

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The January 6, 2016 Reorganization Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey.

Mr. Michaud led the pledge to the flag.

II. OPENING STATEMENT (By Board Secretary, Temporary Chairperson)

“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 Star Ledger on March 31, 2015.

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

III. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS BY BOARD SECRETARY

Mr. Michaud had the newly elected board members recite the following Oaths of Allegiance:

State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

I, Deborah A. Anes, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Deborah A. Anes, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Deborah A. Anes, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1 and that I am not disqualified to hold this office due to a conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of January AD 2016
/s/ Deborah A. Anes /s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
School District of Edison Township
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

I, Shivi Prasad-Madhukar, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Shivi Prasad-Madhukar, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Shivi Prasad-Madhukar, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1 and that I am not disqualified to hold this office due to a conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of January AD 2016
/s/Shivi Prasad-Madhukar /s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
School District of Edison Township
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
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I, Ralph Errico, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Ralph Errico, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Ralph Errico, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1 and that I am not disqualified to hold this office due to a conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 6th day of January AD 2016
/s/ Ralph Errico /s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
School District of Edison Township
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

IV. CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

3 Candidates (3-Year Term)

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
A1 – Deborah A. Anes	3,325
A2 – William Araujo	2,535
A3 – Dennis R. Pipala	1,978
A4 – Shivi Prasad-Madhukar	2,607
A5 – Kiel Thoms	823
A6 – Ralph Errico	2,639
A7 – Deborah Schildkraut	2,081
A8 – Hollie A. Gilroy	1,485
A9 – Richard Brescher	1,957
Registered Voters	55,259
Number of Voters at Polls	10,336
Percentage Who Voted	18.70%

V. ROLL CALL

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

Deborah A. Anes
Lori Bonderowitz
Ralph Errico
Frank Heelan
Veena Iyer
Beth Moroney
Shivi Prasad-Madhukar
Jingwei (Jerry) Shi
Theresa A. Ward

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

VI. NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

Mr. Michaud opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Iyer nominated Mrs. Anes, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mrs. Moroney nominated Dr. Heelan, seconded by Mrs. Ward.

Mr. Errico made a motion to close the nominations for President and to vote for the office of President, seconded by Mrs. Moroney. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

MRS ANES: Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Shi

DR. HEELAN: Mr. Errico, Dr. Heelan, Mrs. Moroney, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward

Dr. Heelan was elected President by the majority of the Board.

Vice-President

Dr. Heelan opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Mr. Errico nominated Mrs. Moroney and Mrs. Bonderowitz nominated Mr. Shi.

Mr. Errico made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-President and to vote for the office of Vice-President, seconded by Mrs. Bonderowitz. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

MRS. MORONEY: Mr. Errico, Dr. Heelan, Mrs. Moroney, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward

MR. SHI: Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Iyer, Mr. Shi

Mrs. Moroney was elected Vice President by the majority of the Board.

VII. APPROVAL OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, to the extent consistent with State Law, Policies and By-Laws of the Board will be guided by "Robert's Rules of Order."

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the approval of parliamentary procedures. Mr. Shi 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. Ward,
Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Iyer, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS)

There were no public comments at this time.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

1. Meeting Dates

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education designates the dates for the regular public action meetings and caucus meetings of the Board of Education as listed below:

CAUCUS MEETINGS		ACTION MEETINGS		
Education Center		Alternating Locations		
Wednesday	01/20/16	Edison HS	Monday	01/25/16
Wednesday	02/24/16	Lindeneau ES	Monday	02/29/16
Wednesday	03/16/16	J Adams MS	Monday	03/21/16
Wednesday	04/13/16	JP Stevens HS	Monday	04/18/16
-----	-----	Education Center Budget Hearing	Wednesday	05/04/16
Wednesday	05/18/16	B Franklin ES	Monday	05/23/16
Wednesday	06/15/16	Edison HS	Monday	06/20/16
-----	-----	Education Center	Monday	07/25/16
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Wednesday	09/21/16	W Wilson MS	Monday	09/26/16
Wednesday	10/19/16	J Monroe ES	Monday	10/24/16
Wednesday	11/16/16	Washington ES	Monday	11/21/16
Wednesday	12/14/16	J Madison IS	Monday	12/19/16
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School Locations:

Education Center – 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ
 Edison High School – 50 Boulevard of Eagles, Edison, NJ
 John P. Stevens High School – 855 Grove Avenue, Edison, NJ
 John Adams Middle School – 1081 New Dover Road, Edison, NJ
 Woodrow Wilson Middle School – 50 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Edison, NJ
 Benjamin Franklin Elementary School – 2485 Woodbridge Avenue, Edison, NJ
 James Madison Intermediate School – 838 New Dover Road, Edison, NJ
 James Monroe Elementary School – 7 Sharp Road, Edison, NJ
 Lindeneau Elementary School – 50 Blossom Street, Edison, NJ
 Washington Elementary School – 153 Winthrop Road, Edison, NJ

** Summer Meetings Held at the Education Center

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that the 2016-2017 Budget Hearing meeting of the Board of Education shall be conducted on Wednesday, May 6, 2016 at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education shall be conducted on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that all meetings of the Board of Education commence at 7:00 P.M. on the date set forth, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Education, but in no case, later than 8:00 P.M. and formal action may be taken by the Board at any and all meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED:

that pursuant to the Public Meetings Act, the Board Secretary is hereby directed to publish these dates in the official newspaper of the Board of Education and to post notices of the foregoing dates at the offices of the Board of Education, the Municipal Town Hall and in all schools of the district.

2. Designation of Depositories – 2015-2016 School Year (Revised)

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves that all checks, notes, drafts and warrants be signed by all of the following: appointment of the following:

1. Frank Heelan, President
2. Daniel P. Michaud, Board Secretary

whose signatures shall be duly certified to said banks, and that all checks, drafts, notes and warrants issued by the Board of Education will not be honored unless so signed.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the Resolutions for Meeting Dates and Designation of Depositories 2015-2016 – Signatures (Revised). 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. Ward,
Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Iyer, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

X. ADOPTION OF STATE MANDATED CODE OF ETHICS

Mr. Michaud read each of the twelve provisions of the code of ethics to the board members and asked them to inquire about the meaning and intent of each, if they were not perfectly clear on it's rationale. Mr. Jonathan Busch, Esq. and Mr. Michaud were available to clarify any concerns or questions. Each board member was given a copy of the code of ethics to sign that they received them and understood their content.

1. Code of Ethics

WHEREAS,

the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.3 which requires, among other things, that each district board of education:

1. Discuss the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics for School Board Members, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq., at a regularly scheduled public meeting annually; and
2. Adopt policies and procedures regarding the training of district board of education members in understanding the Code of Ethics; and
3. Provide documentation that each member of the district board of education has received and reviewed the following Code of Ethics:
 - I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
 - I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.

- I will confine my board action to policymaking, planning and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- I will behave toward my fellow board members with the respect due their office – demonstrating courtesy,
- I will refrain from inappropriate conduct in public meetings and in making public statements, refraining from any disparagement of my fellow board members or others on a personal, social, racial or religious basis.
- I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.
- I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information, and in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.
- I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief school administrator.
- I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- I will refer all complaints to the chief school administrator and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED:

that the School Board Members serving the Edison Board of Education acknowledge that they have received a copy of the Code of Ethics for School Board Members and understand the responsibilities they are undertaking as members of the Edison Board of Education.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the Code of Ethics resolution. 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. Ward,
Mrs. Bonderowitz, Mrs. Iyer, Mrs. Anes, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

XI. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Errico commended Edison High School staff members, Mr. Blevins and Mr. Root, for saving the life of a student during a basketball game last night between Colonia and Edison High Schools.

Mr. Shi commended Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Fong for their professionalism and for doing a great job while they were members of the Edison Board of Education.

Mrs. Bonderowitz also commended Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Fong for their professionalism and for doing a great job while they were members of the Edison Board of Education.

Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar thanked the voters who supported her.

Mr. Errico thanked the voters who supported him.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Krishna, resident, discussed the many problems with the flawed PARCC testing last year.

Mr. Khan, resident, congratulated the new board members on their election to the Board.

K. Krishna, John Adams Middle School Student, commended the excellent music program in Edison and asked the Board to introduce new programs for music instruction into the curriculum.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to adjourn this January 6, 2016 Reorganization Meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 7:37 P.M. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Bonderowitz and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel P. Michaud

Daniel P. Michaud
Secretary
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