

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The October 24, 2016 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Dr. Frank Heelan, at 7:00 P.M. at John Marshall Elementary School, 15 Cornell Street, Edison, NJ.

John Marshall Elementary School student and community service worker, Madelyn Donner, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Dr. Frank Heelan, President, Mrs. Beth Moroney, Vice-President, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz, , Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, Mrs. Shivi Prasad-Madhukar and Mr. Ralph Errico. Mrs. Deborah A. Anes and Mrs. Veena Iyer were 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

Dr. Heelan 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 January 7, September 27, 2016 and October 17, 2016.

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

IV. RECOGNITION

"I Am Edison Schools"

Dr. Heelan presented the "I Am Edison Schools" video highlighting James Madison Primary School teacher and published author, Lindsay James.

John Marshall Elementary School – Ami Hoffman, Principal

Mrs. Hoffman welcomed everyone to John Marshall Elementary School informing them that she was ready to showcase what makes the school and the student body so exceptional...focusing on a particular group of students in one club that has made the school a more beautiful place.

Approximately 5 years ago, Mrs. Hoffman continued, she became Principal of John Marshall and one of the many projects she wanted to tackle was to beautify the outside of the school, along with the courtyard, where teachers could take their students to read or do a science lab. The school had a humongous tree and bushes right outside the front door, which blocked most of the front windows and was causing the sidewalk to become uneven and cracked. This blockage of the windows caused the front of the school to look very dark and uninviting. The tree and bushes had to be removed to allow the sun to shine through the big glass windows.

Through the hard work of the John Marshall staff, and the district's fantastic grounds department, the tree and bushes were removed and made a great difference in the appearance of the front of the school. The lobby area is now full of sunlight and the students can now paint fun and inspiring images every year to coincide with the yearly school theme on the front windows. The students and the John Marshall community are always excited to see the inspirational messages showcased on the windows.

Mrs. Hoffman continued by informing the Board that this tree removal left her with the front of the building looking barren and in need of some landscaping "TLC." It was at that moment she decided to begin the Environmental Club. The purpose of this club was to help beautify the outside of the school, making the school look more inviting for the students...the learners, and to teach club members about protecting, caring for, and preserving the environment.

One of the things that make this club so successful is the outside support and assistance John Marshall School received from the community. Board Member, Mrs. Ward, took time to come out to work with the club. She brought things from her home garden and talked to the students about how to successfully plant and care for a garden. The students and parents also donated bulbs to plant each year.

The Environmental Club is also very fortunate to have a great friendship with Home Depot. The Home Depot in Edison, located on Route 1, has donated supplies multiple times to help keep the garden looking bright and inviting. While the supply donations would have been enough, Home Depot also sent volunteer staff workers to John Marshall School to help get the gardens become more than an idea, but a reality. Mrs. Hoffman introduced Home Depot's store manager, Antonio, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation. Home Depot came to John Marshall School twice with teams to build the gardens on the side of the school and along the fence.

Mrs. Hoffman showed a brief video which showcases some of the work of the Environmental Club. https://youtu.be/p_sd7vBBEjo (link to video)

In closing, Mrs. Hoffman commended the club's advisor, Mrs. Pellicane, for doing a tremendous job with this club. She has not only taught the students about gardening and the importance of cleaning up litter, but has given many of the students the opportunity to learn how to plant. They are always excited when they see the bulbs that they planted in October coming up in the Spring. In addition, she thanked Mr. Giordano, who comes in during the summer on his own time to trim the bushes and keep the grounds looking sharp for the students when they return in September. She presented all with certificates of appreciation and also presented the students who have participated in the Environmental Club for two years.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21ST & 26TH, 2016

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the minutes of the September 21, 2016 Caucus Meeting and the September 26, 2016 Public Meeting.

VI. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORTS (Exhibit A)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of August 31, 2016 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 2016-2017 school year.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the September 21, 2016 Caucus Meeting and the September 26, 2016 Public Meeting Minutes and the Board Secretary’s Report. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Bonderowitz,
Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING – LEASE PURCHASE

A. Public Comments – Resolution Only

Carol Bodofsky, resident, stated that she is grateful for the Woodbrook School addition.

B. Resolution – Lease Purchase for Woodbrook Elementary School

Resolution of the Board of Education of the Township of Edison in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey endorsing approval of the concept of Lease Purchase Financing for construction of an addition and improvements at the Woodbrook School; ratifying publication of the notices of public hearing and the request for proposals for selection of a lessor and investor in connection with the transaction; authorizing application to the Commissioner of Education for approval of the proposed Lease Purchase Agreement; awarding the lease contingent upon receiving approval of the Commissioner of Education of the proposed Lease Purchase Agreement; authorizing certain officials to execute such agreement and related documents; and authorizing other actions necessary to accomplish the transaction.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Edison in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Board”) has determined that it is necessary to provide for construction of an addition and renovations at the Woodbrook School consisting of classrooms, a gymnasium with a stage and a cafeteria with a full kitchen, including acquisition and installation of furnishings and equipment, financing and other incidental work and costs (the “Project”) through a lease purchase transaction; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to pursue the lease purchase financing method in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4.2(f) and the regulations promulgated thereunder consisting of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-10.1 et seq. (the “Regulations”) to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing with respect to the proposed method of financing for the Project on October 24, 2016 after duly publishing a notice in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board has selected McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC as Special Counsel (the “Special Counsel”) and Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission, as the Financial Advisor (the “Financial Advisor”) for the transaction contemplated herein; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby authorizes and ratifies the publication of the notices of public hearing and the request for proposals (the “RFP”) for the selection of a lessor and investor to enter into a lease purchase agreement to finance the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received proposals in accordance with the advertised RFP prepared and disseminated by the Financial Advisor on behalf of the Board and the recommendation of the Financial Advisor and now wishes to award the lease purchase financing, subject to approval of the lease purchase financing by the Department of Education as provided herein, to TD Equipment Finance, Inc. (referred to herein as the “Purchaser”) in accordance with its proposal submitted Thursday, October 20, 2016 and the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to enter into a lease purchase agreement (the “Lease”), a ground lease agreement and other required agreements with the Purchaser and to execute other documents as may be necessary to complete the transaction once the Board receives the required approval of the Commissioner of Education.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED:

by the Board of Education of the Township of Edison in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby endorses the concept of the lease purchase financing of the proposed Project.

Section 2. The Board hereby determines that the annual lease purchase principal and interest payments for the Project can be included within its net budget spending growth limitation and that such payments will not result in the need for approval by the voters of additional spending proposals to maintain existing instructional programs or extracurricular activities.

Section 3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, together with the Superintendent of Schools, Special Counsel, Board Attorney, Financial Advisor and other appropriate representatives of the Board (together, the “School District Professionals”) are hereby authorized to advertise and to solicit proposals for the selection of a lessor and investor and to take other appropriate steps necessary to prepare for the proposed lease purchase financing of the Project, and all such actions taken to date are hereby ratified. Subject to approval by the Department of Education of the lease purchase financing as provided herein, this Board hereby approves the proposal submitted by, and awards the Lease to TD Equipment Finance, Inc. as the Purchaser and determines to enter into the Lease in the aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 in accordance with the terms of its proposal, the RFP for the lease purchase financing of the Project and the recommendation of the Financial Advisor submitted to this Board of Education, for a term not to exceed three years, with rent payments consisting of an interest portion established at the annual interest rate per annum set forth in the proposal, subject to adjustment in accordance with the RFP, and a principal portion as explained more fully in the proposal and the RFP.

Section 4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, together with the other School District Professionals, is hereby authorized to make application on behalf of the Board to the Commissioner of Education for the approval of the proposed lease purchase agreement for the Project and related documents in accordance with the requirements of the Regulations.

Section 5. The Board hereby approves the total project cost of not exceeding \$11,500,000 to be financed in part by a contribution available from Capital outlay in the amount of \$6,500,000 and the lease purchase agreement in the principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000. There are no excess Project costs.

Section 6. The Board President, the Superintendent and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute and to deliver the Lease, a ground lease agreement, an agent or an escrow agreement, if necessary, and such other agreements, documents and certificates as may be necessary to consummate the transaction in forms prepared or approved by Special Counsel. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to arrange for a title search in the Woodbrook School that will serve as security under the ground lease agreement, to establish an escrow account for the deposit of the Lease proceeds and to direct the deposit and investment of the Lease proceeds in the escrow for the term of the Lease or such shorter period as may be necessary in accordance with the requirements of law. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is also authorized to pay any agreed upon fees and costs of issuance from the Lease proceeds. The Board President, the Superintendent and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary or other appropriate board representatives are also authorized and directed to take on behalf of the Board such other actions as shall be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the lease purchase financing in accordance with the terms of the Lease and this resolution and pursuant to the terms of the agreements and instruments authorized to be prepared hereby and to accomplish the performance of the obligations of the Board in respect thereto.

Section 7. The payments of rent or other monies due under the Lease shall be made only from the General Fund of the Board or other lawful sources. Neither the Board, nor any agency, department nor political subdivision thereof, shall be obligated to pay any sum to the Lessor under the Lease from any taxing source for the payment of any sums due under the Lease unless pursuant to an appropriation made by the Board in accordance law. The obligations of the Board under the Lease shall not constitute indebtedness of the Board or the Township of Edison or of any department, agency or political subdivision thereof. The Lease shall set forth the terms of the Lease in accordance with the proposal approved herein, the RFP and this resolution.

Section 8. The proceeds of the sale of the Lease shall be applied to (i) pay costs of the Project, (ii) pay accrued interest on the Lease, if any, and (iii) pay the costs of entering into the Lease.

Section 9. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of the interest portion of rent due under the Lease, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease, if applicable.

Section 10. The Board does not intend to issue more than \$10,000,000 on tax-exempt obligations in calendar year 2016 that will count towards the limitation imposed by Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”) and hereby designates the lease purchase agreement a “qualified tax exempt obligation” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.

Section 11. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue the Lease in the expected maximum principal amount of the Lease set forth herein and to use the proceeds of the Lease to pay or to reimburse expenditures for the costs of the Project for which the Lease is authorized herein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the Lease Purchase for Woodbrook Elementary School. Mrs. Moroney made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Bonderowitz,
Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESOLUTIONS ONLY

IX. RESOLUTIONS

A. 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

Alcala, Alexandria – Lunch Aide
James Monroe School

Effective: 10/28/16
Reason: Personal

DeStefano, Lois – French Club
Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Effective: 09/01/16
Reason: Club Abolished

Karatz, Daniel – Boys’ Baseball Coach
Woodrow Wilson Middle School

Effective: 10/05/16
Reason: Personal

Mann, Michelle – Student Council CoAdvisor – Grade 8 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Effective: 09/01/16 Reason: Personal
Mohammad, Jaweerya – Debate Club Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Effective: 09/01/16 Reason: Rescission
Ramos, Tricia – Lunch Aide Lindeneau School	Effective: 09/23/16 Reason: Personal
Salcedo, Jonathan – Computer Technician I Education Center	Effective: 11/15/16 Reason: Personal
Young, Laverne – Lunch Aide Menlo Park School	Effective: 09/30/16 Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENT

Mannix, Geraldine – Special Education Teacher Edison High School	Effective: 12/31/16 28 years, 4 months of service
Quaranta, George – Custodian J.P. Stevens High School	Effective: 10/31/16 26 years, 1 month of service

3. APPOINTMENTS

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
DeLeon, Nadia Effective TBD-06/30/17	MA+30, Step 4 \$59,282 (pro-rated) Dominican University	Resignation	Reading Specialist Benjamin Franklin School
Facendo, Jennifer Effective TBD-06/30/17	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Georgian Court University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher Benjamin Franklin School (for M. Ryan)
Winhold, Jillian Effective 01/03/17-06/30/17	BA, Step 2 \$50,500 (pro-rated)	Retirement	Special Education Teacher John Adams Middle School
<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Ayala, Jennifer Effective 10/19/16-06/30/17	\$4,320 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide Menlo Park School

Gulama, Abraham Effective 10/05/16-06/30/17	Step 1, BA \$19,005 (pro-rated)	Retirement	Paraprofessional Thomas Jefferson M.S.
Hoffman, Michael Effective 10/25/16-06/30/17	Step 1 \$42,194 (pro-rated)	Leave of Absence	Maintenance Tool Person – Mechanic Education Center
Rueda, Maria Effective TBD-06/30/17	\$4,320 (pro-rated)	New Position	Lunch Aide Martin Luther King School
Shah, Niyati Effective 10/10/16-06/30/17	\$4,320 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide Menlo Park School

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Caballero, Christine – English Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	11/28/16-11/29/16
	Medical	Without Pay & Benefits	11/30/16-12/26/16
	Maternity	Without Pay & Benefits	12/27/16-02/06/17
	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	02/07/17-06/30/17
Carde, Lia – Guidance Counselor Menlo Park School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/17-06/30/18
	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/22/16-09/23/16
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	09/24/16-10/25/16
	Fed FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	10/26/16-11/04/16
Chesseri, Brenda – Special Education Teacher John Adams Middle School	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	11/05/16-01/11/17
	Maternity	With Pay	01/12/17-02/09/17
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	02/10/17-02/22/17
Danik, Lai – Psychologist Education Center	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	02/23/17-05/17/17
	Medical	With Pay	10/13/16-01/02/17
Fischetti, Maureen – Nurse Menlo Park School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/27/16-10/16/16
Gabriel, Michael – Custodian Menlo Park School	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	10/17/16-10/31/16
Greeley, Allegra – Special Education Teacher Menlo Park School	Personal	Without Pay & Benefits	01/17/17-06/30/17

Grzybowski, Brian – Health/PE Teacher Lincoln School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/01/16-10/19/16
Harrison, Doreen – Special Education Teacher Lincoln School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/12/16-10/04/16
Higgins, James – Grounds Education Center	Medical Medical	With Pay Without Pay	10/07/16-10/20/16 10/21/16-12/07/16
Liu, Lauren – Grade 3 Teacher Lindeneau School	Medical Fed FMLA Fed/NJ FMLA Child Care	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	11/28/16-12/12/16 12/13/16-02/05/17 02/06/17-04/30/17 05/01/17-06/30/17
Mascarelli, Desiree – Custodian Edison High School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/20/16-10/27/16
Matonis, Laura – Nurse Edison High School	Medical Fed FMLA- Revised	With Pay Without Pay	09/01/16-09/13/16 09/14/16-10/31/16
Mendoza, Alexandra – Bilingual Teacher Washington School	Medical Maternity Fed FMLA Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	12/12/16-12/19/16 12/20/16-01/02/17 01/03/17-01/30/17 01/31/17-03/12/17
Mercuri, Karen – Special Education Teacher Washington School	Medical	With Pay	10/05/16-10/23/16
Ogunlade, Nicholas – Custodian John Adams Middle School	Medical-Revised Medical	With Pay Without Pay	09/08/16-10/19/16 10/20/16-12/11/16
Pagel, Todd – Social Studies Teacher John Adams Middle School	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	01/23/17-03/05/17
Pellegrino, Kristen – Visual Arts Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical Maternity Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	01/17/17-02/11/17 02/12/17-03/25/17 03/26/17-06/30/17
Riccobono, Mary – Special Education Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised Fed FMLA- Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	09/15/16-10/02/16 10/03/16-10/24/16 10/25/16-11/13/16 11/14/16-02/05/17

Santos-Stagliano, Juana – Spanish Teacher Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	11/14/16-11/29/16
	Medical	Without Pay & Benefits	11/30/16-12/06/16
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	12/07/16-02/27/17
Seidler, Gianna – Grade 4 Teacher Benjamin Franklin School	Medical	With Pay	09/12/16-10/04/16
Shaw, Cathy – Special Education Teacher James Madison Intermediate School	Child Care- Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/16-04/17/17
Solazzo, Giuseppina – Lunch Aide Menlo Park School	Medical	With Pay	09/07/16-10/05/16
	Medical	Without Pay	10/06/16-10/12/16
Steinhoff, Beatrice – School Secretary III John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	10/05/16-11/20/16
Sutter, Andrea – Mathematics Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/07/16-09/26/16
Thomas, Keith – Science Teacher Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	10/13/16-10/25/16
Tufaro, Cynthia – Supervisor – Elementary Education Center	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	10/05/16-11/14/16
Trzuskoski, April – Grade 2 Teacher Lincoln School	Medical	With Pay	11/28/16-12/25/16
	Maternity	With Pay	12/26/16-02/05/17
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	02/06/17-04/30/17
Vanhorn, Ellen – Bus Driver Education Center	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/01/16-10/27/16
Ward, Sara – Guidance Counselor Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/23/16-10/02/16
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	10/03/16-11/04/16
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	11/05/16-11/13/16
	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	11/14/16-01/02/17

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>ADMINISTRATOR</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Hom, Michael	Accountant Education Center Effective 07/01/16-06/30/17		Assistant Business Administrator / Assistant Board Secretary Education Center Effective 11/01/16-06/30/17

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Accattata, Kathleen	Special Education Teacher (1.0) Edison High School Salary \$105,008 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17		Special Education Teacher (1.2) Edison High School Salary \$113,008 (pro-rated) Effective 10/25/16-06/30/17
Catanzaro, Kaitlynn	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher James Madison Intermediate Effective 09/01/16-02/03/17		Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher James Madison Intermediate Effective 09/01/16-04/07/17
Martinez, Jill	Special Education Teacher (1.0) Herbert Hoover M.S. Salary \$98,900 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17		Special Education Teacher (1.2) Herbert Hoover M.S. Salary \$106,900 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17
Mendez-Bogash, Yarida	Special Education Teacher (1.0) Edison High School Salary \$96,178 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17		Special Education Teacher (1.2) Edison High School Salary \$104,178 (pro-rated) Effective 10/25/16-06/30/17
Rodriguez, Karen	Special Education Teacher (1.0) Edison High School Salary \$100,790 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17		Special Education Teacher (1.2) Edison High School Salary \$108,790 (pro-rated) Effective 10/25/16-06/30/17
Savage, Kaitlin	Science Teacher (1.0) Herbert Hoover M.S. Salary \$54,250 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17		Science Teacher (1.2) Herbert Hoover M.S. Salary \$62,250 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17
Sweeney, Megan	Special Education Teacher (1.0) Edison High School Salary \$96,631 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17		Special Education Teacher (1.2) Edison High School Salary \$104,631(pro-rated) Effective 10/25/16-06/30/17
<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Edwards, Katina	Lunch Aide Lincoln School Effective TBD-06/30/17		Lunch Aide Lincoln School Effective 10/10/16-06/30/17
Sinnott, Nicole	Lunch Aide Lincoln School Effective TBD-06/30/17		Lunch Aide Lincoln School Effective 09/26/16-06/30/17

6. LONGEVITY

<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Almanzar, Eloisa	WWM	11/19/16	15	\$98,627.00	\$99,099.00
Bruckenstein, Robin	WWM	11/20/16	21	\$109,399.00	\$109,893.00
Busse, Suzanne	WAS	11/15/16	22	\$100,261.00	\$100,715.00
Coppola, Danielle	TJM	11/17/16	16	\$105,513.00	\$106,003.00
Dato, Lisa	JPH	11/01/16	15	\$101,195.00	\$101,676.00
Deluca, Kimberly	MEN	11/01/16	15	\$99,847.00	\$100,319.00
Drake, Patricia	HHM	11/12/16	20	\$80,619.00	\$81,360.00
Dunkelman, Jodi	JAM	11/10/16	14	\$101,832.00	\$102,322.00
Gracia, Tayler	HHM	11/22/16	19	\$102,678.00	\$103,149.00
Grajko, Jennifer	HHM	11/11/16	16	\$104,941.00	\$105,436.00
Guzzi, Judith	BEN	11/08/16	23	\$100,715.00	\$101,169.00
Harris, Lynn	EDH	11/01/16	18	\$97,993.00	\$98,446.00
Heck, Wendy	MAR	11/29/16	20	\$98,900.00	\$99,808.00
Kelly, Colleen	WWM	11/01/16	15	\$99,347.00	\$99,819.00
Kelly, Rebecca	HHM	11/20/16	16	\$103,532.00	\$104,023.00
Leshnowar, Sabrina	FDR	11/11/16	15	\$98,627.00	\$99,099.00
Leuin, Jennifer	WWM	11/17/16	20	\$102,649.00	\$103,593.00
Luminiello, Lorie	HHM	11/05/16	16	\$97,998.00	\$98,460.00
Marmion, Karen	MAR	11/24/16	16	\$95,724.00	\$96,178.00
Marques, Angela	JMP	11/11/16	15	\$99,347.00	\$99,819.00
Marzano, David	JPH	11/20/16	21	\$103,593.00	\$104,065.00
Mattos, John	HHM	11/24/16	22	\$104,065.00	\$104,536.00
Mooney, Christine	JPH	11/28/16	16	\$99,819.00	\$100,290.00
Mosley-Aviles, Maritza	LIN	11/13/16	24	\$105,524.00	\$106,005.00
Nepote, Gina	TJM	11/05/16	21	\$106,420.00	\$106,915.00
Newton-Neal, Kimberly	TJM	11/10/16	23	\$99,811.00	\$100,737.00
Nuzzo, Susan	BEN	11/01/16	15	\$93,350.00	\$93,804.00
Patalano, Christine	HHM	11/02/16	16	\$106,441.00	\$106,936.00
Persson, Jennifer	TJM	11/20/16	15	\$101,095.00	\$101,676.00
Pittenger, Rosemarie	JPH	11/09/16	16	\$103,532.00	\$104,023.00
Retik, Jill	HHM	11/23/16	20	\$108,399.00	\$108,893.00

Romeo, Brian	WWM	11/01/16	16	\$97,998.00	\$98,460.00
Rudnick, Amy	LIN	11/22/16	14	\$98,155.00	\$98,627.00
Russell, Joy	MON	11/01/16	16	\$99,819.00	\$100,290.00
Schreiner, Todd	TJM	11/01/16	20	\$107,409.00	\$108,399.00
Schulz, Natalie	JMP	11/15/16	20	\$97,539.00	\$97,993.00
Schwarz, Roni	EDH	11/16/16	25	\$101,623.00	\$102,076.00
Sinagra, Michelle	FDR	11/15/16	20	\$106,973.00	\$107,954.00
Thorp, Sonia	HHM	11/22/16	19	\$104,081.00	\$104,562.00
Videla, Natalia	JMI	11/26/16	14	\$97,255.00	\$97,727.00
Weber, Maria	TJM	11/09/16	16	\$103,532.00	\$104,023.00
Wojcik, Kelly	MLK	11/30/16	16	\$104,532.00	\$105,023.00
DIFFERENCE TOTAL					\$22,691

<u>GUIDANCE/CST</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Barone, Andrew	EDH	11/01/16	16	\$108,575.00	\$109,091.00
Bennett-Bowbliss, Erin	MON	11/26/16	18	\$111,134.00	\$111,649.00
Clayton, Valerie	JPH	11/03/16	23	\$114,724.00	\$115,244.00
Ferlicchi, Ami	EC	11/02/16	14	\$103,996.00	\$104,501.00
Scurry-Mouzon, April	JMP	11/21/16	20	\$107,648.00	\$108,639.00
DIFFERENCE TOTAL					\$3,047

7. TENURE STIPEND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Sachinwalla, Jessica	JMP	11/27/16	\$57,605.00	\$57,855.00

8. EXPERIENCE STIPEND

<u>PRINCIPALS</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Bright, Sara	LIN	11/01/16	3	\$142,052.00	\$145,852.00
DIFFERENCE TOTAL					\$3,800

9. SUBSTITUTE STAFF – AS NEEDED FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Teachers – State Certified \$90/day – County Certified \$80/day

Camposi, Melissa	Kim, Benjamin**	Loewenstein, Evelyn
Ragunathan, Bhuvanewari	Shukla, Priti	Van Emburgh, Kristine

** Denotes Student Teacher

Nurse \$200/day

Carlin, Cynthia	Tejani, Rojeena
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Child Study Team \$200/day

Hetzel, Sara

Custodian \$10.50/hr

Wallner, Nicholas

10. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF – ADDITIONAL GRADUATE CREDITS EARNED, EFFECTIVE 09/01/16-06/30/17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Biloholowski, Brooke	JPH	Step 6, BA+15 \$58,052	Step 6 MA \$59,855
Boikess, Bruce	WWM	Step 10, MA \$76,555	Step 10, MA+15 \$78,394
Chan-Hom, Eva	WBR	Step 12, MA \$88,355	Step 12, MA+15 \$90,194
D’Orio, Laura	TJM	Step 9, BA+15 \$69,752	Step 9, MA \$71,555
DeZaio, Nicole	WWM	Step 5, MA \$58,355	Step 5, MA+15 \$60,694
DiDomenico, Dina	MEN	OG3, MA \$102,678	OG3, MA+15 \$104,581
Edwards, Shanda	EDH	OG3, MA \$104,685	OG3, MA+15 \$106,616
Felumero, Nerina	HHM	Step 3, MA \$54,605	Step 3, MA+15 \$56,444
Gyurisin, Erin	HHM	Step 5, BA \$54,250	Step 5, MA \$57,855
Hasner, Courtney *	JPH	Step 9, BA+15 \$77,252	Step 9, MA \$79,055
Mateicka, Malissa	MON	Step 9, MA \$71,555	Step 9, MA+15 \$73,394
Mirfield, Brian	TJM	Step 9, BA+15 \$69,252	Step 9, MA \$71,055
Murtagh, Brian	EDH	Step 7, BA \$60,250	Step 7, MA \$63,855
Ning, Irene	EDH	Step 5, BA \$54,000	Step 5, MA \$57,605
Peach, John	JAM	Step 10, BA+15 \$74,752	Step 10, MA \$76,555
Savage, Kaitlin	HHM	Step 5, BA \$54,250	Step 5, MA \$57,855
Seymour, Dana	FDR	Step 10, MA \$77,555	Step 10, MA+15 \$79,394
Turk, Ashley	WAS	Step 4, BA \$52,000	Step 4, MA \$55,605
Young-Dulina, Joann**	WBR	Step 12, MA+15 \$90,194	Step 12, MA+30 \$92,532
Witkowski, Michele	EDH	Step 5, MA \$57,855	Step 5, MA+15 \$59,694

* Includes salary for .2 assignment

** New salary includes PDI salary adjustment

11. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTIFIED STAFF BASED UPON COMPLETION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CREDITS - EFFECTIVE 09/01/16-06/30/17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Abrams, Yvonne	MAR	Teacher – Elementary	\$84,750.00	\$85,250.00
Bader, Toni-Ann	MAR	Teacher – Elementary	\$99,808.00	\$100,308.00
Beni, Christine	JMI	Teacher – Elementary	\$102,176.00	\$102,676.00
Branz, Kristen	MON	Teacher – Elementary	\$96,927.00	\$97,427.00
Brogan, Elizabeth	HHM	Teacher – Special Education	\$100,132.00	\$100,632.00
Cameron, Christine	WWM	Teacher – Science	\$52,000.00	\$52,500.00
Colletto, Kerri	JMP	Teacher – Special Education	\$64,355.00	\$64,855.00
Coscarelli, Barbara	JMI	Teacher – Elementary	\$86,052.00	\$86,552.00
Deakyne, Jeralyn	JMP	Teacher – Elementary	\$72,950.00	\$73,450.00
DeCoite, Lori	MON	Teacher – Visual Arts	\$76,555.00	\$77,055.00
DeZaio, Nicole	WWM	Teacher – Math	\$58,355.00	\$58,855.00
Drews, Kristen	MON	Teacher – Elementary	\$60,250.00	\$60,750.00
Dziedzic, Lauren	WWM	Teacher – Science	\$51,000.00	\$51,500.00
Felipe, Melanie	WWM	Teacher – Math	\$54,105.00	\$54,605.00
Ferrante, Sandi	EDH	Math Interventionist	\$100,790.00	\$101,290.00
Ford, Maria	MAR	Teacher – Music	\$98,923.00	\$99,423.00
Fuentes, Amy	MON	Teacher – Special Education	\$103,452.00	\$103,952.00
Grajko, Jennifer	HHM	Teacher – Special Education	\$104,441.00	\$104,941.00
Johnston, Breanne	LNC	Teacher – Elementary	\$57,855.00	\$58,355.00
Karamanos, Xanthy	BEN	Teacher – Elementary	\$54,000.00	\$54,500.00
Kavinski, Chelsea	WBR	Teacher – Elementary	\$57,855.00	\$58,355.00
Kousoulis, Fotini	TJM	Teacher – ESL	\$58,105.00	\$58,605.00
Kregeloh, Lauren	MEN	Teacher – Elementary	\$100,790.00	\$101,290.00
Lamparello, Doreen	TJM	Teacher – Special Education	\$76,555.00	\$77,055.00
Luckenbaugh, Pamela	MLK	Teacher – Elementary	\$104,014.00	\$104,514.00
Marois, Patricia	WWM	Teacher – English	\$101,319.00	\$101,819.00
McCann, Stephanie	MON	Teacher – Elementary	\$101,234.00	\$101,734.00
Mendiratta, Renu	JAM	Teacher – Science	\$77,555.00	\$78,055.00
Minto, Kathryn	WAS	District Interventionist	\$102,552.00	\$103,052.00
Muniz, Jannine	TJM	Teacher – Spanish	\$99,819.00	\$100,319.00
Nangia, Neeru	JAM	Teacher – Science	\$82,035.00	\$82,535.00
Nordensvan, Jennifer	MEN	Teacher – Visual Arts	\$78,930.00	\$79,430.00
Osmond, Kelly	JAMS	Teacher – Math	\$73,950.00	\$74,450.00
Perillo, Frances	MEN	Teacher – Elementary	\$109,393.00	\$109,893.00
Petersen, Kristin	TJM	Teacher – English	\$67,355.00	\$67,855.00
Platvoet, Donald	EC	Teacher – Staff Development Trainer	\$84,250.00	\$84,750.00
Post, Tara	MAR	Teacher – Special Education	\$63,855.00	\$64,355.00
Rasimowicz, Stephanie	EDH	Teacher – Math	\$74,855.00	\$75,355.00
Rawson, Victoria	MLK	Teacher – Elementary	\$58,355.00	\$58,855.00
Rebovich, Holly	TJM	Teacher – Science	\$50,500.00	\$51,000.00
Ring, Michelle	WAS	Teacher – Reading Specialist	\$100,932.00	\$101,432.00
Schutz, Stacy	MEN	Teacher – Elementary	\$109,905.00	\$110,405.00
Schwarz, Rochelle	MON	Teacher – Elementary	\$95,270.00	\$95,770.00

Sedler, Wendy	WWM	Teacher – Social Studies	\$59,855.00	\$60,355.00
Speckin, Maureen	MON	Teacher – Special Education	\$90,194.00	\$90,694.00
Taylor, Morgan	WWM	Teacher – English	\$50,500.00	\$51,000.00
Thomas, Ashley	LNC	Teacher – Elementary	\$54,250.00	\$54,750.00
Wojcik, Kelly	MLK	Teacher – Reading Specialist	\$104,032.00	\$104,532.00
Wong, Karen	WAS	Teacher – ESL	\$71,055.00	\$71,555.00
Yascko, Christy	WWM	Teacher – Social Studies	\$98,993.00	\$99,493.00
Young-Dulina, Joann	WBR	Elementary Math Specialist	\$90,194.00	\$92,532.00*

* New salary includes salary guide adjustment

12. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFIED STAFF BASED UPON COMPLETION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CREDITS - EFFECTIVE 09/01/16-06/30/17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Amberger, Christine	LND	Secretary IIIB	\$47,175.00	\$47,475.00

13. 2016-2017 TRANSLATORS FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES - EFFECTIVE 11/01/16-03/31/17 - \$40/hr. (as needed)

Bazan, Jessica	Fedowitz, Elizabeth	Huang, James
Mendez, Ana	Muniz, Jannine	Van de Wetering, Alexandra
Vergara, Claudia		

14. SAT PREPARATION (UP TO 16 SESSIONS) – EDISON HIGH SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 10/05/16 – 11/04/16

\$50/period during the school day (as needed contingent upon enrollment)

Brooks, Amy	Gentul, Alexander	Piccolo, Michael
Singh, Kruti		

\$35/45 min. session after school (as needed contingent upon enrollment)

Curcio, Michelle	Gentul, Alexander
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15. TECHNOLOGY STUDENT INTERNS – EFFECTIVE 10/25/16-06/30/17 \$9.00/hr. (as needed)

Boddupalli, Tarun	Corrette, Sabian	Hewedy, Omar
Jani, Raj		

16. COACHING APPOINTMENTS – 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>HIGH SCHOOL - FALL</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – EDH	Pollex, Fred	\$1,646.00	1
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – JPH	Bigelow, Brian	\$823.00	1 (Split)
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – JPH	Mayes, Jonathan	\$823.00	1 (Split)

<u>HIGH SCHOOL - WINTER</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Edison Ice Hockey Team – Assistant - EDH/JPH	Mondano, Vincent	\$4,163.00	1
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – EDH	McGuigan, Matthew	\$1,646.00	1
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – JPH	Bigelow, Brian	\$823.00	1 (Split)
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – JPH	Mayes, Jonathan	\$823.00	1 (Split)
<u>HIGH SCHOOL - SPRING</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – EDH	Pan, Jose	\$1,646.00	1
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – JPH	Bigelow, Brian	\$823.00	1 (Split)
Fitness Center Strength & Conditioning – JPH	Mayes, Jonathan	\$823.00	1 (Split)

17. 2016-2017 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTSLINCOLN SCHOOLCLASS A CLUB

Sports Club (Revised)

NAME

Levinski, Justin/ Martinez, Lauren

STIPEND

\$875.00 (Split)

COCURRICULAR

Odyssey of the Mind (Revised)

NAME

Riley, Kristine/ Durkin, Lisa

STIPEND

\$1,043.00 (Split)

LINDENEAU SCHOOLCLASS A CLUB

Yearbook Club

NAME

Costello, Meredith

STIPEND

\$875.00

HERBERT HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOLCLASS A CLUBS

Variety Show (Revised)

Volleyball Club (Revised)

NAME

Pfeiffer, Lyndsey/ Parcels, Denise

Hena, Amelia (3/1/17-6/30/17)

STIPEND

\$875.00 (Split)

\$875.00

COCURRICULARStudent Council CoAdvisor –
Grade 8 (Revised)NAME

Parcels, Denise/ DalPezzo, Debra

STIPEND

\$1,380.00 (Split)

JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOLCLASS A CLUB

Ping Pong Club

NAME

Schaber, Jared

STIPEND

\$875.00

WOODROW WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOLCLASS A CLUBS

Talent Club

Debate Club (Revised)

Model U.N. (Revised)

NAME

Hofstra, Lynn

Nilooban, Rina

Nilooban, Rina/ Mohammad, Jaweerya

STIPEND

\$875.00

\$875.00

\$875.00 (Split)

18. JOB DESCRIPTION (Exhibit B)

NEW

Assistant Business Administrator / Assistant Board Secretary

B. Administration

1. RMI/Endurance Settlement Agreement (Exhibit C)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education hereby approves the Partial Settlement Agreement and Limited Release with Endurance American Insurance Company dated August 25, 2016, and directs the Board's administration to take any and all steps necessary to carry out this action of the Board.

2. Liaison with the Education for Homeless Children & Youth in New Jersey

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education designates Richard Benedict, Manager of Enrollment, Crisis Management & Summer Programs, as liaison with the Education for Homeless Children and Youth in New Jersey Programs for the 2016-2017 school year.

3. 2016-2017 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance (Exhibit D)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the 2016-2017 NJQSAC Statement of Assurance Report as annexed hereto.

4. Approval of School Improvement Panel (ScIP), FY '17 (Exhibit E)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the establishment of a School Improvement Panel (ScIP) in each of its schools, for the 2016-2017 School Year, consisting of the principal or designee, and assistant principal or supervisor and a teacher selected in consultation with the majority representative, to ensure the effectiveness of the school's teachers, as annexed hereto.

5. Memorandum of Agreement – Edison Township Ice Hockey Parents Association, Inc. (Exhibit F)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Edison Board of Education and the Edison Township Ice Hockey Parents Association, Inc. for the 2016-2017 school year, as annexed hereto.

6. YMCA Contract – EHS/JPS Swim Teams (Exhibit G & H)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the YMCA contract for the Edison and John P. Stevens High Schools’ swim teams for the 2016-2017 school year, as annexed hereto.

7. American Education Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, America’s schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing each new generation with the tools to maintain our nation’s precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, schools are the primary influence in children’s lives aside from their families; and

WHEREAS, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise; and

WHEREAS, education employees – be they custodians, maintenance workers, secretaries, teacher aides, teachers, bus drivers or librarians – work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, there is nothing more crucial to the health and the future of our nation than education.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education hereby proclaims November 14-18, 2016 as the 95th annual observance of American Education Week.

C. Curriculum & Instruction

1. Field Trip Approval

BE IT

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

1. One student and one advisor (three instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School’s FCCLA will be attending the 2016 National Cluster Meeting in Denver, Colorado from November 2nd through November 6th, 2016. There will be no cost to the Board of Education. All costs will be funded by the National FCCLA Grant.

2. Ten students and one advisor (two instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School's FCCLA will be attending the 2016 National Cluster Meeting in Denver, Colorado from November 3rd through November 6th, 2016. There will be no cost to the Board of Education. All costs will be funded by the FCCLA Grant.
3. Nine students and one advisor (no instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School's Cyberhawks will be attending Cyber Security Awareness Week-High School Forensics in Brooklyn, New York from November 10th through November 12th, 2016. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
4. One student and one advisor (three instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School's FCCLA will be attending the 2016 National Cluster Meeting in Orlando, Florida from November 16th through November 20th, 2016. There will be no cost to the Board of Education. All costs will be funded by the National FCCLA Grant.
5. Five students and one advisor (one instructional day) from John P. Stevens High School's FCCLA will be attending the SEC Meeting and Fall Leadership Connection in Edison, New Jersey from November 20th through November 21st, 2016. There will be no cost to the Board of Education. All costs will be funded by the FCCLA Grant.
6. Seventy students and four advisors (one and one-half instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School's Model UN will be attending Rutgers Model UN Conference in New Brunswick, New Jersey from December 1st through December 4th, 2016. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
7. Thirty students and three advisors (no instructional days) from Edison High School's French Club will be attending Prometour Educational Tour in Quebec, Canada from April 10th through April 14th, 2017. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

2. Professional Development Documentation – October 2016

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following Professional Development Documentation:

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	CONFERENCE	LOCATION	REGISTRATION FEE	HOTEL EXPENSES **	OTHER EXPENSES **	FUND
Lin, Stephanie	Monroe	10/25/16	2016 NJ Science Convention	Princeton, NJ	\$175.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Digioia-Laird, Patricia	JPS	11/03/16-11/06/16	2016 National Cluster Meeting	Denver, CO	\$ 75.00	\$600.00	\$450.00	FCCLA Grant
Beams, Tara	Ed Center	11/17/16-11/18/16	NCTM Innov 8 Conference	St. Louis, MO	N/A	\$151.87	\$350.00	Professional Development

Buonomo, Carol (RESCIND)	JPS	11/18/16	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference	Boston, MA	\$330.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Ruggiero, Frank (RESCIND)	HHMS	11/17/16-11/18/16	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference	Boston, MA	\$330.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Stires, Ellen (RESCIND)	EHS	11/18/16	American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Conference	Boston, MA	\$330.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
DiGioia-Laird, Patricia	JPS	11/20/16-11/21/16	SEC Meeting & Fall Leadership Connection	Edison, NJ	\$ 40.00	\$109.00	N/A	FCCLA Grant
Halleran, Rebecca	JPS	11/04/16	AP Workshop – Economics-Macro & Micro	Robbinsville, NJ	\$275.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Gonzi, Amanda	EHS	12/07/16-12/09/16	AVID National Conference	Dallas, TX	\$550.00	\$200.00	\$650.00	NCLB
Robella, Rachel	EHS	12/07/16-12/09/16	AVID National Conference	Dallas, TX	\$550.00	\$200.00	\$650.00	NCLB
Gyurisin, Erin	HHMS	12/07/16-12/09/16	AVID National Conference	Dallas, TX	\$550.00	\$200.00	\$650.00	NCLB
Rappa, Kelly	HHMS	12/07/16-12/09/16	AVID National Conference	Dallas, TX	\$550.00	\$200.00	\$650.00	NCLB
Savage, Kaitlin	HHMS	12/07/16-12/09/16	AVID National Conference	Dallas, TX	\$550.00	\$200.00	\$650.00	NCLB
Wolf, Jennifer	EHS	12/08/16	National Writing Project: How Mentor Texts Lift Student Writing	New Brunswick, NJ	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Marasco, Shannon	HHMS	01/12/17	Strategies to Strengthen Your Writing Instruction to Significantly Increase Students' Writing Skills Grades 6-12	New Brunswick, NJ	\$245.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Wolf, Jenifer	EHS	02/16/17	Strategies & Structures for Teaching Ready	New Brunswick, NJ	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Santoro, Virginia	Ed Center	03/21/17-03/24/17	2017 TESOL Convention	Seattle, WA	\$350.00	\$795.00	\$425.00	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 / * As per previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools

D. Pupil/Special Services

1. 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 (Special Education Students):

<u>Student ID #</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Previous Placement</u>	<u>New Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
2024157	9/12/16	N/A	Bancroft with 1:1 Aide	88,994	New Student Transfer-In/Continued Placement
2025296	9/13/16	JP Stevens High School	Bonnie Brae	74,000	Court Mandated Placement
3015906	7/25/16	State Placement @ Monmouth Ocean Ed Services Commission – Best Academy	Clifton High School	(43,860)	Student Transferred Out/Currently Living with Foster Parent in Clifton, NJ

<u>Student ID#</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>
3015936	9/16/16	Residential Laurie Haven Group Home Student @NuView Academy	N/A	N/A (Billed Directly)	Asbury Park, NJ	Student Discharged from the Laurie Haven Group Home – Returning to Home District
3018278	8/19/16	Residential Laurie Home Haven Group Home Student – Placed at May Academy by Elizabeth Public School District	N/A	N/A (Billed Directly)	Elizabeth, NJ	Student Discharged from the Laurie Haven Group Home – Retuning to Home District
3017018	9/30/16	Residential Laurie Haven Group Home Student – Placed at May Academy by Elizabeth Public School District	N/A	N/A (Billed Directly)	Elizabeth, NJ	Student Discharged from the Laurie Haven Group Home – Returning to Home District

2. Professional Services – 2016-2017 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following professional services for the 2016-2017 School Year:

1. The Nemours Foundation
1600 Rockland Road
Wilmington, DE 19803

Academic Instruction
\$40.00 Per Hour

F. Finance

1. Lease Purchase for Copier Equipment

Resolution of the Board of Education of the Township of Edison in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey determining to acquire, to finance and to refinance equipment by means of a Lease Purchase Financing in an amount not exceeding \$484,830.00, authorizing an advertisement for bids or quotes to finance the equipment, authorizing the award of the bid, authorizing the execution of the lease and related documents and authorizing other actions necessary to complete the transaction.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Edison in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey (the “Board”) is created and is charged by law with the responsibility of providing a system of public education within the school district over which it has jurisdiction and to acquire equipment therefor; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to fund the acquisition and installation of copiers and to refinance certain existing copiers, including financing and incidental or related costs (the “Equipment”) by means of a lease purchase financing for a term that does not exceed four (4) years pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4.2(f) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the Board has selected the Hunterdon County Educational Services as Financial Advisor (the "Financial Advisor") and McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, as special counsel (the "Special Counsel") for the purpose of advising and assisting with the proposed lease purchase financing of the Equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Board has followed the procedures required by N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4.2(f) and N.J.S.A. 18A:18Ak-1 *et seq.*, and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby authorizes and ratifies the solicitation of bids or quotes (hereinafter referred to as "bids") for the financing of the Equipment pursuant to a lease purchase agreement for a principal amount of \$484,830.00 and hereby ratifies the publication of the notice of request for bids; and

WHEREAS, the notice of request for bids (the "Request for Bids"), which established the criteria for awarding the bid to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and established the index for the interest rate for the financing, was made available and bids were received on October 6, 2016 in accordance with the Request for Bids; and

WHEREAS, of the bids submitted, Signature Public Funding Corp. submitted the most responsive, responsible lowest bid, and the Board desires to award the lease purchase financing to this company in accordance with its bid and the Request for Bids; and

WHEREAS, the Board now intends to enter into an equipment lease purchase agreement (the "Lease") with Signature Public Funding Corp. (the "Lease") on a date to be determined by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

Section 1. The Board hereby approves the bid submitted by Signature Public Funding Corp. (referred to hereinafter as the "Purchaser" or sometimes the "Lessor") to enter into the Lease at an annual interest rate of 1.54% for a term of not to exceed four years in the principal amount of not to exceed \$484,830.00, representing the principal portion of the rent payments under the Lease. This award is being made in accordance with the Request for Bids and the bid submitted by the Purchaser to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, on October 6, 2016 and on file in his office. The Purchaser's interest rate will be held fixed until November 6, 2016. If the closing does not occur by that date, the interest rate will be calculated in accordance with the index rate set forth in the Request for Bids.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the execution and the delivery of, and the performance by the Board of its obligations under, the Lease and other related financing agreements and documents, which shall be in the form approved by Special Counsel. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute such documents on behalf of the Board, and the signature of such official shall be conclusive proof of such approval.

Section 3. The payments of rent or other monies due under the Lease shall be made only from the General Fund of the Board. Neither the Board, nor any agency, department nor political subdivision thereof, shall be obligated to pay any sum to the Lessor under the Lease from any taxing source for the payment of any sums due under the Lease. The obligations of the Board under the Lease shall not constitute indebtedness of the Board or of the Township of Edison or of any department, agency or political subdivision thereof. The Lease, to be prepared in accordance with the Request for Bids and the bid submitted by the Lessor, will set forth the terms of the lease purchase acquisition by the Board of the Equipment, the rental payments to be paid by the Board in respect thereof and the dates on which rent shall be due and payable.

Section 4. The proceeds of the sale of the Lease shall be applied to (i) pay costs to acquire and to install the new Equipment and to refinance the existing Equipment, and (ii) pay the costs of entering into the Lease.

Section 5. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to direct the investment of funds under an escrow deposit agreement (the "Escrow Agreement") between the Board and a GUDPA approved escrow agent at the cost of the Purchaser, consistent with the provisions of New Jersey law and the Escrow Agreement, and is authorized to enter into such agreement and to execute such documents on behalf of the Board as may be necessary therefor.

Section 6. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on the Lease, including the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on the Lease, if applicable. The Board hereby designates the Lease as "bank qualified" within the meaning of Section 265 of the Code. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue the Lease in the expected maximum principal amount of the Lease set forth herein and to use the proceeds of the Lease to pay or to reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purpose for which the Lease is authorized herein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury regulations Section 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 7. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary and/or the Board President and other appropriate representatives of the Board are authorized to take any and all actions necessary to implement the transaction and the agreements authorized herein, and any such actions taken prior to adoption of this resolution, including the publication of the notice of the Request for Bids, is hereby ratified and approved. Any Board actions heretofore taken that are inconsistent with this resolution are hereby repealed and/or superseded to the extent of any inconsistency herewith.

Section 8. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

2. Authorization of Lease Purchase – Transportation Equipment Financing

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education, County of Middlesex, New Jersey, is a political subdivision of the State of New Jersey (the “State”) and is duly organized and existing pursuant to the constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to applicable law, the governing body of the Lessee (Governing Body”) is authorized to acquire, dispose of and encumber real and personal property, including, without limitation, rights and interests in property, leases and easements necessary to the functions or operations of the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the execution of one or more lease-purchase agreements (“Equipment Leases”) in the principal amount not exceeding the amount of \$780,236.77 (“Principal Amount”) for the purpose of acquiring the property generally described below (“Property”) and to be described more specifically in the Equipment Leases is appropriate and necessary to the functions and operations of the Lessee; and

WHEREAS, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (“Lessor”) is expected to act as the lessor under the Equipment Leases; and

WHEREAS, the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to its receipt of proceeds of the Equipment Leases (“Lease Purchase Proceeds”) for such expenditures and such expenditures are not expected to exceed the Principal Amount; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Treasury Department regulations do not allow the proceeds of a tax-exempt borrowing to be spent on working capital and the Lessee shall hereby declare its official intent to be reimbursed for any capital expenditures for Property from the Lease Purchase Proceeds.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: by the Governing Body of the Lessee:

SECTION 1. Either one of the Business Administrator or the Superintendent (each an “Authorized Representative”) acting on behalf of the Lessee is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute and deliver one or more Equipment Leases in substantially the form set forth in the document presently before the Governing Body, which document is available for public inspection at the office of the Lessee. Each Authorized Representative acting on behalf of the Lessee is hereby authorized to negotiate, enter into, execute and deliver such other documents relating to the Equipment Lease (including, but not limited to, escrow agreements) as the Authorized Representative deems necessary and appropriate. All other related contracts and agreements necessary and incidental to the Equipment Leases are hereby authorized.

SECTION 2. By a written instrument signed by any Authorized Representative, said Authorized Representative may designate specifically identified officers or employees of the Lessee to execute and deliver agreements and documents relating to the Equipment Leases on behalf of the Lessee.

SECTION 3. The aggregate original principal amount of the Equipment Leases shall not exceed the Principal Amount and shall bear interest as set forth in the Equipment Leases and the Equipment Leases shall contain such options to purchase by the Lessee as set forth therein.

SECTION 4. The Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall be subject to annual appropriation or renewal by the Governing Body as set forth in each Equipment Lease and the Lessee's obligations under the Equipment Leases shall not constitute a general obligations of the Lessee or indebtedness under the Constitution or laws of the State.

SECTION 5. The Governing Body of Lessee anticipates that the Lessee may pay certain capital expenditures in connection with the Property prior to the receipt of the Lease Purchase Proceeds for the Property. The Governing Body of Lessee hereby declares the Lessee's official intent to use the Lease Purchase Proceeds to reimburse itself for Property expenditures. This section of the Resolution is adopted by the Governing Body of Lessee for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of Section 1.150-2 of Treasury Regulations. This section of the Resolution does not bid the Lessee to make any expenditure, incur any indebtedness, or proceed with the purchase of the Property.

SECTION 6. As to each Equipment Lease, Lessee hereby designates each Equipment Lease as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for the purposes of and within the meaning of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code") and Lessee reasonably anticipates that the total amount of Section 265 Tax-Exempt Obligations to e issued during the current calendar year by Lessee, or by any entity controlled by Lessee or by another entity the proceeds of which are loaned to or allocated to Lessee for purposes of Section 265(b) of the Code will not exceed \$10,000,000. "Section 265 Tax-Exempt Obligations" are obligations the interest on which is excludable from gross income of the owners thereof under Section 103 of the Code, except for private activity bonds other than qualified 501(c)(a3) bonds, both as defined in Section 141 of the Code.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and approval.

3. Bid – Woodbrook Elementary School Addition

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education awards the following bids for the Woodbrook Elementary School Addition to Brockwell & Carrington Contractors, 1 Como Court, Towaco, NJ 07082 for their low bid according to specifications (contingent upon the approval of the New Jersey Commissioner of Education): (Bid Date–09/08/16)

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
3R Painting & Contracting	11,340,000.00
Bismark Construction Corp.	12,637,000.00
Brockwell & Carrington Contractors*	10,920,000.00
Frankoski Construction	12,291,000.00
Fuscon Enterprises, Inc.	11,278,000.00
G&P Parlamas, Inc.	10,973,107.00
GPC, Inc.	11,590,000.00
H&S Construction & Mechanical	11,600,000.00
Hall Building Corporation	10,978,000.00
M&M Construction Co., Inc.	11,350,000.00
McCauley Construction Co., Inc.	11,399,000.00
Structural Concepts, Inc.	11,373,000.00
Unimak, LLC	11,156,000.00
Vanas Construction Co., Inc.	10,998,500.00
*Awarded Bid	

4. Bid – Pupil Transportation – To and From School – 2016-2017 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education awards the following bids for pupil transportation, to and from school, for the 2016-2017 school year, to the following bidder for their low bids according to specifications:
(Bid Date–09/08/16)

<u>Route</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Successful Bidder</u>
EV-3		NO BIDS
JMPA	Barker	245.00 Aide – 54.00
JMPP	Barker	245.00 Aide – 54.00
WVAM	Barker	267.00
WW18	Barker	219.00

5. Revised Nonpublic Nursing Aid – 2016-2017

WHEREAS, New Jersey Nonpublic Nursing Aid requires that each board of education of a district, in which a nonpublic school is located shall provide Nonpublic Nursing Aid to those students who are enrolled full-time in nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey has agreed to provide required coordinative services for the New Jersey Nonpublic Nursing Aid for local public school districts for the purpose of efficient delivery of services and greater cost effectiveness through cooperation and centralized administration.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: by this Board of Education that it enter into an agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, to provide the coordination services for the nursing aid for pupils who are enrolled full-time in non-public schools as provided in the form of agreement, at a maximum rate of \$90.00 per pupil for a total amount not to exceed \$213,300; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that this agreement shall be for a ten month period from September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that this agreement can be terminated by either of the parties upon giving a sixty-days written notice by the party desiring to terminate said agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that the proper officers of this Board of Education be and they are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

6. Revised Nonpublic Technology – 2016-2017

WHEREAS, New Jersey Nonpublic Technology Aid requires that each board of education of a district, in which a nonpublic school is located shall provide Nonpublic Technology Aid to those students who are enrolled full-time in nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey has agreed to provide required coordinative services for the New Jersey Nonpublic Technology Aid for local public school districts for the purpose of efficient delivery of services and greater cost effectiveness through cooperation and centralized administration.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: by this Board of Education that it enter into an agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, to provide the coordination services for the technology aid for pupils who are enrolled full-time in non-public schools as provided in the form of agreement, at a maximum rate of \$26.00 per pupil for a total amount not to exceed \$61,620; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that this agreement shall be for a ten month period from September 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that this agreement can be terminated by either of the parties upon giving a sixty-days written notice by the party desiring to terminate said agreement;
and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that the proper officers of this Board of Education be and they are hereby authorized to execute said agreement.

7. ESCNJ Nonpublic Nursing – 2016-2017 School Year

BE IT
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education, through contract with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, authorizes the administrative personnel of the Commission to conference, discuss and solicit input in the development of the nursing services contract document for the 2016-2017 school year which provides nursing services to the following nonpublic schools located in the Edison district:

- Apple Montessori – Annex
- Apple Montessori
- Bishop Ahr High School
- Discovery Christian
- Helping Hands Nursery School
- John Kenney Child Care
- Keith Wold Johnson
- Little Flowers Montessori School
- Little Genius Academy
- Little Treasures Learning Center
- New Friends
- Peppermint Tree Child Care
- Plaza Child Care
- Rabbi Jacob Joseph School
- Rabbi Pesach Ramon Yeshiva
- St. Helena School
- St. Matthew School
- Wardlaw Hartridge School

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED: that Nursing Services to be provided first by assignment of a licensed nurse and the purchase of supplies and equipment necessary to implement the law and code – N.J.A.C. 6:29-8 include:

1. Assistance with medical examinations, including dental screening.
2. Audiometric screening.
3. Maintenance of student health records, including immunizations.
4. Scoliosis screening.
5. Adopt written policies and procedures extending the emergency care provided to the public school pupils to those pupils who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad.

8. Non-Public Technology Services (Exhibit I)

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 Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program, Fiscal Year 2016, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
HKMF706	Discovery Christian Montessori	CDW-G	278.29
HKTD355	John Kenney Childcare	CDW-G	277.32
HLHV647	Plaza Child Care	CDW-G	67.68

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>
J Madison PS	9 Promethean Projectors
JP Stevens HS	10 Dell Towers
	1 Smart Board

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 September 30, 2016 payable by Cycle Checks No. 131600 through No. 132277 inclusive, totaling \$25,445,800.16 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the Superintendent’s Report, Curriculum and Instruction, Administration, Pupil/Special Services, Personnel Report and Finance Resolutions. Mrs. Bonderowitz made the motion, seconded by Mr. Errico. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Heelan reported the following upcoming meetings:

Event – Caucus Meeting
Date – Monday, November 16, 2016
Location – Education Center (Caucus Room)
Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event – Public Meeting
Date – Monday, November 21, 2016
Location – Washington Elementary School (Gymnasium)
Time - 7:00 P.M.

X. COMMITTEES

1. Special Finance & Facilities Committee

Mr. Errico reported that a Special Finance and Facilities Committee met on October 11, 2016 at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Mr. Ralph Errico, Dr. Frank Heelan, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Dr. Richard O'Malley and Mr. Daniel P. Michaud

Discussion:

- New Jersey School Boards Association representatives, Mary Gassman and Jane Kirchner, were questioned by the Committee about the dues fee structure and the services available to the Board.
- Ms. Gassman and Ms. Kirchner explained that they have an appointed dues committee that provides the formula that generates the annual dues. The dues are based on the size of the district budget with the maximum annual dues amount (which includes Edison) of \$26,662.70.
- They also provided NJSBA flyers listing the numerous services that they provide, some of which Edison utilizes and some not.
- The Committee Questioned:
 - Why all districts that have 9 board members don't pay the same dues?
 - Why doesn't the annual dues cover the cost of all NJSBA events/services?
 - Why can't boards of education only pay for services used?
 - Why can't membership in the NJSBA be voluntary as opposed to state mandated?
- The NJSBA representatives said that they would bring these issues back to their superiors to be addressed.

1. State Aid Committee

Mrs. Ward gave a State Aid Committee Report, focusing on the 2015-2016 school year and the 24 school districts in Middlesex County. Edison Township had 12% of the student enrollment and received 2.47% of the state aid. She reported that 21 of the 24 Middlesex County districts received more aid per student than Edison – ranging from \$946 to \$14,488 per student. If this was shared equally with all of Middlesex County, on a 12% enrollment basis, Edison would have received \$4,449 per student, rather than the \$916 per student received. On average, countywide, Edison was shortchanged \$3,533 per student. The disparity in distribution in this county along, for whatever extraneous considerations there might be, is far out of hand and there is neither rhyme nor reason for continuing it.

She forwarded now to this 2016-2017 school year and state aid numbers. Edison's September 30th enrollment of 15,680 students shows an increase of 509 students over September 30th of last year – a 3.36% increase. Edison's 2016-2017 state aid increased by only 1.9%. On a per-student basis, Edison is experiencing a decrease of 2.3% (\$21 per student) in state aid. The disparity and inequity grow.

What have we done?

Edison had met with then congressman, Patrick Diegnan, and had sent out a resolution pinpointing the state aid disparities. In July Mrs. Ward participated in a round table at Middlesex County College, open to boards and councils in the county, at which Senators Sweeney, Diegnan, Greenstein and Ruiz listened. Last month, Dr. Heelan and she participated in a Middlesex County School Board Association discussion on state aid. A committee of the board met with Edison's mayor and council members to enlist their support, and they pledged to pass a motion supporting the Board's concerns on state aid.

What are the results or prospects to date?

So far, Governor Christie has proposed a flat rate per student throughout the state. This has received much push-back, because it does not consider need. Senator Sweeney is taking his "listening tour" to all counties, wants a one-year study and a select committee to right the wrongs imbedded in the 2008 law, come up with a new formula, and take 5 additional years to fully implement. Assemblypersons Vincent Prieto and Marlene Caride are on board with a proposal comprising a base of six legislators, with a working group of 12 from "expert education organizations" serving as a resource for committee deliberations with no part of the current funding formula or processes associated with the formula to be off limits. Never mind that they are starting with a failed formula, are planning to look into the problems and issues that have arisen in the past ten years, and have no time line. And so the bamboozle permeates the process.

Her thoughts, which she has shared with all attendees at the round table and fellow board members, are as follows:

1. The bank wants its mortgage payment monthly, the township wants its taxes quarterly. The homeowner is not able to kick the can on payments for 5-6 years. The economy reflects the fact that New Jersey leads the nation in foreclosures. Look around your neighborhood.
2. We have exhausted our resources pouring money into districts that show little appreciable gains at the expense of those of us who carry our own water. Two Middlesex County elementary schools recently cost \$40-50 million each to build; we are building one for \$19 million because we are restrained – no government aid.
3. Fifteen of our 17 schools are over the NJDOE facilities efficiency standards anywhere from 14% to 82%. We need to build; relief is imperative. The Board of Education and this community cannot kick the can in building schools for 5 to 6 years either.
4. When the budget was cut \$16 million in one recent year, it was awful, but we managed.

What to do:

1. The new state formula has to be one that cannot be altered at whim and the bases of the formula must be accurate and verifiable annually.
2. There are four known, absolute, finite, verifiable and timely factors. They are district enrollments, median income of the district, the number of school districts in the state and the amount of state aid allocated in the state budget.
3. School budgets, property taxes, property values, valuations, adjustment aid, PTR's, FES, debt service, building programs, equalization aid, state aid caps, et al, should not be part of the mix. For six decades the federal government, state governments, businesses, organizations, philanthropists and fundraisings have poured money into the more needy districts for special programs. They would be free to continue to do so – i.e. Special federal (NCLB & IDEA) programs and additional state aid. They would not be affected.

4. The poor, homeless, limited English-speaking, bilingual, those with disabilities and/or at risk are all beneficiaries of these programs and caring for their needs would additionally be reflected in a formula with median income as a base.
5. The enrollment and median income ratio would require serious consideration by persons capable of devising such a formula – not political appointees. Once established, the uniform ration, if needing adjustment, would be adjusted for all school districts – no amendments, no backroom deals, no horse trading, no pleading causes and no lobbying. All the figures as of a preordained date are available. It should take solid mathematical skills, a computer program, and one week to put it together. This is not rocket science. The bottom line is the state school aid budget figure. Once the state budget is passed, school districts can figure what their aid is to be and will be constrained to operate with that amount of aid. The plan and amounts per district should be firmly in place well before July 1, 2017. No Excuses!

What should be done?

1. Being shortchanged anywhere from \$53 to \$66 million per year by comparison in Middlesex County, or \$9 million per year under the current state law is counter-productive for Edison Schools, and every year it is more devastating and spiraling. It is spiraling and compounding annually. Time is of the essence.
2. We shall continue to work at it; however, this community has the real stake in this and it is incumbent upon all to join us in working to stop the procrastination and Trenton's penchant for complexity. We call it letters, phone calls, personal contacts and/or a better idea if you have one.
3. To the people who say this idea is too simple and the people in Trenton won't let it happen, there, you have a problem.

Mrs. Ward made a motion to discuss how to get the word out to all taxpayers regarding state aid. Mrs. Moroney seconded the motion. This was approved by all board members present. Mr. Errico asked if the Board is allowed to send out their position to all taxpayers.

A discussion ensued regarding how to get the word out.

XII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Heelan reported that Middlesex County College will be opening a new building with 14 science labs. This will benefit many students from Edison who will attend the college.

He also commended Board Member, Beth Moroney, for the many book reviews she has done and for writing her first novel.

Mr. Shi received an email regarding the School Nutrition Report, rating Edison as the School Breakfast Champion, once again.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Shannon Peng, resident, thanked the Board for recognizing Special Education teacher, Lindsey James, and all the Special Education teachers for the excellent programs provided in Edison. She commented on the new Canvas app now in effect for Edison students and parents.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to adjourn October 24, 2016 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 8:09 P.M. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Michaud
Secretary
DPM:jmc