr. Romano,  
Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Iyer – 4/20/11 Only, Mr. Maeroff

ABSTAINED: Dr. Heelan (4/20/11 & 4/25/11), Ms. Shah (4/20/11 & 4/25/11),  
Mrs. Iyer (4/25/11 Only)

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VII. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORTS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of March 31, 2011 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 NJAC 6:20-2.2 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 2010-2011 school year. (Exhibit A)

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Report. 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, Mr. Romano,  
Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Maeroff

ABSTAINED: Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS)

Bill Brunner, Resident, questioned the amount in the resolution for the grant writer and also asked about the state contract vendors.

Carol Bodofsky, resident, agreed with the substitute nurse rate.

IX. RESOLUTIONS – ACTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL – LABOR RELATIONS

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

1. Resignations

Sheikh, Kiran – Social Studies Teacher  
Edison High School  
Effective: 06/30/11  
Reason: Personal

Wong, Rosalind – Grade 2 Teacher  
James Madison Primary School  
Effective: 06/30/11  
Reason: Personal
2. Retirement

O'Grady, Patricia – Grade 1 Teacher  
Martin Luther King School  
Effective: 06/30/11  
25 years of service
3. Appointments  
Teachers – Long Term Substitutes

Abramson, Lisa Effective 01/03/11-05/31/11 (Replacing Angela Dowdy)	St. John's University	MS \$40,000 (pro-rated)	Reading Specialist Benjamin Franklin
Delesantro, Lisa Effective 01/03/11-05/20/11 (Replacing Renee Stern)	Seton Hall University	BA \$40,000 (pro-rated)	Special Education Woodrow Wilson
4. Leaves of Absence

Bachorik, Lydia – Business Teacher Edison High School	Medical – Revised	With pay	03/09/11-03/14/11
	Maternity	With pay	03/15/11-05/09/11
	Federal/NJ FMLA	Without pay	05/10/11-05/22/11
Brown, Kristina – Grade 3 Teacher James Madison Intermediate School	Medical	With pay	05/31/11-06/13/11
	Maternity	With pay	06/14/11-06/30/11
	Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay	09/01/11-09/14/11
	Federal/NJ FMLA	Without pay	09/15/11-11/24/11
	Infant Care	Without pay and benefits	11/25/11-12/07/11
Brown, L. Marie – Special Education Edison High School	Medical	With pay	06/06/11-06/14/11
	Medical	Without pay	06/15/11-06/30/11
Cardillo, Barbara – Admin. Secretary Education Center	Medical – Revised	With pay	03/23/11-04/29/11
Dowdy, Angela – Reading Specialist Benjamin Franklin School	Medical – Extension	Without pay	05/16/11-05/31/11
Elsamna, Susan – Paraprofessional Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical - Revised	Without pay	03/21/11-05/13/11
Gibilisco, Deborah - Special Education James Madison Primary School	Medical	With pay	05/18/11-06/30/11
Hubbard, Elda – Spanish Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With pay	06/06/11-06/30/11
	Maternity	Without pay	09/01/11-09/02/11
	Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay	09/05/11-09/16/11
Jones, Jennifer- Social Studies Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Federal/NJ FMLA	Without pay	09/19/11-11/18/11
	Medical	With pay	06/01/11-06/17/11
	Maternity	With pay	06/18/11-06/30/11
	Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay	09/01/11-09/14/11
Keefe, Kristine – Spanish Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Federal/NJ FMLA	Without pay	09/15/11-11/24/11
	Infant Care	Without pay and benefits	11/25/11-01/31/12

4. <u>Leaves of Absence (continued)</u>			
La Malfa, Casey – Grade 5 Teacher Lincoln School	Maternity - Revised Maternity Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay Without pay Without pay	04/11/11-04/29/11 05/02/11-06/06/11 06/07/11-06/30/11
Lojun, Josephine – LDTC Education Center	Medical	With pay	04/26/11-05/27/11
Monahan, Edward - Custodian Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical – Extension	Without pay	04/14/11-08/31/11
Nepote, Gina – English Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Maternity Federal/NJ FMLA Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay With pay Without pay	09/01/11-10/14/11 10/17/11-10/31/11 11/01/11-12/31/11
Palko, Jamie – School Nurse John P. Stevens High School	Medical Medical	With pay Without pay	05/03/11 05/04/11-06/30/11
Ring, Michelle – LDT Washington School	Medical – Revised Medical Maternity	With pay Without pay Without pay	02/28/11-03/16/11 03/17/11-04/26/11 04/27/11-06/30/11
Roach, James - HVAC/Boiler Tech. Maintenance Department	Medical – Extension	Without pay	05/01/11-05/31/11
Romeo, Marlina – Math Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical – Revised Maternity Maternity Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay With pay Without pay Without pay	03/31/11-04/01/11 04/02/11-05/09/11 (.5) 05/09/11 (.5)-05/30/11 05/31/11-06/30/11
Ruiz, Diane – Vocal Music Teacher Menlo Park School	Medical	With pay	05/05/11-05/13/11
Simone, Frank – Custodian Benjamin Franklin School	Medical	Without pay	05/02/11-05/20/11
Smith, Ellen – English Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical	With pay	05/24/11-06/30/11
Sterling, Karen – Special Education Lincoln School	Medical	With pay	05/31/11-06/30/11
Theophilakos, Elizabeth – Spec. Educ. Herbert Hoover Middle School	Maternity Maternity Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay Without pay Without pay	09/01/11-09/07/11 09/08/11-09/16/11 09/19/11-12/12/11
Toto, Lauren – Grade 1 Teacher Woodbrook School	Federal/NJ FMLA Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay Without pay	09/01/11-09/14/11 09/15/11-11/25/11
Van Pelt, Spencer – Custodian Edison High School	Medical – Extension	Without pay	05/03/11-05/30/11

4. <u>Leaves of Absence (continued)</u>			
Wescott, Ann - School Secretary III Franklin D. Roosevelt School	Medical – Extension	With pay	04/19/11-05/27/11
Wright, Jennifer – Kindergarten John Marshall School	Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay	09/12/11-09/23/11
	Federal/NJ FMLA	Without pay	09/26/11-10/21/11
Zapoticzny, Sunn – Grade 1 Teacher Menlo Park School	Federal/NJ FMLA – Revised	Without pay	02/22/11-04/26/11
Ziolkowski, Jennifer – Special Educ. James Madison Intermediate School	Maternity	With pay	09/01/11-09/23/11
	Federal/NJ FMLA	With pay	09/26/11-10/05/11
	Federal/NJ FMLA	Without pay	10/06/11-12/16/11
	Infant Care	Without pay and benefits	12/19/11-12/31/11
5. <u>Change of Status</u>			
<u>Certified Staff</u>			
Byrne, Teresa	English Teacher – JPH (1.0) Salary \$100,256	English Teacher – JPH (1.2) Effective 4/28/11 – 6/30/11 Salary \$110,256 (pro-rated)	
Carrillo, Christian	English Teacher – JPH (1.0) Salary \$99,185	English Teacher – JPH (1.2) Effective 4/28/11 – 6/30/11 Salary \$109,185 (pro-rated)	
Concodora, Joseph	LTS Grade 4 Teacher – MAR Effective 02/07/11-05/13/11	LTS Grade 1 Teacher – MAR Effective 5/16/11-06/30/11 Salary \$40,000 (pro-rated) (Replacing Lia Del Grosso)	
Martinak, Kathryn	English Teacher – JPH (1.0) Salary \$100,736	English Teacher – JPH (1.2) Effective 4/28/11 – 6/30/11 Salary \$110,736 (pro-rated)	
Pham, Tunhi (Linda)	English Teacher – JPH (1.0) Salary \$67,973	English Teacher – JPH (1.2) Effective 4/28/11 – 6/30/11 Salary \$77,973 (pro-rated)	
Rich, Darlene	English Teacher – JPH (1.0) Salary \$98,775	English Teacher – JPH (1.2) Effective 4/28/11 – 6/30/11 Salary \$108,775 (pro-rated)	
Tsaoyo, Kristen	Teacher – TBD Effective 09/01/11-06/30/12	Staff Development Trainer-EC Effective 09/01/11-06/30/12	
Vitvitsky, Bohdanna	English Teacher – JPH (1.0) Salary \$101,685	English Teacher – JPH (1.2) Effective 4/28/11 – 6/30/11 Salary \$111,685 (pro-rated)	
Zederbaum, Michele	LTS English Teacher – HHM Effective 02/14/11-05/20/11	LTS English Teacher – HHM Effective 05/21/11-06/30/11 Salary \$40,000 (pro-rated) (Replacing Ellen Smith)	
<u>Support Staff</u>			
Scarcella, Peter	Custodian – JAMS 11:00 am – 7:30 pm	Custodian – JAMS 6:30 am – 3:00 pm Effective 05/24/11-06/30/11	

6. Longevity

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Present Longevity</u>	<u>New Longevity</u>
Brown, Kenneth	EDH	05/01/11	15	1,471	1,961
Caverly, Lisa	TJM	05/30/11	13	472	944
Floersch, Laura	LNC	05/19/11	14	944	1,415
Hong, Carol	JMI	05/11/11	14	962	1,443
Price, Allyson	MEN	05/24/11	21	4,628	5,091
Stricker, Tracey	LNC	05/27/11	20	3,848	4,810
<u>Speech Language Specialist</u>					
Gilman, Debra	JMI	05/03/11	24	6,372	6,868
<u>Facility Manager</u>					
Kopac, Christopher	JMP	05/22/11	10	1,301	1,927
Difference Total					4,933

7. Salary for Substitute Staff

<u>Effective May 1, 2011 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year</u>	
<u>Substitute School Nurse</u>	<u>Daily Rate</u>
County Certified/State Certified	\$200

8. Rescission of Leave of Absence

Ferry, Elizabeth – Head Counselor  
Thomas Jefferson Middle School

9. 2011 Extended School Year - Effective 07/05/11-08/05/11 (FDR, JMI and JPH)Teachers (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

Adell, Nicole	Giarrusso, Bridget	Moyle, Dana
Angulo, Richard	Grano, Karen	Petraccaro, Marion
Battagliola, Rebecca	Hanson, Jennilyn	Robinson, Christine
Bruno, Amy	Hernandez, Nina	Rosenberg, Kate
Civile, Robert	Keane, Leigh	Simone, Melanie
Cordero, Christina	Kondilas, Jeanne	Sinagra, Michelle
Ellner, Brooke	Macchiaverna, Thomas	Slusark, Elizabeth
Feldman, Dena	Markowitz, Cara	VanPelt, Bernadette
Fendt, Nicole	Mirfield, Brian	
Geracie, Stephanie	Mosko, Diane	

Speech

Cowart, Andrea	Schaad, Lisa	Wandras, Jennifer
Edwards, Shanda	Scharf, Caroline	Zakim, Shelley
Gilman, Debra	Scurry Mouzon, April	

Nurses

Martinez, Carol	O.T.
Mateicka, Marion	Friedman, Carrie
	Lawrence, Heather

9. 2011 Extended School Year - Effective 07/05/11-08/05/11 (FDR, JMI and JPH) (continued)  
Paraprofessionals (\$17.00/hr.)

Ales, Jennifer	Hentley, Karen	Rocker, Kathleen
Allende, Isabel	Jaffe, Theresa	Rodriquez, Kelly
Androvich, Linda	Kelly Russo, Margaret	Ronan, Andrea
Banos, Nancy	Leone, Bridget	Sasway, Judith
Bonk, Amy	Lutz, Mary Lou	Seago, Susan
Bonner, Joseph	Mateicka, Melissa	Serenyi, Lesley
Book, Jonathan	Mirfield, Valerie	Sheldon, Debra
Brucki, Hayley	Mosko, Lee	Ship, Marisa
Cadmus, Cathy	Novembre, Thomas	Ship, Michelle
Cox, Susan	Patel, Shilpa	Shirley, Patricia
Dempsey, Debra	Pearlstein, Allison	Utrecht, Ellen
Elsamna, Susan	Petruzzi, Marissa	Vogel, Ruth
Finley, Deborah	Pradhan, Chandana	Waldron, Karen
Gabriel, Janet	Prego, Doreen	Wales, Lisa
Ganatra, Usha	Quigley, Melinda	Wilken, Sema
Goldstein, Helene	Robbins, Denise	

Teaching Assistants (\$12.75/hr.)

Colletto, Patricia	Stanziale, Ann
Emery, Kathleen	Tortajada, Nancy

LPN (\$17.00/hr.)

Soltys, Barbara

Secretary(\$15.00/hr.)

Pitcher, Barbara

10. 2011 Summer Enrichment and Summer Activities Programs \*  
Effective 06/20/11-07/15/11 (\$25.00/hr – Per ETEA Contract)

Nurse

Lombardi, Laura

\* Contingent upon enrollment

11. 2011 Summer Sports Camps\*

Effective 06/20/11-07/29/11 (\$18.00/hr)

Nurses

Fanik, Roulla

Spath, Diane

\* Contingent upon enrollment

12. Summer Literacy Academy – Washington School

Effective 07/05/11-07/29/11 (\$44.00/hr.)

Nurse

Fischetti, Maureen

13. ESL Summer Testing – NCLB TITLE III

Teachers (\$25.00/hr.)

Hueston, Randi

Paglia-Smoler, Regina

14. Summer School\*

Effective 06/27/11-07/29/11

Supervisor

Sabunas, Tina (\$7,500)

Secretary

Bruno, Diane (\$15.00/hr.)





Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Out-of-District Placement Report. Dr. Heelan made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Bonderowitz. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah, Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

C. Curriculum & Instruction

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the following:

a. 2011 Summer School Additional Programs

I. Secondary Summer School

- A. Schedule: 24 Day Program - June 27-July 29, 2011
- B. Location: John Adams Middle School
- C. Program/Daily Session:
  - a. Geometry for resident students entering grade 10
  - b. 7:50 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – 120 hours for full, school year course
  - c. Tuition basis \$550

II. Summer Academy

- A. Schedule: 19 Day Program – July 5-July 29, 2011
- B. Location:
  - a. Thomas Jefferson Middle School
  - b. Herbert Hoover Middle School
  - c. Lindeneau Elementary School
- C. Program/Daily Session:
  - a. Theme based skills development program for identified general education students
  - b. Title I NCLB funds that expire August 31, 2011 to be used for student program and professional development through Standards Solutions
  - c. Local funding to be used for busing
  - d. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon – Monday through Friday

b. 2011-12 Co-Curricular Programs (Exhibit B)

c. 2011-12 Assessment Program (Exhibit C)

d. 2011-12 Program of Instruction (Exhibit D)

e. 2011-12 School Hours (Exhibit E)

f. Curriculum Update – Grades 6-12 (Exhibit F)

g. Out-of-State Field Trips

School: John P. Stevens High School & Woodrow Wilson Middle School  
 Club/Group: Odyssey of the Mind  
 Event: Odyssey of the Mind World's Final Competition  
 Location: University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland  
 Date of Event: May 27<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
 No. of Advisors: 4\*  
 No. of Students: 28

\*At No Cost to the Board of Education

g. Out-of-State Field Trips (continued)

School: Edison High School  
 Club/Group: SADD  
 Event: SADD National Conference  
 Location: Hyatt Regency O'Hare in Rosemont, Illinois  
 Date of Event: June 26<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
 No. of Advisors: 1\*  
 No. of Students: 3  
 \*At No Cost to the Board of Education

h. Professional Development Approval Documentation – May 2011

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	CONFERENCE	REGISTRATION FEE	HOTEL EXPENSES	OTHER EXPENSES	FUND
Schnitzer, Robyn	JPS	5/24/11	NJTESOL Spring Conference	\$ 184.00	N/A	N/A	Title III
DeLuca Margaret	Ed Center	5/23/11-5/24/11	NJASA/NJSBA Annual Spring Conference	\$ 349.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Reusch, Heather	JPS	7/11/11-7/15/11	Summer Institute for AP Teachers	\$1,025.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Karem, Lynn	EHS	7/11/11-7/15/11	Summer Institute for AP Teachers	\$1,025.00	N/A	NA	Professional Development

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Curriculum and Instruction Report. Mrs. Ward made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Iyer. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah, Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

D. Administration

1. Removal From Rolls

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve removing the following student from the rolls of the Public Schools of Edison:

<u>Student Number</u>	<u>Reason for Removal</u>
0115291	Withdrew from VoTech-Never attended HS
2009373	Failure to prove residency
2009374	Failure to prove residency
2016184	Failure to prove residency
2021181	Failure to prove residency
2033115	58 Absences

2. Chief School Physician

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approves the appointment of Dr. Robin Winter, JFK Medical Group, 65 James Street, Edison, NJ 08820, as the chief school physician, at an amount not to exceed \$12,000 annually, for the 2011-2012 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.

3. Grant Writer – Robert J. Miller & Associates, Inc.

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approves the appointment of Robert J. Miller & Associates, Inc., 124 Delaware Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150 as a grant writer, at an amount not to exceed \$39,600/plus travel, annually, for the 2011-2012 school year.

4. Grant Writer – MKM Strategies, LLC

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education approves the appointment of MKM Strategies, LLC, 710 Kingsley Road SW, Vienna, VA 22180 as a grant writer, at the fee schedule identified in their May 11, 2011 proposal: up to \$75,000 - \$1,600; from \$75,000 to \$200,000 - \$2,400; from 200,000 to \$400,000 - \$3,200; over \$400,000 - \$4,000 and up; plus mileage - \$217, for the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Administration Report. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Iyer. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah, Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

E. Finance

1. Submission of COPS Grant, FY '12

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the Interlocal Services Agreement with the Edison Township Police Department and the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Secure Our Schools Grant, Fiscal Year 2012, in the amount of \$50,000.

2. Cooperative Purchase -- Copy/Duplicator Paper

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the cooperative purchase of copy/ duplicator paper through the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education, Fiscal Year 2012, at the unit prices as established through the cooperative bid.

3. Health Insurance Consultant

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the appointment of G.R. Murray, O'Gorman & Young Inc., 707 State Road, PO Box 83, Princeton, NJ 08542 as the health insurance consultant for the 2011-2012 school year, at the annual contract amount of \$50,000; 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.

4. State Contract Vendors

WHEREAS, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that, "A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education has the need to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent for the 2010-2011 school year to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property utilizing various vendors as per the list annexed hereto.

5. Cost of Meals Provided in Annual Tuition Rate for Coastal Learning Center Inc.

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-4.5(a)(20), the Edison Board of Education hereby authorizes Coastal Learning Center Inc., 38 Arnold Boulevard, Howell, NJ 07731 to include the cost of meals provided within the annual tuition rate charged to students for the 2011-2012 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that it is understood by the Edison Board of Education that all meals provided by Coastal Learning Center Inc. will meet the nutritional requirement of the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

6. 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:

Location	Item
ML King ES	1 Computer Tower
	1 Keyboard
	1 Laser Printer
	1 Television
J Marshall ES	2 Dell Monitors
	2 Dell CPU Towers
T Jefferson MS	1 HP Printer
	12 Dell CPUs
W Wilson MS	10 Dell Monitors
	1 Overhead Projector
Education Center	1 DVD Player
	2 Video Cameras
	1 M-Peg Encoding Machine
	1 Edit Machine
	1 Mini DV/VHS Player
	1 Time Base Corrector
	3 VHS Player/Recorders
	3 Audio Mixers
	1 Dual Videotape Recorder/Player
	1 Compact Disc/Cassette Player/ Recorder
	1 Sony 300 CD Player
	1 Wireless Microphone System
	1 Color Printer
	2 VHS Video Cameras & Cases
	1 Wireless Amplifier System
	1 Color Monitor
	1 Digital Video Recorder
2 Monitors	
2 Televisions	
1 RCA VHS Player	

7. Bill List

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Edison Board of Education confirms the payment of bills on the bill list dated April 30, 2011 payable by Cycle Checks No. 93816 through No. 94230 inclusive, totaling \$20,442,591.70 from the Board of Education General Account in TD Bank.

8. Transportation Report – May 2011

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the Transportation Report for May 2011 as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/ Aide</u>
<u>Middlesex County Jointures - Homeless</u>				
EHPL	MRESC	Edison HS	04/26/11-06/15/11	79.50
LNH	MRESC	Lincoln ES	04/29/11-06/15/11	60.00
<u>Quotes – 2010-2011 Extended School Year</u>				
ACA	Dapper	Academy Learning Center	07/05/11-08/12/11	158.70 Aide – 44.56
BBS	Dapper	Bright Beginnings – South	07/05/11-08/12/11	112.40 Aide – 39.60
BBN	Dapper	Bright Beginnings – North	07/05/11-08/12/11	119.40 Aide – 39.60
CLL	Dapper	Center for Lifelong Learning	07/05/11-08/12/11	179.00 2 Aides – 99.00
CCM	Dapper	Childrens Center of Monmouth	07/05/11-08/26/11	194.00 Aide – 49.50
DLCW	Dapper	Developmental Learning Center-Warren	06/29/11-08/10/11	149.70 Aide – 89.12
DUG/DUGO	Kensington	Douglas Developmental Center	06/27/11-08/12/11	188.00 Aide – 52.00
CHA	Dapper	First Children of Fanwood	07/05/11-08/20/11	124.40 Aide – 39.60
JARC	Dapper	Jardine Academy of Cranford	07/06/11-08/16/11	120.40 Aide – 39.60
LKC	Dapper	Lakedrive School	07/05/11-07/29/11	198.70 Aide – 44.56
LCPN	Dapper	Lakeview School CP Center	07/05/11-08/15/11	120.40 Aide – 39.60
LCPS	Dapper	Lakeview School CP Center	07/05/11-08/15/11	115.40 Aide – 39.60
LCWC	Dapper	Lakeview School CP Center	07/15/11-08/15/11	114.40 Aide – 39.60
LKM	Dapper	Lakeview School CP Center	07/05/11-08/15/11	104.40 Aide – 39.60
BEA	Dapper	Lambertsmille Academy	07/05/11-08/05/11	119.40 Aide – 39.60
MIDS	Dapper	Midland School	07/05/11-08/12/11	183.00 Aide – 49.50
NEWP	Dapper	Newmark – Plainfield	07/05/11-07/29/11	109.40 Aide – 39.60
HRLS	Dapper	New Road Lower	07/01/11-08/12/11	187.30 Aide – 54.46
HRUP	Dapper	New Road Upper	07/01/11-08/12/11	153.70 Aide – 44.56
NVA	Oak Tree	NuView	07/05/11-08/19/11	167.60 Aide – 40.00
PRDN	Dapper	Piscataway Regional Day	06/27/11-08/05/11	158.00 Aide – 49.50

8. Transportation Report – May 2011 (continued)

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/ Aide</u>
<u>Quotes – 2010-2011 Extended School Year</u>				
RBA	Kensington	Rock Brook School	07/05/11-08/15/11	181.00 Aide – 55.00
RVA	Dapper	Raritan Valley Academy	07/05/11-08/12/11	119.40 Aide – 39.60
SAS2	Dapper	Somerset Academy	07/05/11-08/12/11	158.70 Aide – 44.56
SSH	Dapper	Somerset Hills	07/01/11-08/12/11	129.40 Aide – 39.60
SJA	Dapper	St. Josephs Blind School	07/01-11-08/12/11	154.70 Aide – 44.56
UMA2	Dapper	UMDNJ	07/05/11-08/19/11	134.40 Aide – 39.60

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Finance Report. Mrs. Anes made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah, Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward,  
Mr. Romano, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Maeroff

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

## X. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Meetings - Caucus Meeting  
Wednesday, June 8, 2011  
7:00 PM – Education Center (Caucus Room)

Regular Action Meeting  
Monday, June 13, 2011  
7:00 PM – Edison High School (Auditorium)

Mr. Maeroff reported that he submitted a letter to the Acting Commissioner of Education objecting to the Tikum Olam Hebrew Language Charter School.

## XI. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Food Service

Mrs. Ward reported that the Food Service Committee met on May 18, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in the Education Center.

In attendance were: Theresa E. Ward, Daniel P. Michaud, Michele Carroll, Elizabeth Jemmotte, Fred Carmello, Faye Mangafas, Chuck Rutan, Suzanne Ciacciarelli, Pilar Castillo, Cindy Meisner, Lauren Ash, Annie Costello and Charisse Guterrez

## Items Discussed:

- After everyone introduced themselves to the Committee, Michele Carroll reviewed the food service operations during the 2010-11 school year.
- Student participation has increased in the middle schools and high schools over last year. Elementary school participation has not increased simply due to the loss of full day kindergarten.

1. Food Service (continued)

Items Discussed:

- The issues that were brought up by the school representatives were the elementary students requested more salad options and the fifth graders were concerned that the portions of chicken nuggets were not big enough.
- Next year, the National School Lunch Program is requiring that all flavored milk be prepared with skim milk and white milk must be 1% low fat milk. Also required will be that all students must have access to water during lunch.
- Schools have been participating in the Youth Advisory Committees of which a Chartwells representative attends in order to address any concerns.
- The Edison Board of Education has approved a reduction of the school lunch prices by \$.25 at all levels.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35 PM  
By: Daniel P. Michaud, BA/BS

2. Special Education Advisory Council

Mr. Michaud reported that the Special Education Advisory Council met at the Education Center on May 11, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

In attendance were Christopher Conklin, Linda Gelfand, Catherine Swayze and Joann Riley. Guest speakers were Rebecca Dean and Tejal Parikh, Pediatric Occupational Therapy Specialists from Tiny Tots Therapy, Inc..

Their presentation was entitled "Sensory Processing...So What?".

- Definition of sensory processing – "forms the underlying foundation for academic learning and social behavior."
- Discussion of "What is a Sensory Diet?" The therapists defined the sensory diet and provided an example.
- Sensory Processing resources and exercise. Parents were given suggestions/recommendations to assist with sensory needs. Hand-outs were given to the audience.

After the speakers completed their presentation, an opportunity was provided for a question and answer period.

3. MCSBA

Mrs. Ward reported that the Middlesex County School Board Association spring meeting was held on May 2, 2011 at Metuchen High School. Barbara Horl, Lobbyist, NJSBA presented a legislative update.

As of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the following was on the Governor's desk awaiting signature:

- A2920 – directs the Department of Education to develop a school district dating violence policy and requires school districts to provide dating violence education in the health curriculum.
- A444 – disqualifies members of boards of education and charter school boards of trustees for conviction of certain crimes and requires all members to undergo a criminal history background investigation within 30 days of the effective date of the bill. School districts may pay for the CHBCs.
- NJSBA expects movement on both pension reform and health benefits reform bills. Pension liability is now \$54 billion and unfunded liability for health benefits is \$66.8 billion.
- Proposals are A3796 and S2705 (R) and S2696 (D).
- Governor Christie's proposals include more cost sharing (30% goal by 2014); eliminate NJ Direct 10, give employees a wide variety of plans from which they choose according to need and desire to pay.
- Senator Sweeney's plan would allow for a sliding scale in payments depending on salary (2% to 30%), 5 plans to choose from and phase-in would be 4 to 7 years depending on coverage.
- Both plans address age at retirement and years of service required for retirement, repealing the 9% increase granted in 2001; increase to 5 highest paying years for calculating benefits, no COLAs.



3. MCSBA/NJSBA (continued)

- Fiscal Year 2012 Budget: Education got a \$249.3 million boost; Budget is \$29.4 billion - 2.6% less than last year – across the board 1% increase in aid; embodies the governor's reform agenda of tackling out of control pension and benefits, providing tax relief and reducing government spending. Funding on a real pupil count; First in 10 years.
- Preschool monies remain flat; however, some of the 1% increase can be used for preschool if the district wishes.
- The School Funding Case – ABBOTT XXI – The court has no timetable to render its decision; however, most likely, it will be timely because of its impact on the 2011-12 state budget.
- The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act – Michael Kaelber discussed what is new in the 2011 legislation since the legislation of 2002 and 2007.
- The focus appeared to be in the wording that is not clearly defined or easily understood. For example, target groups, in addition to race, color, religion, etc., now include "any other characteristic." "Harassment, intimidation or bullying is reasonably perceived to be motivated by any actual or perceived characteristic."
- Boards of Education are responsible for incidents off school grounds when a school employee is made aware, if there is reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm, if the incident creates a hostile educational environment, if the effect is insulting or demeaning, if a school employee or contracted service provider receives reliable information, etc.
- Methods of reporting (written, oral) and time lines (same day, one day, two days, ASAP) are nebulous. The board shall adopt a policy through a process which includes representation of parents/guardians, school employees, volunteers, students, administrators and community representatives. There is a new guy in town...the school anti-bullying specialist, who will report to the district anti-bullying coordinator. There is also no mention of parental responsibility, home computers, personal electronic devices, training, extent of board liability or a parent can't sue in case of credibility of "reliable information."
- The law does not address causes of bullying and the consensus is that the law opens school boards to an interminable amount of costly litigation.

4. NJSBA

Mrs. Ward reported that the New Jersey School Board Association Delegate Assembly met on May 14, 2011 at Sayreville High School.

Most of the conference dealt with adminis-trivia. Some discussions and recommendation of the delegates are as follows:

- Delegates voted to support requiring voter approval for the establishment of new charter schools. One point that was brought out, in addition to the usual discussion, was the fact that, if a charter school fails and the students are returned to the district schools mid-year, this creates disruption in the education process and there is a point beyond which funds are not returned to the district.
- Delegates approved resolution seeking a change in law that would allow school boards to recoup the statutorily required salary paid to employees who are brought up on tenure charges in those cases that result in the staff members being removed from his/her position. It was agreed that it is easier to pay salary after the decision is made than to recoup salary from an unemployed former employee.
- NJSBA advocates elimination of the current lifetime tenure system in favor of a renewable tenure process such as a 5-year contract with student classroom performance as part of the mix. Local boards must play a pivotal role in these discussions because there is no model that is one size fits all.
- Health and pension benefits discussed did not change from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> County Meeting.
- Notes from the meeting indicate that the US DOE should "clarify and reconsider portions of its recent guidance to schools on bullying and harassment because there may be unintended consequences...difficult and costly...to implement." This was similar to the opinions and concerns expressed at the May 2<sup>nd</sup> county meeting.

4. NJSBA/NJPTA Legislative Event

Mrs. Ward reported that the New Jersey School Board Association and NJPTA Legislative Event met on May 16, 2011 at Sayreville High School.

Presentations:

- Facing Our Future – Robert DeTufo & Ray Caprio – New Jersey faces a critical structural problem. Current services cannot be funded by the existing revenue system, service delivery gaps exist on all 4 levels of state government, compounded by the fact that the date for school budgets preceded that of the state. New Jersey stands in 48<sup>th</sup> to 49<sup>th</sup> position in federal tax distribution.
- How to Reach Your Legislator – Beth Schroeder (for Senator Whelan) – Discussion focused on ways to communicate, tips for holding an effective meeting with a legislator, the pivotal role of a staff-person, and resources for obtaining information about legislation. The website, roster of members with contact information and how to look up bills and their status was provided.
- Grassroots advocacy Group – Save our Schools – Julia Sass – speaker claimed to be a nonpartisan. Group opposes vouchers, proponents of charter schools. Speaker said Rutgers has a division that assists in forming charter schools. This was the most contentious speaker, as one board/PTA member claimed some members of the division have very questionable agendas.
- Lt. Governor and Secretary of State – Kim Guadagno – Spoke of pension reform and election changes. She said the governor is in favor of moving school election dates to coincide with November elections and with caps. This may eliminate the vote on the budget. There would be a savings in not holding April elections.
- Senator Greenstein – 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District – Senator Greenstein recognized the difficulty in Boards of Education planning because the state and school budgets are not in sync and assured the group that there will be a state budget by June 30<sup>th</sup>. She spoke about costs to districts of special education and unfunded mandates in general and would like to spearhead state-wide costs payments in these areas.

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Dr. Heelan discussed unfunded mandates and questioned bullying costs. He mentioned that Montclair has anti-bullying courses.

Mrs. Ward reported that Al Puorro, former principal of Lindeneau Elementary School is deceased.

Mr. Romano stated that the Edison Board of Education already has a bullying policy and felt amendments must be added to the policy.

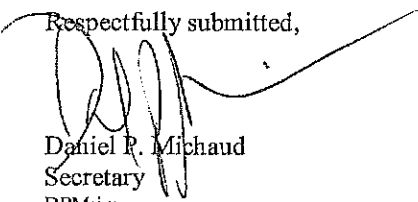
XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Brunner, resident, questioned whether the district's roofing specifications required, the completion dates of the projects and retainage. He asked where are the rooms for the new 2011-2012 staff coming from. Dr. O'Malley informed him that art and music are moved to classrooms on a cart.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn this May 23, 2011 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 9:47 P.M. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel R. Michaud  
Secretary  
DPM:jmc