

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The May 15, 2013 Special Joint Meeting with the Edison Town Council was called to order by the Board Vice-President, Mrs. Veena Iyer, at 6:00 P.M. at the Edison Township Council Chambers, 100 Municipal Boulevard, Edison, NJ.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Veena Iyer, Vice-President, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz, Dr. Frank Heelan, Mrs. Lora L. Fong and Mrs. Margot Harris. Ms. Sapana Shah arrived at 7:00 P.M. and Mr. Gene I. Maeroff, President, was absent.

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

III. OPENING STATEMENT

Mrs. Iyer 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 Tribune and the Star Ledger on May 3, 2013.

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

IV. DISCUSSION OF 2013-2014 SCHOOL BUDGET WITH TOWN COUNCIL

After a brief discussion, the Town Council presented the following resolution to be approved by the Council:

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, CERTIFYING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2013, the amount to be raised by general taxation for the 2013-2014 Edison Board of Education's budget of \$189,518,861.00 was rejected at the polls; and

WHEREAS, in such instance State Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37) requires that the municipality determine the amount that is necessary to be appropriated for each item appearing in the budget, and to certify to the County Board of Taxation the totals of the amount so determined; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2013 the Township Council of the Township of Edison held a joint public meeting with the Board of Education to consult on the Board's budget; and

WHEREAS, at the joint public meeting, the Superintendent of Schools presented the Board's budget, School District staff answered questions about the budget from members of the Township Council, and members of the public voiced their opinions about whether the budget should be maintained or reduced; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council hired a consultant, Dr. Frank M. Marlow, to assist the Council in its review of the School Board budget; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Edison agrees that the School Board budget can be reduced without adversely affecting the stability of the District or the District's ability to offer a thorough and efficient education to its students and maintain stability given the need for long term planning and budgeting.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED,

by the Township Council of the Township of Edison, as follows:

1. The original general fund tax levy on the ballot was \$189,518,861.00 for the Edison School District budget for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. The amount of reduction by the Township Council to the general fund tax levy for the base budget is \$900,000.00.
3. The amount of the general fund tax levy being certified by the municipal government for the base budget is \$188,618,861.00.
4. The specific line item reductions in budgeted expenditures are:
 - Capital Building Improvements - \$500,000
Account #12-000-400-722
 - Capital Instructional Equipment - \$100,000
Account #12-000-100-730
 - Additional salary reductions for additional retirements - \$100,000
Account #11-120-100-101
 - Energy - \$200,000.00
Account #11-000-262-621

TOTAL REDUCTIONS IN BUDGETED EXPENDITURES: \$900,000.00

5. The budget as revised by the Township Council is not below the District's adequacy budget or the minimum tax levy of \$167,798,954.00 and therefore a specific written explanation as to why each reduction will not adversely affect the Edison School District's ability to provide a thorough and efficient education to the students of the Edison School District and maintain stability given the need for long term planning and budgeting is not needed.

6. The revised budget is sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient education to the students of the Edison School District and maintain stability given the need for long term planning and budgeting; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Middlesex County Board of Taxation, the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools, and the Edison Township Board of Education.

V. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no board member comments at this time.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mrs. Iyer asked for a motion to adjourn this May 15, 2013 special meeting of the Edison Board of Education and the Edison Town Council at 7:46 P.M. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Michaud

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Secretary
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