

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The November 5, 2012 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Gene I. Maeroff, at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson 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, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz, Dr. Frank Heelan and Mrs. Margot Harris. Ms. Sapana Shah and Mrs. Lora L. Fong arrived at 7:14 P.M.

Also in attendance were Richard O'Malley, Ed.D., Superintendent, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and 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 November 1, 2012.

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

IV. SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. O'Malley thanked Ms. Gail Pawlikowski, Principal of John P. Stevens High School and Ms. Joan Valentine, Principal of John Adams Middle School, for manning comfort stations in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. He also thanked Richard Benedict for keeping the Board of Education website up-to-date and the grounds and maintenance employees for their help after the storm.

Dr. O'Malley discussed the power issues that occurred after Hurricane Sandy and reported on minor damages to the schools. He stated that many means of communication were used to reach parents and staff, including word of mouth.

Dr. O'Malley reported that with the opening of school on November 5, 2012 only 7% of the students were absent (the normal percentage is 3%).

Mrs. Fong commended Dr. O'Malley for his leadership.

Mrs. Harris also commended Dr. O'Malley for his leadership and constant communication with the Board.

Mrs. Anes commended Dr. O'Malley for his leadership.

Mrs. Iyer stated that she visited the John P. Stevens High School and John Adams Middle School comfort stations, reporting that they were well run and organized.

Mr. Maeroff stated that the Board appreciates all Dr. O'Malley's efforts during this storm.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna O’Gorman, resident, felt that the district did a great job. Her daughter will have an excused absence for November 8th and 9th, and she asked if it could be extended to November 13th.

VI. ADMINISTRATION

Dr. O’Malley discussed the changes to the 2012-2013 calendar.

Ms. Shah was concerned with Diwali, held on November 13, 2012.

Mrs. Anes was concerned with November 13, stating that college visitations occur on November 10 and 11 and it is the last weekend to do it.

Mrs. Fong questioned excused vs. unexcused absences.

Dr. O’Malley advised the principals to use some discretion with the excused absences.

Resolution – Revised 2012-2013 School Calendar

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the revision of the 2012-2013 school calendar, changing November 8 and 9, 2012 and February 18, 2013 to full days of school for all staff and students and any additional emergency days needed for inclement weather will be March 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2013.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the resolution revising the 2012-2013 school calendar. Mrs. Fong made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeffrey Bowden, ETEA President, suggested that in the future all graduations should be held on the school fields, since the “fixed” day of graduation paralyzed the district with the recent storm when trying to make up school days.

Mr. Bowden also thanked Dr. O’Malley for keeping lines open with the ETEA during last week’s storm and for opening up some of the schools for the community. He also thanked the Board for acting on the calendar and allowing the staff to take vacations that were planned before the storm.

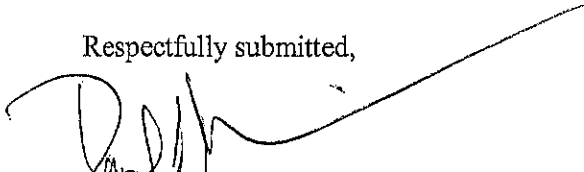
Matt Hrevnak, ETEA 2ND Vice President, commended the professionalism of the Board of Education staff after the recent storm, when schools were opened up for the community.

Bonita Calloway, school nurse & Edison resident, stated that she worked with the senior citizens and felt that comfort stations at several schools helped significantly.

 VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn this November 5, 2012 special public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 8:16 P.M. Mrs. Fong made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Bonderowitz and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,


Daniel F. Michaud
Secretary
DPM:jmc

**PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF EDISON TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL CALENDAR - 2012-13
181 INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS**



GRADUATION DATE
Class of 2013:
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2013

SEPTEMBER 2012							15 DAYS
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
						1	
2	★	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	★	★	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	★	27	28	29	
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OCTOBER 2012							20 DAYS
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
28	EC	EC	EC				

NOVEMBER 2012							17 DAYS
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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11	12	★	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21+	★	★	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2012							15 DAYS
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
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23	★	★	★	★	★	29	
30	★						

JANUARY 2013							21 DAYS
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
20	★	22	23	24	25	26	
27	28	29	30	31			

MARKING PERIOD	END DATES	REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION
MP 1	Nov. 16	Nov. 30
MP 2	FEB. 1	FEB. 14
MP 3	APRIL 12	APRIL 25
MP 4	JUNE 19	JUNE 19 (ELEMENTARY) JUNE 21 (MAILED - GRADES 6-12)

KEY	
EC	EMERGENCY CLOSING
★	SCHOOL CLOSED
+	EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS
□	END OF MARKING PERIOD

FEBRUARY 2013							20 DAYS
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28			

MARCH 2013							16 DAYS
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APRIL 2013							22 DAYS
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MAY 2013							22 DAYS
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
26	★	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2013							13 DAYS
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
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- SEPTEMBER**
- Mon., SEPT. 3 Labor Day
 - Tues., SEPT. 4 Teacher Orientation
 - Wed., SEPT. 5 SCHOOLS OPEN (PS - 12)
 - Mon., SEPT. 17 - Fall Recess
 - Tues., SEPT. 18
 - Wed., SEPT. 26 Fall Recess

- NOVEMBER**
- Thurs., NOV. 8 - School open for staff and students
 - Fri., NOV. 9 School open for staff and students
 - Tues., NOV. 13 Professional Development Day (Staff Only - No Students)
 - Thurs., NOV. 22 - Thanksgiving
 - Fri., NOV. 23 Recess

- DECEMBER**
- Mon., DEC. 24 - Winter Recess
 - Mon., DEC. 31

- JANUARY**
- Tue., JAN. 1 Winter Recess
 - Mon., JAN. 21 Martin Luther King's Birthday

- MARCH**
- Mon., MARCH 25 - Spring
 - Fri., MARCH 29 Recess

- APRIL**
- Tues., APRIL 16 Annual School Elections

- MAY**
- Mon., MAY 27 Memorial Day

- JUNE**
- Wed., JUNE 19 Last Day of School

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

PS-5 Schools will be on single-session days for conferences.

Preschool and Elementary Schools
November 20th, 27th and 29th
February 12th, 14th and 19th

Middle Schools
November 29th, December 13th, February 7th

High Schools
December 5th

There is one emergency day built into the calendar, which, if taken, will not be necessary to make up in order to meet the 180-day student year. If additional emergency closing days are needed to be made up, they shall be taken in the following order:
3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 3/28