

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

In keeping with the spirit of Executive Orders 156 & 173, in order to permit social distancing out of concern for the health and safety of our community, the meeting will be held with no more than 25% of the capacity of the room being filled (and a maximum of 100 people in attendance). All persons in attendance will have their temperatures taken prior to entering the school, with social distance, and everyone is required to wear a mask.

The board meeting and information for the YouTube live stream will be posted on the District website at [www.edison.k12.nj.us](http://www.edison.k12.nj.us).

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The January 26, 2021 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, at 7:02 P.M. at John P. Stevens High School, 855 Grove Avenue, Edison, NJ.

II. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NEWLY APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

Ms. Nancy J. Pinkin, County Clerk, had the newly appointed board member, Biral Patel, recite the following Oath 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, Biral Patel, 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, Biral Patel, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to R.S. 19:4-1 nor disqualified due to conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18:12-1, 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.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January AD 2021  
/s/ Biral Patel /s/Nancy J. Pinkin, County Clerk  
School District of Edison Township  
County of Middlesex / State of New Jersey

III. ROLL CALL

Ms. Kluck took the roll, and the following members were present:

Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, President, Mr. Mohin Patel, Vice President, Mrs. Shannon Peng, Mrs. Elizabeth Conway, Dr. Yunxia (Yuna) Chen, Mrs. Carol Bodofsky, Mrs. Shivi Madhukar, Mrs. Virginia White and Mr. Biral Patel

Also in attendance were Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent, Ms. Ann T. Kluck, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Hope Blackburn, Board Attorney.

IV. OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Shi 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 Township 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, 2021.

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS ONLY)

There were no public comments at this time.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

A. PERSONNEL – LABOR RELATIONS

BE IT

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

1. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Halder, Moumita – Paraprofessional Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Effective: 12/31/20 Reason: Personal
Perez, Sandra – Lunch Aide John Marshall School	Effective: 10/31/20 Reason: Terminated
Solares, Anthony – Security Guard Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Effective: 01/12/21 Reason: Personal
Tavarez, Janissa – Breakfast Aide Lindeneau School	Effective: 01/14/21 Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENTS

Cohen, Sheri – Paraprofessional ESL James Madison Primary School	Effective: 03/31/21 25 years of service
Savoia, Helen – Lunch Aide Menlo Park School	Effective: 01/31/21 5 years, 5 months of service

Squillace, Susanne – Kindergarten Teacher  
Martin Luther King School

Effective: 02/28/21 REVISED  
29 years, 9 months of service

3. APPOINTMENTS – Employment Verification Pending (N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6, et.seq)

<u>Certified Staff</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Facao, Andreia Effective 01/27/21-TBD	BA \$41,600 (pro-rated) Monmouth University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – English John Adams Middle School (for ID#107357)
Gorda, Ashley Effective 02/01/21-06/30/21	Step 1/BA \$52,000 (pro-rated) Rider University	Retirement	Teacher – Kindergarten Martin Luther King School (for S. Lubonski)
Lombardi, Samantha Effective TBD-05/10/21	BA \$41,600 (pro-rated) Kean University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 3 John Marshall School (for ID#104103)
Pichette, Danielle Effective TBD-06/30/21	BA \$41,600 (pro-rated) Kean University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Math Woodrow Wilson Middle School (for ID #101306)
Rodriguez, Jessica Effective 01/04/21-06/30/21	MA \$46,708 (pro-rated) Monmouth University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute School Counselor John Marshall School (for ID #102835)
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Balbuena, Zullyann Effective 02/16/21-06/30/21	Step 16 \$64,950 (pro-rated)	Resignation	Administrative Secretary - Payroll Education Center (for F. Gaertner)

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ID #104998 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical-Revised	Without Pay	11/09/20-02/01/21
ID #107007 Lincoln School	Medical	With Pay	03/08/21-04/05/21
	Maternity	With Pay	04/06/21-05/17/21
	NJ FMLA	Without Pay	05/18/21-06/30/21

ID #104567 Education Center	Medical	With Pay	02/02/21-02/15/21
ID #108508 Lincoln School	Child Care-Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	11/10/20-05/31/21
ID #103060 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Personal	Without Pay & Benefits	01/04/21-04/09/21
ID #103048 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	01/05/21(.5)- 02/09/21
ID #104007 Benjamin Franklin School	Medical	With Pay	01/15/21-02/05/21
ID #107800 Washington School	Medical-Revised	Without Pay	09/04/20-01/31/21
ID #102888 Edison High School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	01/04/21-02/08/21
ID #101306 Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Medical	Without Pay	01/04/21-01/31/21
ID #101894 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	EPSLA, @ \$511 daily max. Medical	With Pay  With Pay	11/09/20-11/23/20  11/24/20-12/06/20
ID #103847 FDR School	Medical-Revised	Without Pay	12/01/20-02/21/21
ID #100458 Washington School	Personal-Revised	Without Pay	12/16/20-02/15/21
ID #108027 James Madison Primary School	NJ FMLA Child Care	Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	11/10/20-02/08/21 02/09/21-06/30/21
ID #103830 Washington School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	11/30/20-01/24/21
ID #101790 James Monroe School	NJ FMLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	01/14/21-06/30/21
ID # 108460 James Monroe School	Personal	Without Pay	12/13/20-01/31/21
ID #106302 FDR School	Personal	Without Pay	02/01/21-04/30/21

ID #101031 Education Center	NJ FMLA Child Care	Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	11/13/20-02/11/21 02/12/21-02/28/21
ID #106901 Washington School	Medical	With Pay	02/25/21-04/12/21
ID #108006 John Adams Middle School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised Fed FMLA NJ FMLA-Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	12/07/20-12/15/20 12/16/20-01/28/21 01/29/21-02/09/21 02/10/21-05/11/21
ID #102124 Washington School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	09/07/20-04/07/21
ID #105313 Washington School	Medical Fed FMLA-Revised	With Pay Without Pay	10/08/20-11/11/20 11/12/20-02/10/21
ID #102190 John P. Stevens High School	NJ FMLA Child Care	Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	11/11/20-02/09/21 02/10/21-06/30/21
ID #107342 Martin Luther King School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised NJ FMLA-Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	12/18/20-12/21/20 12/22/20-02/15/21 02/16/21-05/17/21
ID #106943 James Monroe School	Child Care-Revised Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits Without Pay & Benefits	12/03/20-06/30/21 09/01/21-06/30/22
ID #103616 Menlo Park School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	12/01/20-01/31/21

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>Certified Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Barriga, Antoinette	Teacher – English John Adams Middle School Effective TBD-06/30/21	Revised Start Date	Teacher – English John Adams Middle School Effective 02/22/21- 06/30/21 (for E. Califano)
Biezewski-Carter, Brianna	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education John Marshall School Effective TBD-05/05/21 (for ID #104103)	Change of Assignment	Teacher – Special Education Step 1/BA Salary \$52,000 James Monroe School Effective TBD-06/30/21 (for S. Elsamna)

Brennan, Taylor	Teacher – Special Education (1.0) Salary \$52,460 Edison High School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) Salary \$60,960 Edison High School Effective 10/23/20-12/08/20 (for ID#100166)
Brown, Morgan	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$60,355 John Adams Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$68,855 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21-01/29/21 (for ID#107357)
Bowers, Lauren	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/19/20-12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/19/20-01/29/21 (for ID#102888)
Bozarth, Samantha	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education James Monroe School Effective 12/21/20-06/30/21	Change of Assignment	Teacher – Special Education Step 1/BA Salary \$52,000 James Monroe School Effective 01/04/21-06/30/21 (for R. Klein)
Connell, Haley	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$55,000 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$63,500 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21-02/19/21 (for E. Califano)
Coyle, Robert	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$97,655 John Adams Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$106,155 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21-02/19/21 (for E. Califano)
Dominguez, Nicole	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$107,650 John Adams Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Additional Classes	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$116,150 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21-01/18/21

			<p>Then Teacher – English (1.4) Salary \$124,650 John Adams Middle School/ Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-01/29/21 Then Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$116,150 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/30/21-TBD (for ID#104202 &amp; 107357)</p>
Elsamna, Susan	<p>LDTC Education Center Effective 01/04/21-06/30/21</p>	<p>Location Change</p>	<p>LDTC Education Center/John Marshall/ Benjamin Franklin/ Martin Luther King Schools Effective 01/04/21-06/30/21</p>
Feller, Elise	<p>Long Term Substitute Social Worker Education Center/FDR School/ John Marshall School Effective 11/30/20-02/11/21</p>	<p>Revised End Date</p>	<p>Long Term Substitute Social Worker Education Center/FDR School/ John Marshall School Effective 11/30/20-02/26/21 (for ID#101031)</p>
Gavor, Kelly	<p>Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20-12/23/20</p>	<p>Revised End Date</p>	<p>Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20-02/09/21 (for ID#103048)</p>
Gerstik, Kristin	<p>Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$63,605 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21</p>	<p>Additional Class</p>	<p>Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$72,105 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/04/21-01/29/21 (for ID#107357)</p>

Gibbons, Theresa	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$70,805 John Adams Middle School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$79,305 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21- 01/29/21 (for ID#107357)
Gordon, Jodi Ann	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/30/20- 06/30/21	Revised End Date	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/30/20- 12/23/20
Hughes, Christina	Teacher - Staff Development Trainer (1.0) Salary \$87,855 Education Center Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$96,355 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-TBD (for ID#104202)
Imbimbo, Emily	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 James Madison Primary School Effective 09/01/20- 02/08/21	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 James Madison Primary School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21 (for ID #108027)
Khader, Sharon	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 3 James Monroe School Effective 09/01/20- 12/23/20	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 3 James Monroe School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21 (for ID #101097)
Klein, Renee	LDTC Step OG1/MA+45/ESSA Salary \$119,042 Education Center/Menlo Park/Washington/Woodbro ok Schools Effective 01/04/21- 06/30/21	Salary Correction	LDTC Step OG1/MA+45/ESSA Salary \$119,314 Education Center/Menlo Park/Washington/Woodbro ok Schools Effective 01/04/21- 06/30/21



Lasko, Kylie	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Revised End Date	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/01/20-12/23/20
Levine, Judith	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Science John Adams Middle School Effective 12/10/20-04/30/21	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Science John Adams Middle School Effective 12/10/20-05/12/21 (for ID#108006)
Lombardi, Melissa	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Revised End Date	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/01/20-12/23/20
Marois, Patricia	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$106,756 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$115,256 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21-02/19/21 (for E. Califano)
Matthew, Julie	Teacher – Kindergarten Lincoln School Effective TBD-06/30/21	Revised Start Date	Teacher – Kindergarten Lincoln School Effective 02/24/21-06/30/21
McCaffery, Patrick	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/19/20-12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/19/20-1/29/21 (for ID #102888)
Molnar, Melissa	Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20-12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20-02/09/21 (for ID#103048)
Mondella, Alyssa	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$58,105 John Adams Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$66,605 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21-01/29/21 (for ID#107357)

Napoli, James	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/19/20- 12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/19/20- 01/29/21 (for ID#102888)
Newbold, Emily	Long Term Substitute Teacher – English Edison High School Effective 09/01/20- 01/29/21	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – English Edison High School Effective 09/01/20- 02/08/21
Newell, Jeanne	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21	Revised End Date	Teacher – Special Education (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/01/20- 12/23/20
Paolello, Allison	Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20- 12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20- 02/09/21 (for ID#103048)
Petersen, Kristin	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$88,855 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$97,355 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21- 02/19/21 (for E. Califano)
Pham, Linda	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/23/20- 12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/23/20- 01/29/21 (for ID#102888)
Ramos, Regina	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 3 Martin Luther King School Effective 12/18/20- 05/09/21	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 3 Martin Luther King School Effective 12/18/20- 05/17/21 (for ID #107342)

Ramsey, Jessica	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$53,500 John Adams Middle School Effective 09/1/20-06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$62,000 John Adams Middle School Effective 01/04/21- 02/19/21 (for E. Califano)
Ruffo, Lillian	Literacy Coach (1.0) Salary \$70,805 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21	Additional Class	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$79,305 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-TBD (for ID#104202)
Sackie, Jamie	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 12/14/20- 12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 12/14/20-TBD (for ID#104202)
Shankar, Uma	Teacher – French John P. Stevens High School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21	Transfer	Teacher – French John Adams Middle School and Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21
Smith, Corrinne	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/19/20- 12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Edison High School Effective 10/19/20- 01/29/21 (for ID#102888)
Taylor, Morgan	Teacher – English (1.0) Salary \$58,000 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 09/01/20- 06/30/21	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Salary \$66,500 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-TBD (for ID#104202)
White, Thomas	Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20- 12/23/20	Revised End Date	Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20- 02/09/21 (for ID#103048)

Wistuba, Jennifer	Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20- 12/23/20	Teacher – Visual Arts (1.2) Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 10/20/20- 02/09/21 (for ID #103048)
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<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Sullivan, Kathleen	Teacher Aide Education Center Effective 09/14/20-TBD	Return from Leave	Teacher Aide Education Center Effective 09/14/20- 01/03/21 then Teacher Aide Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 01/04/21- 06/30/21

6. LONGEVITY

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Bachorik, Lydia	EDH	16	02/11/21	\$100,599	\$101,070
Cardoso, Stephanie	MLK	14	02/01/21	\$88,855	\$89,327
Carter, Anne	JPH	14	02/19/21	\$91,250	\$91,704
Colicchio, Jennifer	WWM	17	02/22/21	\$101,920	\$102,392
Coppola, Stephanie	FDR	14	02/01/21	\$93,855	\$94,327
Corso, Sylvia	TJM	20	02/16/21	\$110,970	\$111,465
Dato, Lisa	JPH	19	02/01/21	\$107,169	\$107,650
Degnan, Alyson	HHM	21	02/12/21	\$105,750	\$106,213
Devito, Alycia	WAS	16	02/01/21	\$99,608	\$100,061
Dunkelman, Jodi	EDH	18	02/15/21	\$108,843	\$109,333
Fedowitz, Elizabeth	EDH	16	02/01/21	\$104,458	\$104,911
Fulham, Maria	EDH	18	02/01/21	\$107,843	\$108,333
Gaudioso, Cynthia	WWM	21	02/12/21	\$108,643	\$109,115
Guno, Kelly	MEN	23	02/01/21	\$104,765	\$105,219
Gurnovich, Christina	LIN	14	02/01/21	\$94,855	\$95,327
Hurwitz, Wendy	WWM	23	02/04/21	\$112,984	\$113,474
Jirout, Julie	JPH	18	02/19/21	\$104,268	\$104,749
Kolody, Kelly	TJM	20	02/21/21	\$110,543	\$111,033
Korten, Nicole	TJM	20	02/16/21	\$106,256	\$106,728
Kregeloh, Lauren	MEN	21	02/01/21	\$107,228	\$107,669
Lopez, Lauren	JPH	15	02/05/21	\$99,127	\$99,599
Losada, Robbeye	ELC	17	02/01/21	\$103,620	\$104,092
Lothian, Stephanie	EDH	15	02/03/21	\$98,127	\$98,599

Luminiello, Jodi	WBR	20	02/01/21	\$102,043	\$102,496
Maiorano-Bovadikov, Stacy	TJMS	20	02/01/21	\$ 103,899	\$ 104,361
McCaffery, Patrick	EHS	26	02/28/21	\$ 109,530	\$ 110,002
Mitchell, Jennifer	WBK	26	02/23/21	\$ 107,126	\$ 107,580
Mosko, Lee	LIN	15	02/11/21	\$ 98,127	\$ 98,499
Nartowicz, Nicole	JPH	21	02/01/21	\$ 105,750	\$ 106,213
Oshiro, Jacqueline	MAR	20	02/10/21	\$ 102,543	\$ 102,996
Papaianni, Maria	JAM	23	02/14/21	\$ 104,311	\$ 104,765
Perlin, Janice	WWM	23	02/02/21	\$ 108,586	\$ 109,058
Rossi, Nereo	MON	18	02/13/21	\$ 101,135	\$ 101,589
Shapiro, Regina	JPH	20	02/18/21	\$ 106,756	\$ 107,288
Stables, Heather	JPH	24	02/10/21	\$ 110,058	\$ 110,530
Taylor, Diane	MEN	26	02/01/21	\$ 110,502	\$ 110,974
Tortorello, Catherine	WBR	19	02/01/21	\$ 99,169	\$ 99,623
Toto, Lauren	WBR	17	02/02/21	\$ 98,990	\$ 99,453
Tujague, Michelle	JPH	20	02/21/21	\$ 107,456	\$ 107,928
Van Dyk, Kimberly	JAM	16	02/05/21	\$ 95,958	\$ 96,411
Videla, Natalie	JMI	18	02/20/21	\$ 104,192	\$ 104,664
Weintraub, Allyson	EHH	23	02/28/21	\$ 108,586	\$ 109,058
<u>CST/PSYCHOLOGISTS</u>					
Carrino, Tina	ELC	15	02/01/21	\$106,901	\$107,415
<u>GUIDANCE</u>					
Cardillo, James	JPH	21	02/01/21	\$116,803	\$117,318
Monastersky, Alyssa	WWM	21	02/14/21	\$112,749	\$113,245
<u>SUPERVISOR</u>					
Ellerman, Patricia	EC	6	02/10/21	\$142,892	\$144,492

7. ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS – Middle and High Schools – Effective 01/27/21 - \$37.00 per period for 2 students, \$40.00 per period for 3-5 students, 1-2 hours per week \*dependent upon student participation

Angelillo, Linda	Jurgrau, Fern
Bruns, Liza	Martinez, Jill
Coppola, Danielle	Pfeiffer, Lyndsey
Degnan, Alyson	Savage, Kaitlin
Durham, Justine	Tchorz, Lisa
Felumero, Nerina	Theophilakos, Elizabeth
Grillo, Matthew	Thorp, Sonia

8. TITLE I FUNDED - C.H.A.M.P.S. PROGRAM – (Conversation, Help, Activity, Movement, Participation) – Thomas Jefferson Middle School – Effective 02/01/21-05/28/21 - \$30.00 per period for 1 student, \$37.00 per period for 2 students, \$40.00 per period for 3-5 students, 1-2 hours per week \*dependent upon student participation

Bienvenue, Melissa	Lalor, Emily	Mawn, Matthew
Bijlani, Pranita	Lamparello, Doreen	Weber, Maria
Hennika, Erika	Lowe, Megan	

9. FCCLA Appointments – Funded by the FCCLA/CTEP Grant – Effective 01/01/21-08/31/21 (as needed)
- | Name                    | Position      | Rate of Pay |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| DiGioia-Laird, Patricia | State Advisor | \$40/hour   |
10. TITLE I FUNDED – HERBERT HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL – Wilson Reading Program – effective 10/2020-06/2021 - \$30.00 per period for 1 student, \$37.00 per period for 2 students, \$40.00 per period for 3-5 students, 3 sessions per week max. \*dependent upon student participation
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| Felumero, Nerina | Maccaro, Karen |  |
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11. 2020-2021 DRIVERS' ED TEST ADMINISTRATION – Edison High School and John P. Stevens High School - \$50.00/per hour
- Wernlund, Jason
12. 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CURRICULUM WRITERS - \$30.00 per hour
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| Bachorik, Lydia | Piccolo, Michael | Tierney, Lynne |
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13. TITLE III FUNDED –SPECIAL PROJECT – NEWCOMERS WELCOME BOOKLET WRITERS – total of 6 hours each at \$30.00 per hour – effective 01/27/21
- |                          |               |                   |
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| Balogh-Sileski, Michelle | Fulham, Maria | Kousoulis, Fotini |
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14. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFIED STAFF – based upon completion of Professional Development Institute Credits (PDIC) – Effective 01/01/2021 \$300.00
- | Name               | Location                            | Position                                  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Ng, Irene          | Education Center                    | Administrative Secretary-Accounts Payable |
| Vardaro, Christine | Education Center/Edison High School | Administrative Secretary-Pupil Services   |
15. SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
- Interim Business Administrator \$700.00/day
- Brennan, Gregory
- Teacher – State Certified \$100.00/day – County Certified \$80.00/day
- |                  |                     |                      |
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| Aunkari, Aparna  | Joshi, Neelam       | Mazumder, Nilufar    |
| Chopdar, Sobhana | Kumaradoss, Deepika | Pichette, Danielle   |
| Cleary, Robert   | Lombardi, Samantha  | Subbaiah, Laxmipriya |
16. CO-CURRICULAR CHANGES
- |                          |                 |         |
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| John Adams Middle School |                 |         |
| CLASS A CLUB             | NAME            | STIPEND |
| Poetry Club              | Hettrick, Grant | \$1,075 |

17. 2020-2021 COACHING APPOINTMENTS

## HIGH SCHOOL - WINTER

## WINTER TRACK

JPH

Assistant Coach

Coach

Stipend

Step

Baker, Martin

\$4,690

1

EDH

Assistant Coach

Ferraro, Diane

\$4,690

1

## HIGH SCHOOL – SPRING

## BASEBALL

JPH

Head Coach

Coach

Stipend

Step

Marzano, David

\$7,949

5

Assistant Coach

Cashin, Joseph

\$4,820

1

Assistant Coach

Buttar, Jasdeep (Split)

\$2,594

3

Assistant Coach

Ronco, Patrick (Split)

\$2,681

5

EDH

Head Coach

Abene, Vincent

\$7,949

5

Assistant Coach

Roma, Robert

\$5,362

5

Assistant Coach

Appelman, Brian

\$2,681 (split)

5

Assistant Coach

Zanfordino, Vincent

\$2,681 (split)

5

Assistant Coach

Jackow, Tyler

\$5,362

5

## SOFTBALL

JPH

Head Coach

Petty, Krystle

\$7,949

5

Assistant Coach

Hamilton, Shannon

\$5,362

5

Assistant Coach

Mako, Carolyn

\$5,188

4

Assistant Coach

Ratti, Caroline

\$4,820

1

EDH

Head Coach

Muldowney, Marylynn

\$7,223

2

Assistant Coach

McGuigan, Matthew

\$5,362

5

Assistant Coach

Murelli, Caitlin

\$4,820

2

## BOYS' LACROSSE

EDH

Head Coach

Slusser, Kenneth

\$7,237

5

Assistant Coach

Maser, Kevin

\$4,690

2

## GIRLS' LACROSSE

JPH

Head Coach

Toporek, Rachel

\$7,237

5

Assistant Coach

Biloholowski, Brooke

\$4,690

2

EDH

Head Coach

Yocum, Sara

\$6,869

3

## BOYS' SPRING TRACK

JPH

Head Coach

Coach

Stipend

Step

Riggi, Joseph

\$7,237

5

Assistant Coach

Pavese, Vito

\$5,003

4

EDH

Assistant Coach

White, Thomas

\$5,188

5

Assistant Coach

Ferraro, Diane

\$4,690

1

## GIRLS' SPRING TRACK

## JPH

Head Coach	Rovito, Joseph	\$7,237	5
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Assistant Coach	Anum, Azher	\$5,188	5
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Assistant Coach	Clark, Patrick	\$4,690	2
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## EDH

Head Coach	Krajunas, John	\$6,869	3
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Assistant Coach	McCaffery, Patrick	\$5,188	5
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Assistant Coach	Jammal, Charles	\$4,690	2
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## BOYS' VOLLEYBALL

## JPH

Head Coach	White, Anthony	\$7,237	5
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Assistant Coach	Timko, Scott	\$4,690	2
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Assistant Coach	Cantalupo, Christopher	\$5,188	5
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## EDH

Head Coach	Morrow, Denise	\$7,237	5
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Assistant Coach	McKnight, Christopher	\$5,003	3
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Assistant Coach	Wernlund, Jason	\$5,003	3
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## BOYS' TENNIS

## JPH

Head Coach	DiBella, Joseph	\$7,237	5
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Assistant Coach	Sieckowski, Zachary	\$4,690	1
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## EDH

Head Coach	Smith, Wesley	\$7,237	5
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Assistant Coach	Markano, Joanne	\$5,188	5
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## BOYS' GOLF

## JPH

Head Coach	Canova, John	\$6,209	5
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## EDH

Head Coach	Kregeloh, Donaven (split)	\$3,105	5
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Head Coach	Breining, Eric (split)	\$2,762	1
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## STRENGTH &amp; CONDITIONING

## JPH

Coach	Garcia, Christopher	\$2,070	5
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## EDH

Coach	Fulham, Matthew	\$2,070	5
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FITNESS CENTER STRENGTH &  
CONDITIONING

## JPH

Coach	Bigelow, Brian	\$1,949	4
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## EDH

Coach	Pan, Jose	\$2,070	5
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GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL-Revised to  
Spring  
EDH  
Assistant Coach

Mohr, Charles

\$5,188

5

18. AUTHORIZATION TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

The following resolution is to address the need for an extension of an employee's medical benefits due to financial hardship.

WHEREAS, an employee, Employee No. 105233, has submitted a request to the Board pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement to extend health benefits for a month beginning on January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Edison Township Education Association permits an employee to make a request to the Board for an extension of health coverage due to hardship issues; and

WHEREAS, Employee No. 105233 has made a hardship request pursuant to Article XX, Paragraph E – Disability Leave to the Superintendent and has provided the required documentation to justify this request; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board resolves to grant an extension to health benefits request by Employee No. 105233 for Board approved paid health benefits for a month.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. White (Except Abstained on Item No. 17 -Edison HS Boys' Spring Track, Assistant Coach and JP Stevens HS Boys' Volleyball, Head Coach), Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi

ABSTAINED: Mr. B. Patel, Mrs. White - Item No. 17 -Edison HS Boys' Spring Track, Assistant Coach and JP Stevens HS Boys' Volleyball, Head Coach, Only

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. School Board Recognition Month

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2021 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 Township Board of Education is one of more than 580 local school boards in New Jersey which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

- WHEREAS, the Edison Township 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 the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in Pre-Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and
- WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 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 the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores and the preparation for college through advanced placement offering and SAT assessments.
- NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2021 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and
- BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that the Edison Township 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.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Administration Resolutions. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

- AYES: Mrs. White, Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky, Mrs. Conway,  
Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi
- ABSTAINED: Mr. B. Patel
- NAYS: None
- The motion was carried.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Dr. Bragen noted that there was an error on the resolution presented for Textbook Approval. It should be for the 2021-2022 school year.

1. Textbook Approval

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following textbook for the 2021-2022 School Year:

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR(S)</u>	<u>PUBLISHER</u>	<u>COPYRIGHT</u>
Science/Physics	College Physics for the AP Physics 1 Course – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition	Gay Stewart, Roger Freedman, Todd Ruskell, Philip Kesten	Bedford Freeman & Worth	2019
Science/Physics	College Physics 2e AP Physics 2 Course	Gay Stewart, Roger Freedman, Todd Ruskell, Philip Kesten, David Tauck	Bedford Freeman & Worth	2019
Science	Conceptual Integrated Science	Paul Hewitt, John Suchocki, Suzanne Lyons, Jennifer Yeh	Pearson/Savvas learning Company	2020
Math	Calculus	Stewart, Chegg, Watson	Cengage	2021

2. Professional Development Documentation –January 2021

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the professional development documentation for January 2021, as annexed hereto.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REGISTRATION FEE</u>	<u>HOTEL EXPENSES</u> **	<u>OTHER EXPENSES</u> **	<u>FUND</u>
Aldarelli, Edward Ed.D.	Ed Center	01/25/21-01/29/21	Leave of Absence Certification Course – With COVID-19 Emergency Relief Updates	Virtual	\$995.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Fitzgerald, David	Grounds	01/28/21	Annual Refresher for AHERA Inspectors (7:30 am-12:00 pm)	Virtual	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Hoffman, Michael	Grounds	01/28/21	Annual Refresher for AHERA Inspectors (7:30 am -12:00 pm)	Virtual	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development

Fitzgerald, David	Grounds	1/28/21	Annual Refresher for AHERA Management Planners (12:30 pm – 5:00 pm)	Virtual	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
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\*\*Pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:11-12 et.seq.; NHHMS.J.A.C. 6A23A-5.9, 6.13, and 7.1 et.seq.; Federal OMB Circular A-87 & Board Policy No. 6471

\*As per previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Curriculum and Instruction Report. Mrs. Madhukar made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Bodofsky. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. White, Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi

ABSTAINED: Mr. B. Patel

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

**D. PUPIL/SPECIAL SERVICES**

**1. Out-of-District Placements – January 2021**

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>	
3022822	01/04/21	Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center	Lindeneau Elementary School	(60,287)	Returning to District	
3031963	12/07/20	Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Honor Ridge Academy	78,324 Pro-rated	IEP Team Decision (New Placement)	
				New Placement	District of Origin	
3032240	12/14/20	Carteret Public Schools	New Laurie Haven Student	NuView Academy	Carteret Public Schools (Billed Directly)	New Residential Laurie Haven Student @ NuView Academy
3032116	01/04/21	Camden City Public Schools	New Laurie Haven Student	The Gateway School	TBD	New Residential Laurie Haven Student @ The Gateway School

(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>
3007162	12/18/20	Somerset Secondary Academy-SCESC	J.P. Stevens High School	(28,923)	Returned to District
3004219	07/01/20	J.P. Stevens High School	DCF Regional School	34,202	Placement by NJ Department of Children & Families

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Pupil/Special Services Report. Mrs. Madhukar made the motion, seconded by Dr. Chen. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. White, Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi

ABSTAINED: Mr. B. Patel

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

E. FINANCE

1. Approval of Minutes – December 22, 2020

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the minutes of the December 22, 2020 Public Meeting.

2. Board Secretary’s Report (Exhibit A)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of November 31, 2020 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 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 2020-2021 school year.

3. Finance Report

- a. Submission of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program Grant, FY '21

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the submission of Application No. 23129002 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Public Assistance Program Grant, Fiscal Year 2021, in the amount of \$117,117.07 for costs related to the COVID-19 PPE and disinfection labor costs.

- b. Submission of the Snapdragon Book Foundation Grant, FY '21

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the submission of the grant application for Thomas Jefferson Middle School, sponsored by the Snapdragon Book Foundation, Fiscal Year 2021, in the amount of \$10,000 to provide the school library with diverse and relevant texts in various forms (e.g. books, magazines).

- c. Acceptance of CTSO-FCCLA Continuation Grant, FY '21

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the CTSO-FCCLA Continuation Grant, Fiscal Year 2021, in the amount of \$158,500.

- d. Bid - Pupil Transportation – To & From School (21-07) – 2020-2021 School Year - Revised

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education rejects the following bids, for pupil transportation, to and from school, for the 2020-2021 school year: (Bid Date–11/10/20)

<u>Route</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Successful Bidder (Hourly Rate)</u>	<u>Unsuccessful Bidder(s)</u>
LN1	REJECT BID		
LN7	REJECT BID		
LN8	REJECT BID		
LN9	REJECT BID		
LN13	REJECT BID		

e. Bid - Pupil Transportation – To & From School (21-08) – 2020-2021 School Year - Revised

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education awards and/or rejects the following bids for pupil transportation, to and from school, for the 2020-2021 school year: (Bid Date–11/10/20)

<u>Route</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Successful Bidder (Hourly Rate)</u>	<u>Unsuccessful Bidder(s)</u>
BBS	Road to Success	300.00 Aide – 65.00	
	Sunset Transportation		340.00 Aide – 45.00
	George Dapper, Inc.		342.80 Aide – 96.00
BBNE	Sunset Transportation	384.00 Aide – 45.00	
	George Dapper, Inc.		345.80 Aide – 96.00
BBM	George Dapper, Inc.	373.60 Aide – 96.00	
CLL-1	REJECT BID		
CLL-2	REJECT BID		
CLL-4	Road To Success	300.00 Aide – 65.00	
	George Dapper, Inc.		438.00 Aide – 105.60
CLL-5	REJECT BID		

f. George Dapper, Inc. v. Edison Township Board of Education

WHEREAS,

an action was filed in the matter of George Dapper, Inc., d/b/a Dapper Bus v. Edison Township Board of Education, Docket No.: MID-L-005217-20 seeking \$1,407,073.54 pursuant to the COVID-19 era statute N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 requiring Boards of Education to pay contracted services providers for benefits, compensation and emoluments when schools are closed for more than three (3) consecutive days as if schools had remained open to be used by the service providers to meet payroll and fixed costs and required Boards of Education to negotiate in good faith on the amount to be paid; and

WHEREAS, the parties agreed to a settlement structure with three auditors, one from each party and one neutral auditor recommended by the Parties' auditors to make a recommendation to the Court, subject to approval by the Board of Education and

WHEREAS, the auditors submitted the award recommendation to the Court in the amount of \$1,125,659.60.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves settlement of the above matter based on the auditors recommendation in the amount of \$1,125,659.60 and authorizes the Superintendent and School Business Administrator to take any and all steps to implement the settlement and effectuate payment.

g. Villani Bus Company v. Edison Township Board of Education

WHEREAS, an action was filed in the matter of Villani Bus Company v. Edison Township Board of Education, Docket No.: MID-L-005461-20 seeking \$27,361.22 pursuant to the COVID-19 era statute N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9 requiring Boards of Education to pay contracted services providers for benefits, compensation and emoluments when schools are closed for more than three (3) consecutive days as if schools had remained open to be used by the service providers to meet payroll and fixed costs and required Boards of Education to negotiate in good faith on the amount to be paid; and

WHEREAS, the parties agreed to a settlement structure with three auditors, one from each party and one neutral auditor recommended by the Parties' auditors to make a recommendation to the Court, subject to approval by the Board of Education and

WHEREAS, the auditors submitted the award recommendation to the Court in the amount of \$21,912.98.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves settlement of the above matter based on the auditors recommendation in the amount of \$21,912.98 and authorizes the Superintendent and School Business Administrator to take any and all steps to implement the settlement and effectuate payment.

h. Obsolete Items

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education declares the following items obsolete and no longer needed for school purposes:



<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>
John Adams MS	5 Projectors 1 Computer Tower 1 DVD/VHS Player 1 Video Splitter 3 Projector Lamps 2 Laptops 1 Recording Thermometer 3 Astronomy Models 9 Light Sources & Bulbs 13 Texas Instrument Calculators 1 Document Camera 1 Ohaus Balance Miscellaneous Clamps & Stands Various Rock Samples/Kits 1 Gyroscope Bicycle Wheel 61 Science Book
Education Center/T Department	18 Monitors 3 iPads 56 Desktop Computers 20 Projectors 29 Laptop Computers 85 Chromebooks 1 Video Hub 1 Card Maker Printer Device Type 1 Promethean Board 1 Chromebox 2 Battery Backups

i. Bill List

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education confirms the payment of bills on the bill list dated December 31, 2020 payable by Cycle Checks No. 163525 through No. 163720 inclusive, plus Check No. 163969, totaling \$23,582,528.06 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

Mr. Shi questioned Item No. 8 – Donation from On Track Realty. He made a motion to table this item, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. White, Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky,  
Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi

ABSTAINED: Mr. B. Patel

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Finance Report with the exception of Item No. 8. Mrs. Madhukar made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Peng. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

- AYES: Mrs. White (Except Abstained on the Minutes Only),  
Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng,  
Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel (Except Abstained on the Minutes Only), Mr. Shi
  - ABSTAINED: Mr. B. Patel, Mrs. White (Minutes Only), Mr. M. Patel (Minutes Only)
  - NAYS: None
- The motion was carried.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Curriculum & Technology Committee

Mrs. Peng reported that the Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 12:00 Noon on January 15, 2021 remotely through ZOOM.

In attendance were: Shannon Peng, Dr. Yuna Chen, Mohin Patel, Shivi Madhukar, Gail Pawlikowski, Baninder Mahabir and Diane Braungard

Items Discussed:

- Revised and New Curriculum – Several new courses will be added to the high school Program of Studies. These courses will add more diversity to curriculum while meeting the requirements of the state mandates and appealing to student interest. In addition, many of these classes will meet dual enrollment requirements for Middlesex County College.
- New Textbooks – Two new courses are being offered: Calculus III, for students who wish to continue math or engineering studies; and Integrated Science, for students who wish to enroll in a survey science class for a fourth year of science. Committees met to review several textbooks and chose the texts that best meet the state standards.
- Elementary Science program – This program includes printed teacher and student materials (consumables), digital access and lab kits. This program is aligned with Next Generation Science Standards and provides support for teachers with embedded professional development. Students are given a scientific process workbook to be used throughout the lessons. Digital access allows teacher/student to view experiments, experiences, complete work online, as well as explore additional related concepts.
- AVID Program – A district committee led by Supervisor Kristen Tsaoy is revamping the AVID Program to make it more Edison-friendly. All Edison students will benefit from the program focused on helping students develop skills and mindsets for academic success and college and career goals.
- Online Courses – In order to alleviate some of the overcrowding and to better meet the needs of our students, the high schools are looking to offer some online classes for the next school year.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Event - Caucus Meeting
- Date - Thursday, February 18, 2021
- Location – Edison High School (Auditorium)
- Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event - Public Meeting  
Date - Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
Location – Edison High School (Auditorium)  
Time - 7:00 P.M.

In keeping with the spirit of Executive Orders 156 & 173, in order to permit social distancing out of concern for the health and safety of our community, the meeting will be held with no more than 25% of the capacity of the room being filled (and a maximum of 100 people in attendance). All persons in attendance will have their temperatures taken prior to entering the school, will social distance and everyone is required to wear a mask. The board meeting and information for the YouTube live stream will be posted on the District website at [www.edison.k12.nj.us](http://www.edison.k12.nj.us).

IX. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Biral Patel thanked everyone for appointing him to the Edison Board of Education.

Mr. Mohin Patel welcomed Mr. Biral Patel to the Board.

Mr. Shi requested that playgrounds be open for after school use.

Dr. Bragen informed Mr. Shi that there was a lot of vandalism in the schoolyards in the recent past, but he will look into this request.

Mr. Shi recognized all the candidates who applied for the open board position.

Mr. Shi announced that he will be forming a small Task Force to review the budget process.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maria Orchid, resident, questioned the Board as to what they are planning to do with the following: (1) harm to children during the pandemic; (2) suicide rate of students; (3) parent and child support during the pandemic; (4) overcrowding issues; (5) plans for regressing students; (6) tax rebates; (7) information on trade schools and (8) Zoom Board Meetings.

A resident discussed the loss in social skills in students and asked if there are any programs to bring students back.

Dr. Bragen stated that there are social and emotional learning deficits and the needs will be great when the students return to school in person.

Will Thomas, resident, spoke about the Jersey Sharks, a private football team that plays their games at John P. Stevens High School in the summer months. He reported that the league does a lot for the community and asked that when the facilities open to consider the Jersey Sharks.

A resident wished Mr. Birla Patel well in his appointment as a board member. He asked Dr. Bragen about the schools being closed until March 1<sup>st</sup> and spoke about a presentation for parents who have children with special needs.

Edison Council President, Ms. Joyce Ship-Freeman, applauded the teachers and principals for all they are doing during the pandemic. She stated that the children need exercise and stated there is a new park plan in

the works. She suggested bringing back the “Litterbug Program” and also congratulated Mr. Biral Patel on his appointment to the Board of Education.

Tony DePasquale, resident, stated that he has an 18-year-old child with special needs and that his child’s case manager is phenomenal and has an after school online program with many of the children. Mr. DePasquale asked if there could be club meetings on Zoom for these children. He also asked who gets to vote on the Task Force for the Budget, and asked who sets up the seating chart at the board meetings. In closing, Mr. DePasquale cautioned board members for what they post on social media.

An 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at John P. Stevens High School informed the Board that he is a climate activist. He spoke about honors classes, on-screen and catch-up days for the students. He also approved of the Litterbug Program.

Dan Boslet, resident and officer with the Edison Jets football team, also supported the Jersey Sharks.

Christo Makropoulos, stated that the Board cannot ask for a person’s name and address when they come to the podium to speak.

Tony DePasquale, resident, spoke about the Board Self-Evaluation Policy.

XI. ADJOURN TO PRIVILEGED SESSION

Ms. Kluck read the following resolution:

Privileged Session

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter-specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

- Legal Matters
- Interview Candidates for the Position of Board Attorney

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Resolution to Adjourn to Privileged Session at 8:58 P.M. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. B. Patel, Mrs. White, Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky,  
Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

XII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to reconvene this January 26, 2021 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education to open session at 12:00 A.M. on January 27, 2021. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Peng. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. B. Patel, Mrs. White, Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky,  
Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

XIII. RESOLUTIONS – APPOINTMENT OF BOARD COUNSELS

Dr. Bragen read the following resolutions:

1. Appointment of General Board Council

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby appoints the firm of MARC Attorneys at Law, located at 210 Park Avenue #301, Florham Park, NJ 07932 as Board Attorney for the period from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022 in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Request for Proposals dated January 15, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the Board shall pay the Firm at an hourly rate of \$155 plus reimbursement for costs; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the Board President and Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement on behalf of the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that notice of the appointment shall be provided as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1); and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that this Resolution and the Agreement shall be maintained on file and available for public inspection in the Board’s office.

2. Appointment of Special Education Board Council

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby appoints the firm of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, located at 600 Parsippany Road #204, Parsippany, NJ 07054 as Board Special Attorney in the area of Special Education, for the period from February 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022 in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Request for Proposals dated January 15, 2021; and

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board shall pay the Firm at an hourly rate of \$160 plus reimbursement for costs; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Board President and Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute an Agreement on behalf of the Board; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that notice of the appointment shall be provided as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1); and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this Resolution and the Agreement shall be maintained on file and available for public inspection in the Board’s office.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESOLUTION ONLY

There were no public comments at this time.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for the General Board Counsel. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Peng. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. B. Patel, Mrs. White, Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky,  
Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for the Special Education Board Counsel. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. B. Patel. Ms. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. B. Patel, Mrs. White, Mrs. Madhukar, Mrs. Bodofsky,  
Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Peng, Dr. Chen, Mr. M. Patel, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to adjourn this January 26, 2021 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 12:03 A.M. on January 27, 2021. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann T. Kluck  
Acting Board Secretary  
ATK:JMC