

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the emergency orders and directives at the federal, state and local levels, this meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education will be held remotely using video conferencing technology. Instructions on how to access the meeting and make comments during the public participation sessions of the meeting have been posted on the Board's website at <https://www.edison.k12.nj.us>.

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The July 30, 2020 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Ralph Errico, at 5:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Ralph Errico, President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, Mrs. Beth Moroney, Mrs. Elizabeth Conway, Mrs. Carol Bodofsky and Mrs. Shivi Madhukar. Mrs. Falguni Patel, Vice President, Mrs. Shannon Peng and Dr. Yunxia (Yuna) Chen were absent.

Also in attendance were Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Conklin, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil/Special Services, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, Mr. Ralph Barca, Director of IT, Mr. Patrick MacDonald, Videographer, and Ms. Hope Blackburn, Board Attorney.

III. OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Errico 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 July 15, 2020.

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

IV. RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Bragen and Mr. Michaud discussed the following resolutions prior to the Board vote.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS ONLY)

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice-President, questioned the thermal monitors.

Susan Campione, resident, questioned the sensitivity of the monitors.

Bret Baker, resident, questioned the cost of each unit - \$13,000.

Christo Makropoulos, resident, discussed the restriction of public comments. He questioned students who have high temperatures entering the schools and those who cannot wear masks.

Brian Rivera, resident, questioned staggering high school students in the schools.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

i. Approval of Bylaws & Policies – First Reading

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following New and Revised Bylaws and Policies, as annexed hereto:

1. Bylaw No. 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings
2. Policy No. 1649 – Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (Mandated) (New)
3. Policy No. 2270 – Religion in Schools (Revised)
4. Policy No. 2431.3 – Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety (Mandated) (Revised)
5. Policy No. 2622 – Student Assessment (Mandated) (Revised)
6. Policy No. 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Mandated) (Revised)
7. Policy No. 5200 – Attendance (Mandated) (Revised)
8. Policy No. 5320– Immunization (Revised)
9. Policy No. 5330.04 – Administration of Opioid Antidote (Mandated) (Revised)
10. Policy No. 5610 – Suspension (Mandated) (Revised)
11. Policy No. 5620 – Expulsion (Mandated) (Revised)
12. Policy No. 8320 – Personnel Records (Mandated) (Revised)

ii. Bid – Thermal Temperature Monitoring Solutions

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education awards the bid for thermal temperature monitoring solutions to Service Works, Inc., 95 Megill Road, Farmingdale, NJ 07727 for their low bid according to specifications. (Bid Date – 07/29/20)

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
ISI Technology *(Unresponsive -Did not meet specifications)	* \$1,895 Per Unit
Service Works, Inc.	\$13,047.72 Per Unit Amended to read : “Not to exceed \$750,000”

The Board discussed the cost of the Thermal Temperature Monitoring units and approved a “not to exceed cost of \$750,000”.

iii. Approval of Dual Use Classrooms

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the dual use of the following classrooms for the 2020-2021 School Year:

<u>School</u>	<u>Room(s)</u>	<u>Action Needed</u>
B Franklin ES	#104A, #122, #124, #126, #153	Seeking Additional Classroom Space
J Madison IS	Library A	Seeking Additional Classroom Space
J Madison PS	#26	Seeking Additional Classroom Space
J Madison PS	Toilet Room Facilities	Seeking Alternate Method of Compliance
J Marshall ES	Speech Room	Seeking Additional Classroom Space
Lindeneau ES	#21A, #21B, #21C	Seeking Additional Classroom Space
Woodbrook ES	Gym, Café	Seeking Additional Classroom Space
T Jefferson MS	#111, #112, #123A, #123B, #124A, #124B, #212, #213, Stage / Café, Storage Room	Seeking Additional Classroom Space

iv. Approval of Substandard Classrooms

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the following rooms for substandard use for the 2020-2021 School Year:

<u>School</u>	<u>Trailer</u>	<u>Action Needed</u>
J Adams MS	#1 & #2	Seeking Alternate Classroom Space
J Madison IS	#1 thru #4	Seeking Alternate Classroom Space
JP Stevens HS	#1 thru #3	Seeking Alternate Classroom Space
Lincoln ES	#1 & #2	Seeking Alternate Classroom Space
J Marshall ES	#1 thru #4	Seeking Alternate Classroom Space

v. Submission & Acceptance of CARES Act ESSER Fund Digital Divide Grant, FY ‘21

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the submission of and the acceptance of the CARES Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund Digital Divide Grant, in the amount of \$995,323 for Fiscal Year 2021.

vi. Addendum to Transportation Services Agreement Between ETBOE & Barker Bus Company, Inc.

- WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Edison (the “Board”) and Barker Bus Company, Inc. (“the Contractor”) are parties to a Transportation Services Agreement for the 2019-2020 school year (“Agreement”); and
- WHEREAS, the Board is responsible for the transportation of students residing within the boundaries of the Edison Township Public School District; and
- WHEREAS, the Board entered into an Agreement with the Contractor for transportation services, which provides that the Contractor shall be paid only for transportation services performed; and
- WHEREAS, due to COVID-19, the Township of Edison Public Schools have been closed as of March 16, 2020; and
- WHEREAS, as a result, the Contractor’s transportation services have since discontinued; and
- WHEREAS, to ensure that transportation services will be available when schools reopen, the Board agrees to continue payment in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and
- WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed into law P.L. 2020, c. 27, which includes a provision for payments to contracted service providers during the current state of emergency; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to the above-referenced law, the Board is to make payments for “benefits, compensation, and emoluments” and is not to pay for service provider’s indirect costs such as fuel and tolls; and
- WHEREAS, the Contractor is obligated to use renegotiated payments to meet its payroll and fixed cost obligations; and
- WHEREAS, by this Agreement, the Board will have fulfilled its obligations pursuant to law P.L. 2020, c. 27; and
- WHEREAS, the Agreement terminates on June 30, 2020 and the Board will no longer be subject to the obligations imposed by P.L. 2020, c. 27 in regards to the Contractor; and
- WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:19-3 requires that demands for compensation under the Agreement must be accompanied by an affidavit verifying that compensation is limited to services rendered; and
- WHEREAS, in order to ensure operations/service continuity following the end of the Closure Period and to provide for transportation services when in-person instruction resumes; and

WHEREAS, the parties are desirous of amending the terms of the Agreement to memorialize and clarify the respective responsibilities and obligations of the parties as set forth above;

NOW, THEREFORE,
THE PARTIES AGREE as follows:

1. The Agreement is hereby amended as follows:
 - A. During the period that the Township of Edison Public School District remains closed without the need for transportation services as a result of COVID-19, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect at the Board shall continue its payment obligations, but at the reduced rate of sixty percent (60%) of the estimated total cost per route(s), as identified in the Agreement.
 - i. The parties acknowledge that the reduction in rate is solely for the period of school closure as a result of COVID-19 as the Contractor is not incurring certain operational costs, such as, but not limited to, those related to fuel and vehicle maintenance.
 - B. The Contractor acknowledges that payment in accordance with this Addendum is contingent upon the Contractor’s certification as to the existence or non-existence of business interruption insurance or similar insurance policy, and if in existence, provision of same.
2. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement not addressed herein shall remain in full force and effect.
3. The Board may unilaterally terminate this Addendum and any and all payment obligations to the contractor with or without cause upon ten (10) days’ notice to the contractor.
4. This Addendum is contingent upon approval by the Board of Education of the Township of Edison.

vii. Transportation Routes – Renewals 2020-2021 School Year

BE IT
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the transportation route renewals for the 2020-2021 school year, as annexed hereto.

<u>Barker Bus Company – Renewals – 2020-2021 School Year</u>			
<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>BUS ROUTE COST</u>	<u>AIDE</u>
JA9	JOHN ADAMS MS	\$197.30	N/A
JP25	JP STEVENS HS	\$197.30	N/A
WW-21	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$232.89	N/A

MD-9	JAMES MADISON PS/IS	\$197.30	N/A
FD16	FDR BUILDING	\$249.19	\$61.00
NEWC	NEWMARK	\$204.59	\$42.00
ACA	ACADEMY LEARNING CENTER	\$186.34	\$24.00
CCMS	CHILDREN CENTER OF MONMOUTH	\$305.62	\$61.00
HPP	GODWIN SCHOOL	\$307.23	\$64.00
MDA	JAMES MADISON PS/IS	\$311.52	\$58.00
RBA	ROCK BROOK		
FDR2	FDR BUILDING	\$165.60	\$39.00
FDR3A	FDR BUILDING	\$102.07	\$25.00
FD4A	FDR BUILDING	\$102.07	\$25.00
FD4P	FDR BUILDING	\$102.07	\$25.00
FDR7	FDR BUILDING	\$165.60	\$39.00
D12A	JAMES MADISON PS/IS/ FDR BUILDING	\$102.07	\$25.00
D12P	JAMES MADISON PS/IS/ FDR BUILDING	\$102.07	\$25.00
MLK	MARTIN LUTHER KING ES	\$163.37	\$38.00
WWMS/MEN	WOODROW WILSON MS/ MENLO PARK ES	\$196.13	\$44.00
CAN	CENTER SCHOOL	\$211.97	\$49.00
MIDN	MIDLAND SCHOOL	\$230.13	\$51.00
WAB	WASHINGTON ES	\$211.91	\$48.00
COA	COLLIER SCHOOL	\$248.96	\$51.00
HRLS	NEW ROAD SCHOOL	\$225.97	\$51.00
NEW2	NEWMARK SCHOOL	\$215.38	\$48.00
SSH	SOMERSET HILLS	\$225.97	\$51.00
BJ4	BISHOP ARH/ ST. JOES HS	\$112.06	N/A
BJ5	BISHOP ARH/ ST. JOES HS	\$112.06	N/A
JA7	JOHN ADAMS MS	\$112.06	N/A
MD4	JAMES MADISON IS/PS	\$112.06	N/A
JP13	JOHN P STEVENS HS	\$112.06	N/A
MK6	MARTIN LUTHER KING ES	\$112.06	N/A
SF4	ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL	\$153.58	N/A
WA3	WASHINGTON ES	\$153.58	N/A
MEN2	MENLO PARK ES	\$196.67	\$51.00
ML9	MENLO PARK ES	\$88.84	N/A
MPW1	MENLO PARK ES	\$238.04	\$54.00
MPW2	MENLO PARK ES	\$238.04	\$54.00
MK2	MARTIN LUTHER KING ES	\$88.84	N/A
WB3	WOODBROOK ES	\$88.84	N/A

WB5	WOODBROOK ES	\$88.84	N/A
WW3	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$88.84	N/A
WW5	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$88.84	N/A
WW9	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$88.84	N/A
WW10	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$129.08	N/A
WW15	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$88.84	N/A
MN2A	JAMES MONROE ES	N/A	N/A
MN2P	JAMES MONROE ES	N/A	N/A
JAM2	JOHN ADAMS MS	\$193.03	\$48.00
MLK3	MARTIN LUTHER KING ES	\$208.34	\$51.00
BFKA	BEN FRANKLIN ES	\$67.94	N/A
BFKP	BEN FRANKLIN ES	\$67.94	N/A
FD11	FDR BUILDING	\$267.78	\$51.00
MD8	JAMES MADISON IS/PS	\$164.09	N/A
JA8	JOHN ADAMS MS	\$164.09	N/A
LDAP	LINDENEAU ES	\$78.39	N/A
LND2	LINDENEAU ES	\$252.23	\$54.00
LNKA	LINCOLN ES	\$78.39	N/A
LNKP	LINCOLN ES	\$78.39	N/A
LN6	LINCOLN ES	\$168.27	N/A
JAWC	JOHN ADAMS MS	N/A	N/A
MD2	JAMES MADISON PS/IS	\$88.85	N/A
MD3	JAMES MADISON PS/IS	\$88.85	N/A
MD5	JAMES MADISON PS/IS	\$129.08	N/A
JA2	JOHN ADAMS MS	\$88.85	N/A
JA3	JOHN ADAMS MS	\$88.85	N/A
JP7	JP STEVENS HS	\$88.85	N/A
JP8	JP STEVENS HS	\$88.85	N/A
JP20	JP STEVENS HS	\$88.85	N/A
LN11	LINCOLN ES	\$129.08	N/A
JMPA	JAMES MADISON PS/IS	\$258.51	\$54.00
JMPP	JAMES MADISON PSIS	\$258.51	\$54.00
WVAM	WOODBIDGE VOTECH	\$276.98	N/A
WW18	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$197.55	N/A
EHST	EDISON HS	\$138.59	N/A
FD10	FDR BUILDING	\$289.30	\$65.00
HRUP	NEW ROAD SOMERSET	\$293.30	\$61.00
LN12	LINCOLN ES	\$138.59	N/A
MDP4	JAMES MADISON PS	\$289.30	\$65.00
MON2	JAMES MONROE ES	\$289.30	\$65.00
MON3	JAMES MONROE ES	\$289.30	\$65.00
SAS	SOMERSET ACADAMY	\$289.30	\$65.00
WB11	WOODBROOK ES	\$140.68	N/A
WW19	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$140.68	N/A

WWSE	WOODROW WILSON MS	\$197.77	\$69.00
BEN2	BEN FRANKLIN ES	\$263.69	\$51.00
BEN3	BEN FRANKLIN ES	\$263.69	\$51.00
EHH4	EDISON HS	\$248.12	\$48.00
EHSE	EDISON HS	\$248.12	\$48.00
FD12	FDR BUILDING	\$269.69	\$45.00
MDSE	JAMES MADISON PS/IS	\$268.94	\$54.00
MDS2	JAMES MADISON PS/IS	\$279.40	\$58.00
MON4	JAMES MONROE ES	\$279.42	\$59.00
MAR	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$257.81	\$61.00
MAR2	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$269.10	\$59.00
MAR3	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$263.92	\$59.00
MRFD	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$307.30	\$59.00
MRPS	JOHN MARSHALL ES	N/A	N/A
JPAU	JOHN P STEVENS HS	\$249.23	\$51.00
JPSE	JOHN P STEVENS HS	\$248.21	\$51.00
LNA2	LINCOLN ES	\$271.16	\$59.00
LNA3	LINCOLN ES	N/A	N/A
LNA4	LINCOLN ES	\$271.16	\$59.00
LNSA	LINCOLN ES	N/A	N/A
LNAM	LINCOLN ES	N/A	N/A
LNSP	LINCOLN ES	N/A	N/A
LDSE	LINCOLN ES	\$279.42	\$59.00
PV3	PISCATAWAY VOTECH	\$304.37	N/A
TJM3	THOMAS JEFFERSON MS	\$307.34	\$61.00
WAT	WASHINGTON ES	\$284.32	\$51.00
WVPM	WOODBRIIDGE VOTECH	\$293.02	N/A
WV3	WOODBRIIDGE VOTECH	\$293.02	N/A
WV4	WOODBRIIDGE VOTECH	\$325.00	N/A

<u>Vogel Bus – Renewals – 2020-2021 School Year</u>

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>BUS ROUTE COST</u>	<u>AIDE</u>
HH17	HERBERT HOOVER MS	\$127.94	N/A
MD1	JAMES MADISON PS	\$150.63	N/A
MR1	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$127.94	N/A
MR2	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$118.65	N/A
MR3	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$128.97	N/A
MR4	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$118.65	N/A
MR5	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$118.65	N/A
MR6	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$118.65	N/A
MR10	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$118.65	N/A
JP17	JOHN P STEVENS HS	\$127.94	N/A
MK8	MARTIN LUTHER KING ES	N/A	N/A
ML2	MENLO PARK ES	\$128.97	N/A

ML7	MENLO PARK ES	\$128.97	N/A
MAC3	MIDDLESEX COUNTY ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE MATH & ENG.	\$127.94	N/A
MAC4	MIDDLESEX COUNTY ACADEMY FOR SCIENCE MATH & ENG.	\$127.94	N/A
PV1	PISCATAWAY VOTECH	\$298.17	N/A
WB7	WOODBROOK ES	\$118.65	N/A
WB9	WOODBROOK	\$118.65	N/A
WB10	WOODBROOK	\$128.97	N/A
EV1	EAST BRUNSWICK VOTECH	\$348.73	N/A
MR11	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$167.14	N/A
JP15	JOHN P STEVENS ES	\$167.14	N/A
WA4	WASHINGTON ES	\$167.14	N/A
TJ-9	THOMAS JEFFERSON MS	\$299.00	N/A
EV-3	EDISON HS	\$330.53	N/A
CEB7	EDISON EARLY LEARNING CENTER	\$173.23	\$80.00

<u>Villani Bus – Renewals – 2020-2021 School Year</u>

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>BUS ROUTE COST</u>	<u>AIDE</u>
JPH5	JOHN P STEVENS HS	\$175.24	\$60.00
MLK2	MARTIN LUTHER KING ES	\$161.57	\$52.00

<u>Road to Success – Renewals – 2020-2021 School Year</u>

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>BUS ROUTE COST</u>	<u>AIDE</u>
34NE	EDISON HS	\$229.59	\$45.00

<u>D&L Bus – Renewals – 2020-2021 School Year</u>

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>BUS ROUTE COST</u>	<u>AIDE</u>
HHM3	HERBERT HOOVER MS	\$258.50	\$50.00
HHM4	HERBERT HOOVER MS	\$258.50	\$50.00
LNA	LINCOLN ES	\$258.50	\$50.00
CEB6	EDISON EARLY LEARNING CENTER	\$258.50	\$50.00
MRAM	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$207.94	\$50.00
MRA2	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$196.59	\$50.00
MRPM	JOHN MARSHALL ES	N/A	N/A
MRP2	JOHN MARSHALL ES	\$196.59	\$50.00
JPH3	JOHN P STEVENS HS	\$196.59	\$50.00
LNPM	LINCOLN ES	N/A	N/A
MEN4	MENLO PARK ES	N/A	N/A

FD7A	FDR BUILDING	\$243.91	\$50.00
FD8A	FDR BUILDING	\$233.74	\$50.00
F12A	FDR BUILDING	\$233.74	\$50.00
F13A	FDR BUILDING	\$243.91	\$50.00
FD9P	FDR BUILDING	\$224.59	\$50.00
FD14P	FDR BUILDING	\$224.59	\$50.00
F15P	FDR BUILDING	\$223.57	\$50.00
F16P	FDR BUILDING	\$223.57	\$50.00
FD14P	FDR BUILDING	\$284.59	\$50.00
FD15	FDR BUILDING	\$274.42	\$50.00

Mr. Errico asked for a motion to approve Resolutions numbers i. and iii. through vii.). Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Conway. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky, Mrs. Conway,
Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi, Mr. Errico

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

Mr. Errico asked for a motion to approve Resolution number ii. as amended to read “not to exceed \$750,000.” Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Conway. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky, Mrs. Conway,
Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi, Mr. Errico

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. Moroney discussed the role of board members.

Mrs. Conway asked that the public give their name and full address during public comments. She also spoke about the high school graduations.

Mr. Shi congratulated the high school principals for a job well done during the recent graduations.

Mr. Errico congratulated the high school graduates.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anthony DeAmorin, resident, questioned the opening of school. He also thanked board members Beth Moroney and Falguni Patel for their service on the Board.

Joe Weaver, resident discussed public comment violations.

Maria Orchid, resident, thanked Mrs. Moroney for serving as a board member and she discussed the sports impact this coming school year.

Christo Makropoulos, resident, discussed many concerns with the board.

Bret Baker, resident, thanked Mrs. Moroney and Mrs. Patel for serving on the Board and commended Mrs. Moroney for introducing the Wingman Program in Edison.

J. Walker, resident, questioned grant funds.

B. Rivera, resident, questioned the cut off for cursing during board meetings.

Rachel Schienwar, resident, discussed the air quality and air conditioning in the schools.

Christo Meth discussed a criminal report on Christo Makropoulos.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Errico asked for a motion to adjourn this July 30, 2020 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 7:10 P.M. Mrs. Moroney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel P. Michaud
Board Secretary
DPM:jmc