

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The January 23, 2017 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Dr. Frank Heelan, at 7:00 P.M. at Menlo Park Elementary School, 155 Monroe Street, Edison, NJ.

Menlo Park Elementary School Student, Alice Furtado, 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, Mr. Jerry Shi, Mrs. Shivi Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Ralph Errico, Mrs. Shannon Peng and Mr. Richard Brescher. Mrs. Deborah A. Anes 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 5, 2017.

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

A video was shown honoring Edna Santiago, a Menlo Park Elementary School teacher.

Menlo Park Elementary School Presentation – Michael Duggan, Principal

Mr. Duggan commended the staff of Menlo Park Elementary School for all they do for the students of Edison, stating it was a wonderful balance of focus on academics and community service. He introduced teachers Ms. Zagarola, Ms. Rodrigues and Ms. Perillo and highlighted their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Partnership with Preschool Program and the students involved in reading to the preschoolers in this program.

V. RECOGNITION

2. Student Recognition (Exhibit A)

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education hereby recognizes the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of the aforementioned students; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that individual resolutions honoring each of the students be presented to the students.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the Student Recognition Resolution. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the minutes of the December 14, 2016 Caucus Meeting and the December 19, 2016 Public Meeting.

VII. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORTS (Exhibit B)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of November 30, 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 December 14, 2016 Caucus Meeting Minutes and the December 19, 2016 Public Meeting Minutes and the Board Secretary’s Report. Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Moroney. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Shi  
(Except Abstained on 12/15/19 Minutes Only); Mrs. Ward,  
Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

ABSTAINED: Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng,  
Mr. Shi – 12/19/16 Minutes Only

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS ONLY)

There were no public comments at this time.

IX. RESOLUTIONSA. Personnel Report – 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

Abdel-Khalek, Karen – Bus Aide Education Center	Effective: 12/22/16 Reason: Personal
Acosta, Jessica – Paraprofessional FDR Building	Effective: 01/31/17 Reason: Personal
Ayala, Jennifer – Lunch Aide Menlo Park School	Effective: 01/09/17 Reason: Personal
Banos, Timothy – Grade 5 Teacher James Madison Intermediate School	Effective: 02/24/17 Reason: Personal
Cokley, Pennie – Bus Driver Education Center	Effective: 12/16/16 Reason: Personal
Guddetti, Sangeetha – Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 01/20/17 Reason: Personal
Morana, Jessica – English Teacher John Adams Middle School	Effective: 01/05/17 Reason: Personal
Murphy, Kathleen – School Secretary II Menlo Park School	Effective: 02/10/17 Reason: Personal
Odom, Onnie – Lunch Aide Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Effective: 12/23/16 Reason: Personal
Turk, Ashley – Grade 4 Teacher Washington School	Effective: 03/09/17 Reason: Personal
Vanegas, Janet – Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School	Effective: 12/23/16 Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENTS

Dudek, Sue – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Effective: 01/20/17 32 years, 4 months of service
Kumar, Indira – Paraprofessional FDR Building	Effective: 02/14/17 12 years, 7 months of service

Lally, Susan – School Secretary III – Transportation  
Education Center

Effective: 06/30/17  
17 years, 4 months of service

Schneiderman, Jill – Grade 3 Teacher  
Washington School

Effective: 06/30/17  
26 years, 7 months of service

Stoltenberg, Susan – Social Worker  
Education Center

Effective: 02/28/17  
26 years, 9 months of service

3. APPOINTMENTS

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Becker, Genna Effective 02/03/17-06/30/17	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Wagner College	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher Lindeneau School (for M. Kraemer)
Bricks, Lori Effective 01/30/17-06/30/17	MA, Step 4 \$55,605 (pro-rated) Rider University	New Position (Title III Funded)	ESL Teacher JPH / WWM
Calenda, Kristen Effective TBD-06/30/17	\$40,000 (pro-rated) William Paterson University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher Menlo Park School (for A. Greeley)
Cervelli, Michele Effective 01/12/17-06/30/17	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Stonehill College	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher Martin Luther King School (for D. Shields-LoPinto)
Grossman, Barbara Effective 09/23/16-06/30/17	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Rider University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Guidance Counselor Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective 09/23/16- 02/05/17 (for S. Ward) And Long Term Substitute Guidance Counselor Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective 02/06/17- 06/30/17 (for K. Boyle)

Gutierrez, Claudia Effective TBD-06/30/17	MA, Step 1 \$53,605 (pro-rated) SUNY–New Paltz	New Position (Title III Funded)	ESL Teacher TJM / EDH
Malkin, Shifra Effective 02/08/17-05/17/17	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Albright College	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Special Education Teacher Menlo Park School (for C. Wilson)
Moast, Megan Effective 01/03/17-05/16/17	\$40,000 (pro-rated) The College of New Jersey	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher Lincoln School (for A. Trzuskoski)
Zebrowski, Nicholas Effective 01/03/17-04/07/17	\$40,000 (pro-rated) Montclair State University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Health & Physical Education Teacher J.P. Stevens High School (for J. Leight)
<b><u>SUPPORT STAFF</u></b>	<b><u>Step/Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Reason for Vacancy</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>
Castro, Mae Aveline Effective TBD-06/30/17	Step1 \$18,005 (pro-rated)	Retirement	Paraprofessional FDR Building
Kostis, Athena Effective 01/03/17-06/30/17	Step 1, BA \$19,005 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Paraprofessional Early Learning Center
Lowe, Judith Effective TBD-06/30/17	\$4,320 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School
Lukas, Claudia Effective TBD-06/30/17	Step 1 \$37,735 (pro-rated)	Transfer	Custodian (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) Benjamin Franklin School
Sana, Afshan Effective 01/17/17-06/30/17	\$4,320 (pro-rated)	Retirement	Lunch Aide James Monroe School
Shah, Darshanika Effective TBD-06/30/17	\$4,320 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate
Thadani, Ami-Sasha Effective TBD-06/30/17	Step 1, BA \$19,005 (pro-rated)	Transfer	Paraprofessional J.P. Stevens High School

Todd, Jonathan	Step 1	Transfer	Custodian - Flex
Effective 01/24/17-06/30/17	\$37,735		(3:00 pm to 11:30 pm)
	(pro-rated)		John Adams Middle School

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Acosta, Lauren – Psychologist Washington School	Medical Maternity Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	03/02/17-03/15/17 03/16/17-04/26/17 04/27/17-06/30/17
Bellaran, Janet – Health/PE Teacher John Adams Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	12/13/16-01/31/17
Blair, Therese – Elementary Math Specialist James Monroe School	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	12/19/16-01/08/17
Boyle, Kelly – Guidance Counselor Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical Fed FMLA Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	01/03/17-01/26/17 01/27/17-04/20/17 04/21/17-06/30/17
Bruns, Liza – Special Education Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical-Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	01/05/17-01/31/17
Cafaro, Joanna – Grade 4 Teacher Washington School	Medical	With Pay	01/13/17-01/31/17
Chicarilla, Jamie – Bus Driver Education Center	Medical	With Pay	01/25/17-02/21/17
Dunham, Susan – School Secretary IIIB John Marshall School	Fed/NJ FMLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	01/09/17-06/30/17
Grogan, Jeannie – Grade 1 Teacher Benjamin Franklin School	Medical	With Pay	01/09/17-01/24/17
Hanks, Sharon – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Medical Medical	With Pay Without Pay	01/10/17-01/13/17(.5) 01/13/17(.5)-02/12/17
Hopkins, Kathleen – Grade 4 Teacher Woodbrook School	Medical Medical	With Pay With Pay (Sick Bank)	01/03/17-01/26/17(.5) 01/26/17(.5)-02/12/17
Jones, Ellen – English Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical	With Pay	01/05/17-02/05/17
Kane, Linda – Secretary III John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	01/03/17-02/12/17

Leight, John – Health/PE Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	01/03/17-04/17/17
Lin, Stephanie – Grade 1 Teacher James Monroe School	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	01/04/17-01/16/17
Mass, Lisa – Speech FDR Building	Maternity	With Pay	03/16/17-04/26/17
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	04/27/17-06/30/17
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	09/01/17-09/21/17
Mendoza, Alexandra – Bilingual Teacher Washington School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	12/12/16
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	12/13/16-01/02/17
	Fed FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	01/03/17-01/23/17
	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	01/24/17-03/12/17
Nordahl, Christine – Lunch Aide Menlo Park School	Medical	With Pay	12/12/16-02/02/17
Pane, Cassandra – Paraprofessional James Monroe School	Medical	With Pay	01/12/17-01/26/17
Patel, Snehal – Science Teacher John P Stevens High School	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	02/01/17-02/14/17
Persson, Jennifer – English Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	12/21/16-01/03/17
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	01/04/17-01/08/17
Rizzi, Concetta – Lunch Aide Menlo Park School	Medical	With Pay	01/23/17-03/01/17
Rosario, Megan – Special Education Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	05/26/17-05/30/17
	Maternity	With Pay	05/31/17-06/30/17
Santos-Stagliano, Juana – Spanish Teacher Edison High School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	02/28/17-06/30/17
Schaefer, Mary – Grade 1 Teacher John Marshall School	Medical	With Pay	01/17/17-01/30/17
Sgourakis, Elizabeth – Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School	Medical	With Pay	12/12/16-01/17/17
Smith, Shannan – School Secretary I Herbert Hoover Middle School	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	12/17/16-01/09/17
	Fed FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	01/10/17-01/27/17
	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	01/28/17-04/23/17

Stoltenberg, Susan – Social Worker Education Center	Fed FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	12/03/16-02/28/17
Storer, Laura – Speech James Madison Primary School	Maternity	With Pay	03/08/17-03/24/17
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	03/25/17-04/18/17
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	04/19/17-06/30/17
Thaker, Vaishali – Paraprofessional Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	01/19/17-01/31/17
Tichenor, Wayne – Custodian James Monroe School	Medical	With Pay	01/19/17-02/20/17
Trzuskoski, April – Grade 2 Teacher Lincoln School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	11/28/16-12/27/16
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	12/28/16-02/21/17
	Fed/NJ FMLA-	Without Pay	02/22/17-05/16/17
	Revised		
Tufaro, Cynthia – Supervisor Elementary Education Center	Medical	With Pay	11/15/16-12/19/16
	Fed/NJ FMLA-	Without Pay	12/20/16-01/02/17
	Rescind		
Vanhorn, Ellen – Bus Driver Education Center	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/01/16-01/03/17
Wilson, Christina – Special Education Teacher Menlo Park School	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	02/08/17-02/22/17
	Fed/NJ FMLA-	Without Pay	02/23/17-05/17/17
	Revised		

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>CERTIFIED STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Benson, Megan	Long Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher James Madison Intermediate Salary \$40,000 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17 (for L. Feldman)	Resignation	Long Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher James Madison Intermediate Salary \$40,000 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/16-02/26/17 (for L. Feldman) and Grade 5 Teacher James Madison Intermediate MA, Step 4 Salary \$55,605 (pro-rated) Effective 02/27/17-06/30/17

Frischman, Melanie	Long Term Substitute Grade 1 Teacher Woodbrook School Salary \$40,000 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17 (for D. Bobal)	Retirement	Long Term Substitute Grade 1 Teacher Woodbrook School Salary \$40,000 (pro-rated) Effective 09/01/16-01/02/17 (for D. Bobal) And Kindergarten Teacher Menlo Park School BA, Step 1 Salary \$50,000 (pro-rated) Effective 01/03/17-06/30/17
Mazza, Alyssa	Long Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher James Madison Intermediate Effective 09/01/16-12/23/16 (for N. Videla)	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher James Madison Intermediate Effective 09/01/16-12/23/16 (for N. Videla) And Long Term Substitute Grade 1 Teacher Woodbrook School Effective 12/24/16-06/30/17 (for D. Bobal)
Parillo-Anthony, Michel	Mathematics Teacher (1.2) John Adams Middle School Salary \$86,430 (pro-rated) Effective 12/01/16-01/13/17		Mathematics Teacher (1.2) John Adams Middle School Salary \$86,430 (pro-rated) Effective 12/01/16-12/23/16
Spernal, Jack	Special Education Teacher (1.0) John Adams Middle School Salary \$54,000 Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17	Leave of Absence	Special Education Teacher (1.2) John Adams Middle School Salary \$62,000 (pro-rated) Effective 01/12/17-05/17/17
Steger, Brian	Long Term Substitute Art Teacher J.P. Stevens High School Effective 01/17/17-06/30/17 (for K. Pellegrino)	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Art Teacher J.P. Stevens High School Effective 01/12/17-06/30/17 (for K. Pellegrino)
<u>SUPPORT STAFF</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Acosta, Jessica	Paraprofessional FDR Building Effective TBD-06/30/17		Paraprofessional FDR Building Effective 01/04/17-06/30/17

Listash, Barbara	Paraprofessional Thomas Jefferson M.S. Effective 09/01/16-06/30/17	Transfer	Paraprofessional John Adams Middle School Effective 01/13/17-06/30/17
Loua, Randy	Custodian –Flex (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) Edison High School Effective 07/01/16-06/30/17	Resignation	Custodian (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) James Monroe School Effective 01/19/17-06/30/17
Manley, Suzanne	Paraprofessional FDR Building Effective TBD-06/30/17		Paraprofessional FDR Building Effective 01/03/17-06/30/17
Regan Jr., John	Custodian (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) John Adams Middle School Effective 07/01/16-06/30/17	Transfer	Custodian (3:00 pm to 11:30 pm) Menlo Park School Effective 01/24/17-06/30/17
Zagorski, Mariusz	Computer Technician I Education Center Effective TBD-06/30/17		Computer Technician I Education Center Effective 01/03/17-06/30/17
Zammit, Maria	Paraprofessional Benjamin Franklin School Effective TBD-06/30/17		Paraprofessional Benjamin Franklin School Effective 01/03/17-06/30/17

6. LONGEVITY

<u>TEACHERS</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Capaccio, Brenda	WBR	02/24/17	23	\$101,215.00	\$101,669.00
Cardillo, James	JPH	02/01/17	17	\$105,003.00	\$105,493.00
Corso, Sylvia	TJM	02/16/17	16	\$105,441.00	\$105,936.00
Degnan, Alyson	HHM	02/12/17	17	\$100,386.00	\$101,849.00
Devito, Alycia	WAS	02/01/17	14	\$93,650.00	\$94,104.00
Eisenberg, Suzanne	MAR	02/02/17	24	\$101,169.00	\$101,623.00
Fulham, Maria	EDH	02/01/17	14	\$99,994.00	\$100,475.00
Gaudioso, Cynthia	WWM	02/12/17	17	\$101,234.00	\$101,706.00
Grzybowski, Brian	LNC	02/21/17	23	\$100,715.00	\$101,169.00
Gumienny, Jill	JMP	02/15/17	23	\$100,715.00	\$101,169.00
Guno, Kelly	MEN	02/01/17	19	\$98,446.00	\$98,900.00
Hopkins, Kathleen	WBR	02/07/17	23	\$101,215.00	\$101,669.00
Hurwitz-Kushner, Wendy	WWM	02/04/17	19	\$104,081.00	\$104,562.00
Jirout, Julie	JPH	02/19/17	14	\$98,294.00	\$98,775.00
Kantlehner, Thomas	EDH	02/04/17	23	\$104,536.00	\$105,008.00

Korten, Nicole	TJM	02/16/17	16	\$100,319.00	\$100,790.00
Kregeloh, Lauren	MEN	02/01/17	17	\$101,290.00	\$101,762.00
Luminiello, Jodi	WBR	02/01/17	16	\$96,178.00	\$96,631.00
Lumsden, Michele	JPH	02/20/17	16	\$101,419.00	\$101,890.00
Maiorano Bovadikov, Stacy	TJM	02/01/17	17	\$97,998.00	\$98,460.00
McCaffery, Patrick	EDH	02/28/17	22	\$103,593.00	\$104,065.00
Michaud, Melanie (Revised)	LNC	01/25/17	14	\$93,650.00	\$94,104.00
Mitchell, Jennifer	LIN	02/23/17	22	\$100,761.00	\$101,215.00
Nartowicz, Nicole	JPH	02/01/17	17	\$99,386.00	\$99,849.00
Oshiro, Jacqueline	MAR	02/10/17	16	\$96,678.00	\$97,131.00
Papaianni, Maria	JAM	02/14/17	18	\$97,993.00	\$98,446.00
Perlin, Janice	WWM	02/02/17	19	\$102,178.00	\$102,649.00
Rosenfeld, Lisa	LIN	02/08/17	16	\$99,819.00	\$100,290.00
Rossi, Nereo	WBR	02/23/17	14	\$95,270.00	\$95,724.00
Selesky, Michele	TJM	02/21/17	20	\$103,149.00	\$104,093.00
Shapiro, Clifford	HHM	02/01/17	23	\$108,434.00	\$108,924.00
Shapiro, Regena	JPH	02/18/17	17	\$99,819.00	\$100,290.00
Stables, Heather	JPH	02/10/17	20	\$102,649.00	\$103,593.00
Taylor, Diane	MEN	02/01/17	22	\$104,065.00	\$104,536.00
Tortorello, Catherine	MON	02/01/17	15	\$93,304.00	\$93,758.00
Tsaoy, Kristen	EC	02/18/17	19	\$106,483.00	\$106,973.00
Weintraub, Allyson	EDH	02/18/17	19	\$102,178.00	\$102,649.00

DIFFERENCE TOTAL

\$19,222

<u>GUIDANCE/CST</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Jakub, Lisa	HHM	02/01/17	18	\$108,647.00	\$109,152.00
Monastersky, Alyssa	WWMS	02/14/17	17	\$106,162.00	\$106,657.00

DIFFERENCE TOTAL

\$1,000

<u>SECURITY</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Adams, Richard	JPH	02/13/17	25	\$65,963.00	\$66,527.00

DIFFERENCE TOTAL

\$564

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

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

Aker, Bobbi	Aurilio, Christopher	Cahill, Kylie
Calenda, Kristen	Coleman, Rebecca	Das, Monika
Destin, Bettina**	Duetschman, Martin**	Edala, Sudarsana
Errico, Alyssa**	Errico, Amanda	Hueston, Randi
Kjelle, Matthew	Lalwani, Lata	Michalski, Jessie**
Nimmala, Priyanka	Pinto, Mark	Reyes, Julia**
Salva, Amy	Singh, Milie	Taylor, Laura**
Wheeler, Bonnie		

\*\* Denotes Student Teacher

Guidance Counselor - \$110/day

Salva, Amy

Nurse - \$200/day

Walters, Kristine

Custodians - \$10.50/hr

Genovese, Raymond	Guarnieri, Vincent	Korczyk, Colin
Mendoza, Richard		

8. TENURE STIPEND

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Biscocho, Molly	JMI	02/02/17	\$57,605.00	\$57,855.00
Panaro, Nicole	EDH	02/02/17	\$60,485.00	\$60,735.00

9. 2016-2017 AVID TUTORS – EDH/HHM/TJM - \$15/hr (As needed)

Gobrial, Caroline	Nayak, Vallab
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10. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFIED STAFF BASED UPON COMPLETION OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CREDITS - EFFECTIVE 01/01/17-06/30/17

<u>NAME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PRESENT SALARY</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
Bauer, Cindy	EDH	Secretary I	\$58,725.00	\$59,025.00

11. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE – ADULT SCHOOL – LINDENEAU SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 01/18/17-06/30/17 – MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS – (as needed contingent upon enrollment)

TEACHERS \$35/hr.

Bazan, Jessica

12. 2016-2017 TITLE III IMMIGRANT FUND: PARENT ACTIVITIES – TITLE III FUNDED – MEN/WBR – EFFECTIVE 09/26/16-06/21/17 – (as needed contingent upon enrollment)  
TEACHERS \$30/hr.  
Chan-Hom, Eva
13. 2016-2017 TITLE 1 PARENT MEETINGS: FAMILY LITERACY & MATH EVENTS – TITLE 1 FUNDED – TJM/HHM/WASH/LIN/BEN – EFFECTIVE 9/27/16-06/21/17 - \$30/hr. (as needed)  
DeLeon, Nadia
14. 2016-2017 RISE TO THE CHALLENGE ELL PROGRAM – TITLE III FUNDED – EFFECTIVE 01/23/17-05/23/17 – WOODROW WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL - \$35.00/45 min. session before/after school or per ETEA contract per period during the school day (as needed contingent upon enrollment)  
Cameron, Christine  
Dragona, Renee  
Karatz, Daniel  
Colicchio, Jennifer  
Gaudioso, Cynthia  
Vitale, Caroline  
DeBella, Elliot  
Grimaldi, Nanci  
Zolton, Alexandra
15. LITERACY AND MATH ACADEMY– TITLE I OR CEIS FUNDED EFFECTIVE 01/24/17 – 05/19/17 – BEN, JMI, JMP, LNC, MAR, MEN, MLK, MON, WBK, WAS (as needed contingent upon enrollment)  
Teachers \$35/45 min. session  
Adams, Denise  
Andel, Cailean  
Barry, Kyle  
Bernstein, Jessica  
Brack, Diane  
Bussiere, Stephanie  
Callas, AnnMarie  
Cirillo, Darlene  
Cohen, Diane  
Concodora, Joseph  
Diamant, Elizabeth  
Eisenberg, Suzanne  
Figueroa, Jennifer  
Frustol, Heidi  
Gluchowski, Kathleen  
Giunta, Melissa  
Gurney, Rachel  
Karamanos, Xanthi  
Kitchell, Andrew  
Kowalsky, Tori  
Linebarger, Leah  
Martinez, Lauren  
McDonald, Kristie  
Miller, Nicole  
Alexa, Dana  
Aziz, Saeeda  
Bell, Cheryl  
Blaha, Jean  
Brady, Sara  
Cafaro, Joanna  
Cash, Briana  
Chonka, Lynne  
Coles, Neha  
DeVito, Alycia  
Donahue, Kaitlin  
Elsamna, Susan  
Fischer, Dawn  
Furst, Jaime  
Goldberg, Ellen  
Goldstein, Arielle  
Harrison, Doreen  
Karmann, Nicole  
Korczyk, Kathy  
Lamont, Taryn  
LoCasto, Tina  
Masterson, Mary  
Mellaci, Colleen  
Milton, Linda  
Altman, Jennifer  
Banos, Colleen  
Benson, Megan  
Blair, Therese  
Brown, Nicole  
Cairolis, Erica  
Cardoso, Stephanie  
Civile, Robert  
Collins, Amy  
D'Amico, Laurette  
Dorflinger, Michele  
Facendo, Jennifer  
Floersch, Laura  
Gadson-Jackson, Kim  
Gibilisco, Deborah  
Guarnieri, Patricia  
Hollis, Ashley  
Kavinski, Chelsea  
Kregeloh, Lauren  
Lee-Garcia, Cherri  
Mardini, Jenna  
McCarthy, Elizabeth  
Mercuri, Karen  
Minitelli, Theresa

Minto, Kathryn	Mosko, Lee	Natalewicz, Kristen
Nienburg, Antoinette	Nimensky, Erica	Nuesa, Catherine
Oshinski, Jennifer	Oshiro, Jacqueline	O'Grady-Robbins, Bridget
Paglia-Smoler, Regina	Pellicane, Catherine	Pontoriero, Rosalind
Price, Allyson	Rawson, Victoria	Recine, Elizabeth
Ring, Michelle	Riolo, Susan	Ramirez, Amanda
Romeo, Lisa	Rosario, Desiree	Rullan, Geniris
Samolewicz, Christopher	Sampson, Nicole	Sandler, Paula
Schaefer, Mary	Schaffter, Kristen	Seybuck, Kimberly
Sharda, Erika	Schutz, Stacy	Smith, Jennifer A.
Smith, Lenora	Snee, Elizabeth	Sones, Megan
Speckin, Maureen	Steinhart, Malissa	Stokes, Douglas
Sussman, Ashley	Thomas, Ashley	Thompson, Briana
Thompson, Jennifer	Toth, Christine	Triolo, Rosemarie
Turkovic, Kristen-Anne	Vilensky, Deborah	Vitale, Joelle
Vogel, Ruth	Wahler, Kristen	Weber, Timothy
Weiss, Dana	Windrem, Samantha	Westcott, Theresa
Win-Lee, Thu	Wojcik, Kelly	Young-Dulina, Joann

Substitute Teachers \$35/45 min. session

Cowan, Jean	Hook, Courtney	Murillo, Cleis
Pinkowsky, Jacqueline		

Paraprofessionals \$20/hr

Buchinski, Lisa	Campione, Susan	Eichert, Cathy
Ford, Catherine	Giardina, Elaine	Greenstein, Victoria
Law, Kathleen	Lombardi, Maria	Petrucci, Hope
Pradhan, Chandana	Robertson, Christopher	Talke, Elizabeth

16. RUTGERS READING ACADEMY– TITLE I OR CEIS FUNDED - EFFECTIVE 01/24/17 – 05/19/17 LINDENEAU SCHOOL (as needed contingent upon enrollment)

Teachers \$35/45 min. session

Concodora, Janet	Molle, Sara	Prete, Noelle
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17. CRITICAL THINKING ACADEMY– CEIS FUNDED - EFFECTIVE 01/24/17 – 05/19/17 – LINDENEAU SCHOOL (as needed contingent upon enrollment)

Teachers \$35/45 min. session

Bonner, Meredith	Brotspies, Nicole	
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18. SOCIAL SKILLS ACADEMY– TITLE I OR CEIS FUNDED - EFFECTIVE 01/24/17 – 05/19/17 – LINCOLN SCHOOL (as needed contingent upon enrollment)

Teachers \$35/45 min. session

Collins, Catherine	Phil, Kathleen	Slusser, Kenneth
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19. COACHING APPOINTMENTS – 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

<u>HIGH SCHOOL - WINTER</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Wrestling – Assistant – JPH	Jacob, Jim (12/20/16)	\$4,284.00	1

20. 2016-2017 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

COCURRICULAR

Student Council (Revised)

NAME

Gonczy, Amanda (09/01/16 to 09/20/16 – Split  
and 09/21/16 to 12/04/16 – Full and 12/05/16  
to 6/30/17 – Split)

Wertz, Melissa (09/01/16 to 09/20/16 – Split  
and 12/05/16 to 6/30/17 - Split)

STIPEND

\$3,486.00

(Split)

JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

CLASS A CLUB

Project Unify Club (Revised)

NAME

Chesseri, Brenda (9/1/16 to 12/12/16 – Split  
and 12/13/16 to 1/11/17 – Full)

Bellaran, Janet (9/1/16 to 12/12/16 – Split)

STIPEND

\$875.00 (Split)

21. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

NEW:

Middle School Literacy Interventionist

Primary Literacy Coach

22. ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby places Employee ID #101887, on administrative leave with pay, effective December 20, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

B. Administration

1. School Board Recognition Month

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2017 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s local school boards help determine community goals for the education of 1.4 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey’s 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, school boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2017 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children’s education.

2. Rutgers Crisis Counselors Expansion (Exhibit C)

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the Rutgers Crisis Counselors Expansion, as annexed hereto.

3. Removal From Rolls

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following student be removed from the Rolls of the Edison Board of Education effective immediately:

<u>STUDENT ID</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>REASON</u>
3020962	JP Stevens HS	Lives in Plainfield

C. Curriculum & Instruction

1. 2017-2018 High School Program of Studies (Exhibit D)

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the High School Program of Studies – 2017-2018, as annexed hereto.

2. ESL Grading Changes – Grades 9-12 (Exhibit E)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the ESL Grading Changes – Grades 9-12, as annexed hereto.

3. 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. Twenty students and two advisors (one instructional day) from John P. Stevens High School's Political Science Club will be attending the JSA Winter Congress in Arlington, Virginia from February 10<sup>th</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
2. Twenty Students and two advisors (two instructional days) from Edison High School's Model UN Club will be attending the John Hopkins University Model UN Conference in Baltimore, Maryland from February 9<sup>th</sup> through February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
3. Ninety-five students and two advisors (two instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School's FBLA will be attending the NJFBLA State Competition in Atlantic City, New Jersey from March 15<sup>th</sup> through March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
4. Four students and three advisors (two and one-half instructional days) from Edison High School's DECA Business Club will be attending the DECA Competition in Atlantic City, New Jersey from February 21<sup>st</sup> through February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

4. Professional Development Documentation – January 2017

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
Gumovich, Christina	Lindeneau	2/16/17	Strategies & Structure for Teaching Reading	TBD	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Rinaldi, Carrie	Lindeneau	2/16/17	Strategies & Structure for Teaching Reading	TBD	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Silberberg, Janine	JPS	2/21/17-2/24/17	University of California @ Irvine Counselor Fly In	Irvine, CA	N/A	\$430.00	\$150.00	Professional Development

Downey, Michele	EHS	3/17/17	Rutgers Great Ideas for Teaching Pre-Calculus	Piscataway, NJ	\$165.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Zeh, Cynthia	Marshall	3/30/17 & 3/31/17	Professional Training in ABA Teaching	Hamilton, NJ	\$200.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Serrano-Vacca, Odalys	JPS	03/31/17 04/01/17	FLENJ Spring Conference	Woodbridge, NJ	\$156.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Silberberg, Janine	JPS	5/21/17- 5/23/17	NJ Association for College Admission Counseling Annual Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$225.00	\$485.00	N/A	Professional Development
Sieminski, Laurie	EHS	5/21/17- 5/23/17	NJ Association for College Admission Counseling Annual Conference	Long Branch, NJ	\$225.00	\$480.70	N/A	Professional Development
Fischer, Jennifer	Ed Center	6/25/17- 6/28/17	International Society for Tech in Education	San Antonio, TX	\$450.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	Professional Development
Platvoet, Donald	Ed Center	6/25/17- 6/28/17	International Society for Tech in Education	San Antonio, TX	\$420.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	Professional Development
Tsaoy, Kristen	Ed Center	6/25/17- 6/28/17	International Society for Tech in Education	San Antonio, TX	\$450.00	\$1,000.00	\$500.00	Professional Development
Silberberg, Janine	JPS	9/13/17- 9/16/17	National Association of College Admission Counseling	Boston, MA	\$285.00	\$900.00	\$175.00	Professional Development

\*\*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

### C. 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>
2021703	12/19/16	Lakeview School	N/A	(94,030)	Family Moving Out of State
2002924	12/20/16	New Road School of Parlin	N/A	(60,535)	Family Moving to Warren
2015213	01/03/17	Gateway School with a 1:1 Aide	Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center	70,700 Pro-rated	IEP Team Decision
3005753	12/12/16	Thomas Jefferson Middle School	NuView Academy ESCNJ	34,282 Pro-rated	IEP Team Decision
2028295	01/11/17	Edison High School	Collier High School	33,912 Pro-rated	Office of Administrative Law (OAL) Decision Court Ordered Out of District Placement

D. Finance

1. Donation – John P. Stevens High School

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education accepts the donation of a handheld oscilloscope, an instrument used to observe the change of an electrical signal over time, for the John P. Stevens High School Technology Department, from Tektronix, Inc., valued at \$4,400.

2. Non-Public Technology Services (Exhibit F)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following order 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>
HPGV320	Little Genius Academy	CDWG	618.39
HQDR913	Peppermint Tree	CDWG	580.65
HQDS027	Helping Hands Nursery	CDWG	76.03

3. Change Orders – Menlo Park & Woodbrook Elementary Schools

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 and Woodbrook Elementary School additions:

<u>Project/Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Menlo Park ES</u> M&M Construction Company, Inc.	MM019	4,840.00
<u>Woodbrook ES</u> Brockwell & Carrington Contractors, Inc.	BC001	11,513.25

4. 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	10 Promethean Projectors
Woodbrook ES	1 Dell Printer

5. 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 December 31, 2016 payable by Cycle Checks No. 133472 through No. 134041 inclusive, totaling \$24,819,693.86 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

6. Transportation Report – January 2017

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the January 2017 Transportation Report as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/Aide</u>
<u>2016-2017 School Year - Rescinded Displaced Student Runs</u>				
MLWW	ESC	Menlo Park ES/W Wilson MS	11/30/16-12/08/16	222.93
HHLN	ESC	H Hoover MS/Lincoln ES	12/05/16-12/09/16	144.00
<u>2016-2017 School Year - Rescinded Special Education Jointure Runs</u>				
NVA3	ESC	NuView Academy	12/16/16	103.52 Aide - 30.00
<u>2016-2017 School Year - Special Education Jointure Runs</u>				
GENP	ESC	General Psych	12/07/16-01/17/17	160.00 Aide - 42.00
<u>2016-2017 School Year - Displaced Student Runs</u>				
MRLD	ESC	J Marshall ES/ Lindeneau ES	01/09/17-06/30/17	225.00
BFHM	ESC	B Franklin ES	01/06/17-06/30/17	159.00

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

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Heelan reported the following upcoming meeting:

Event – Caucus Meeting

Date – Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Location – Education Center (Caucus Room)

Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event – Public Meeting

Date – Monday, February 27, 2017

Location – James Monroe Elementary School (Gymnasium)

Time - 7:00 P.M.

XI. COMMITTEES

1. Curriculum & Instruction Committee

Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar reported that the meeting took place on January 12, 2017 in the Education Center

In Attendance: Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, Margaret DeLuca, Dr. Frank Heelan, Beth Moroney and Shivi Prasad-Madhukar

Discussion:

1. Rutgers Crisis Counselor Expansion – Given the success of the program, at the middle and high school level, the merits of adding an elementary component was discussed. This will aid in catching children early and helping them develop coping skills. The main thrust will be on prevention. The Committee also discussed making crisis counselors available to teachers. Part of the funding could come from New Jersey Department of Health and Human Services.
2. Issues Related to Printing at Home from School Issued Laptops – some students in the district were having issues adding a printer on the home network. The Tech Department will be looking into this matter.
3. Textbook Policy – It was discussed that children who need hard copies of their school textbooks can do so by having a parent talk to the principal or the teacher to sign out an assigned hard copy textbook.
4. ESL Grading Change at the High School Level – Because some students arrive with several LEP issues, it was discussed to change the grading system to pass/fail in their content area courses until they get better at the English language.
5. Phasing Out of the Hindi Language Course – Due to low enrollment at the high school level.
6. Dance I – New Course – This will be offered to grades 9 through 12 beginning in September 2017. Students with no previous training will acquire a basic foundation of dance skills, while more advanced students will continue to advance their techniques. The following dance styles will be included: Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Theater Dance, Social and Ethnic Dances. The program will also include a unit on elements and principals of choreography.
7. AP Capstone Seminar for the STEM Academy – A new capstone program will be offered within the STEM Academy, typically taken in Grade 11. The first of the two-year course will be offered this year, leading to an AP Diploma program that the College Board has developed.
8. Ms. DeLuca explained the tweaks made to the Grouping Procedures. The new structure will take care of students missing a criteria or narrowly missing a higher level course.

9. Ms. DeLuca provided an update on the revision of the Teacher Evaluation Tool, which is in its final stage. The Committee working on the Tool includes six teachers and six administrators. It is hoped that the new Tool will be implemented in September 2017.
10. Chromebooks – there are many issues, particularly in middle schools, regarding broken Chromebooks. Repairs are taking time. The District is running out of loaner Chromebooks. There have also been issues around insuring laptops. Parents were required to follow a two-step process with regards to insurance. Many parents missed the second step, where the laptop ID needed to be scanned. It is harder to get laptops repaired through insurance when proper steps have not been followed in registering the device. The district hasn't had breakage issues with the MacBooks.

2. Equitable State Aid Committee

Mrs. Ward reported that the meeting took place on January 17, 2017 in the Education Center

In Attendance: Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, Daniel Michaud, Dr. Frank Heelan, Theresa E. Ward and Richard Brescher

Discussion:

1. Much of the discussion centered around the best/most efficient method of targeting a mailing or other means of communicating our strong resolve to have Edison Township get on tract to receive their annual full share of \$37 million State Aid – should the Edison Township residents be targeted, underfunded Middlesex County Boards of Education or all underfunded school districts in the state. The consensus was that, since the state legislature can best be moved by a state-wide wake-up call, Edison should target underfunded districts throughout the state.
2. Edison and Middlesex County could still be reached through newspaper communications, in addition to being included in the state-wide effort. Councilman, Joseph Coyle, has offered his help, both as an Edison Councilman and head of the Edison Chamber of Commerce to assist the Board in obtaining moral and financial support and look forward to working with him as soon as there is a plan in place.

3. Equitable State Aid Committee

Mrs. Ward reported that the second meeting took place on January 21, 2017 at her residence, 19 Outcalt Road, Edison, NJ

In Attendance: Dr. Frank Heelan, Theresa E. Ward, Shivi Prasad-Madhukar and Richard Brescher

Discussion:

1. The Committee will be drafting a letter that will be delivered to legislators and other key personnel in the state, county and town. The main purpose will be to highlight the challenges lack of funding brings, including excessive burden on taxpayers, as well as the concerns around safety of students in overcrowded schools.
2. Dr. Heelan will be presenting a testimony on state aid on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Middlesex County College before a panel headed by Senator Sweeney.

4. Finance & Facilities Committee

Mr. Shi reported that the meeting took place on January 17, 2017 in the Education Center

In Attendance: Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, Daniel Michaud, Kenneth Stromsland, Jerry Shi, Dr. Frank Heelan, Theresa E. Ward and Richard Brescher

## Discussion:

1. School Projects:
  - a. James Monroe School – The school opened on 1/3/17. The district currently has a temporary certificate of occupancy. The final certificate of occupancy should be obtained from the township within the next couple of weeks.
  - b. Menlo Park School – The classroom addition has been occupied since the opening of school in September. The gymnasium addition has been occupied since late December. The district currently has a temporary certificate of occupancy. The final certificate of occupancy is expected to be issued by the township shortly.
  - c. Woodbrook School – the addition has begun. Favorable weather conditions will help the contractor get a jump on the needed sitework prior to construction. The application for the lease purchase funding has been sent to the NJ Department of Education for approval.
2. The Committee reviewed the change orders for the Menlo Park and Woodbrook School projects that are on the January 18, 2017 agenda for board consideration. The Woodbrook School change orders will have an offsetting credit change order issued for underground piping that will not need to be removed.
3. The 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget was discussed. The district is anticipating that the state aid will be frozen, but the actual figures will not be provided until late February, 2017. Other state provided figures that are needed to prepare next year's budget are state facilities charges, charter school tuition and the SDA assessment. The Committee discussed the need to continue to address the overcrowding problem that the district has been facing and considered several different options that were suggested.
4. Mr. Stromsland provided a list of proposed capital building improvements for the 2017-2018 school-year for review.

XI. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Moroney expressed her gratitude for those who helped build the new James Monroe School without creating any debt to the District and thanked Mrs. Ward for working on fair funding. She also discussed the Edison Township Alliance Dinner, which honored Mrs. Theresa Ward for all her contributions to the community, the Senior Citizens and the Board of Education and also Mr. Herbert Smith, a teacher at John P. Stevens High School, who has been a part of the BRIDGES Program since its inception.

Mrs. Moroney thanked Mr. Duggan and commended the students of Menlo Park Elementary School for their brilliance, after hearing a group of students from all grade levels read essays and poetry at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony prior to the start of tonight's board meeting.

Dr. Heelan informed the Board that he attended the Huaxia Chinese School New Years presentation, which was phenomenal. He also congratulated the Edison/Metuchen Robotics Team for receiving top awards.

Dr. Heelan reported that there are 414 ESL Students in Edison: John P. Stevens High School has 48; Edison High School - 60; Thomas Jefferson Middle School - 36; Woodrow Wilson Middle School - 35; James Madison Intermediate - 19; James Madison Primary - 54; Washington Elementary School - 75 and John Marshall -87.

Dr. Heelan also discussed the new Ad Hoc Transportation Committee which will meet approximately twice a year. The Committee will include Board Member Richard Brescher (Chair), Shannon Peng, Shivi Prasad-Madhukar and Ralph Errico.

He also mentioned the Charter School moratorium and informed everyone that Edison's Board Attorney, Jonathan Busch, will be giving a talk on the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Rights for Students and Teachers, with the NJSBA on February 2, 2017 at Raritan Center.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Elizabeth Conway, resident, spoke about the Menlo Park January Jam and questioned the degree differential arbitrations.

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice-President, thanked the Board for recognizing the accomplishments of the students of Edison Township. He commented on the new National Commissioner of Education's discussion of school vouchers. Mr. Hrevnak also discussed the Committee for a new Teacher Evaluation System and thanked Dr. O'Malley for allowing the Committee to put this System together.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to adjourn January 23, 2017 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 8:13 P.M. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

*Daniel P. Michaud*

Daniel P. Michaud  
Secretary  
DPM:jmc