

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The May 28, 2014 Special Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Veena Iyer, at 6:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Michaud took the roll, and the following members were present:
Mrs. Veena Iyer, President, Dr. Frank Heelan, Vice President, Mrs. Deborah A. Anes, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Margot Harris and Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi. Mrs. Lora L. Fong arrived at 6:16 P.M. and Mrs. Beth Moroney arrived at 6:53 P.M.

Also in attendance were Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, Superintendent, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Stromsland, Director of Facilities, and Mr. Jonathan Busch, Board Attorney.

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 May 9, 2014.

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

IV. ADJOURN TO PRIVILEGED SESSION

Mr. Michaud read the following resolution:

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:
Attorney/Client Privileged Discussion Regarding:

- Appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction-Elementary
- Contract Negotiations & Interviews with Final Candidates for Board Architect for the Reconstruction of James Monroe Elementary School

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.

Mrs. Iyer asked for a motion to approve the privileged session resolution at 6:05 P.M. Mrs. Harris made the motion, seconded by Dr. Heelan. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Shi, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Bonderowitz,
Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Anes, Dr. Heelan, Mrs. Iyer

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mrs. Iyer asked for a motion to reconvene to open session at 8:50 P.M. Mrs. Harris made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anes. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Mornoney, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Bonderowitz,
Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Anes, Dr. Heelan, Mrs. Iyer

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VI. RESOLUTIONS – ACTION ITEMS

1. 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:

APPOINTMENT

<u>ADMINISTRATOR</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Beams, Tara Effective 07/01/14-06/30/15	\$143,000 University of Phoenix	Retirement	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Grades PreK-5 Education Center

Mrs. Iyer asked for a motion to approve the Personnel-Labor Relations resolution. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Dr. Heelan. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Fong,
Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Anes, Dr. Heelan, Mrs. Iyer

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

2. APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF JAMES MONROE SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education requires the services of an experienced and licensed architectural firm to assist the Board in the design and reconstruction of the James Monroe Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Board has solicited, received and negotiated proposals with interested architectural firms; and

WHEREAS, the Board, after careful consideration, has determined that LAN Engineering, Planning * Architecture, Surveying, Inc., 445 Godwin Avenue, Midland Park, NJ 07432 has submitted the most qualified proposal for the work; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to award a contract for the services of an architect without public bidding as a professional service pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1);

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board hereby

1. Appoints LAN Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying, Inc. to serve as project architect for the design, document preparation and construction phases of the James Monroe Elementary School reconstruction project, subject to the negotiation and approval of a contract by the Board's administration and the Board Attorney; and
2. Directs the Board's administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board; and
3. This professional service appointment is being made at a fee to be negotiated by the Board's administration.

Mrs. Iyer asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the appointment of an architect for the reconstruction of James Monroe School. Mrs. Harris made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Moroney. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Fong,
Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Fong, Mrs. Anes, Dr. Heelan, Mrs. Iyer

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mrs. Iyer asked for a motion to adjourn this May 28, 2014 special public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 9:04 P.M. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Michaud

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Secretary
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