

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The April 29, 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 Martin Luther King Elementary School, 285 Tingley Lane, 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, Ms. Sapana Shah, Dr. Frank Heelan, Mrs. Lora L. Fong. Mrs. Margot Harris was absent.

Also in attendance were Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, 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 April 5, 2013.

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

IV. MARTIN LUTHER KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION – DIANE WILTON, PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Wilton presented the following:

In order to create a nurturing learning environment where children thrive in attaining success at their optimum level and in the dedication of everyone at MLK School in support of learning, it must be recognized that it is not only teachers that have a tremendous impact on overall achievement of our students. Thus, this evening, we would like to recognize those at the fore-front of our learning environment each day—Mrs. Cindy Meisner-Fleischer, our school nurse, Mrs. Rosalind “Rusty” Grady, and Mrs. Joni Roach, secretaries at MLK School. Through this month’s recognition of Administrative Assistants Day and through next month’s recognition of School Nurse’s Day, it is this time that we take pause to reflect upon their dedication to everyone within our learning communities.

These three educators, and yes, they are all considered educators, who not only fulfill their duties at the level in nothing but excellence as they guide others throughout their learning day, but their extreme level of dedication and commitment to the entire learning community which includes outreach programs, their deep consideration and understanding of the needs of our students and their families, as well as their contributions to the greater good as they go so far beyond the expectations set and into the realm of the unexpected!

This is evidenced through the opportunities that are presented by Rusty Grady, whereas; over the years, she has attended the Camp Bernie experience to support one student who needed additional assistance during this learning experience, through her anonymity of taking her gift cards given to her by teachers in celebration of Christmas and using them for gifts for needy families, and by volunteering to stay long after her day should conclude in order to work in collaboration with me to ensure that students attending the After-School Academy are picked up by their parents or bus and returned safely to home. In addition, Rusty is currently volunteering her time and energy to work in collaboration with a staff member in the facilitation of the Variety Show at MLK this year.

Ms. Joni as we all call her consistently works for the betterment of our school. She implements the collection of new hats, mittens, and scarves for students who are not able to afford these essential items or for even children who lost theirs during the school day. She and Rusty have also purchased new coats for students in need. In addition, Ms. Joni also takes an active role in the Before and After-School Academies as she collaborates with the cafeteria workers in organizing and delivery of the daily breakfast to Academy students. She also tracks attendance of students and provides me with a daily list of absentee students on a formatted organizer for each day's Academy service. By taking that extra time to assist teachers in finding the "just right" substitute when they are absent, Joni ensures that learning continues with consistency each day.

In regard to our school nurse, Mrs. Meisner, her dedication to the entire learning community is evidenced through her leadership as the MLK CARE liaison in which she organizes fund raising activities for the CARE Walk. She also facilitates the annual Thanksgiving Baskets for MLK families in need, in which this year we serviced 17 families. Through her efforts, we have initiated the annual Giving Tree in which she collects gifts and gift cards to deliver to MLK families in need during the holiday season with the result of the "Giving Tree" addressing the holiday needs of 45 MLK families. This ensures that our students are afforded opportunities to engage in holiday activities with their families. One may not realize this, but this action has a positive effect on our students' behaviors as now they know that they will receive a gift during the holidays. This was in contrast from prior years, when families of need did not have even one gift to give to their child(ren), and, in which their children realized they would not receive gifts. Mrs. Meisner provides adult learning opportunities to parents of our fourth grade students so they may understand the curriculum of the Growing-up Program. Her passion in healthy lifestyles and good nutrition, keeps us all on the path of good health as she monitors the snacks allowed in our school.

As you can all see, these educators/staff members truly deserve recognition and it is such an honor to bring their dedication of all learners at MLK School to the forefront of the community so they understand the relevance and significance of their work. I thank them for their continued commitment to MLK School and I want them to know how much they are appreciated each day for the services they lend to our learning community.

V. STUDENT RECOGNITION (Exhibit A)

Mr. Robert Pispecky, Supervisor of Visual Arts, emceed the program, recognizing students for their achievements in sports and academics.

The following resolution was presented to the Board for approval:

Student Recognition

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education hereby recognizes the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of the aforementioned students; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that individual resolutions honoring each of the students be presented to the students.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the resolution for student recognition. Mrs. Fong made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Bonderowitz. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – MARCH 13TH & 21ST, 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 March 13th & 21st, 2013 meetings.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the March 13th and 21st, 2013 minutes. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Dr. Heelan. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VII. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORTS (Exhibit B)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of February 28, 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 2012-2013 school year.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the Board Secretary’s Reports as of February 28, 2013. Dr. Heelan made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS)

Bill Brunner, resident, questioned the Out-of-District Placements/Dyfus.

IX. 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

Bork III, William – Custodian Edison High School	Effective: 04/08/13 Reason: Personal
Calello, Lisa – Lunch Aide Ben Franklin School	Effective: 04/05/13 Reason: Personal
Dauber, Margaret – Attendance Investigator Education Center	Effective: 05/13/13 Reason: Personal
Dees, Amy – Mathematics Teacher Edison High School	Effective: 06/30/13 Reason: Personal
DelGrosso, Lia – Grade 1 Teacher John Marshall School	Effective: 06/30/13 Reason: Personal
Espinosa, Sharon – Lunch Aide Martin Luther King School	Effective: 04/10/13 Reason: Personal
Harris, Veronica – Head Boys' Track Coach Edison High School	Effective: 04/15/13 Reason: Termination
Kanis, Jacquelyn – Special Education Teacher J.P. Stevens High School	Effective: 06/30/13 Reason: Personal
Lackett, Amanda – Special Education Teacher Edison High School	Effective: 06/30/13 Reason: Personal
Maiorino, Sharon – Executive Secretary Education Center	Effective: 06/01/13 Reason: Personal
Martinak, Kathryn – English Teacher J.P. Stevens High School	Effective: 04/30/13 Reason: Personal
Nanda, Cala – French Teacher Edison High School	Effective: 06/30/13 Reason: Personal
Nudo, Ashleigh – Grade 2 Teacher James Monroe School	Effective: 06/30/13 Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENTS

Crawford, Barbara – Business Teacher J.P. Stevens High School	Effective: 06/30/13 18 years of service
DiMuzio, Linda – Grade 3 Teacher Martin Luther King School	Effective: 06/30/13 24 years of service
Freifeld, Judith – Science Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Effective: 06/30/13 33 years, 3 months of service
Kerns, Arthur – Custodian Menlo Park School	Effective: 07/31/13 17 years, 9 months of service
Legg, Carolyn – Family & Consumer Science Teacher Edison High School	Effective: 06/30/13 16 years of service
Moroney, Beth – Assistant Principal ELC & FDR Buildings	Effective: 06/30/13 25 years of service
Olan, Susan – Nurse Washington School	Effective: 06/30/13 25 years of service
Petersen-Heres, Lynn – Special Education Teacher Martin Luther King School	Effective: 06/30/13 33 years of service
Siniscalchi, Theresa – Administrative Secretary - Maintenance Education Center	Effective: 07/31/13 25 years, 1 month of service
Szczygiel, Dolores – School Secretary IIIB John Adams Middle School	Effective: 06/30/13 37 years of service
VanPelt, Joan – Guidance Counselor Menlo Park School	Effective: 06/30/13 42 years of service
Woronecki, Colleen – Science Teacher J.P. Stevens High School	Effective: 06/30/13 17 years, 9 months of service

3. APPOINTMENTSSUPPORT STAFF

Madan, Sujata Effective 04/04/13-06/30/13	Step 1 \$4,193 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide Lindeneau School
Shah, Anila Effective 04/08/13-06/30/13	Step 1 \$4,193 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide Lindeneau School

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Cabrera, Kristina – Special Education Teacher John Adams Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	04/05/13-04/15/13
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	04/16/13
	Fed/FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	04/17/13-05/27/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	05/28/13-06/30/13
Clark, Holly – Social Worker Education Center	Medical-Revised	With Pay	03/21/13-03/28/13
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	03/29/13-04/23/13
	Fed/FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	04/24/13-05/23/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	05/24/13-06/30/13
Davis, Nicole – Guidance Counselor Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical	With Pay	05/20/13-06/15/13
	Maternity	With Pay	06/16/13-06/30/13
Dees, Amy – Mathematics Teacher Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	01/23/13-02/15/13
	Fed/FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	02/16/13-04/25/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	04/26/13-06/30/13
Dowdy, Angela – Reading Specialist Benjamin Franklin School	Medical-Extension	Without Pay & Benefits	05/01/13-06/30/13
Farrell, Kelli – Special Education Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	09/01/13-11/17/13
Feldman, Lauren – Grade 3 Teacher Menlo Park School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/13-06/30/14
Furilla, Lorraine – Library Aide James Madison Intermediate School	Medical	With Pay	03/11/13-03/22/13
Galligan, Lora – Grade 4 Teacher Lindeneau School	Medical	With Pay	05/21/13-06/04/13
Halkiadakis, Vasiliki – Special Education Teacher Martin Luther King School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	04/16/13-05/24/13
	Fed/FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	05/25/13-06/30/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	09/01/13-11/24/13
	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	11/25/13-06/30/14
Kozak, Erika – Grade 3 Teacher Woodbrook School	Maternity	With Pay	09/01/13-09/25/13
Maney, Eric – Social Studies Teacher John Adams Middle School	Military-Extension	With Pay	04/19/13-06/30/13
	Military	With Pay	09/01/13-06/30/14

Martin Luther King Elementary School

Martinak, Kathryn – English Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	04/1/13-04/24/13 (.5)
	Fed/FMLA	Without Pay	04/24/13(.5)-04/30/13
Mercuri, Karen – Special Education Teacher Washington School	Medical	With Pay	03/22/13-04/17/13
Mullen-Paypay, Debra – Bus Driver Education Center	Medical	With Pay	04/16/13-04/29/13
Nuzzo, John – Custodian Benjamin Franklin School	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	03/25/13-03/28/13
Olan, Susan –School Nurse Washington School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	02/28/13-04/26/13
Olsen, Nicole – Vocal Music Teacher John Marshall School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	03/11/13-04/11/13
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	04/12/13
	Fed/FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	04/13/13-05/23/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	05/24/13-06/30/13
Robbins, Christine –Administrative Secretary/Payroll Education Center	Fed/FMLA- Extension	Without Pay	04/02/13-05/12/13
Robbins, Julie – English Teacher Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	05/16/13-06/11/13
	Maternity	With Pay	06/12/13-06/30/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	09/01/13-11/24/13
Ruch, Joanna – Science Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	04/29/13-06/30/13
Said, Claudine – Special Education Teacher James Monroe School	Maternity	With Pay	09/01/13-10/02/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	10/03/13-12/31/13
	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	01/01/14-01/31/14
Schaffter, Kristen – Special Education Teacher Washington School	Medical	With Pay	01/28/13-02/05/13
	Medical-Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	02/06/13-05/08/13
	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	05/09/13-06/30/13
Shaw, Cathy – Special Education Teacher James Madison Intermediate School	Medical	With Pay	01/21/13-02/03/13
	Maternity	With Pay	02/04/13-03/31/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	04/01/13-05/10/13
Toscano, Laura – Speech John P. Stevens High School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	04/01/13-04/03/13
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	04/04/13-05/15/13
	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	05/16/13-06/30/13

Ulisse-Landrove, Monica – Grade 5 Teacher
 Medical With Pay 05/23/13-06/30/13
 James Madison Intermediate School

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Carrillo, Christian	English Teacher (1.0) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$100,532		English Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$110,532 (pro-rated) Effective 04/02/13-06/30/13
Cherence, Christine	Grade 1 Teacher James Madison Primary		Literacy Interventionist BEN / LIN Effective 04/15/13-06/30/13
Hyun, Sue	Long Term Substitute Grade 1 Teacher James Madison Primary (for C. Cherence) Effective 10/08/12-04/12/13	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Grade 1 Teacher James Madison Primary (for C. Cherence) Effective 10/08/12-06/30/13
Margovskaya, Marina	Long Term Substitute Mathematics Teacher Herbert Hoover M.S. (for A. Motsay) Effective 01/02/13-05/14/13	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Mathematics Teacher Herbert Hoover M.S. (for A. Motsay) Effective 01/02/13-05/14/13 and Long Term Substitute Mathematics Teacher Herbert Hoover M.S. (for K. Smith) Effective 05/15/13-06/30/13
Patterson, Nicole	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher Washington School (for K. Schaffter) Effective 02/11/13-05/23/13	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher Washington School (for K. Schaffter) Effective 02/11/13-06/30/13
Ramalho, Daniel	Long Term Substitute Science Teacher Edison High School (for R. Sandler) Effective 12/17/12 -04/26/13	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Science Teacher Edison High School (for R. Sandler) Effective 12/17/12 -04/26/13 and Long Term Substitute Science Teacher J.P. Stevens High School (for J. Ruch) Effective 04/27/13-06/30/13

Rich, Darlene	English Teacher (1.0) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$101,103	English Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$111,103 (pro-rated) Effective 04/02/13-06/30/13
Vitvitsky, Bohdanna	English Teacher (1.0) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$103,532	English Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$113,532 (pro-rated) Effective 04/02/13-06/30/13
Weigele, Denise	English Teacher (1.0) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$103,063	English Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$113,063 (pro-rated) Effective 04/02/13-06/30/13
Zupko, Candace	English Teacher (1.0) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$99,729	English Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$109,729 (pro-rated) Effective 04/02/13-06/30/13

<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Normant, Dawn	Paraprofessional John Marshall School	Transfer	Paraprofessional Ben Franklin School Effective 04/02/13-06/30/13

6. LONGEVITY

<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Brown, Kenneth	EDH	05/01/13	17	\$102,083	\$102,573
Caverly, Lisa	TJM	05/30/13	15	\$97,370	\$97,842
Floersch, Laura	LNC	05/19/13	16	\$97,842	\$98,314
Hong, Carol	JMI	05/11/13	16	\$99,718	\$100,199
Price, Allyson	MEN	05/24/13	23	\$99,705	\$100,168
Sanchez, Virginia	LIN	05/17/13	13	\$100,122	\$100,612
Spagnoletti, Alicia(Revised)	WWM	04/19/13	15	\$93,711	\$94,165
Stricker, Tracey	LNC	05/27/13	22	\$103,085	\$103,566

DIFFERENCE TOTAL \$3,803

<u>GUIDANCE/CST</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Barasch, Michele	LNC	05/28/13	13	\$105,616	\$106,130

DIFFERENCE TOTAL \$514

7. SUBSTITUTE STAFF – AS NEEDED FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEARTeachers State Certified \$90.00/day County Certified \$80.00/day

Bauza, Jonathan	Beyer, Ruth	Clark, Katie
Cosgrove, Ann	D'Amato, Kimberly	Dodson, Samantha
Fakeh, Febe	Farooqui, Sabia	Gharse, Sanguita
Hoffman, Faith	Kim, Christine	Kousoulis, Anna
Krygina, Alona	Langan, AnnMarie	Mavroudas, Marissa
Muraleedharan Pillai, Subhalekshmi	Paul, Sarita	Rance-Andrews, Tanya
Saha, Suvra	Sawhney, Sakshi	Scaletti, Jenna
Shah, Saira	Sileo, Cassie	Syed, Mahjabeen
Thergesen, Haley	Thergesen, Kiley	

Secretary \$75.00/day

Antonatos, Gina

Custodian \$10.50/hr

Bork III, William

Lunch Aides \$11.58/hr

Brown, Morgan	Farooqui, Sabia	Jasra, Amy
Vazquez, Lillian		

8. 2013 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR* – EFFECTIVE 07/08/13 – 08/08/13 (FDR, JMI and JPH)* Contingent upon enrollment/student needTEACHERS (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

Angulo, Richard	Brucki, Hayley	Civile, Robert
Cordero, Christina	Cornett, Jeanne	Corrado, Susan
Ellner, Brooke	Feldman, Dena	Fendt, Nicole
Freeman, Marissa	French, Laura	Geraci, Stephanie
Hanson, Jennilyn	Hernandez, Nina	Keane, Leigh
Macchiaverna, Thomas	Markowitz, Cara	Masnica, Jennifer
McDonald, Kristie	McQuillan, Judy	Mosko, Diane
Moyle, Dana	Quigley, Melinda	Rosenberg, Kate
Simone, Melanie	Sinagra, Michele	Slusark, Elizabeth

SPEECH/CHILD STUDY TEAM (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

Bruno, Amy	Campanile, Lauren	Cowart, Andrea
Gilman, Debra	Mass, Lisa	O'Reilly, Karen
Rodriguez, Alammia	Scharf, Caroline	Tobie, Jeffrey
Toscano, Laura	Wertz, Melissa	Zakim, Shelley

CERTIFIED NURSES (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)Martinez, Carol
Mateicka, MarionPARAPROFESSIONALS (\$17.00/hr.)

Abry, Kerry	Austin, Suzanne	Banos, Nancy
Battista, Alysia	Bonk, Amy	Campione, Susan
Colletto, Kerri	Conway, Suzanne	Elsamna, Susan
Gabriel, Janet	Ganatra, Bharti	Ganatra, Usha
Goldstein, Arielle	Gotz, Ashley	Greenstein, Victoria
Jaffe, Therese	Jay, Cindy	LoBello, Laura

Lutz, Mary Lou	Macnab, Eileen	Mauro, Deborah
McManus, Colleen	Melnyk, Jaclyn	Mirfield, Brian
Nichols, Elizabeth	O'Donnell, Karen	Patel, Shilpa
Pearlstein, Allison	Petruzzi, Marissa	Pradhan, Chandana
Prego, Doreen	Robbins, Denise	Rodriguez, Kelly
Kelly-Russo, Margaret	Seago, Susan	Seagriff, Lorraine
Seyffart, Kathleen	Shanley, Megan	Ship, Marisa
Ship, Michele	Shirley, Patricia	Utrecht, Ellen
Vogel, Ruth	Wales, Lisa	Wilken, Sima
Wilson, Christina	Yesalavich, Elizabeth	

TEACHING ASSISTANTS (\$12.75/hr.)

Androvich, Lynda	Colletto, Patricia	Mirfield, Valerie
Stanziale, Ann	Tortajada, Nancy	

LPN (\$17.00/hr.)

Denton, Dionne

SECRETARY (\$15.00/hr.)

DeJohn, Susanne

9. 2012-2013 AVID TUTORS – EDISON HIGH SCHOOL - \$15/hr. (As needed)

Rivera, Irem

10. SUMMER LITERACY ACADEMY* EFFECTIVE 07/08/13-07/31/13 – (WASH/MON) IDEA-B (CEIS FUNDING)TEACHERS (\$44.00/hr) *Contingent upon enrollment

Adornetto, Angela L.	Altman, Jennifer	Battista, Alysia
Besser, Dawn	Bussiere, Stephanie	Caggiano, Darlene
Cairol, Erica	Carter, Kelly	Chan-Hom, Eva
Conte, Melissa	Costa, Monica	Cucchiara, Nicole
Deter, Janet	Diamant, Elizabeth	Duer, Janis
DuHamel, Kimberly	Dunham, Allison	Dunham, Meghan
Ellermann, Patricia	Elsamna, Susan	Flamos, Caroline
Fore, Breanne	Franklin, Abby	Frustol, Heidi
Gabriele, Mollie	Goldstein, Arielle	Gumienny, Jill
Hook, Courtney	Koppell, Leanne	LaForge, Lindsay
Leone, Bridget	Lombardo, Katie	Masterson, Mary
Mateicka, Malissa	McCann, Stephanie	Mercuri, Karen
Minto, Kathryn	Pattie, Virginia	Pecce, Christina
Petruzzi, Marissa	Petruzzi, Nicole	Pickton, Elisa
Rispoli, Danielle	Romeo, Lisa	Sack, Adam
Sanchez, Virginia	Schaefer, Mary	Smith, Jennifer
Tornambe, Melissa	Travis, Kathleen	Wallitsch, Jennifer
Westcott, Theresa		

COMMUNITY LIAISONS - (\$25.00/hr. as needed 05/01/13-07/31/13)

Blevins, Jennifer	Ramos, Dora
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NURSE- (\$44.00/hr.)

Fischetti, Maureen

11. SUMMER SPORTS CAMP* EFFECTIVE 06/24/13-08/02/13 (JAMS, JPH, and TJM)COACHES – IN-DISTRICT (\$25.00/hr.)

Bonk, Amy	Cantalupo, Christopher	DiBella, Joseph
Hansen, Amy	Jones, Robert	Leonow, Maria
Markano, Joanne	McCarthy, James	McGowan, James
McKenna, Melissa	Mohr, Charles	Murtagh, Brian
Rubiano, Leanne	Schaber, Jared	Turley, Jennifer
White, Anthony		

COACHES – OUT OF DISTRICT (\$18.00/hr.)

Campbell, Susan	McKnight, Christopher
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NURSE (\$44.00 /hr.)

Montilus, Nicole

TRAINERS (\$25.00/hr.)

Franciscus, Michael	Wojcik, Melissa
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STUDENT ASSISTANT COACHES – GRADES 9, 10, and 11 (\$8.00/hr.)

Amuzu, Dennis	Burke, Colleen	Collins, Jonathan
Jordan, David	Lee, Matthew	Mohamed, Ali
Mohamed, Mused	Qiou, Steven	Rosenhouse, Jordan
Ross, Raekwon	Siddiqui, Mohamed	Sridhar, Ram
Vakharia, Romanch		

STUDENT ASSISTANT COACHES – SENIORS (\$10.00/hr.)

Bhende, Neha	Brzozowski, Dario	Cabrera, Deryk
Chowdhary, Sahej	Eskay, Kerry	Freeman, Aelana
Gacsi, Alison	Greer, Emily	Kelly, Shannon
Lee, Douglas	Mathys, Renee	Maxham, John
Patel, Kavisha	Patel, Ohm	Scoda, Elizabeth
Shah, Barhka	Sorrell, Jalen	Tencza, Katie
Williams, Corina		

12. SUMMER ENRICHMENT AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS* EFFECTIVE 06/24/13-07/19/13 (JAM) (\$25.00/hr. – per ETEA Contract) *Contingent upon enrollment

Ales, Jennifer	Altman, Jennifer	Adornetto, Angela L.
Ash, Lauren	Bongiovanni, Tara	Bonner, Joseph
Brotspies, Nicole	Bussiere, Stephanie	Carlioni, Jennifer
Cheh, Kristin	Concodora, Janet	Concodora, Joseph
Costello, Meredith	DeMattia, Nicole	Dragona, Renee
Drake, Kathleen	Drude, Kristi	Durkin, Lisa
Eisenburg, Susan	Fernandez, Michael	Gavor, Kelley
Gluchowski, Kathleen	Heck, Wendy	Jones, Kerry
Karamanos, Xanthy	Kregeloh, Lauren	Liu, Lauren
Luminiello, Lorie	Martin, Penny	Melnyk, Jaclyn
Misko, Jennifer	Mosko, Lee	Nordensvan, Jennifer
O'Brien, Dina	Peccarelli, John	Pegos, Maryclare
Platvoet, Donald	Post, Tara	Reif, Cynthia
Reif, Robert	Rose, Courtney	Rubinstein, Chelsea
Ruiz, Diane	Rullan, Geniris	Scherer, Lynn
Weiss, Hilary	White, Thomas	Yeh, Catherine

13. CAMP INVENTION - EFFECTIVE 07/22/13-07/26/13 (JAM) (\$25.00/hr. – per ETEA Contract)
*Contingent upon enrollment

Collins, Catherine	Concodora, Joseph	Drude, Krist
Durkin, Lisa	Fernandez, Michael	Kregeloh, Lauren
Platvoet, Donald	Reif, Cynthia	Scherer, Lynn

14. SUMMER ENRICHMENT/ACTIVITIES AND CAMP INVENTION EFFECTIVE 6/24/13-7/26/13

NURSE (\$35.00 /hr.)
Lombardi, Laura

SECRETARY (\$15.00 /hr.)
Amann, Jennifer

15. COACHING APPOINTMENTS – 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR (*pending county approval)

<u>HIGH SCHOOL - SPRING</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend and Step</u>
Boys' Volleyball Assistant – EDH	Hammer, James	\$3,963, Step 1a Effective 04/17/13

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
McCaffery, Patrick	Volleyball – Assistant EDH \$3,963, Step 1a	Boys' Spring Track – Head EDH \$6,332, Step 3 Effective 04/16/13

16. SUMMER SCHOOL* EFFECTIVE 06/26/13-07/31/13 – (JPH)
*Contingent upon enrollment/course hours

SECRETARY (\$15.00/hr.)
Bruno, Diane

SUPERVISOR (\$7,500 – Stipend)
Misbahuddin, Jameel

TEACHERS (\$44.00/hr.)

Accatatta, Kathleen	Bachorik, Lydia	Barone, Andrew (Guidance)
Berner, Russell	Bienvenue, Melissa	Blevins, Jennifer
Bordon, Jacqueline	Brown, Amanda	Delesantro, Lisa
Donner, William	Gilbert, Thomas	Gioffre, Vincent
Hansen, Amy	Hastie, Nancy	Holborow, Laura
Jammal, Charles	Jones, Jay	Karatz, Daniel
Kesselman, Nicole	Kingston, Krystina	Knoll, Pilar
Magee, Katherine	McBrierty, Bryan	Newell, Jeanne
Peach, John	Perdomo, Gail	Riggi, Joseph
Rodriguez, Karen	Romano, Alfred	Sica, Robert
Smith, Herbert	Tchorz, Joseph	Unger, Laura
Van Pell, Melanie		

17. ESL SUMMER TESTING – NCLB TITLE III
TEACHERS (\$25.00/hr.)

Hueston, Randi	Paglia-Smoler, Regina	Schnitzer, Robyn
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18. SUSPENSION

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby retroactively suspends Employee ID #102777 with pay effective April 9, 2013 – April 12, 2013.

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

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. National School Nurse Day – May 8, 2013

WHEREAS, the school nurse performs valuable services for the children of our school district; and

WHEREAS, health care issues present one of the greatest challenges facing our society today; and

WHEREAS, the health needs of our children have always been the first priority of the school nurse; and

WHEREAS, the school nurse assists students to attain a high level of wellness; and

WHEREAS, the school nurse is a liaison between education and health care, providing a link between the school, home and community.

NOW, THEREFORE
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of Edison, New Jersey (Middlesex County), hereby extend their gratitude and best wishes to all the nurses in our schools; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that the members of the Board of Education of Edison, New Jersey (Middlesex County) hereby extend their gratitude and best wishes to all the nurses in our schools; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Board of Education of Edison, New Jersey (Middlesex County) and a copy sent to each school in the district.

2. Removal From Rolls

BE IT
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following student be removed from the rolls of the Edison Board of Education effective immediately:

<u>STUDENT ID</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>REASON</u>
2001363	Edison HS	Dropped Out – Reason Unknown

3. Revision of 2012-2013 School Calendar (Exhibit C)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following revision to the 2012-2013 school calendar: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 – Edison Public Schools Closed.

4. Technology Plan – 2013-2016 (Exhibit D)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the Technology Plan for 2013-2016, as annexed hereto.

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

AYES: Mrs. Fong, Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah, Mrs. Bonderowitz,
Mrs. Ward, 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:

1. Approval of BABES Program – 2013-2014 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies (BABES) program to the second grade students of the Edison Public Schools for the 2013-2014 school year.

2. Field Trip Approval

BE IT

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

School:	John P. Stevens High School
Club/Group:	Key Club
Event:	Key Club Conference
Location:	Long Branch, New Jersey
Date of Event:	April 5-7, 2013
No. of Advisors:	4 (Two Periods of One Day Instructional Time)
No. of Students:	40

*At no cost to the Board of Education

3. Professional Development Approval Documentation – April 2013

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	CONFERENCE	LOCATION	REGISTRATION FEE	HOTEL EXPENSES **	OTHER EXPENSES **	FUND
Schlatter, Sandra	EHS	4/30/13	Legal One - Modules	Online	\$270.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Braungard-Galayda, Diane	EHS	4/30/13	Legal One - Modules	Online	\$270.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Conklin, Christopher	Education Center	5/20/13 & 5/21/13	NJASA/NJAPSA 31 st Spring Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$249.00	\$125.00	\$25.00	Professional Development
Mahabir, Baninder	J Madison PS	5/30/13	Read Like A Detective: Addressing Text Complexity in K-8	New Brunswick, NJ	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Michaud, Daniel	Education Center	6/05/13–6/07/13	NJASBO 51 st Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$150.00	\$224.00	N/A	Professional Development
Veneziano, Angela	EHS	6/06/13	Ten Best Ever Anxiety Treatment Techniques	Edison, NJ	\$189.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Evans, Michael	EHS	8/05/13–8/08/13	AP Summer Institute - Chemistry	Edison, NJ	\$900.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Lumsden, Michele	JPS	8/05/13–8/08/13	AP Summer Institute – Chemistry	Edison, NJ	\$900.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Pittenger, Rosemarie	JPS	8/05/13–8/08/13	AP Summer Institute – Chemistry	Edison, NJ	\$900.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Rossiter, Genoveffa	J Marshall	5/29/13	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference	New Brunswick, NJ	\$179.00	N/A	N/A	Title III

** 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. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Fong, Dr. Heelan, Ms. Shah, Mrs. Bonderowitz, 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:

<u>Student ID Numbers</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Previous Placement</u>	<u>New Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
2024157	4/11/13	Children's Center of Monmouth	Home School	(48,449)	Parent Decision to Home School student
2024070	3/07/13	Midland School	Moved to East Orange	(44,726)	No longer Edison resident
2027999	4/05/13	Montgomery Academy	Collier Youth Services	52,570	IEP Team Decision
3007459	3/12/13	Hospitalized	Bonnie Brae	62,100	DYFS Placement
3009934	4/04/13	John Adams Middle School	Cranford Achievement Middle Program	45,676	IEP Team Decision
3003089	4/08/13	FDR	Center for Lifelong Learning	47,160	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>
3011489	3/20/13	Residential Laurie Haven student	NuView Academy	80,165	(80,165) Hasbrouck Heights and Lodi	New Enrollment
3009521	3/08/13	NuView Academy	N/A	55,020	(55,020) Egg Harbor	Student left the group home (Laurie Haven)

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to approve the pupil/special services resolutions. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

E. FINANCE

1. Acceptance of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Application, Title I-Part A, Title II-Part A & Title III, FY '13

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education accepts the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Application, Title I-Part A, in the amount of \$1,075,762; Title II-Part A in the amount of \$272,175; and Title III, in the amount of \$90,363 for Fiscal Year 2013.

2. Food Service Vendor

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education approves the appointment of Compass Group USA, Inc. (a.k.a. Chartwells) as the Board's food service management company for the 2013-2014 school year, pursuant to the Request for Proposal received 4/10/13, for a management fee of \$.088 per meal and for an administrative fee of \$.09 per meal served and with a guaranteed return of \$401,000.

3. Transportation Services Agreement – Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission – 2013-2014 School Year

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

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

NOW, THEREFORE: it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 2% or 4% for member districts, or of 6% for non-member districts, as presented to the Edison Board of Education as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the MRESC's Board of Education. Said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by the number of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to districts will be adjusted based on actual costs.

I. The MRESC will provide the following services:

- a. routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. monthly billing and invoices;
- c. computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by MRESC;
- d. all necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- e. constant review and revision of routes;
- f. provide transportation within three days or sooner after receipt of the formal written request; and

IT IS FURTHER
AGREED:

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

- a. requests for special transportation on approved forms to be provided by the MRESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
- b. withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received.

II. Additional Cost – all additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the Edison Board of Education.

III. Length of Agreement – this agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

IV. Entire Agreement – this agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the parties and may be amended by an instrument in writing over authorized signature.

4. Submission of School Facilities Project

BE IT
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the submission of the following school facilities project to the New Jersey Department of Education for review and approval:

<u>School</u>	<u>Project</u>
J Madison PS	Library Renovations

5. Change Orders – Edison High School Addition

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the following change orders for the addition to Edison High School (These items will be deducted from the \$70,000 contingency built into the project.):

<u>EHS - Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
GPC, Inc.	GPC01	20 Day Extension

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:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>
ML King ES	Library Card Catalogue 2 Smart Tables
J Madison PS	6 Smart Tables 5 Computer Rack Components 3 Phone Rack Components 1 Television 1 AV/TV Cart
Woodbrook ES	928 Library Books

7. 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 March 31, 2013 payable by Cycle Checks No. 106798 through No. 107190 inclusive, totaling \$23,643,838.76 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

8. Transportation Report – April 2013

BE IT

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

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
<u>Rescinded Middlesex County Displaced Student Jointure – 2012-2013 School Year</u>				
TJSH	MRESC	T Jefferson MS	04/11/13	91.00
<u>Displaced Student Jointure 2012-2013 School Year</u>				
JASP	MRESC	New Brunswick to JP Stevens HS/J Adams MS	04/11/13-06/30/13	185.00

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

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

- Caucus Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
7:00 PM – Education Center (Caucus Room)
- Public/Action Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2013
7:00 PM – John Marshall Elementary School (Gymnasium)

Mr. Maeroff explained to the Board that he does not receive money from AVID. He has been privileged to be on the committee and they do pay his pay to the meetings.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance/Facilities Committee

Dr. Heelan reported that the Committee met on April 16, 2013 at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Mrs. Veena Iyer, Mrs. Theresa A. Ward, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Dr. Frank Heelan, Dr. Richard O'Malley, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud and Thomas Rienzi

Discussion:

- Change orders for the Edison High School Science addition were reviewed by Mr. Rienzi and committee members. Two minor change orders due to soil difficulties and the need for 1.5 feet of rocks, amounted to a total of \$3,700. The contingency balance for the addition is \$70,000, so \$66,300 remains for unanticipated expenses. Delays in contract signing and acquiring zoning permits for GPC resulted in a no cost extension of the substantial completion date from September 27, 2013 to November 12, 2013.
- The Board received two Food Service Management Companies' proposals with proper bid forms in response to the RFP: Aramark and Chartwells. An analysis by Business Administrator, Daniel Michaud, and Legal Counsel, Douglas Silvestro, reveals that Chartwells will generate more revenue at less cost with a higher guarantee amount of \$401,000 without limitations. It is recommended that the Board award the contract to Chartwells.
- A discussion ensued about the feasibility of enhanced educational space to relieve overcrowding for students, and to address the findings of the recent demographic study.
- The next meeting of the Finance & Facilities Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. in the Education Center.

Submitted by: Frank Heelan

2. Special Education Advisory Council

Mrs. Iyer reported that the Committee met on March 25, 2013.

Discussion:

- As meeting participants entered, handouts for Insurance Coverage for Autism and a FAQ sheet about the NJ Autism Insurance Act were offered.
- Mr. Andrew Brandon was introduced as the new Supervisor for Pupil-Special Services.
- Mission Statement Review and Input
 - Mr. Conklin thanked members for feedback provided via email.
 - Any parent who has input to the mission statement should forward it to Mr. Conklin so that information can be posted on the website the first week of April.
- May Symposium
 - The May Symposium is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2013 from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Herbert Hoover Middle School. Refreshments for purchase will be offered by students from the Woodrow Wilson Coffee Shop as a fund-raiser for their program. Community Vendors/Booths will be present. Speakers will address the group as a whole, followed by two half-hour break-out sessions, with a ten-minute break, in between.
 - Mr. Conklin passed out index cards to elicit suggestions for symposium topics.
 - Mr. Conklin elicited suggestions for community service providers/vendors for booths.
- Potential Activities for ESPAC
 - Parents were invited to write down suggestions for future ESPAC activities. Thoughts and Recommendations
 - The group reviewed the following as emailed to members on 3/19/13:
 - ESPAC Mission Statement/Roll
 - Continuum of Education Chart
 - Program Options and Least Restrictive Environment descriptions
 - Mr. Conklin requested input from the group on the descriptions of the continuum of services and on the order that information should appear on the website.
- Program Options Review and Input
 - The suggestion was made to hyperlink program types within the Continuum of Educational Services chart to their description within the Program Options document.
 - The order for presentation on the website was proposed as the Continuum of Education Services Chart followed by the Program Options and Least Restrictive Environment descriptions.
- Good of the Order
 - The Special Services Website has been updated for ease of use to include the Supervisors' new building assignments. Mr. Conklin proposed creating an email link on the website for parents to submit questions to the district to be checked periodically by assigned personnel in the special services department. It was asked if classification automatically entitled a student to transportation. Mr. Conklin clarified that eligibility for special education transportation is made at the IEP team level only if a specific reason warrants it. The Parent Advisory Council will be called ESPAC instead of ESEPAC for the Edison Special Education Parent Advisory Council. Summer Reading Program concerns and suggestions were voiced. Mr. Conklin stated that while dialogue has occurred between departments regarding these requirements, that the summer reading program is not specific to the Special Services Department. He clarified that summer reading is addressed as the global level and not at the IEP level. Mr. Conklin hopes to have additional information to offer at the June meeting. Regarding students receiving accommodations and modifications for middle school benchmark assessments, Mr. Conklin encouraged parents to follow up with their child's case manager. He mentioned the changes the State Board of Education is proposing to NJAC 6A:14. He will email a link to meeting participants for their review of the proposed changes. The next ESPAC meeting was proposed for June. Mr. Conklin invites and welcomes any parent to participate in the ESPAC forum. If parents have additional feedback for Mr. Conklin, they are encouraged to email him prior to the next ESPAC meeting.
- Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M. and was followed by the ESPAC-sponsored presentation entitled, “Social Skills-Connecting Social Skills in the Home and Community” as presented by Thomas Macchiaverna and Jeffrey Tobie.

3. School Safety & Security

Mr. Maeroff reported that from time to time, members of the public bring issues to our attention – the answers to which I am happy to address in public.

He stated that recently, he was asked by a member of the public about his involvement in an organization called AVID – which is a national non-profit organization whose mission it is to “close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.”

For the purpose of transparency, he wanted to inform the public that he is on the national board of AVID. However, Superintendent, Dr. O’Malley – not Mr. Maeroff – brought AVID programming to the School District in 2011. Many people know of his membership on AVID’s 12-person national board. He had spoken of it before and mentioned it in a President’s Message that appeared on our school system’s web site.

Mr. Maeroff also said that he receives no compensation whatsoever for serving on its national Board nor will he ever. It is simply an honor to do so. When he does travel to AVID meetings, usually three times per year, AVID pays for the travel expenses only, as it does for all its Board members.

He has no paying job with AVID, wants no paying job with AVID, and has no commitment for a paying job with AVID in the future.

Any questions about the financial details of AVID’s relationship with the Board can be addressed to the Board Business Administrator in the normal fashion and Mr. Maeroff is sure he will answer them.

XII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Heelan commended Edison High Schools vocal groups for a recent competition in Virginia Beach. Five of the six groups won first place. All six received superior ratings and kudos to Ken Brown, director, and the fine singers. On May 10th there is a showcase in the Edison High School choir room.

Dr. Heelan also reported that there was a “health bee”, similar to a spelling bee for seventh graders held in Metuchen and Herbert Hoover Middle School placed second and received \$500 for the school.

The John P. Stevens High School Jazz Ensemble met with the Sam Kenton Alumni Band and this can be seen on the ESNTV network. Kudos to director Andy DeNicola.

He also reported that the National Merit Scholars had seven winners from Edison. This is a nation-wide program with 8,000 students involved.

The AVID program is moving along and is part of our equity helping students prepare for college. One hundred-thirty students visited colleges in New Jersey. There was also a college planning night at Edison High School

In closing, Dr. Heelan reported that the Washington Post listed America’s most challenging schools. John P. Stevens High School was listed number fifteen and Edison High School number ninety-two. There were three hundred forty schools in total.

Gwen Thornton of the New Jersey School Boards Association addressed some board members about the NJSBA dues and services.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Penny Martin, resident, stated that it can reach 90 degrees in late spring and early summer and was concerned about the closed classroom doors in the hallways for security.

Bill Brunner, resident, asked if the New Jersey School Boards Association is State mandated, why discuss this item. He commended the Board's security plan and agreed that we should have no armed personnel.

A resident questioned a rumor that teachers are being involuntarily transferred and the parents should have some say in the process.

IX. PRIVILEGED SESSION

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

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

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

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- Personnel Matters

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session at 9:10 P.M. Mrs. Ward made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Bonderowitz. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

X. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to reconvene the public portion of this April 29, 2013 public meeting at 9:59 P.M. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes and approved by all members present.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Maeroff asked for a motion to adjourn this April 29, 2013 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 10:30 P.M. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel P. Michaud
Secretary