

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The December 16, 2013 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 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, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Ms. Sapana Shah, Dr. Frank Heelan, Mrs. Lora L. Fong and Mrs. Margot Harris. Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz was absent.

Also in attendance were Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, Superintendent, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, 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 October 2, 2013.

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

IV. RECOGNITION – GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD

Ms. Jannette Ball and Ms. Dawn Netzel introduced Pearl Submaranian, a student at John P. Stevens High School who volunteered at the FDR building two times per week from October through June. Upon gaining approval from Ms. Netzel, Pearl worked for one hour during each visit to introduce simple scientific concepts to our students. Pearl planned science experiments that coordinated with the weekly themes in Ms. Geraci's class. Pearl believes that the foundation for science starts in elementary school and continues throughout a child's education. Science education is extremely important not only to understand the world around us, but also to improve our education and our individual future. This was the impetus to integrate the students of FDR as part of her "Take Action Project." By providing our students with a strong foundation to scientific concepts and cultivating their interest, her hope was to increase their knowledge in science and engender a passion for it. She prepared lesson plans with appropriate objectives and purchased materials that were needed for the experiments. Pearl was wonderful with the children! Our students genuinely looked forward to her visits. Through her enthusiasm and preparedness, Pearl inspired many of the students to attempt their own experiments at home. One student created a volcano with vinegar and baking soda at home and used it for his show and tell! Pearl prepared a book of all of her preschool science experiments that she completed with our students.

Currently, Pearl is an honors student, having completed Biology Honors at JPS and Chemistry Honors. She has also applied to the Columbia University Science Honors Program, participated in the Rutgers TARGET: Women in Engineering program, and the Johns Hopkins Genetic Research Conference while in 8th Grade. This past summer, Pearl also worked with special education students at the You and Me School at JFK Hospital's Pediatric Rehabilitation Center.

When asked to comment regarding her experience at our school, Pearl stated, "I had a wonderful time and truly enjoyed working with the children and noting their reactions. I was happy to have inspired the children and have encouraged their interests in science." Ms. Geraci shared, "It was truly a pleasure to mentor a young woman who demonstrated such a passion for science and was so committed to achieving her goal!" It is clear that the experience was positive for all involved. The staff at FDR wishes much success for Pearl in all future endeavors and we thank her for inspiring our young learners to have a love of science and inquiry.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

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 November 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meetings.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meetings. Mrs. Harris made the motion, seconded by Ms. Shah. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Fong, Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah,  
Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Iyer  
(Except Abstained on 11/20/13 Minutes Only), Mr. Maeroff

ABSTAINED: Mrs. Iyer – November 20, 2013 Minutes Only

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VI. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORTS (Exhibit A)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of October 31, 2013 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 N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(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 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Reports as of October 31, 2013. Mrs. Fong made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Harris. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS)

Eileen Catalano, Resident, questioned the amounts of the settlement agreements.

Mr. Singh asked about the new Curriculum Courses.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS – ACTION ITEMSA. PERSONNEL – LABOR RELATIONS

BE IT

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

1. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Deevey, Michael – Social Studies Teacher John Adams Middle School	Effective: 08/08/13 Reason: Personal
Fry, Donna – Lunch Aide Woodbrook School	Effective: 11/26/13 Reason: Personal
McSorley, William – Chief Information & Technology Officer Education Center	Effective: 01/03/14 Reason: Personal
Sabunas, Tina – Supervisor – Math Edison High School	Effective: 12/31/13 Reason: Personal

2. APPOINTMENTS

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Giunta, Melissa Effective 09/01/13-06/30/14	\$40,000 Rowan University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher Martin Luther King (for D. Ziolkowski)
Mastroianni, Christina Effective 11/20/13-04/10/14	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Rider University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher Washington School (for T.Buehler)
Nunziata, Melanie Effective 01/02/14-06/30/14	MA, Step 1 \$56,285 (pro-rated) Montclair State University	Retirement	Guidance Counselor Martin Luther King School
Sampson, Nicole Effective TBD-06/30/14	BA, Step 2 \$50,500 (pro-rated) Rowan University	Transfer	Grade 1 Teacher James Madison Primary

<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Andrew, Jaclyn Effective 12/16/13-06/30/14	Step 1 \$17,650 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Paraprofessional James Madison Primary
Mehta, Neera Effective 12/16/13-06/30/14	\$4,193 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide Menlo Park School
Mistry, Param Effective 01/02/14-06/30/14	\$35,000 (pro-rated)	New Position	Computer Technician Education Center
Ruck, Linda Effective 01/06/14-06/30/14	\$4,193 (pro-rated)	Non-Renewal	Lunch Aide Lincoln School
Shimko, Stacy Effective TBD-06/30/14	\$4,193 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Monroe School
Smith, John Effective TBD-06/30/14	\$35,916 (pro-rated)	Deceased	Security Guard District
Torres, Sebastian Effective 12/10/13-06/30/14	Step 1, BA \$18,650 (pro-rated)	New Position	Paraprofessional John Adams M.S.

3. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Barasch, Michele – Speech Teacher Woodbrook School	Medical-Extension	With Pay	12/02/13-01/01/14
Baxter, Ellen – Social Worker Education Center	Medical	With Pay	01/16/14-02/06/14
Both, Elissa – Social Worker/ABA Coordinator Education Center	Medical-Extension	With Pay	11/21/13-12/16/13
Brennessel, Sarah – Social Worker Education Center	Medical Maternity Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	03/10/14-03/11/14 03/12/14-04/22/14 04/23/14-06/30/14
Burghauer, Helene - Grade 5 Teacher Menlo Park School	Medical	With Pay	12/02/13-02/02/14
Coppola, Danielle – Mathematics Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical-Revised Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits Without Pay & Benefits	11/01/13-12/13/13 12/14/13-02/02/14

Cunningham, Joseph – Music Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	11/11/13-12/04/13
Drews, Kristen – Grade 5 Teacher James Monroe School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised Fed/FMLA- Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	10/07/13-10/16/13 10/17/13-11/11/13 (.5) 11/11/13(.5)-12/11/13 12/12/13-03/05/14
Fedowitz, Elizabeth – Spanish Teacher Edison High School	Medical Maternity Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	03/05/14-03/06/14 03/07/14-04/17/14 04/18/14-06/30/14
Jasionowski, AnneMarie – Grade 5 Teacher John Marshall School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised Fed/NJ FMLA Child Care	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	10/23/13-11/16/13 11/17/13-12/31/13 01/01/14-03/26/14 03/27/14-06/30/14
King, Marguerite – Grade 5 Teacher Menlo Park School	Medical-Extension	With Pay	01/01/14-04/09/14 (.5)
Korey, Diane – French Teacher John Adams Middle School	Medical-Extension	With Pay	12/02/13-01/01/14
Mahabir, Baninder – Principal James Madison Primary School	Medical Maternity Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	12/16/13-12/20/13 12/23/13-02/02/14 02/03/14-04/27/14
Markano, Robert – Custodian FDR Building	Medical	With Pay	12/09/13-01/15/14
Reilly, Kevin – District Courier Education Center	Medical-Revised	With Pay	10/25/13-01/01/14
Shaw, Cathy – Special Education Teacher James Madison Intermediate School	Child Care – Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	02/03/14-06/30/14
Tymon, Patricia – Executive Secretary/Curriculum & Instruction Education Center	Maternity Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	01/13/14-02/23/14 02/24/14-04/06/14
Van Pell, Melanie – Special Education Teacher Edison High School	Maternity	With Pay	03/21/14-05/01/14
Wolenter, Jamie – Art Teacher James Madison Primary School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	11/25/13-11/28/13 11/29/13-01/09/14 01/10/14-04/03/14

4. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Callan, Chelsea	Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher John Marshall School Effective 09/01/13-12/20/13 (for J. Oshiro)		Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher John Marshall School (for J. Oshiro) and Long Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher John Marshall School (for J. B. Soto) Effective 09/01/13-04/06/14
Flamos, Caroline	Grade 1 Teacher James Madison Primary Effective 09/01/13-06/30/14	New Position	Literacy Interventionist Lindeneau School Effective 01/02/14-06/30/14
Karamanos, Xanthy	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher James Monroe School Salary \$40,000 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/13-04/04/14 (for C. Said)	Transfer	Special Education Teacher Benjamin Franklin School BA, Step 2 Salary \$50,500 (pro-rated) Effective TBD-06/30/14
Martin, Jacqueline	Mathematics Teacher John Adams Middle School Effective 09/01/13-06/30/14	Resignation	Mathematics Teacher Edison High School Effective 01/01/14-06/30/14
Mosley-Aviles, Maritza	Grade 1 Teacher Lincoln School Effective 09/01/13-06/30/14	Transfer	Curriculum Resource Teacher Lindeneau School Effective 01/02/14-06/30/14
Negi, Tenzin	Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher Woodbrook School Effective 10/31/13-06/30/14		Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher Woodbrook School Effective 10/31/13-02/26/14
Ryan, Kelly	Long Term Substitute Mathematics Teacher Herbert Hoover M.S. Effective 09/11/13-03/07/14		Long Term Substitute Mathematics Teacher Herbert Hoover M.S. Effective 09/10/13-03/07/14
Sabunas, Tina	Supervisor – Math Edison High School Salary \$117,780 Effective 07/01/13-06/30/14 (voluntary resignation)	Transfer	Mathematics Teacher John Adams Middle School Salary \$101,180 (pro-rated) Effective 01/01/14-06/30/14

Tyska, Madeline	Long Term Substitute Visual Arts Teacher James Madison Primary (for J. Wolenter) Effective 11/25/13-03/28/14	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Visual Arts Teacher James Madison Primary (for J. Wolenter) Effective 11/25/13-04/04/14
<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Eichert, Matthew	Computer Technician Education Center Salary \$36,771(pro-rated) Effective 07/01/13-06/30/14	Resignation	Network Engineer Education Center Salary \$55,000 (pro-rated) Effective 12/17/13-06/30/14
Hom, Michael	Accountant Education Center Effective TBD-06/30/14		Accountant Education Center Effective 12/12/13-06/30/14
Nappe, Barbara	School Secretary IIIB Thomas Jefferson M.S. Salary \$46,850 Effective 09/01/13-06/30/14		School Secretary III Thomas Jefferson M.S. Salary \$51,290 (pro-rated) Effective 01/02/14-06/30/14
Sadibasic, Kimeta	Custodian Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective TBD-06/30/14		Custodian Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective 12/10/13-06/30/14
Scarcella, Peter	Custodian J.P. Stevens High School (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) Effective 07/01/13-06/30/14	Retirement	Custodian Menlo Park Elementary (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) Effective 11/25/13-06/30/14

5. TENURE STIPEND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Cobos, Michelle	JAM	01/04/14	\$55,605.00	\$55,855.00
Harrison, Katherine	WWM	01/04/14	\$63,191.00	\$63,441.00

6. SUBSTITUTE STAFF – AS NEEDED FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

Teachers – State Certified \$90.00/day – County Certified \$80.00/day

DeRose, Antonella	Durina, Erika	Florek, Brian
Macy, Alyssa	McDonald, Sherryann	Nguyen, Julie
Pianucci, Alison	Pontoriero, Cristina	Vroome, Christopher

Custodian \$10.50/hr  
Brady III, Kenneth

Lunch Aides \$11.58/hr  
Patel, Parul

7. LONGEVITY

<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Accatatta, Kathleen	EDH	01/16/14	21	\$101,173.00	\$101,645.00
Amaral, Lori	LNC	01/25/14	14	\$97,399.00	\$97,870.00
Arcuri, Flora	JPH	01/25/14	21	\$103,604.00	\$104,085.00
Bell, Barbara	JMP	01/11/14	24	\$98,749.00	\$99,203.00
Bell, Cheryl	MON	01/11/14	16	\$98,342.00	\$98,814.00
Biondi, Brian	TJM	01/01/14	18	\$104,000.00	\$104,495.00
Chaballa, Stephen	JAM	01/01/14	18	\$95,573.00	\$96,026.00
Downey, Michele	EDH	01/26/14	17	\$95,619.00	\$96,073.00
Fingerman, Annmarie	JAM	01/07/14	15	\$87,478.00	\$87,950.00
French, Laura	ELC	01/22/14	21	\$102,173.00	\$102,645.00
Greer, John	JPH	01/01/14	17	\$96,966.00	\$97,429.00
Kacani, Susan	JPH	01/12/14	14	\$93,758.00	\$94,211.00
Kantar, Natalie	JMI	01/29/14	16	\$95,165.00	\$95,619.00
Martinez, Jill	HHM	01/03/14	20	\$95,119.00	\$95,573.00
Mc Elwain, Carolyn	EHS	01/29/14	21	\$95,573.00	\$96,026.00
Nagrosst, Janine	JAM	01/05/14	15	\$94,211.00	\$94,665.00
Packard, Lynn	JMI	01/04/14	15	\$94,711.00	\$95,165.00
Pagano, Christopher	EDH	01/26/14	17	\$95,578.00	\$96,040.00
Pederson, Christian	LNC	01/01/14	16	\$100,218.00	\$100,699.00
Plesnarski, Eileen	JPH	01/04/14	15	\$104,211.00	\$104,665.00
Plodzien, Kim	BEN	01/20/14	19	\$104,063.00	\$104,553.00
Shaw, Cathy	JMI	01/13/14	14	\$101,612.00	\$102,103.00
Tapia, Melissa	EDH	01/10/14	18	\$96,073.00	\$96,526.00
Tchorz, Lisa	HHM	01/03/14	16	\$98,842.00	\$99,314.00
Thorp, Sonia	HHM	01/08/14	17	\$101,699.00	\$102,180.00
Vilensky, Deborah	MLK	01/26/14	18	\$95,573.00	\$96,026.00
Yasco, Christy	WWM	01/13/14	15	\$95,211.00	\$95,665.00
Yee, Sherry	JPH	01/01/14	17	\$103,083.00	\$103,573.00
Zapoticzny, Ronald	LNC	01/15/14	15	\$97,040.00	\$97,503.00
Zirin, Marla	TJM	01/18/14	17	\$95,119.00	\$95,573.00
DIFFERENCE TOTAL					\$13,979.00



<u>GUIDANCE/CST</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Baxter, Ellen	EC	01/01/14	18	\$104,238.00	\$104,733.00
Danik, Lai	JAM	01/06/14	24	\$117,129.00	\$117,668.00
Goldman, Sara	WAS	01/16/14	23	\$111,802.00	\$112,317.00
Masi, Joanne	HHM	01/18/14	22	\$113,888.00	\$114,402.00
O'Connor, Mary Jane	JPH	01/04/14	15	\$106,671.00	\$107,185.00
Petrucelli, Steven	JPH	01/27/14	17	\$103,742.00	\$104,238.00
DIFFERENCE TOTAL					\$3,073.00

8. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTIFIED STAFF BASED UPON COMPLETION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CREDITS - EFFECTIVE 09/01/13

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
D'Aronzo, Felicia	MEN	Teacher – Elementary	\$99,758.00	\$100,258.00
Drude, Kristi	LIN	Teacher – Elementary	\$60,355.00	\$60,855.00

9. 2013-2014 AVID TUTORS – EDH/HHM/TJM - \$15/hr (As needed)

Guadalupe, Grace

10. 2013-2014 ZERO PERIOD – JOHN ADAMS M.S. – IAD GRANT (IMPROVING ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS & MATHEMATICS) EFFECTIVE 10/14/13 THRU 04/24/14)

Substitute Teacher \$35/hr  
Hettrick, Grant

11. COACHING APPOINTMENTS – 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR (\*pending county approval)

<u>HIGH SCHOOL – WINTER</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Winter Track – Assistant - EDH	Florek, Brian	\$1,981.50 (Split)	1

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Platvoet, Donald	Winter Track – Assistant – EDH \$4,426 / Step 5	Winter Track – Assistant – EDH \$2,213(Split) / Step 5

12. 2013-2014 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

THOMAS JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL  
COCURRICULAR

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council	Delesantro, Lisa (Effective 09/01/13)	\$1,380.00 (Split)
Co-Advisor (Revised)	Lalor, Emily (Effective 10/23/13)	

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council Co-Advisor (Revised)	Margovskaya, Marina (Effective 09/01/13) Lalor, Emily (Effective 10/23/13)	\$1,380.00 (Split)
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8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council Co-Advisor (Revised)	DeStefano, Donato (Effective 09/01/13) Lalor, Emily (Effective 10/23/13)	\$1,380.00 (Split)
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EDISON HIGH SCHOOLPILOT CLUB

Red Cross Club (Effective 10/1/13)	Pellino, Antonella	\$500.00
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13. 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 Dr. Sandra L. Reid, Special Assistant to Business Administrator-Board Secretary/Coordinator of NCLB, Mandated Programs Assessments/Anti-Bullying, as liaison with the Education for Homeless Children and Youth in New Jersey Program for the 2013-2014 school year.

B. ADMINISTRATION1. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – J.H. & J.H. o/b/o S.H v. ETBOE

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and Release in the matter entitled J.H. and J.H. o/b/o S.H. v. Edison Township Board of Education, Agency Ref. No. 2014-20035, and authorizes the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to sign same on behalf of the Board and further authorizes the Administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement the aforesaid Settlement Agreement.

2. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – D.K. & E.K. o/b/o S.K. v. ETBOE

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and Release in the matter entitled D.K. & E.K. o/b/o S.K. v. Edison Township Board of Education, Agency Ref. No. 2014-19975, and authorizes the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to sign same on behalf of the Board and further authorizes the Administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement the aforesaid Settlement Agreement.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Personnel Report and the Settlement Agreements. Ms. Shah made the motion, seconded by Dr. Heelan. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Fong, Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah, Mrs. Ward,  
Mrs. Anes (Except Abstained on Settlement Agreement J.H. & J.J. o/b/o S.H. vs ETBOE), Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Maeroff (Except Abstained on Personnel Report - Item #9 Only)

ABSTAINED: Mrs. Anes – Settlement Agreement J.H. & J.J. o/b/o S.H. vs ETBOE Only,  
Mr. Maeroff – Personnel Report - Item #9 Only

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

### 3. Removal From Rolls

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following students be removed from the Rolls of the Edison Board of Education effective immediately:

STUDENT ID	SCHOOL	REASON
3011808	MK King ES	Moved to California
3011806	Lincoln ES	Moved to California
3011805	Edison HS	Moved to California
3013227	Edison HS	Resides in Newark
3004343	Edison HS	Resides in Elizabeth

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Removal From Rolls Report. Mrs. Harris made the motion, seconded by Ms. Shah. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

## C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

### 1. New Courses – 2014-2015

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following new courses/curriculum changes for 2014-2015:

- Mathematics
  - Name Change Trigonometry to Pre-Calculus
  - New Classes:
    - Integrated Math 3
    - Integrated Math 4
    - Statistics
  - Eliminate Math 3, Math 4, HSPA Math
- Science Courses
  - AP Physics 1
  - AP Physics 2
- World Language
  - Italian 3
  - Mandarin 3
- Music
  - Guitar 3
- Technology
  - Engineering

2. Approval of High School Program of Studies – 2014-2015

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the High School Program of Studies for the 2014-2015 School Year, as annexed hereto.

3. Field Trips

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following field trips:

1. Thirty-five students and three advisors (two days of instructional time) from Edison High School's FCCLA will be attending the Spring Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey from March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014, at no cost to the Board of Education.
2. One hundred-fifty students and two advisors (two days of instructional time) from John P. Stevens High School's Band will be attending the Band Performances in Orlando, Florida from March 26<sup>th</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, at no cost to the Board of Education.

4. Professional Development Documentation –December 2013

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	CONFERENCE	LOCATION	REGISTRATION FEE	HOTEL EXPENSES **	OTHER EXPENSES **	FUND
Buonomo, Carol	JPS	1/13/14	Interpretive Communication in Pre-AP World Language & Cultures	Waltham, Massachusetts	\$215.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Hurwitz, Wendy	WWMS	1/22/14	Technology Tools That Make Social Studies Come Alive	New Providence, New Jersey	\$229.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Mavroudas, Mary	Education Center	3/26/14 – 3/29/14	ITEEA Annual Conference	Orlando, Florida	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	Professional Development
Miragliotta, Kelly	Woodbrook	3/26/14 – 3/29/14	ITEEA Annual Conference	Orlando, Florida	\$400.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	Professional Development

\*\*Pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:11-12 et.seq.; N.J.A.C. 6A23A-5.9, 6.13, and 7.1 et.seq.; Federal OMB Circular A-87 and Board Policy No. 6471

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

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

D. PUPIL/SPECIAL SERVICES1. Out-of-District Placements

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following Out-of-District Placements for Special Education Students:

<u>Student ID Numbers</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Previous Placement</u>	<u>New Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>Rationale</u>	
2019819	12/05/13	Developmental Learning Center-Warren	Piscataway Regional Day School	39,420	IEP Team Decision	
2020346	11/04/13	Hospitalized/Home Instruction	Developmental Learning Center-Warren	83,610	Re-admission after Hospitalization	
2016789	11/19/13	Out of the Country	Celebrate the Children School	60,714	IEP Team Decision	
<u>Student ID Numbers</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Previous Placement</u>	<u>New Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>District of Origin</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
3011843	11/13/13	Residential Laurie Haven Student w/aide	N/A	N/A	Sussex, NJ	Student Left the Laurie Haven Group Home

3013343	11/25/13	Toms River Regional School District	NuView Academy w/aide	95,760	Toms River, NJ (95,760)	New Enrollment-Tuition Will Be Billed Directly to Toms River
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Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Pupil/Special Services Report. Mrs. Fong made the motion, seconded by Ms. Shah. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

E. FINANCE

1. Acceptance of 2012-2013 Audit/Corrective Action Plan

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the 2012-2013 audit corrective action plan as listed below:

Finance Planning, Accounting and Reporting

1) Recommendation

Procurement procedures should be enhanced to ensure the additional documentation requirements of c. 271 with respect to vendors is maintained.

Corrective Action

Designated staff member will be assigned the responsibility of monitoring the receipt of all required c.271 forms.

2) Recommendation

Procedures should be reviewed to provide for a proof of transactional activity for various athletic and student events.

Corrective Action

Athletic Directors and Co-Curricular Advisors will be required to log starting and ending ticket sales to confirm gate receipt accuracy.

3) Recommendation

The procedures utilized along with required record retention for A.S.S.A. reporting should be reviewed to ensure the A.S.S.A. reporting is accurate and the proper supporting documentation is retained.

Corrective Action

Business Administrator will enter and maintain backup documentation for ASSA submittal. Data systems analyst will confirm entry accuracy.

4) Recommendation

The District should review and revise its data collection and record maintenance procedures, including software applications, where applicable, for preparing the District's DRTRS, in order to ensure the report is accurately prepared and proper documentation is maintained.

Correction Action

All B6T forms will be time-stamped when received and a single file will be kept by a dedicated staff member.

2. Transfer of Funds

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following transfer of funds, effective October 31, 2013:

To:

11-000-100-560	Charter School Costs	30,000
11-000-100-568	Tuition-Other	5,000
11-190-100-610	Educational Supplies	125,000
11-190-100-640	Textbooks	50,000
11-190-252-340	Purchased Technical Services	20,000
11-190-261-420	Building Repairs	110,000
11-190-266-300	Purchased Security Services	10,000
11-190-270-504	Aid-in-Lieu – Charter Schools	5,000
13-602-200-800	Summer Enrichment – Other Objects	500
	Total	355,500

From:

11-190-216-320	Related Services	100,000
11-190-252-600	Technology Supplies	20,000
11-190-261-109	Maintenance Salaries	35,000
11-190-261-610	Maintenance Supplies	75,000
11-190-262-520	Property Insurance	15,000
11-190-291-241	PERS Retirement Contributions	50,000
11-190-291-270	Health Benefits	60,500
	Total	355,500

3. State Aid – Based on Enrollment

WHEREAS, the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 provides that the funding formula for school aid shall be based on the “enrollment” of resident district children; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature, through budget adoption language over the past two years, has modified the funding formula to provide that funding be adjusted based upon the “attendance” of resident children; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has determined that an appropriate average daily attendance rate of 96% shall be the level of attendance for all New Jersey school districts, and districts that demonstrate an attendance rate of less than 96% shall suffer a loss of school aid; and

WHEREAS, a 96% attendance rate is equal to a child being absent from school no more than seven days in one school year; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Edison Board of Education that a 96% attendance rate is an arbitrary standard to apply to all New Jersey School Districts and is contrary to the history of funding in this State and the School Funding Reform Act of 2008; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey school districts must staff, equip, feed, and transport our children based upon the enrollment of students; and we do not send teachers home, or stop the buses, or turn off the lights, or sell their textbooks when a child is absent for health or other family reasons; and

WHEREAS, a loss of state aid due to average daily attendance simply shifts the burden to support a thorough and efficient education to the local taxpayer.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education hereby urges the Department of Education and the New Jersey State Legislature to fully fund the School Funding Reform Act of 2008 and to avoid modifying the formula in such a way as to penalize districts based on the attendance of children and to recognize that districts provide staff and resources for an adequate public education for all “enrolled” resident children; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education directs the School Business Administrator to distribute a copy of this resolution to local legislators, the Commissioner of Education, the New Jersey School Boards Association, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Administrators.

4. Resolution in Opposition of the Hatikvah International Academy Charter School Expansion and Charter Extension

WHEREAS, Edison Public Schools consists of nineteen successful schools, serving the educational needs of nearly 15,000 students in grades Pre-K through 12; and

WHEREAS, Edison’s taxpayers provide, through property taxes, over 89% of the funding to support the school district’s day-to-day operations; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has required the Edison Public School District to budget \$243,333 for the 2013-2014 fiscal year to fund the Hatikvah International Academy Charter School; and

WHEREAS, the State-mandated diversion of funds from the Edison Public School District to the Hatikvah International Academy Charter School has reduced the resources that the district can provide to schools that the district operates; and

WHEREAS, in order to fulfill its approved quota of students, Hatikvah International Academy Charter School has recruited from and, in fact, become a regional or state-wide school with students attending from 22 districts in multiple counties throughout New Jersey contrary to its State-approved charter to be an East Brunswick Charter School; and

WHEREAS, Hatikvah International Academy Charter School has proposed to the Commissioner of Education that its charter be extended and its school expanded from a grade K-5 school with a 273-student maximum consisting of not more than 50 students per grade to a grade K-8 school with an increased enrollment of 600 students consisting of 75 students at each grade level; and



WHEREAS, based on Hatikvah’s four-year enrollment history, the entirety of Hatikvah International Academy Charter School’s planned student enrollment increase would be recruited and derived from numerous public school districts and communities, thereby affirming that Hatikvah International Academy Charter School has become a regional or even state-wide institution; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact of approving Hatikvah International Academy Charter School’s increased enrollment application would require an additional allocation be appropriated in the Edison Public Schools 2014-2015 budget to support out-of-district student attendance at the Charter School; and

WHEREAS, requiring the Edison Public School District to appropriate a budgetary increase to support the extension and expansion of the Hatikvah International Academy Charter School would have a deleterious effect upon the District’s ability to support its highly successful educational offerings; and

WHEREAS, the district and community of Edison wishes to maintain the excellence of its education offerings and outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Education’s approval of the extension and expansion of the Hatikvah International Academy Charter School would also be contrary to N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-16(e)1 by having “an overall negative impact on the resident district’s students, staff, parents, educational programs and finances: of Edison Public Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education opposes Hatikvah International Academy Charter School’s regional approach and its proposed extension and expansion from a maximum of 273 students to 600 students; proposed increase from 50 to 75 at each grade level; and, proposed change in grade levels from K-5 to K-8; and

BE IT FINALLY  
RESOLVED: that this resolution be certified and submitted to the Commissioner of Education as soon as possible following approval by the Edison Board of Education.

5. Non-Public Technology Services (Exhibit F)

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following orders for the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program, Fiscal Year 2014, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
DWLV720	Bishop George Ahr HS	CDWG	1,110.94

6. Donation – Menlo Park Elementary School

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education accepts the donation from Mr. & Mrs. Nair of six (6) new iPads for the students of Menlo Park Elementary School’s fourth grade class, in the amount of \$2,200.

7. Donation – Thomas Jefferson Middle School

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education accepts the donation of a piano from Mrs. Anna Keenan for the students of Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

8. Change Order – Lincoln & Washington Elementary Schools - Toilet Rooms

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the following change order for the Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools’ Toilet Rooms:

<u>Project/Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Lincoln/Washington ES</u> C&E Contracting	CEC01	<4,926.54>

9. 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:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>
H Hoover MS	813 Library Books
	85 Records
T Jefferson MS	5 Computer Towers
	1 Computer Cow
	4 VCR Mounts
	4 Projector Mounts
	64 Epson Ink Cartridges
	3 Printers
	10 Computer Mouse’s
	4 TV Brackets
	9 VCR Brackets
	3 Monitors
3 Laptops	
6 Ratchet Safety Belts	
1 Television	
30 VHS Tapes	

T Jefferson MS	100 Expired Ink Cartridges 1 HP Scanner 75 VHS Tapes 4 AV Presentation Stands 3 AV Port Cards
Edison HS	1 Monitor
Wardlaw Hartridge	655 Miscellaneous Textbooks

10. Bill List

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education confirms the payment of bills on the bill list dated November 30, 2013 payable by Cycle Checks No. 111329 through No. 111823 inclusive, totaling \$20,913,184.39 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

11. Transportation Report – December 2013

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the December 2013 Transportation Report as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/Aide</u>
<u>Special Education Student Jointure -2013/2014 School Year</u>				
CTC	MRESC	Celebrate the Children	11/22/13-06/30/14	190.00 Aide 48.00 Total 238.00
<u>Displaced Student Jointure 2013/2014 School Year</u>				
TJTV	MRESC	T Jefferson MS	11/20/2013-06/30/14	135.00

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

AYES: Mrs. Harris (Except Abstained on Item #10, Check #111418 Only),  
Mrs. Fong, Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah,  
Mrs. Ward (Except Abstained on Item #10, Check #111544 Only),  
Mrs. Anes (Except Abstained on Item #10 Check #111566 Only),  
Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Maeroff

ABSTAINED: Mrs. Harris – Item #10, Check #111418 Only;  
Mrs. Ward – Item #10, Check #111544 Only;  
Mrs. Anes – Item #10, Check #111566 Only

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Maeroff reported that he was in receipt of a letter from Ms. Sapana Shah announcing her resignation from the Board prior to being sworn in as a town council member on January 1, 2014. He explained the process for filling the vacancy.

- Caucus Meeting – Wednesday, January 22, 2014  
Location – Education Center (Caucus Room)  
Time – 7:00 PM
  
- Public Meeting – Monday, January 27, 2014  
Location – Lindeneau Elementary School  
Time – 7:00 PM

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance & Facilities Committee

Dr. Heelan reported that the Committee met on December 10, 2013 at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Dr. Frank Heelan, Dr. Richard O'Malley, Mr. Daniel P. Michuad, and Architects, Mr. Frank Messineo and Mr. Tom Rienzi

Discussion:

- Mr. Messineo reported on the status of the state aid grants for construction: Only the chair lift at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School was approved as a Level 1 project for \$14,155. All Level 2 projects, such as the John P. Stevens High School auditorium and the three home economics rooms at Herbert Hoover, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams Middle Schools were rejected for state funding. Technology, cabling and lighting were not categorized as Level 1 projects.
- The School District is holding back \$200,000 from Drill Construction for liquidated damages, and is striving to reach a negotiated settlement.
- Mr. Rienzi has negotiated down a disputed change order with GPC on construction of the Edison High School Science Wing for an agreement of \$4-5,000. Land Tech will be installing the piping by the concession stand for the completion of the John P. Stevens High School turf field.
- The 2012-2013 audit will be reviewed by our CPA firm Hodulik & Morrison at the caucus meeting on December 11, 2013.
- The Administration is currently meeting with school educators to analyze the needs of each school for the 2014-2015 budget. Horizon has communicated to us a potential 10% increase in medical costs for the next school year that is based on our experience ratio.
- The next Finance and Facilities Committee will convene at 9:00 AM on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Education Center.

Submitted by: Dr. Frank Heelan

2. Curriculum/Technology Committee

Mrs. Anes reported that the Committee met on December 6, 2013 at John P. Stevens High School.

District-Wide

- QSAC – The actual visit from the NJDOE has been postponed until April. All required documentation has been submitted and we are in a better position than the last review of 2011.

Elementary

- Curriculum Revisions:
  - Recently revised and adopted ELA, Math and Social Studies curriculum guides will be on the Website by 1/2/2014.
  - The next curriculum area due for revision and update is science. We are waiting for the New Generation Science Standards to be adopted by the NJDOE. The current iSTEM pilots will serve as the foundation as we develop a new science program.

Secondary

- Science and Engineering Academy – Application Numbers – Applications are due on December 6<sup>th</sup> with the text scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>. Based on preliminary numbers, of the 118 students eligible for the S&E Academy (currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade Geometry Honors), 52 students will apply, with two Edison residents, who attended but private schools. The larger percentage of students are from Thomas Jefferson and Herbert Hoover Middle School. The CTC discussed possible reasons for this and potential actions to take to encourage students from John Adams Middle School and Woodrow Wilson Middle School to apply and attend once accepted. Ms. DeLuca will provide the actual numbers when the application process is complete. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance/non-acceptance by December 20<sup>th</sup>.
- AVID – AVID is working very well in grades 8-10. Some aspects of the program such as the Cornell Notes have gone school-wide at the middle schools. Edison is hosting a regional training event on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Education Center and 6 of our teachers will be able to attend at no cost. While our initial plans were to expand “up and down” a grade level each year until we have 6-12 full implementation, the middle school schedules for grades 6 and 7, both of which have a double period of English, make it impossible to schedule the mandated AVID elective. Therefore, for 2014-2015 we will credit two classes of AVID for Thomas Jefferson Middle School and Herbert Hoover Middle School, provided we have a sufficient number of qualified students to do so. During the year, we will review possible changes in the Middle School schedule for the 2015-2016 school year that would open up the potential to expand AVID to grades 6 and 7.
- Middle States Accreditation – The day of the meeting was the last day of the Middle States visit at both high schools. The oral report will be given at 2:45 PM. All teams have worked very well and thus far the informal feedback we have received has been positive. Note: Subsequent to the meeting the verbal reports indicated that the visiting teams will be recommending full accreditation for both high schools. We will not have the official notification until late spring after the MSA Board has voted.
- Program of Studies (High School)
  - Curriculum Changes for 2014-2015
    - Mathematics – Several changes will generally increase the level of rigor and provide more options to students in a four year math sequence. They are:
      - Name Change Trigonometry to Pre-Calculus (The change will align our sequence to the Common Core). Pre-Calculus is a more appropriate name for the content covered in the course. It is also more widely recognized by colleges and will help the student application process. This will give us three levels of Pre-Calculus Honors, Level 1 and Level 2.

- New Classes:
  - Integrated Math A
  - Integrated Math B
  - Integrated Math will combine skills/concepts and strengthen fundamentals taught in Algebra 1. Geometry and Algebra 2. Each course is a full-year course. The spiraling of the material will allow students taking the Accuplacer a higher success rate to be placed in a credit bearing course versus one that is non-credit bearing. We have also begun talks with MCC to recognize these courses as containing the same content and potentially waive our graduates out of their remedial math.
  - Statistics Creation of this course will fill a scheduling void. We currently offer only AP Statistics. Offering it at a College Prep level will provide a high caliber option for students who do not wish to take Pre-Calculus. Many higher education institutions are impressed with students who have taken Statistics in High School.
- Eliminate Math 3, Math 4, HSPA Math – Math 3 and 4 are basic courses, similar to personal finance. They will be replaced by the Integrated Math courses described above. The Resource class Math 3 and 4 will continue for the small number of students that require it. The last HSPA will be administered in March 2014, with failure makeup in October 2014 and March 2015. Juniors at risk for not passing HSPA Math were placed in the course. It will no longer be necessary.
- Science Courses
  - AP Physics 1
  - AP Physics 2
  - The College Board is replacing AP Physics with two one-year courses: AP Physics 1 and AP Physics 2. Our current Physics Honors course will become the AP Physics 1 with students who wish to continue and can take AP Physics 2 as a second year.
- World Language
  - Italian 3
  - Mandarin 3
  - Both of the above courses continue the language sequence started two years ago. Italian is growing well and we have full-time teachers at both high schools. Mandarin is still a shared program, with one teacher traveling between the two high schools.
- Guitar 3 – This is a continuation of the new music program. Guitar has become a highly desired elective for students. Music Technology was also introduced at the same time as Guitar, but we currently have two levels and it does not appear that a third level is needed.
- Engineering 2 (S&E Academy) – This will be the sophomore level engineering course for our S&E students.
- Textbook Status – A list of textbook purchases since 2011 was reviewed. For 2014-2015 the focus will be on mathematics. Pre-Calculus will need books at all levels; Honors (current book 2001) and the new Level 1 and Level 2 courses. Algebra 2 Honors and Geometry Honors/Level 1 have books from 2004 which must be replaced with Common Core aligned texts. At the Middle School Math 7-2 (current book 2006) will be replaced. We will also begin to purchase classroom sets of textbooks for use by Spanish and French 1, 2 and 3 classes. Only old texts (1990s) in class sets are currently used, requiring teachers to develop their own authentic materials resources for the thematic units. Biology and Chemistry texts also should be replaced, but the NJDOE has not acted on the new Science Standards and has notified districts that we should not purchase new texts until a decision is made as to whether or not they will be adopted.

3. School Safety & Security Committee

Mr. Maeroff reported that the Committee met on November 20, 2013 at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Mr. Gene I. Maeroff (Chair), Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mrs. Lora L. Fong, Richard O'Malley, Ed.D., and Mr. Bill McSorley

Discussion:

- Mr. Maeroff reported that two days ago the nation marked the one-year anniversary of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. It was a wake-up call for every school system in the country; and the Edison Public Schools, no less than others, has responded affirmatively.
- The installation of interior and exterior security cameras is complete at Edison and John P. Stevens High Schools. Personnel have been trained in their use. The drop of incidents among students at the two high schools can be attributed to the cameras and the vigilance they provide.
- Now, Edison has moved on to examine safety and security at other schools. We already attended to the front entrances of each school, but need to do more. The Committee decided to immediately install security cameras around the exterior perimeters of the four middle schools.
- Planning will begin so as to place exterior cameras at the elementary schools and other district buildings. These cameras would be in the next phase, after the exterior cameras at the middle schools.
- A further phase, down the line, will involve the placement of interior cameras in the middle schools and elementary schools.

XI. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Heelan commented on the passing of former South African President Nelson Mandela, and his contribution to society along with Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

Mrs. Iyer congratulated Ms. Sapana Shah for her election to the town council and to student, Pearl Submaranian, for obtaining her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Ms. Shah reported that she will be sworn in as a town council member on January 1<sup>st</sup> and thanked the teachers and other Board Members for all they do for the students of Edison.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eileen Catalano, resident, was disturbed about the transfer of the Lindeneau principal and was disappointed that the district is administering with another science test. She also inquired about hiring a vendor to provide graduation DVDs.

Bill Brunner, resident, was happy to see help given to Lindeneau School.

Mr. Singh, resident, thanked the Board for supporting the music program.

A resident, Tina, asked when the next phase of cameras will take place and inquired about the new personnel orientation.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn this December 16, 2013 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 7:52 P.M. Ms. Shah made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Harris and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel P. Michaud*

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Secretary  
DPM:jmc