

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The September 21, 2014 Board Retreat/Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Veena Iyer, at 9:00 A.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mrs. Veena Iyer, President, Dr. Frank Heelan, Vice President, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Margot Harris and Mrs. Beth Moroney. Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi arrived at 11:20 A.M. and Mrs. Theresa E. Ward and Mrs. Lora L. Fong were absent.

Also in attendance were Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools, 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 and Tribune and the Star Ledger on September 9, 2014.

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

IV. REVIEW OF 2013-2014 GOALS

Dr. O'Malley reviewed the 2013-2014 goals and results. (Exhibit A)

V. FINANCE

Mr. Michaud discussed the James Monroe funding scenario. (Exhibit B)

Mr. Michaud discussed the 2015-2016 tax rate proposals with or without banked cap and the April vs. November election.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of moving the election to November.

VI. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT/OVERCROWDING ISSUES

Dr. O'Malley discussed the 2014-2015 school enrollments and overcrowding issue. Woodbrook Elementary School and John P. Stevens High School are the most severe, followed by Edison High School and Woodrow Wilson Middle School. The Board decided to appoint LAN Associates to prepare plans for Phase I which would be an addition at Woodbrook.

VII. 2014-2015 BOARD GOALS

Dr. O'Malley discussed with the Board 2014-2015 goals, which included 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning and the district's overcrowding problem.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mrs. Iyer asked for a motion to adjourn this September 21, 2014 board retreat/public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 12:30 P.M. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel P. Michaud*

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