

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The March 21, 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 Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, 2485 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ.

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School Students Pharrell Maapi, Alakaisha Rocha-Rayburn and Amelia Richichi 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. Deborah A. Anes, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Veena Iyer, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, Mrs. Shivi Prasad-Madhukar and Mr. Ralph Errico. Mrs. Lori A. Bonderowitz was 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, 2016 and March 1, 2016.

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- “I Am Edison Schools” (Hidden Hero) Video Presentation – Dr. O'Malley introduced Mr. Bill Crandle and presented the video on Edison's Hidden Hero, Bill Crandle, Chartwells Food Service Employee.
- Mr. Steven Preville, Principal, welcomed the Board, Central Administration and members of the Edison Township Community, to Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, the Home of the Ben Bolts! He informed the Board that tradition of excellence is valued at the school. The goal is to develop and shape the students into passionate, confident, lifelong learners who have competence and strength of character. They strive to have the students realize their aspirations and are prepared to contribute to a diverse and ever-changing world.

The scope and magnitude of responsibilities to the students, their parents and the community are infinite. Mr. Preville stated that their worlds, actions and inactions have a profound impact on the lives they are all responsible for. It is, therefore, that they offer nothing less than their best every day to succeed in providing everything they can in “making a difference.”

Each day, he continued, the students recite the “B the G” pledge to create a unified environment. We are smart, special, valuable people. They respect themselves and respect others. Their words and actions are kind and honest. They accept only the best in all that they do. They are proud to be a part of the Ben Franklin family.

Benjamin Franklin School meets the needs of a diverse community. There are many opportunities for students to excel academically and socially. The curriculum is an integrated approach which allows students to make connections among all subject areas. They believe that all children can learn and it is their job to find their individual interests to ensure they are able to apply knowledge to real life. Socially, students have an opportunity to get involved in many co-curricular activities which provides an overall well-rounded school experience.

The very active Parent-Teacher Association provides many activities and events. This provides meaningful opportunities for the students, which creates an extension of the curriculum and learning. Such activities, including the annual Bingo Night, Pajama Jam and Family Fun Night demonstrate how the Benjamin Franklin staff firmly believes that parent involvement is necessary to ensure student success.

As the student population continues to grow and change, Mr. Preville stressed how committed they are in maintaining an environment that is safe and appropriate. Each day, emphasis is placed on “Character Education.” Students who attend Benjamin Franklin must be polite, respectful, good listeners and “think before acting.”

Students are taught the **“The true test of character is not how much you know how to do, but how you behave when you don’t know what to do.”** Our ability to work together will make a difference in the lives of the children today, tomorrow and well into the 21st Century.

In staying with the theme of one of the district goals in creating a commitment to health, fitness and wellness, Mr. Preville introduced Ms. Rubinstein and Mr. Tenebrusco and students to provide a brief introduction about the Dance/Fitness team and Team Franklin Club. The Dance/Fitness Team performed and presented the Board with “Smoothies made and delivered.”

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES–February 24th & 29th, 2016

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 24, 2016 Caucus Meeting and the February 29, 2016 Public Meeting.

VI. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORTS (Exhibit A)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of January 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 2015-2016 school year.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the February 2016 Caucus and Public Meeting Minutes and the Board Secretary’s Report. Mrs. Moroney 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. Iyer,
Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS ONLY)

Bill Brunner, resident, questioned the free balance applied towards James Monroe Elementary School.

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. Personnel – Labor Relations

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following personnel items as indicated below:

1. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Baron, Dorothea – Security Guard Edison High School	Effective: 04/05/16 Reason: Termination
Bateman, Yuliya – Improv Club Washington School	Effective: 03/17/16 Reason: Leave of Absence
Grant, Diane – Lunch Aide Lincoln School	Effective: 03/25/16 Reason: Personal
LoBella, Lora – Girls’ Softball Coach Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Effective: 03/01/16 Reason: Personal
Maio, Peter – Custodian Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Effective: 03/14/16 Reason: Personal
Modhwadia, Rambhi – Lunch Aide John Marshall School	Effective: 03/15/16 Reason: Personal
Navedo, Leticia – Lunch Aide Woodbrook School	Effective: 02/29/16 Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENTS

Cadmus, Cathleen – Health & Physical Education Teacher James Madison Primary School	Effective: 06/30/16 14 years of service
Favretto, Jean – Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 02/29/16 21 years of service
Offsie, Roberta – Special Education Teacher Lincoln School	Effective: 06/30/16 33 years, 6 months of service
Speckin, Barbara – English Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Effective: 06/30/16 12 years, 7 months of service

3. APPOINTMENTS

<u>ADMINISTRATOR</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Tagliareni, Toni Effective TBD-06/30/16	\$128,943 (pro-rated) Montclair State University	Resignation	Assistant Principal FDR/JMP/JMI
<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Choudhari, Janhvi Effective 03/21/16-06/30/16	\$4,277 (pro-rated)	Transfer	Lunch Aide Woodbrook School
Ismail, Shireen Effective TBD-06/30/16	\$4,277 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide Woodbrook School
Kalegi, Maryann Effective 03/21/16-06/30/16	\$4,277 (pro-rated)	Retirement	Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Adamczyk, Lisa – Grade 3 Teacher Lincoln School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/16-06/30/17
Almanzar, Eloisa – Spanish Teacher Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	05/13/16-06/30/16
Anselmo, Rebecca – Special Education Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	03/08/16-04/03/16
Barulli, Anthony – Technology Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	02/09/16-03/15/16
Brunas, Leigh – Elementary Math Specialist Woodbrook School	Fed/NJ FMLA-Revised Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	01/06/16-03/29/16 03/30/16-06/30/16

Campbell, Sally – Facility Manager James Monroe School	Medical	With Pay	03/31/16-05/15/16
Campione, Susan – Paraprofessional Martin Luther King School	Medical	With Pay	03/10/16-04/03/16
Concodora, Janet – Grade 2 Teacher Lindeneau School	Medical	With Pay	03/22/16-05/02/16
Cosentino, Beverley – School Secretary III Herbert Hoover Middle School	Fed/NJ FMLA- Intermittent-Revised	Without Pay	03/01/16-06/30/16
DeMattia, Nicole – Family & Consumer Science Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Maternity-Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay Without Pay	02/05/16-03/17/16 03/18/16-06/09/16
DeSimone, Christen - Guidance Counselor John P. Stevens High School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/16-02/05/17
Dzama, Donna – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Medical-Revised	Without Pay	02/23/16-03/23/16
Dziuban, Alison – Spanish Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Child Care-Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	11/24/15-06/30/16
Fahmy, April – Grade 4 Teacher Washington School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised Fed FMLA-Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	01/04/16-01/18/16 01/19/16-02/18/16 02/19/16-02/29/16 03/01/16-05/23/16
Feaster, Tara – Health/PE Teacher Edison High School	Maternity-Revised Fed FMLA-Revised Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	04/18/16-05/09/16 05/10/16-05/29/16 05/30/16-06/30/16
Gillingham, James – Custodian John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	03/17/16-04/18/16
Hughes, Christina – English Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical Maternity Fed FMLA Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	04/18/16-05/14/16 05/15/16-05/27/16 05/28/16-06/30/16 09/01/16-11/16/16
Johnson, Kristin – Guidance Counselor Lindeneau School	Medical Maternity Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	05/04/16-05/31/16 06/01/16-06/30/16 09/01/16-10/12/16

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Mosko, Diane – Special Education Teacher James Madison Intermediate School	Medical	With Pay	04/25/16-04/30/16
	Maternity	With Pay	05/01/16-05/15/16
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	05/16/16-06/11/16
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	06/12/16-06/30/16
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	09/01/16-11/13/16
Mullin, Amanda – Grade 1 Teacher Menlo Park School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/16-02/05/17
Newton-Neal, Kimberly – English Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical-Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	01/11/16-03/20/16
Perdomo, Gail – Mathematics Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/27/16-04/03/16
Primamore, Kathleen – Grade 2 Teacher Lincoln School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/16-06/30/17
Scheid, Carol – Special Education Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	03/22/16-05/09/16
Shaw, Cathy – Special Education Teacher James Madison Intermediate School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/16-02/05/17
Smith, Jennifer M. – Grade 5 Teacher Washington School	Medical	With Pay	03/16/16-03/18/16
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	03/19/16-05/02/16
Tariq, Nadia – Grade 5 Teacher Lincoln School	Personal	Without Pay & Benefits	04/05/16-06/05/16
Tufte, Karen – Grade 2 Teacher Lindeneau School	Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay	02/17/16-02/21/16
	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	02/22/16-02/28/16

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Appaiah, Sulekha	Long Term Substitute District Interventionist Benjamin Franklin School Effective 09/18/15-04/15/16 (for C. Cherence)	Resignation	Long Term Substitute District Interventionist Benjamin Franklin School Effective 09/18/15-04/03/16 (for C. Cherence) and District Interventionist District BA, Step 2 Salary \$50,500 (pro-rated) Effective 04/04/16-06/30/16

Durham, Justine	English Teacher Herbert Hoover M.S. Effective TBD-06/30/16		English Teacher Herbert Hoover M.S. Effective 02/01/16-06/30/16
Fiorello, Jason	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$107,019 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-04/15/16	Leave of Absence	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$107,019 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-06/30/16
Gregory, Kathleen	Long Term Substitute Elementary Math Specialist Woodbrook School Effective 11/17/15-03/15/16 (for L. Brunas)	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Elementary Math Specialist Woodbrook School Effective 11/17/15-06/30/16 (for L. Brunas)
Keefe, Kristine	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$93,250 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-04/15/16	Leave of Absence	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$93,250 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-06/30/16
Martinez, Maria	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$91,355 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-04/15/16	Leave of Absence	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$91,355 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-06/30/16
Morse, Kara	Long Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher Washington School Effective 01/04/16-06/06/16 (for A. Fahmy)	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher Washington School Effective 01/04/16-05/24/16 (for A. Fahmy)
Richards, Heather	Long Term Substitute English Teacher Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective 09/01/15-04/15/16 (for C. Caballero)	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute English Teacher Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective 09/01/15-04/15/16 (for C. Caballero) and Long Term Substitute English Teacher Herbert Hoover M.S. Effective 04/16/16-06/30/16 (for C. Hughes)
Serrano-Vacco, Odalys	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$58,500 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-04/15/16	Leave of Absence	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$58,500 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-06/30/16

Sieminski, Laurie	College Guidance Counselor Edison High School Effective TBD-06/30/16		College Guidance Counselor Edison High School Effective 05/02/16-06/30/16
Soracchi, Alessandra	Long Term Substitute School Social Worker Education Center Effective TBD-06/30/16 (for S. Brennessel)	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute School Social Worker Education Center Effective 03/01/16-06/30/16 (for S. Brennessel)
Zazanis, Emily	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$94,932 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-04/15/16	Leave of Absence	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$94,932 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/15-06/30/16
<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Maio, Peter	Custodian (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective 03/01/16-06/30/16		Custodian (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective 03/08/16-03/14/16
Ruzicka, Geannine	Lunch Aide Woodrow Wilson M.S. Effective TBD-06/30/16		Lunch Aide Woodrow Wilson M.S. Effective 03/07/16-06/30/16
Sanchez, Leslie	Lunch Aide Martin Luther King School Effective TBD-06/30/16		Lunch Aide Martin Luther King School Effective 03/16/16-06/30/16

6. LONGEVITY

<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Baldassare, Kim	HHM	04/23/16	19	\$97,646.00	\$98,100.00
Clymer, Nicole	TJM	04/01/16	15	\$100,395.00	\$100,876.00
Dominiguez, Nicole	JAM	04/15/16	15	\$98,547.00	\$99,019.00
Drobbin, Stacey	WWM	04/01/16	16	\$99,962.00	\$100,434.00
Drozd, Cara	MEN	04/06/16	18	\$100,906.00	\$101,378.00
Durkin, Lisa	LNC	04/25/16	21	\$102,793.00	\$103,265.00
Hoefler, Walter	TJM	04/01/16	20	\$98,100.00	\$98,008.00
Howard, Geraldine	JAM	04/01/16	23	\$107,634.00	\$108,124.00
Medina, Judy	HHM	04/04/16	20	\$106,173.00	\$107,154.00
Mendez-Bogash, Yarida	EDH	04/01/16	15	\$94,924.00	\$95,378.00
Molnar, Christine	JAM	04/29/16	14	\$97,355.00	\$97,827.00

Muniz, Jannine	TJM	04/10/16	15	\$98,547.00	\$99,019.00
Pasquarelli, Diedre	TJM	03/20/16	16	\$98,123.00	\$98,586.00
Phillip, Janet	HHM	04/10/16	18	\$97,193.00	\$97,646.00
Poland, Melissa	TJM	04/09/16	14	\$98,075.00	\$98,547.00
Savulich, Patricia	JPH	04/06/16	17	\$96,739.00	\$97,193.00
Rogers, Natalie	TJM	04/23/16	17	\$104,203.00	\$104,693.00
Solares, Lidice	JAM	04/04/16	15	\$95,115.00	\$95,578.00
Spagnoletti, Alicia	WWM	04/19/16	18	\$98,193.00	\$98,646.00
Stern, Renee	HHM	04/01/16	14	\$96,272.00	\$96,735.00
Stocker, Doreen	EDH	04/05/16	23	\$108,593.00	\$109,088.00
Tchorz, Lisa	HHM	04/19/16	18	\$101,406.00	\$101,878.00
Tsirikos, Linda	LIN	04/22/16	19	\$103,781.00	\$104,262.00
Wcislo, Karolyn	HHM	04/01/16	18	\$99,049.00	\$99,511.00

DIFFERENCE TOTAL \$11,221

<u>GUIDANCE/CST</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Gerckens, Traci	BEN	04/11/16	22	\$113,404.00	\$113,924.00
Wein, Marla	LIN	04/13/16	24	\$113,437.00	\$113,951.00

DIFFERENCE TOTAL \$1,034

7. SUBSTITUTE STAFF – AS NEEDED FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

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

Aggarwal, Surbhi	Bhardwaj, Babit	Catalfamo, Andrea
Gammal, Brandy	Miele, Jennifer	

Custodians - \$10.50/hr

Velez Jr., Hector	Rzewuski, Robert
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Lunch Aides - \$11.58/hr

Rao, Ranjana	Siddiqui, Beenish
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8. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF – ADDITIONAL GRADUATE CREDITS EARNED, EFFECTIVE 02/01/16-06/30/16

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
McDonald, Kristie	MAR	Step 7 BA \$60,250	Step 7 MA \$63,855

9. 2015-2016 FCCLA APPOINTMENTS - Funded by the FCCLA/CTEP Grant
EFFECTIVE 03/22/16-08/31/16 (As needed)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Ortiz, Lauren	Clerical Assistant	\$11.00/hr.

10. 2015-2016 TITLE 1 PARENT MEETINGS: FAMILY LITERACY & MATH EVENTS –
TITLE 1 FUNDED – BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SCHOOL – EFFECTIVE 02/25/16-06/22/16 -
\$30/hr.(as needed)

Appaiah, Sulekha	Collins, Amy
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11. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE – ADULT SCHOOL – LINDENEAU SCHOOL
EFFECTIVE 04/01/16-05/18/16 – MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS –
(as needed contingent upon enrollment)

TEACHERS \$35/hr.

Accatatta, Kathleen	Van de Wetering, Alexandra	Vergara, Claudia
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PARAPROFESSIONALS \$20/hr.

Austin, Suzanne	Banos, Nancy	Cox, Susan
Eichert, Cathy	Talke, Elizabeth	Seago, Susan

12. COACHING APPOINTMENTS – 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>HIGH SCHOOL – SPRING</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Boys' Track – Paraprofessional – EDH	Jammal, Charles	\$20/hr	N/A

MIDDLE SCHOOL – SPRING

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Vitale, Caroline	Girls' Softball – WWMS (Split) \$1,222.00 – Step 2	Girls' Softball – WWMS \$2,444.00 – Step 2

13. 2015-2016 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

JOHN P. STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL

<u>COCURRICULAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Orchestra (Revised)	Perkel, Jennifer (09/01/15 – 12/23/15) Verdi, Brian (01/02/16 – 06/30/16)	\$3,486.00

LINDENEAU SCHOOL

<u>CLASS A CLUB</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Drama Club (Revised)	DiPalermo, Gina	\$875.00

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

<u>PILOT CLUB</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Improv Club (Revised)	Bateman, Yuliya (09/01/15 – 03/17/16 – Split) Smith, Jennifer (09/01/15 – 03/17/16 – Split and 03/18/16 – 06/30/16 – Full)	\$500.00

B. Administration

1. Approval of the 2015-16 PARCC Corrective Action Plan

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the 2015-16 PARCC corrective action plan as listed below:

Causes for Non-Participation

1. High Schools

With two high performing high schools, most students have already achieved the requisite score on an alternative assessment, or anticipate doing so. The District administers the PSAT to all sophomores, an approved alternate assessment. At the high schools it was more of a student driven “opt out” than parent driven.

Corrective Action

Focus Attention on Students:

Work with freshmen, emphasizing value of testing experience to help them identify their academic strengths and weaknesses. This will better inform them on areas on which they need to concentrate before taking other standardized assessments, such as PSAT and SAT as they prepare for the college application process.

ELA and Math classes to include practice questions in daily instruction to increase students’ confidence level in their ability to be successful.

Email students directly with links to practice test questions that they can do on their own time with the theme, you prepare for SATS, now prepare for PARCC.

2. Middle Schools

A vocal grass roots “anti PARCC” parent group was small but well organized. They appealed directly to parents through informal communications and email campaigns, advising them to opt out because it was their legal right to not test their children for any number of reasons – over testing, fear of on-line data collection, etc. Most letters schools received were copies of an internet form letter this group endorsed.

Corrective Action

Focus Attention on Parents:

Send links to PARCC resources via Parent Portal and include links in a letter to parents regarding testing schedule. The principals at Thomas Jefferson and Herbert Hoover Middle Schools will meet with PTO to emphasize the importance of testing.

3. Elementary Schools

Similar to the Middle School situation, a vocal grass roots “anti PARCC” parent group impacted a small group of parents, particularly parents of students with disabilities. Lindeneau Elementary School had the lowest enrollment and houses the LLD program and has a special education population at each grade level. Because of the smaller enrollment numbers and the higher number of special education students enrolled in Lindeneau, more special education students in this school chose to “opt out” than in the other elementary schools. This had a greater impact on the total participation percentage.

Corrective Action

Focus Attention on Parents:

Send links to PARCC resources via Parent Portal and hold parent nights to help answer questions and resolve concerns regarding PARCC testing. The case managers will discuss testing and accommodations for testing with parents prior to the administration to help gain a better understanding of supports for students with disabilities. Include links in a letter to parents regarding the testing schedule. The principal at Lindeneau Elementary School will meet with the PTO to emphasize the importance of the testing.

2. Administration of the PARCC Assessment Resolution

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Board of Education has adopted the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (“PARCC”) test as the exclusive form of State assessment for public school students; and

WHEREAS, the PARCC assessment was implemented and administered to students for the first time in the Edison Township Public School District (“District”) in the Spring of 2015; and

WHEREAS, the preparation for and implementation of the PARCC assessment resulted in an extensive loss of instructional time and required the expenditure of a significant amount of time, effort and expense for little to no benefit; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has claimed that the PARCC assessment would provide detailed and timely information regarding students’ academic abilities and their college and career readiness; and

WHEREAS, the results of the first PARCC assessment were provided to the District much later than initially promised and far beyond any point in which the scores might have been useful for educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, due to the number of students who either did not participate in the PARCC assessment or who did not put forward their best efforts for various reasons, the results of the assessment were of negligible value for the students, their parents and their teachers; and

- WHEREAS, New Jersey Department of Education regulations require that PARCC assessment results be used as a factor in teacher evaluations notwithstanding the clear and overwhelming issues regarding the reliability of the PARCC assessment; and
- WHEREAS, despite the unproven record of and the growing opposition to the PARCC assessment, the New Jersey Department of Education has dictated that students graduating in the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 must either pass the PARCC assessments for Language Arts and Math or a Substitute Competency Test such as the SAT or ACT in order to graduate; and
- WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education has also proposed regulations requiring students scheduled to graduate in 2019 and later to pass PARCC assessments in order to graduate without the availability of alternative assessments; and
- WHEREAS, Governor Christie signed Executive Order No. 159, which created a Study Commission on the Use of Student Assessments in New Jersey (“Study Commission”) to evaluate and prepare recommendations regarding the assessment of public school students in the State; and
- WHEREAS, the Study Commission recommended, at the behest of Governor Christie, that the state abandon the Common Core State Standards but retain the PARCC assessment that was designed to evaluate students’ competency of those standards; and
- WHEREAS, the Study Commission also recommended that students be subject to fewer assessments and standardized tests in lieu of classroom instruction; and
- WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education (“Board”) believes that it is well-equipped to measure student achievement, evaluate staff performance and determine student readiness for graduation without the use of the PARCC assessment; and
- WHEREAS, students who have satisfied the State’s graduation requirement by achieving an appropriate score on one or more of the recognized Substitute Competency Tests should be exempt from taking the PARCC assessment, and
- WHEREAS, the Board has previously confirmed, through a resolution publicly adopted on January 25, 2015, that no students would be penalized for their parents refusing the PARCC assessment and that all alternative graduation assessment options would be available for students; and
- WHEREAS, on January 27, 2016, New Jersey Assemblywoman Patricia Egan Jones (D-Camden) introduced legislation A-1956 calling for the prohibition of the PARCC assessment in New Jersey;

- NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby expresses its opposition to the PARCC assessment and calls for members of the New Jersey Legislature and Governor’s Office to support Assemblywoman Jones’ proposed legislation seeking the prohibition of the PARCC assessment; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board’s administration shall impose no disciplinary consequences on students whose parents’ refuse the test on behalf of their children; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board directs the administration to minimize the impact of standardized student test scores on teacher and administrator evaluations to the greatest extent allowed by law; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that PARCC scores will not be a factor in student placement in the district in the 2016-2017 school year; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Board’s administration is hereby directed to encourage and facilitate student access to Substitute Competency Tests as alternatives to the PARCC assessment; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: the Board’s Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby directed to provide a copy of this resolution to every Middlesex County school board, the Executive County Superintendent for Middlesex County, the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education, all members of the New Jersey Legislature who represent Edison Township, all members of the New Jersey Legislature who serve on the Senate and Assembly Education Committees, and the Governor of New Jersey.

3. PARCC Testing Schedule for Spring 2016

PARCC Testing Schedule for Spring 2016

Grades 3-5 – Monday, May 2 through Friday, May 6
Grades 6-8 – Monday, April 25 through Monday, May 2

Makeup exams will be administered as needed following the last day of primary administration.

High Schools:
April 18, 19 – Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II)
April 20, 21, 22 – ELA (Grades 9, 10 and 11)

Testing students arrive regular starting time.
Non-testing students arrive by 10:30 A.M.

4. 2016-2017 Comprehensive Equity Plan

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the 2016-2017 Comprehensive Equity Plan, as annexed hereto.

5. Changes to the 2016-2017 School Calendar

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the changes to the 2016-2017 School Calendar, as annexed hereto.

6. Settlement Agreement PERC

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education hereby (1) approves the Settlement Agreement for PERC Docket #CO-2016-123, pending final review and approval by the Board Attorney; (2) authorizes the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board; and (3) directs and authorizes the Administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement this action of the Board.

7. Settlement Agreement Grievances

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education hereby (1) approves the Settlement Agreement for Grievance No. 14-15:6 (PERC Dkt. No. AR-2016-013) and Grievance No. 14-15:7 (PERC Dkt. No. AR-2016-010), pending final review and approval by the Board Attorney; (2) authorizes the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board; and (3) directs and authorizes the Administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to implement this action of the Board.

8. National Autism Awareness Month – April 2016

WHEREAS, April has been designated National Autism Awareness Month by the Autism Society of America; and

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders are a group of developmental disabilities that contribute to lifelong social, communication, and behavioral challenges; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the world; and

WHEREAS, Autism recognizes no cultural, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, each student with autism has a complex and distinct profile; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Autism Awareness Month is to provide an opportunity for all concerned parties to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community; and

WHEREAS, every student with autism is a unique learner and the Public Schools of Edison Township reaffirms its commitment to tailor instruction to meet the learning needs of each student; and

WHEREAS, the Public Schools of Edison Township will provide all students with autism the respect, encouragement and opportunities they need to build the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be successful, contributing members of adult society; and

WHEREAS, the Public Schools of Edison Township recognize that strong and collaborative efforts among families, schools and community organizations are the foundations upon which success for students with autism are built.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education continues to pledge its support to the energy and effort of staff, family and community members who seek to ensure learning and success for our students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

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 three advisors (one instructional day) from Edison High School’s Varsity Wrestling Team will be attending the NJSIAA State Wrestling Tournament in Atlantic City, NJ from March 3rd through March 6th, 2016 at a cost to the Board of Education of \$1,378.95. This item was previously approved by the Superintendent.
2. One student and one advisor (two instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School’s FCCLA will be attending the Pennsylvania FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Gettysburg, PA from March 15th through March 17th, 2016 at no cost to the Board of Education. This item was previously approved by the Superintendent.

3. REVISED – Ninety-two students and three advisors (two instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School’s FCCLA will be attending the NJFCCLA State Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ from March 21st through March 23rd, 2016 at no cost to the Board of Education. (All costs will be funded by the FCCLA Grant) Previously approved on the November agenda for sixty-five students.
 4. Two students and one advisor (no instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School’s FCCLA will be attending the New York FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Owego, NY from March 30th through April 1st, 2016 at no cost to the Board of Education. (All costs will be funded by the National FCCLA)
 5. Forty students and one advisor (two instructional days) from Edison High School’s Orchestra will be attending the Festivals of Music Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC from April 28th through May 1st, 2016 at no cost to the Board of Education.
 6. Ten students and one advisor (no instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School’s Debate Club will be attending the JSA Conference in Woodbridge, NJ from April 16th through April 17th, 2016 at no cost to the Board of Education.
 7. One-hundred students and one advisor (two instructional days) from Edison High School’s Choir will be attending the Festivals of Music Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC from April 28th through May 1st, 2016 at no cost to the Board of Education
 8. Two students and one advisor (no instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School’s FCCLA will be attending the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Diego, CA from June 29th through July 8th, 2016 at no cost to the Board of Education.
 9. Sixty students and one advisor (no instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School’s FCCLA will be attending the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Diego, CA from July 1st through July 8th, 2016 at no cost to the Board of Education.
2. Professional Development Documentation – March 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
White, Thomas* Gerba, Scott* Garcia, Sergio*	EHS	3/04/16- 3/06/16	NJSIAA State Wrestling Tournament	Atlantic City, NJ	N/A	920.91	458.04	Athletic Fund
Peece, Christina	Lindeneau	4/06/16	Using Apps, iPads...In Kindergarten	Piscataway, NJ	239.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Sanchez, Virginia	Lindeneau	4/06/16	Using Apps, iPads...In Kindergarten	Piscataway, NJ	239.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Feldman, Dena	Education Center	4/13/16- 4/17/16	NCTM Annual Meeting & Exposition	San Francisco, CA	405.00	1,500.00	400.00	Professional Development
Campesi, Melissa	JMP	6/01/16	NJTESOL Spring Conference 2016	New Brunswick, NJ	189.00	N/A	N/A	NCLB
Milak, Samantha	Marshall	6/01/16	NJTESOL Spring Conference 2016	New Brunswick, NJ	189.00	N/A	N/A	NCLB
Patel, Kalpana	JMP	6/01/16	NJTESOL Spring Conference 2016	New Brunswick, NJ	189.00	N/A	N/A	NCLB
Rossiter, Genoveffa	Marshall	6/01/16	NJTESOL Spring Conference 2016	New Brunswick, NJ	189.00	N/A	N/A	NCLB
Slater, Dana	Marshall	6/01/16	NJTESOL Spring Conference 2016	New Brunswick, NJ	189.00	N/A	N/A	NCLB
Kousoulis, Fotini	TJMS	6/02/16	NJTESOL Spring Conference 2016	New Brunswick, NJ	189.00	N/A	N/A	NCLB
Ruggiero, Frank	HHMS	6/02/16- 6/03/16	NJTESOL Spring Conference 2016	New Brunswick, NJ	189.00	N/A	N/A	NCLB
Michaud, Daniel	Education Center	6/08/16- 6/10/16	NJASBO Active Associate Education 54 th Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	150.00	285.00	**	Professional Development
DiGioia-Laird, Patricia	JPS	7/01/16- 7/08/16	FCCLA National Leadership Conference	San Diego, CA	290.00	1,500.00 (including Travel)	N/A	FCCLA Grant

**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>
2025769	3/02/16	Collier Youth Services	N/A	(\$52,200)	Terminated Placement/ Student withdrew
2019413	3/08/16	CPC High Point School	The Rugby School	\$24,837 Pro-rated	IEP Team Decision

<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>
3017635	2/12/16	CPC High Point School	N/A	N/A (Billed Directly)	Elizabeth, NJ	Student Discharged from the Residential Laurie Haven Group Home
3016823	2/26/16	NuView Academy	N/A	N/A (Billed Directly)	Morris, NJ	Family left New Jersey and student removed from our rolls

(General 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>
3010276	2/09/16	Edison High School	Lenape Valley Regional High School	\$15,969 Pro-rated	Residential Group Mentor Home Student Placement @ Lenape Valley Regional High School

2. Professional Services – 2015-2016 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the following appointments for professional services for the 2015-2016 School Year:

- 1) Center for Behavioral Health MD PA
Rajeswari Muthuswamy, MD
7C Auer Court
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Psychiatric & Neuro-Psychiatric Evaluations

\$525.00 Per Psychiatric Evaluation

\$525.00 Per Neuro-Psychiatric Evaluation

E. Finance

1. Approval of the 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Edison, New Jersey, (Middlesex County), having worked out a budget to cover the cost of operation of the Public Schools of Edison, New Jersey, (Middlesex County), for the school year beginning July 1, 2016, showing the total amount estimated to be:

\$ 234,009,994

and;

WHEREAS, the total state funds and federal funds etc., for the school year 2016-2017 are estimated to be:

\$ 24,006,816

and;

WHEREAS, the school budget must be submitted to the Office of the Middlesex County Executive County Superintendent for approval to advertise.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED:

that the amount of money estimated to be necessary for the operation of the Public Schools of Edison, New Jersey, (Middlesex County), for the school year beginning July 1, 2016, exclusive of state, county, federal and other funds is:

	\$210,003,178
as per Summary as follows:	
<u>Total Budget</u>	\$234,009,994
Less State Aid	\$ 14,450,029
Less Tuition (Other Districts)	150,000
Less Other State Aid	752,502
Less Miscellaneous Revenue	1,631,000
Less Special Federal Programs	4,668,250
Less Appropriated Free Balance	2,355,035
Total Local Tax Levy	\$210,003,178
For Current Expense	\$216,822,219
For Capital Outlay	10,074,511
For Debt Service	1,850,613
For Federal/State Projects	5,262,651

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that the Edison Board of Education hereby, in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(b), establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2016-2017 school year at the sum of \$230,500; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that the Board of Education authorizes the use of all or part of the banked cap that was generated in 2013-14 of \$750,793 and/or 2014-15 of \$874,442 and/or the 2016-17 health cost allowance, in preparation of the 2016-17 school district budget, if necessary; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that the administration is authorized to submit the tentative proposed 2016-17 budget to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval by the due date of 3/22/16.

2. Transfer of Funds

BE IT
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, for the period ending January 31, 2016:

To:		
11-000-100-566	Out of District Tuition	400,000
11-190-100-610	Educational Supplies	195,000
11-190-218-320	Guidance Purchased Services	50,000
11-190-219-610	Special Services Supplies	1,000
11-190-223-102	Staff Development Salaries	1,000
11-190-230-610	General Administration Supplies	6,000
11-190-251-592	Central Purchased Services	5,000
11-190-251-890	Professional Membership Dues	1,000
11-190-252-330	Purchased Technical Services	15,000
11-190-261-420	Building Repairs	400,000
11-190-261-610	Maintenance Supplies	100,000
11-190-261-890	Regulatory Compliance	10,000
11-190-262-490	Water & Sewerage	25,000
11-190-262-610	Custodial Supplies	100,000
11-190-263-610	Grounds Supplies	20,000
11-190-270-160	Transportation Salaries	15,000
11-190-270-512	After School Transportation	50,000
11-204-100-610	Learning Disabled Educational Supplies	1,000
	Total	1,395,000
From:		
11-000-100-560	Charter School Tuition	15,000
11-190-213-109	Nurses Salaries	53,000
11-190-216-101	Speech Teachers Salaries	50,000
11-190-216-320	Related Services	400,000
11-190-219-104	Child Study Team Salaries	80,000
11-190-219-105	Special Services Secretaries Salaries	40,000
11-190-222-610	Media Center Supplies	40,000
11-190-223-890	Professional Development	60,000
11-190-230-530	Communication Expense	6,000
11-190-240-590	Schools Purchased Services	30,000
11-190-251-105	Central Services Secretaries Salaries	21,000
11-190-262-107	Lunch Aides Salaries	25,000
11-190-262-520	Property Insurance	15,000
11-190-262-621	Energy-Natural Gas	100,000
11-190-266-101	Security Guards Salaries	25,000
11-190-270-107	Van Attendants Salaries	10,000
11-190-291-270	Health Benefits	300,000
11-213-100-101	Resource Teachers Salaries	125,000
	Total	1,395,000

3. Appropriation of Undesignated Free Balance

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the appropriation of \$2,500,000 Undesignated Free Balance to the following accounts, effective January 31, 2016:

To:		
12-190-100-730	Instructional Equipment	750,000
12-190-400-290	Architectural Services	250,000
3M-290-400-723	James Monroe School	1,500,000
	Total	2,500,000

4. Subscription Bussing – 2016-2017 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the rate of \$500 per student, for the District’s subscription bussing program for the 2016-2017 school year.

5. Transportation Services Agreement–Essex Regional Services Commission–2016-2017 School Year

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission hereby agrees to furnish school transportation to the students of Edison of whom applications for transportation are submitted. Transportation will be arranged by the Board of Directors of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission through contractual agreement with responsible school bus contractors. The Essex Regional Educational Services Commission shall inform the bus contractors of any specialized instructions for any Special Education students who need transportation. In turn, the bus contractors shall duly inform the bus drivers in writing of these specialized services prior to pick up the students the first time.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission agrees to transport all students in accordance with State Law and Code and with the rules and regulations governing pupil transportation as set down by the State Board of Education. All vehicles used to transport students will be approved by the County Superintendent of Schools of Essex County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission agrees to provide all the necessary administration and supervision inherent in providing this service for an administrative fee of 4.75%; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission will bill its member and participating districts for transportation costs as follows:

- Districts will be billed monthly for all pupils assigned to a route. The Commission does not accept responsibility for a pupil who arranges other transportation or fails to be transported on an assigned route. Once assigned to a route, the billing for the pupil’s reserved seat will continue until the Commission is otherwise notified in writing. The timely remittance of the monthly bills to the Commission by the contracting district is of utmost importance in order for the Commission to meet its contractual obligations;

therefore, in the event a district fails to forward the necessary funds within 30 days the Commission shall have the right to discontinue services immediately, without further notice; and

- Since the final billing must be presented during the month of June, no cancellations to route lists can be made after June 1, 2017. After this date, the Commission will commence final billing and all pupils assigned and listed on a route will be included in the billing for the remainder of the school year; and
- The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Board of Education of Edison Township hereby agrees to submit applications for transportation for all students by June 1, 2016 for initial bidding purposes. The Board of Directors of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission agrees to accept applications through the school year as additions to existing routes and if necessary, subsequent bidding procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

the Board of Education of Edison Township agrees to allow the Board of Directors of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to act as its agent in the routing, scheduling, bidding and awarding of all routes; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that the Board of Education of Edison Township agrees to pay the Board of Directors of the Essex Regional Educational Services Commission a sum of money equal to a proportionate share of monthly transportation route costs on all routes on which there are students from the district.

6. Change Orders – Menlo Park Elementary School

BE IT
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following change orders for the Menlo Park Elementary School Addition:

<u>Project/Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Menlo Park ES</u>		
M&M Construction	MMC05	16,800.00
	MMC06	11,814.17

7. Donation – Woodrow Wilson Middle School

BE IT
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education accepts the donation of 1 office desk, 4 banquet chairs and 20 music stands to Woodrow Wilson Middle School, from the Edison Arts Society (President, Gloria Dittman), for an estimated value of \$700.

8. Non-Public Technology Services

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 Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program, Fiscal Year 2016, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
GWBB185	Bishop George Ahr HS	CDWG	10,930.26

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>
W Wilson MS	37 Laptops
	3 Printers
	1 Laptop Cabinet
	1 ChromeBook

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 February 29, 2016 payable by Cycle Checks No. 127893 through No. 128442 inclusive, totaling \$24,445,425.94 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

11. Transportation Report – March 2016

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the March 2016 Transportation Report as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
<u>2015-2016 School Year - Displaced Student Jointure Run</u>				
PVSA	MRESC	Piscataway VoTech	02/29/16-6/30/16	115.00

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the Personnel-Labor Relations, Administration, Curriculum and Instruction, Pupil/Special Services and Finance Resolutions. 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, (Except Voted No on Finance Item No. 1 and Abstained on Check No. 127961 on Finance Item No. 13 Only), Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar (Except Abstained on Check No. 128077 on Finance Item No. 13 Only), Mr. Shi, Mrs. Iyer, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Anes Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

ABSTAINED: Mr. Errico – Finance No. 13 – Check No. 127961 Only,
Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar – Finance No. 13 – Check No. 128077 Only

NAYS: Mr. Errico – Finance Item 1 Only The motion was carried.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Heelan reported the following:

Event – Caucus Meeting
Date – Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Location – Education Center (Caucus Room)
Time – 7:00 P.M.

Event – Public Meeting
Date – Monday, April 18, 2016
Location – John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)
Time – 7:00 P.M.

XI. COMMITTEES

1. Finance & Facilities Committee

Mr. Errico reported that the Finance and Facilities Committee met on March 1, 2016 at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Mr. Ralph Errico, Dr. Frank Heelan, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Dr. Richard O’Malley, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Mr. Kenneth Stromsland, Mr. Tony Talluto (EPIC), Ms. Kim Vierheilig and Mr. David Pereira (LAN Associates) Mr. Daniel Mladenovic and Mr. Roland Kekelia (Dobco, Inc.)

Discussion:

- James Monroe Elementary School
 - The reconstruction project is still running about 2-3 months behind schedule. Dobco, the General Contractor, provided a plan to make up some of the time with a new proposed completion date of 8/22/16.
 - The Committee reviewed a list of pending change orders that are being negotiated by the District’s construction manager and architect.
 - The Committee is reviewing the placement of the fire hydrants and water meters on the site.

- Menlo Park Elementary School
 - The construction project is running two months behind schedule. The general contractor, M&M Construction Company, is being asked for a new construction schedule with proposals to make up the time in order to have the additions ready for the opening of the 2016-2017 school year. However, if both additions could not be ready, the contractor has been notified to focus on the classroom addition as the highest priority.
 - Woodbrook Elementary School
 - The construction project has received official approval from the NJDEP and LAN Associates was approved by the Board as the architect for the Woodbrook addition project. Document preparation will take several months to complete with the bid anticipated to be advertised in late spring with completion scheduled for the opening of school in September, 2017.
 - The district administration has placed a purchasing freeze on for the balance of the 2015-2016 school year in order to replenish the District's undesignated free balance.
 - 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget
 - The 2016-2017 Preliminary Budget was reviewed, line by line, with all the state aid and state assessment figures factored in. The preliminary budget will be presented to the public at the 3/16/16 caucus meeting.
2. Food Service Committee

Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar reported that the Food Service Committee met on March 16, 2016 at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Mrs. Shivi Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Mrs. Addie DeMartini, Ms. Patricia Allegretto, Mrs. Michele Carroll, Ms. Mindy Repke, Ms. Patricia Taibi, Ms. Krista Petersen, Ms. Ann Temper, Ms. Cathy Eichert, Ms. Casey Kennette, Mr. Gerald Tenebruso, Ms. Gianna Seidler, Ms. Tina LoCastro, Ms. Colleen Banos, Ms. Sara Bright, Mrs. Nicole Cirillo, Ms. Kelly Miragliotta, Ms. Cindy Meisner, Ms. Merrill Yurch, Ms. Katherine Poynter, Ms. Annette Lanzafama, Ms. Pilar Knoll, Ms. Cristy Lauricella, Ms. Maureen LaMarca and Ms. Meredith Quick

Discussion:

- Chartwells Dietitian, Ms. Krista Petersen, ran a power point presentation showing the "Nutrislice" program which is listed on the District's website. It provides the staff, parents and students an opportunity to access an interactive menu that describes the menu choices and the levels of calories, carbohydrates, sodium, sugar and fat. It also provides choices for students with allergies to milk, peanuts, shellfish, nuts, soy, gluten, etc. The program can be translated into 21 different languages. The goal is to help the parents and students to eat healthy and to be aware of what they are eating.
- The school representatives discussed the following concerns:
 - The amount of sugar being consumed by the students – A discussion ensued regarding the types of sugar that are in some foods and whether it is natural or processed sugar.
 - That pizza is being served up to 3 times a week at the elementary level – Chartwells explained that the pizza is made with whole grain dough; however, Chartwells will look to offer more variety.
 - The requirement that the students must take milk everyday – Chartwells explained that there are 5 components to a full lunch which includes milk. The students must take at least three components for it to be a reimbursable lunch. Milk does not have to be one of the three components.

- There was a concern about the breakfast menus – breakfast bars, an apple and milk – The Committee asked why they don't still serve pancakes, waffles, bagels with cream cheese and a different fruit. Chartwells explained that keeping the food hot is an issue and the breakfast price is \$1.00 so food costs must be controlled. The apples are provided as a federal subsidy. They will explore other fruit options.
- Dominos pizza day is very popular – Question: Why do schools have it on different days and why do they need to preorder? – Chartwells explained that Dominos cannot handle the volume of all the schools on one day and that Dominos has to order the federally required whole grain dough in advance.
- Student suggestions for breakfast or lunch include: bagels with cream cheese, waffles, apple juice, strawberry milk and salad – Chartwells will look into these options.
- Benjamin Franklin Elementary School had received a smoothie machine through an American Dairy Association grant. Smoothies will be piloted at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School to see the student reaction and participation. If the smoothies are a popular option, Chartwells will inquire about offering them to other schools.
- Chartwells stated that all school breakfast and lunch menu items must follow the federal nutrition guidelines.
- Chartwells also stated that the student IOU's have quadrupled since last year to over \$16,000 which are district funds.

XII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

There were no Board Member comments at this time.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rich Brescher, resident, questioned state aid and the soil borings at Menlo Park School.

Bill Brunner, resident, also questioned the borings done at Menlo Park School. He also asked who was responsible for the MacBooks after they are distributed.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to adjourn this March 21, 2016 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 8:02 P.M. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

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