

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 March 23, 2021 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, at 7:00 P.M. at John P. Stevens High School, 855 Grove Avenue, Edison, NJ.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Brennan 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, Mr. Gregory Brennan, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. John Shahdanian, II, Board Attorney.

III. 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.”

IV. PRESENTATION - eSPORTS

Mr. Joshua Kell, Chief Executive Officer of eSports gave a power point presentation about his company, eSPORTS, and how this program of competitive video games for students, can be added to the curriculum at both high schools.

A lengthy question and answer period ensued between the Board members, the public and Mr. Kell.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Mr. Shi informed the Board of two items being pulled from the Personnel Report.

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice President, questioned one of the testing dates on the NJSLA Testing Schedule for Spring 2021 and the Abolishment of the Supervisor of Health and Wellness Job Description as well as the revisions to the Supervisor of Transportation Job Description.

Beth Talke, resident, questioned items on the Personnel Report.

Christo Makroupoulos, resident, questioned the settlement agreements.

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

Cangialosi, Dawn – Lunch Aide John Adams Middle School	Effective: 03/29/21 Reason: Personal
Desai, Kajal – Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School	Effective: 03/01/21 Reason: Personal
DaSilva, Renee – Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 03/01/21 Reason: Personal
Gaynor, Tordis – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Effective: 03/01/21 Reason: Personal
Hom, Gary – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Effective: 03/01/21 Reason: Personal
Passafiume, Diana – Custodian James Madison Primary School	Effective: 02/26/21 Reason: Personal
Rivera, Pascal – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Effective: 03/03/21 Reason: Personal
Sana, Afshan – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Effective: 03/01/21 Reason: Personal
Shubick, Claribel – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Effective: 03/23/21 Reason: Personal
Siddiqui, Beenish – Lunch Aide Lincoln School	Effective: 03/01/21 Reason: Personal
Smerecki, Mary – Lunch Aide Washington School	Effective: 03/01/21 Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENTS

Barulli, Anthony – Teacher – Technology John P. Stevens High School	Effective: 06/30/21 25 years of service
Bellaran, Janet – Teacher – Health & PE John Adams Middle School	Effective: 06/30/21 25 years of service
Filson, Ella – Teacher – Kindergarten James Madison Primary School	Effective: 06/30/21 25 years of service
Newell, Jeanne – Teacher – Special Education John P. Stevens High School	Effective: 06/30/21 34 years of service
Dr. Patel, Kalpana – Teacher – ESL Benjamin Franklin School/ Education Center	Effective: 06/30/21 15 years of service

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

<u>Certificated Staff</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Purnell, Katie Effective 03/24/21-06/30/21	BA \$41,600 (pro-rated)	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education James Madison Intermediate (for ID #124053 & 105679)
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Castillo, Jeanine Effective 03/24/21-06/30/21	Step 3 \$29,708 (pro-rated)	20-21 Budget	Bus Driver Education Center (New Position)
Shubick, Claribel Effective 03/24/21-06/30/21	Step 1 \$15,079 (pro-rated)	20-21 Budget	Bus Aide Education Center (New Position)

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ID #101939 James Monroe School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	03/01/21-03/12/21
ID #102379 John Adams Middle School/ Woodrow Wilson Middle School/ Education Center	Medical Maternity NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	04/26/21-05/13/21 05/14/21-06/30/21 09/13/21-12/05/21
ID #103995 Menlo Park School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	03/01/21-04/18/21
ID #104310 Education Center	Maternity Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	05/03/21-05/18/21 05/19/21-06/30/21
ID #102841 John Adams Middle School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	03/11/21-04/30/21

ID #105129 Washington School	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	02/22/21-03/18/21
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	03/19/21-03/23/21
	NJ FLA	Without Pay	03/24/21-06/30/21
ID # 102276 Menlo Park School	Medical	Without Pay	03/11/21-03/31/21
	ID #124056 Lindeneau School	Medical-Revised	With Pay
ID #103891 John P. Stevens High School	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	03/03/21-03/21/21
	Fed FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	03/22/21-04/04/21
	NJ FLA	Without Pay	04/05/21-06/30/21
ID #107008 John Marshall School	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	12/18/20-06/30/21
	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/21-06/30/22
ID #109536 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	NJ FLA-Intermittent	Without Pay	03/05/21-06/30/21
ID #105483 Lindeneau School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	03/01/21-03/24/21
	Fed FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	03/25/21-04/04/21
ID #109491 Lindeneau School	Maternity	With Pay	09/01/21-09/11/21
	NJ FLA	Without Pay	09/13/21-12/05/21
ID #101180 Menlo Park School	Medical	With Pay	03/01/21-04/04/21
ID #101894 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	03/01/21-04/04/21
ID #102612 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical	With Pay	03/01/21-05/31/21
ID #103847 FDR School	Medical-Revised	Without Pay	12/01/20-05/04/21
ID #105040 John Marshall School	Medical	With Pay	03/26/21-04/23/21
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	04/24/21-06/30/21
ID #101965 John Adams Middle School	Military-Revised	With Pay	09/01/20-06/30/21
ID #101358 John P. Stevens High School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	02/08/21-03/06/21
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	03/07/21-04/17/21
	NJ FLA-Revised	Without Pay	04/18/21-06/30/21

ID #107066 Woodbrook School	Medical Maternity	With Pay Without Pay	06/14/21-06/15/21 06/16/21-06/30/21
ID #107775 Education Center	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	02/09/21-03/04/21 03/05/21-03/14/21
ID #102124 Washington School	Medical	With Pay	09/07/20-06/10/21
ID #105644 John Marshall School	Medical	With Pay	02/05/21-03/22/21
ID #101589 Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Child Care Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits Without Pay & Benefits	02/23/21-06/30/21 09/01/21-06/30/22
ID #100375 Martin Luther King School	Medical	With Pay	03/01/21-06/30/21

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>Certified Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Bachorik, Lydia	Teacher -- Business (1.2) Edison High School Effective 01/04/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher -- Business (1.2) Edison High School Effective 01/04/21-06/30/21 (for L. Shabka)
Biezewski-Carter, Brianna	Teacher -- Special Education James Monroe School Effective TBD-06/30/21 (for S. Elsamna)	Revised Start Date	Teacher -- Special Education James Monroe School Effective 02/01/21-06/30/21 (for S. Elsamna)
Brennan, Gregory	Business Administrator -- Per Diem Education Center Effective 02/01/21-06/30/21	Revised Status	Business Administrator - Interim Education Center Effective 02/01/21-06/30/21
Chaudhry, Amad	School Psychologist Education Center Effective TBD-06/30/21	Revised Start Date	School Psychologist Education Center Effective 03/01/21-06/30/21
Ciappina, Joseph	Teacher -- Music (1.0) Salary \$58,105 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher -- Music (1.2) Salary \$66,605 John Adams Middle School Effective 03/16/21-/04/30/21 (for ID #102841)

Cunningham, Joseph	Teacher – Music (1.0) Salary \$111,017 Edison High School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher – Music (1.2) Salary \$119,517 John Adams Middle School Effective 03/16/21-04/30/21 (for ID #102841)
DeMattia, Nicole	Teacher – Family & Consumer Science (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 01/04/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher – Family & Consumer Science (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 01/04/21-06/30/21 (for L. Shabka)
Denicuolo, Marc	Teacher – Music (1.0) Salary \$101,016 Edison High School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher – Music (1.2) Salary \$109,516 John Adams Middle Schools Effective 03/16/21-04/30/21 (for ID #102841)
Dominguez, Nicole	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/30/21-02/26/21 (for ID #104202)
Griffin, Edward	Teacher – Music (1.0) Salary \$52,460 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher – Music (1.2) Salary \$60,960 John Adams Middle School Effective 03/16/21-04/30/21 (for ID #102841)
Guzman-Luna, Dayhanna	School Nurse Lincoln School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Transfer	School Nurse Lindeneau School Effective 03/24/21-06/30/21 (for K. Pike)
Hendricks, Kathleen	Teacher – Family & Consumer Science (1.2) Edison High School Effective 01/04/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher – Family & Consumer Science (1.4) Edison High School Effective 01/04/21-06/30/21 (for L. Shabka)
Hughes, Christina	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-02/26/21 (for ID #104202)

Lecky, Steven	Teacher – Math (1.0) Salary \$63,500 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher – Math (1.2) Salary \$72,000 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 03/05/21-04/09/21 (for ID#104821)
McMahon, Eric	Teacher – Math (1.0) Salary \$70,805 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher – Math (1.2) Salary \$79,305 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 03/08/21-04/09/21 (for ID #104821)
Mawn, Matthew	Teacher – Science (1.0) Salary \$63,000 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher – Science (1.2) Salary \$71,500 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 03/08/21-04/09/21 (for ID#104821)
Perlin, Janice	Teacher – Science (1.0) Salary \$109,058 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher – Science (1.2) Salary \$117,558 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 03/08/21-04/09/21 (for ID#104821)
Pichette, Danielle	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Math Salary \$41,600 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 01/27/21-06/30/21	Retirement	Teacher – Math Step 1/BA Salary \$52,000 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 03/24/21-06/30/21 (for K. Marracco)
Ruffo, Lillian	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-02/26/21 (for ID#104202)
Rutzler, Ashley	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 Woodbrook School Effective 11/09/20-04/12/21	Revised Contract	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 Woodbrook School Effective 11/09/20-04/12/21 And Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 5 James Madison Intermediate School Effective 04/13/21-06/01/21 (for ID #102030 & 102612)

Sackie, Jamie	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-02/26/21 (for ID#104202)
Silva, Alison	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Lindeneau School Effective 10/26/20-03/14/21	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Lindeneau School Effective 10/26/20-06/30/21 (for ID#104668 & 100264)
Smith, Kristen	Teacher – Math (1.0) Salary \$84,750 Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 09/01/20-06/30/21	Leave of Absence	Teacher – Math (1.2) Salary \$93,250 Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 03/08/21-04/09/21 (for ID#104821)
Taylor, Morgan	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher – English (1.2) Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/19/21-02/26/21 (for ID#104202)
Tierney, Lynne	Teacher – Business (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 01/04/21-TBD	Revised End Date	Teacher – Business (1.2) John P. Stevens High School Effective 01/04/21-06/30/21 (for L. Shabka)
Villarreal, Caren	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School Effective 11/01/20-03/10/21	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School Effective 11/01/20-06/30/21 (for T. Pagel)
Woodward, Samantha	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Washington School Effective 09/22/20-TBD	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Washington School Effective 09/22/20-06/30/21 (for ID#102124)
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Crowe, Melissa	Custodian/Night Lead John Adams Middle School Effective 07/01/20-06/30/21	Transfer	Custodian/Night Edison High School Effective 03/24/21-06/30/21 (for A. Bryant)



Sall, Sharon	Administrative Secretary – Special Services Step 10 Salary \$55,750 Education Center Effective 10/19/20-06/30/21	Salary Adjustment	Administrative Secretary – Special Services Step 12 Salary \$57,750 Education Center Effective 10/19/20-06/30/21
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6. LONGEVITY

<u>Teachers</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Baldassare, Kim	HHMS	24	04/23/21	\$113,719	\$114,173
Bowler, Amanda	JMI	20	04/11/21	\$105,756	\$106,228
Clymer, Nicole	LIN	20	04/01/21	\$108,150	\$108,631
Dominiguez, Nicole	JAMS	20	04/15/21	\$107,650	\$108,131
Drobbin, Stacey	WWMS	21	04/01/21	\$107,643	\$108,115
Durkin, Lisa	LNC	26	04/25/21	\$110,502	\$110,974
Hinterstein, Jannine	TJMS	20	04/10/21	\$106,756	\$107,228
Hoefler, Walter	TJMS	25	04/01/21	\$105,673	\$106,126
Lambert, Kristine	LNC	18	04/21/21	\$104,192	\$104,664
Maccaro Karen	HHMS	33	04/28/21	\$ 106,126	\$ 106,580
Medina, Judy	HHMS	25	04/04/21	\$ 98,237	\$ 98,728
Mendez-Bogash, Yarida	EHS	20	04/01/21	\$ 102,043	\$ 102,496
Michaud, Melanie	LNC	18	04/14/21	\$ 99,515	\$ 99,969
Mullin, Amanda	MENLO	17	04/06/21	\$ 104,553	\$ 105,043
Osmond, Kelly	JAMS	16	04/18/21	\$ 95,504	\$ 95,958
Poland, Melissa	TJMS	19	04/09/21	\$ 105,784	\$ 106,256
Rogers, Natalie Marie	TJMS	22	04/23/21	\$ 112,494	\$ 112,984
Savulich, Patricia	JPS	22	04/06/21	\$ 104,311	\$ 104,765
Selesky, Michelle	TJMS	24	04/25/21	\$ 109,558	\$ 110,030
Singh, Kruti	EHS	18	04/25/21	\$ 99,827	\$ 100,299
Solares, Lidice	JAMS	20	04/04/21	\$ 110,779	\$ 111,241
Spagnoletti, Alicia	WWMS	23	04/19/21	\$ 104,765	\$ 105,219
Stern, Renee	HHMS	19	04/01/21	\$ 103,436	\$ 103,899
Tchorz, Lisa Ann	HHMS	23	04/19/21	\$ 109,586	\$ 110,058
Weislo, Karolyn	HHMS	23	04/01/21	\$ 106,675	\$ 107,138
Winik, Laura	WBK	16	04/22/21	\$ 96,778	\$ 97,240
Zambrano, Dawn	BEN	17	04/17/21	\$ 107,071	\$ 107,566

PRINCIPALS/ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Narvaez-Ruiz, Randy	WBK	3	04/23/21	\$141,808	\$145,608
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GUIDANCE

Desimone, Christen	JPH	22	04/07/21	\$116,375	\$116,894
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SECURITY GUARD

Brown, Santeargo	EDH	6	02/23/21	\$52,500	\$53,901
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7. 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR CURRICULUM WRITERS - \$30.00 per hour

Chrapuch, Casey	Hughes, Christina	Smith, Angela
Giordano, Robert	Krajunus, John	Sudia, Skyeler
Grillo, Matthew	Peach, John	Wenzel, Michele
Heagney, Gretchen	Sedler, Wendy	Yasko, Christy

8. 2021 TITLE I FAMILY NIGHT (MATH/ELA) – Benjamin Franklin School – Effective 03/01/21-05/30/21 – \$35.00/per hour

Francis, Allison	Nuzzo, Susan
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9. 2020-2021 TITLE I FAMILY NIGHT–Washington School–Effective 10/01/20-05/30/21 –\$35.00/per hour

Scammacca, Lora

10. LENA HARRIS FOUNDATION PROCTORS – John P. Stevens High School – Effective 03/13/21, 03/20/21, 03/27/21 & 4/06/21 – 2 hours 10:00am-12:00pm - \$30.00 per hour

Hall, Shaheda	Serrano-Vacca, Odalys
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11. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFIED STAFF – based upon completion of Professional Development Institute Credits (PDIC) – Effective 02/01/2021 \$300.00

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Position</u>
Aggarwal, Surbhi	EHS	Paraprofessional
Buchinski, Lisa	FDR	Secretary III
Bhuteja, Ritu	FDR	Paraprofessional
Choksi, Pranali	FDR	Paraprofessional
Cox, Susan	JMP	Paraprofessional
Curtin, Sherry	EHS	Secretary III
Farkade, Yogini	MAR	Paraprofessional
Hronich, MaryBeth	JPS	Paraprofessional
Jha, Rosy	EHS	Paraprofessional
Lombardo, Angela	LND	Library Assistant
Modreski, Melissa	JMI	Paraprofessional
Rivella, Donna	EHS	Secretary III
Sanjay, Latha	EHS	Paraprofessional
Schwartz, Sheryl	JPS	Secretary
Shaikh, Rehana	FDR	Paraprofessional
Sridar, Sangita	MEN	Paraprofessional

12. TITLE I FUNDED ANNUAL SCHOOL PLAN (ASP) – Benjamin Franklin School – Effective 02/02/21-06/30/21  
Teachers/Interventionist - \$30.00/hour

Appaiah, Sulekha	Kole, Jessica	Rivenburg, Michelle
Francis, Allison	Miller, Ashley	Timberlake, Karen
Khot, Heather	Parker, Brittany	

13. PARENT UNIVERSITY – John Adams Middle School – 03/17/21 from 6:00-7:00pm - \$35.00/hour

Bravo, Eric	Nangia, Neeru	Silva Dias, Andre
Guzzi, Amanda	Redding, Brian	
Lee, Joseph	Sack, Adam	

14. SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL SUPERVISORS – Effective 06/23/21-08/06/21 – Stipend \$7,500

Nixon, Christine	Smith, Corrine
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15. SUMMER ENRICHMENT AND SUMMER ACTIVITES PROGRAMS – Effective 03/24/21-08/31/21 - \$25.00/hour

Lindquist, Lori - Secretary

16. SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR CERTIFIED STAFF – Additional Graduate Credits Earned. Effective 01/01/21

<u>NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Tenebruso, Gerald	MA +15 \$96,694	MA +30 \$98,532

17. 2021 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR\* – EFFECTIVE 07/06/21-08/18/21 (Locations TBD)  
\* Contingent upon enrollment/student need

TEACHERS (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

Banach, Megan	Benson, Megan	Brogan, Elizabeth
Brown, Lylloth	Calenda, Kristen	Cantalupo, Colleen
Cherukara, Sophy	Cohen, Lauren	Cumello, Marisa
Felumero, Nerina	Fernandez, Brielle	Foley, Caitlin
French, Laura	Georgianna, Monika	Gordon, Jodi Ann
Grimaldi, Nanci	Hanson, Jennilyn	Horvath, Kelly
Kentsbeer, Meghan	Krygina, Alona	Lepinsky, Erica
Luppino, Olivia	Lyna, Amanda	Macchiaverna, Thomas
Marcus, Jack	McGrory, John	Minitelli, Theresa
Mosko, Diane	Nipps, Susan	Novesky, JamieRose
Ortiz, Katie	Palomo, Hrisanthi	Riccobono, Mary
Rosario, Megan	Schwartz, Russell	Silva, Bianca
Simone, Melanie	Sinagra, Michelle	Speckin, Maureen
Springsteen, Faith	Tortorello, Catherine	Van Pell, Melanie
Viola, Gina	Ziolkowski, Jennifer	

SPEECH/CHILD STUDY TEAM (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

Bellanca, Gina	Cowart, Andrea	Farley, James
Kelly, Brigitte	Nesterwitz, Rebecca	Newins, Faith
Tobie, Jeff	Walworth, Mary	

CERTIFIED NURSES (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

Cromartie, Jasmine	Fischetti, Maureen	Guzman-Luna, Dayhanna
Mateicka, Marion	Montilus, Nicole	Patel, Margi
Suarez, Liza		

PARAPROFESSIONALS (\$26.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

Aggarwal, Surbhi	Ahmed, Ifrana	Arshad, Sajida
Athir, Uzma	Balaji, Sharmila	Banos, Nancy
Barton, Jacqueline	Bartus, Donna	Bhuteja, Ritu
Buchinski, Lisa	Chamberlain, Carol	Cox, Susan
Dare, Christine	Dorfschneider, Melanie	Durham, Justine
Ganatra, Usha	Gilbert, Thomas	Gulama, Abraham
Hamid, Naheeda	Hentley, Karen	Jeffries, Jarrett
Jha, Rosy	Joseph, Stella	Kibala, Haley
Kletter, Lauren	Kurani, Naina	Lowe, Megan
Madan, Sujata	Mauro, Deborah	Modreski, Melissa
Mount, Colleen	Nayak, Rajani	Negron, Elyse
Nunziata, Melanie	Patel, Harneet Kaur	Patel, Payal
Patel, Shilpa	Pradhan, Chandana	Raja, Sumra
Rizwan, Ayesha	Robbins, Denise	Sanjay, Latha
Schlachter, Nicolette	Seagriff, Lorraine	Ship, Michele
Shirley, Patricia	Srivalsan, Sridevi	Sullivan, Alexandra
Sutherland, Mary	Talke, Elizabeth	Thaker, Vaishali
Tiwari, Archana	Tripathi, Garima	Utrecht, Ellen
Ventura, Yokasta	Wales, Lisa	Wheeler, Katrina
Wizemann, Samantha		

LPN (\$25.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

Denton, Dionne

SECRETARY (\$25.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

DeJohn, Susanne

TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$15.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)

LaFragola, Patti

18. 2020-2021 COACHING APPOINTMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL - SPRING

<u>BASEBALL</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
<u>JPH</u>			
Assistant Coach	Yelencsics, Trevor (Split)	\$2,410	2
<u>BOYS LACROSSE</u>			
<u>JPH</u>			
Head Coach	Sklar, Adam	\$6,510	1
Assistant Coach	Marshall, Samuel	\$4,690 (pro-rated effective 4/22/21)	1

BOYS' TRACK

EDH

Assistant Coach	Murphy, Brianna	\$4,690	1
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JPH

Assistant Coach	Jeffries, Jarrett	\$4,690 (pro-rated effective 04/19/21)	1
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GIRLS LACROSSE

EDH

Assistant Coach	Zapoticzny, Matthew	\$5,188	5
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SOFTBALL

EDH

Assistant Coach	Spiess, Kari	\$5,188	3
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MIDDLE SCHOOL – SPRING

WOODROW WILSON

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

SOFTBALL

Connell, Haley (Split)	\$1,611	3
Morgan, Taylor (Split)	\$1,700	5

19. COACHING REVISION
- |                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>FROM</u>                   | <u>TO</u>                |
| Ferraro, Dianne               | Head Coach – Boys' Track |
| Assistant Coach – Boys' Track | Head Coach – Boys' Track |
| Spring                        | Spring                   |
| Step 1                        | Step 1                   |
| \$4,690                       | \$6,510                  |

20. ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby retroactively places Employee ID # 105673, on administrative leave with pay, effective February 16, 2021 until further notice.

21. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

ABOLISH

Supervisor of Health and Wellness

REVISED

Supervisor of Transportation

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

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. National Autism Awareness Month – April 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Waiver of Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESSA) Testing Mandates

Resolution Requesting Governor Murphy and His Administration to Take Proactive Steps to Protect the Health and Safety and Educational Progress of NJ School Children by Submitting a Request to the US Department of Education for a Waiver of Section 1111(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for the Current School Year

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy’s Executive Order of April 7, 2020 clearly stated: “It is not feasible to move forward with statewide assessments while students are unable to physically attend school due to necessary COVID-19-related closures;” and

- WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order 214 of January 11, 2021, noted that “337 districts are providing all-remote instruction, 351 districts are providing hybrid instruction, 79 districts are providing full-in-person instruction, and 44 districts are providing a combination of instructional modalities across school buildings;” and
- WHEREAS, EO214 further states “the modifications to school schedules, operations, and instructional modalities implemented pursuant to Executive Order No. 175 (2020) have resulted in a challenging school year that has been unlike any prior year for students, families, educators, and school district staff;” and
- WHEREAS, EO214 affirmed that “all Executive Orders and Administrative Orders adopted in whole or in part in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency remained in full force and effect;” and
- WHEREAS, the ongoing public health emergency addressed in the Governor’s Executive Orders provided compelling reasons why the Administration made the decision to suspend state graduation testing last year, to secure an ESSA testing waiver for spring of 2020, to suspend state testing last fall, and to suspend state graduation testing again this year; and
- WHEREAS, similar concerns led the National Center on Education Statistics to suspend administration of the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) because “the impact of the COVID pandemic on school operations” made it impossible to administer the tests in “a valid and reliable manner;” and
- WHEREAS, on January 26, 2021 the U.S. Office of Elementary and Secondary Education sent a letter to all Chief State School Officers extending the deadline “for submission of [ESSA] plan amendments, including related requests for waivers” in order “to provide additional time as part of the new Administration’s overall review of all policies;” and
- WHEREAS, NJ’s leading education groups and professional associations, including the NJ Association of School Administrators, the NJ Principals and Supervisors Association, the NJ Education Association and the Education Law Center, have all urged the Administration to apply for a waiver of ESSA testing mandates for the current school year; and
- WHEREAS, the ever-changing testing window proposed by the DOE would further restrict the instructional time and educator interaction available to the state’s most vulnerable students, including students of color, students with disabilities and students from low-income families; and
- WHEREAS, the NJDOE’s plans to implement an untested and highly problematic computer-based “remote option” for state testing raises additional issues about the reliability and validity of the results, the security of the data, and the privacy of student information; and

WHEREAS, district schools and educators continue to assess the needs of their students on an ongoing basis to identify and address their academic, social and emotional needs in a much more timely and effective manner than standardized state testing can provide; and

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Edison Township Board of Education urgently requests that Governor Murphy's Administration take proactive steps to protect the health and safety and educational progress of New Jersey school children and to submit a timely request to the US Department of Education for a waiver of section 1111(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for the current school year; and

BE IT FINALLY  
RESOLVED:

that this resolution be certified and submitted to Governor Phil Murphy; New Jersey Commissioner of Education Angelica Allen-McMillan; Senator Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.; Assemblyman Robert J. Karabinchak; and Assemblyman Sterley S. Stanley; Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt (D-Camden); and Assemblywoman Mila Jasey (D-Essex) as well as to the Boards of Education of each district in the county as soon as possible following approval by the Edison Township Board of Education.

3. Settlement Agreement – Student No. 3030985

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves the settlement agreement in the matter of Student No. 3030985 by and through their parents v. Edison Township Board of Education, Docket No. EDS 09797-20 & EDS 09799-20, subject to approval by the Court.

4. General Release & Settlement Agreement – Former Employee No. 107713

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves the General Release and Settlement Agreement in the matter of former Employee No. 107713 v. Edison Township Board of Education, Docket No. 174-8/17/EDU 150660-2017 S, and authorizes the Board President to execute the General Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.

5. General Release & Settlement Agreement – Former Employee No. 108113

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves the General Release and Settlement Agreement in the matter of former Employee No. 108113 v. Edison Township Board of Education, Docket No. 175-8/17/EDU 13584-2017 S, and authorizes the Board President to execute the General Release and Settlement Agreement on behalf of the Board.



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

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

1. Submission, Acceptance & Approval of NJ-CAP Program Grant – 2020-2021 & 2021-2022 School Years

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves submission and acceptance of the NJ-CAP (New Jersey Child Assault Prevention) Program Grant for students in grades 2-6 of the Edison Public Schools for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years, as required by State-mandated Erin’s Law. All fees for this grant have been paid through State CAP Funding and the District’s contribution of 30% has been waived.

2. NJSLA Testing Schedule for Spring 2021

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the NJSLA Testing Schedule for the Spring of 2021:

\*All Students Will Be Tested Remotely

NJSLA ELA & MATH

Grades 3-5 – Monday, April 26 through Thursday, April 29  
Grades 6-8 – Monday, May 3 through Thursday, May 6  
High School – Monday, April 19 through Tuesday, April 20

NJSLA SCIENCE

Grade 5 – Friday, April 30 through Monday, May 3  
Grade 8 – Friday, May 7 through Monday, May 10  
Grade 11 – Wednesday, April 21 through Thursday, April 22

MAKEUP EXAMS – ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

ELA, MATH & SCIENCE

Elementary – Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 7  
Middle School – Monday, May 10 through Friday, May 14

MAKEUP EXAMS – HIGH SCHOOLS

ELA, MATH & SCIENCE

High School – Monday, April 26 through Friday, April 30

3. Professional Development Documentation – March 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 March 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>
Phil, Kathleen	Monroe/ Washington	04/20/21	Creating an Instructional Playbook with Jim Knight	Virtual	\$275.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Barilka, Christina	JMI/JMP	04/20/21	Creating an Instructional Playbook with Jim Knight	Virtual	\$275.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Gil, AnnaMarie	Woodbrook/ Lincoln	04/20/21	Creating an Instructional Playbook with Jim Knight	Virtual	\$275.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Hom, Eva	Lindeneau	04/20/21	Creating an Instructional Playbook with Jim Knight	Virtual	\$275.00	NA	N/A	Professional Development
Rivenburg, Michelle	Ben Franklin/ John Marshall	04/20/21	Creating an Instructional Playbook with Jim Knight	Virtual	\$275.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Wojcik, Kelly	ML King/ Menlo Park	04/20/21	Creating an Instructional Playbook with Jim Knight	Virtual	\$275.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
DiCocco, Jeffrey	HHMS/JAMS/ TJMS/WWMS	05/02/21- 05/06/21	DAANJ 2021 Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$425.00	\$450.00	**	Professional Development
Mahabir, Barinder	Ed Center	07/05/21- 07/07/21	Black History Is American History Institute: Grades K-9	Virtual	\$650.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Mosley-Aviles, Maritza	Ed Center	07/05/21- 07/07/21	Black History Is American History Institute: Grades K-9	Virtual	\$650.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development

\*\*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

D. PUPIL/SPECIAL SERVICES

1. Out-of-District Placements – March 2021

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township 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>
3024840	03/08/21	East Mountain Day School	N/A	(16,473)	Terminated Placement (Transferred-Out)
2059381	03/15/21	New Road School of Parlin	Spectrum 360/ Upper School	79,729 Prorated	IEP Team Decision (Change of Placement)
3032467	02/08/21	Woodbridge Township Schools	New Road School of Parlin	64,806 Prorated	Transfer-In Student (IEP Team Decision Continuing Placement)
3027788	2/11/21	Piscataway Regional Day-ESCNJ	Piscataway Regional Day-ESCNJ	44,640 Prorated	IEP Team Decision (Reentry/Reinstated)

(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>
3032116 (Revised)	01/04/21	Camden City Township Schools	The Gateway School	Responsible (billed directly)	New Residential Laurie Haven Group Home Student

E. FINANCE

1. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2021

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 23, 2021 Public Meeting.

2. Board Secretary’s Report (Exhibit B)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of January 31, 2021 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 Reporta. Transfer of Funds

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following Transfer of Funds, effective January 31, 2021:

To:		
11-000-230-105	General Administration Salaries	\$ 37,000
11-000-230-200	Memberships and Dues	10,000
11-000-230-520	NJSIG and Alamo Insurance	30,000
11-000-240-103	Principal/Asst Principals Salaries	200,000
11-000-251-109	Central Services Administration Salaries	47,000
11-000-252-100	Administrative Technology Salaries	36,000
12-000-260-730	Capital Maintenance/Grounds Equipment	2,111
	Total	\$362,111
From:		
11-000-230-339	Other Purchased Services	\$ 10,000
11-000-230-610	Postage for All Schools	30,000
11-000-261-800	Regulatory Compliance Services	2,111
11-000-270-511	Student Transportation Services	200,000
11-130-100-101	Grades 6-8 Teachers Salaries	120,000
	Total	\$ 362,111

b. Acceptance of 2020 PTG Shade Grant, FY '21 & '22

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the Protect the Groms Shade Grant for James Madison Primary School and James Monroe, John Marshall, Martin Luther King and Woodbrook Elementary Schools, Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022, in the amount of \$10,000 for each school. The grant will help provide shade structures for each school, covering the playground areas and side lawns. The sunshades will protect children while they are playing and/or provide opportunities for outdoor instruction during the extended school year in the summer or fall.

c. Acceptance of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the Sustainable Jersey Schools Grant for James Madison Intermediate School, Fiscal Year 2021 and Fiscal Year 2022, in the amount of \$10,000.

d. Rebid - Pupil Transportation – Activity/Late Busses (21-11) – 2020-2021 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education rejects the rebids for pupil transportation activity and late busses for the 2020-2021 school year. If busses are needed before the end of the 2020-2021 school year, students will be transported by in house busses: (Bid Date–02/10/21)

e. Cooperative Bid – #2 Fuel Oil, Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel & Gasoline

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the awards of the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission Cooperative Bid for #2 Fuel Oil, Ultra-Low Sulfur and Diesel Fuel and Gasoline effective 10/8/20 through 10/08/21.

Griffith-Allied Trucking, LLC (Allied Oil) 25 Old Camplain Road Hillsborough, NJ 08844	#2 Fuel Oil (#2 Low Posted Newark Reseller Rack)	+0.0901 Margin
National Fuel Oil Inc. 175 Orange Street Newark, NJ 07103	Ultra-Low Sulfur Diesel (ULS Diesel Dyed Low Posted Newark Reseller Rack)	Summer - +0.1069 Margin Winter - +-.1369 margin (November 1, 202-April 15, 2021)
National Fuel Oil Inc. 175 Orange Street Newark, NJ 07103	Gasoline – Regular, Unbranded (Low Posted Newark Reseller Rack)	+0.1269 Margin

f. Non-Public School Security Aid Services (Exhibit C)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following order for the New Jersey Non-Public School Security Aid Services, Fiscal Year 2021, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
LWBS880	St. Helena School	CDW-G	\$26,541.69
LXRR118	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	CDW-G	\$17,522.34
089022.00	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	Signal Electric	\$11,339.76

g. 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>
Woodbrook ES	4 Promethean Projectors*
W Wilson MS	33 Dell Computers *
	5 HP Computers*
	1 Asus Computer*
	1 Apple Computer
	2 Epson Computers*

\* These items have been approved for disposal by the Technology Department. All items are no longer functional for use in the District and usable parts have been removed.

h. 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 February 28, 2021 payable by Cycle Checks No. 164192 through No. 164564 inclusive, totaling \$26,070,328.09 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

i. Transportation Report – March 2021

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the March 2021 Transportation Report as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/Aide</u>
<b>Rebid (21-10) To &amp; From School – 2020-2021 School Year</b>				
HH19	Road to Success	H Hoover MS	03/01/21-06/30/21	\$201.00
HH7	Road to Success	H Hoover MS	03/01/21-06/30/21	\$202.00
CLL-1	D&L Bus Service	Center for Lifelong Learning	03/01/21-06/30/21	\$300.00 Aide - \$70.00
CLL-2	D&L Bus Service	Center for Lifelong Learning	03/01/21-06/30/21	\$300.00 Aide - \$70.00
CLL-5	D&L Bus Service	Center for Lifelong Learning	03/01/21-06/30/21	\$300.00 Aide - \$70.00
<b>Special Education Jointure Runs – 2020-2021 School Year</b>				
GWA	ESC	Gateway School	03/01/21-06/30/21	\$143.00 Aide - \$40.00
<b>Displaced Student Jointure Runs – 2020-2021 School Year</b>				
JAHM	ESC	J Adams MS	03/01/21-06/30/21	\$138.00

<u>Vogel Bus Renewals / SHOULD BE DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES – 2020-2021 School Year (Error on 07/30/20 Transportation Report)</u>
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HH17	Durham School Services	H Hoover MS	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$127.94
MD1	Durham School Services	J Madison PS	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$150.63
MR1	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$127.94
MR1	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$118.65
MR2	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$128.97
MR3	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$118.65
MR4	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$118.65
MR5	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$118.65
MR6	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$118.65
MR10	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$118.65
JP17	Durham School Services	JP Stevens HS	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$127.94
MK8	Durham School Services	ML King ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$116.98
ML2	Durham School Services	Menlo Park ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$128.97
ML7	Durham School Services	Menlo Park ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$128.97
MAC3	Durham School Services	Middlesex County Academy for Science Math & English	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$127.94
MAC4	Durham School Services	Middlesex County Academy for Science Math & English	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$127.94
PV1	Durham School Services	Piscataway VoTech	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$298.17
WB7	Durham School Services	Woodbrook ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$118.65
WB9	Durham School Services	Woodbrook ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$118.65
WB10	Durham School Services	Woodbrook ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$128.97
EV1	Durham School Services	East Brunswick VoTech	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$348.73
MR11	Durham School Services	J Marshall ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$167.14

JP15	Durham School Services	JP Stevens HS	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$167.14
WA4	Durham School Services	Washington ES	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$167.14
TJ-9	Durham School Services	T Jefferson MS	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$299.00
EV-3	Durham School Services	Edison HS	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$330.53
CEB7	Durham School Services	Edison Early Learning Center	09/03/20-06/30/21	\$173.23 Aide - \$80.00

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Curriculum and Instruction, Pupil/Special Services and Finance Resolutions. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Mr. Brennan took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Athletic Committee

Mrs. Peng reported that the Athletic Committee met at 4:15 P.M. on February 24, 2021 in the Education Center.

In attendance were: Shannon Peng, Jingwei "Jerry" Shi, Mohin Patel, Biral Patel and Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D.

#### Items Discussed:

- Open outdoor turf fields for students and residents to use when there are no school events:
  - The Committee proposed allowing the students to use the two high school turf fields on the weekends, which are currently restricted. Concerns were raised about possible vandalism and this will be closely monitored during the initial weeks of piloting this program.
- Edison based adult sport leagues using school fields need to get a permit from the District:
  - In order to use the school fields over the weekend, all adult sport teams/leagues need to have a permit issued by the District. Teams playing at Township grounds will need to get the permit from the Township. For the Board of Education cricket fields, the Board will adopt the similar rules from the Township to provide permits to individual teams, with the addition that Edison students will take precedence on the usage, and ample notice will be given prior to the usage.
- Non-Edison based leagues can rent the fields, but with lower priority:
  - This is consistent with Board of Education Policy and will follow the parameters listed above.
- Track and Field Day in Elementary, Middle and High Schools
  - The Committee discussed having a Middle School Track and Field Day where students will be permitted to compete in a series of track and field events by grade level. Dr. Bragen will research this and compare this to the current programs.



2. Curriculum & Technology Committee

Mrs. Peng reported that the Curriculum and Technology Committee met at 12:00 P.M. on March 11, 2021 via Zoom.

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

Items Discussed:

- The Middle School Math Sequence now includes a third level and a new course for 7<sup>th</sup> graders – Prime 7. Also, Foundations of Algebra were renamed to Prime 8.
- Middle School Art Electives were renamed with a different focus for each grade level.
  - Grade 6 Visual Arts: Exploring Contemporary Art and Digital Media
  - Grade 7 Visual Arts: Exploring Aesthetics in 2-D, 3-D and Digital Media
  - Grade 8 Visual Arts: Advanced Drawing, Painting, Ceramics and Digital Art
- Due to the overcrowding at the high schools, AP Physics classes will have one lab day instead of two.
- The Edison Early College Program was introduced to all grade 8-11 families last week. The program affords students the opportunity to earn an Associate Degree or college credits while they are enrolled in high school. Dual enrollment is available for all students and rising 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible for the Early College Program Associate Degree. If a student is interested in the program, the student must inform their counselor by April 30. Parents and students may visit the district website for more information.
- The Gifted and Talented program will begin to use the Renzulli Learning platform in 2021-2022. It is currently being piloted. The Renzulli platform will allow the district and schools to gain information about students' giftedness using the Cebeci test, and of student interests through their profiler. The Cebeci Test of Creativity will be given to all students in grades 3-5 in September of 2021 for determination of eligibility in the program. In addition, the profiler can be used to learn about students outside of the Gifted and Talented Program. There will be a parent workshop in May 2021. The date to follow soon.

3. Township Liaison Committee

Mrs. White reported that the Township Liaison Committee met at 11:00 A.M. on March 9, 2021 in the Education Center.

In attendance were: Council Vice President, Sam Joshi, Councilwoman, Joyce Ship-Freeman, Councilman Ajay Patil (via ZOOM), Board of Education Vice President, Mohin Patel, and Board Members Shivi Madhukar (via ZOOM), Biral Patel and Virginia White, as well as Superintendent, Dr. Bernard F. Bragen, Jr. Also in attendance, via ZOOM were Mayor, Thomas Lankey, Township Business Administrator, Maureen Ruane and Deputy Fire Chief/OEM Coordinator, Andy Toth.

The Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mrs. White took the opportunity to specifically recognize Deputy Fire Chief Any Toth and Board of Education Member, Biral Patel for their help in attempting to secure vaccines for the Edison community, as well as assisting community members trying to schedule appointments. Both of these gentlemen have been working non-stop to help the Edison community.

Items Discussed:

- Overcrowding: Mayor Lankey spoke at length regarding the options of purchasing Stelton School and Truman Avenue (Kilmer) Properties and informed the Committee that the Township is doing their best to move forward with the process for transferring ownership to the Board of Education. There are still issues to address. Upon completion of all of this, the Board of Education will be contacted.

In addition, private property may be available on Talmadge and Coolidge Avenues for building a new school. It is approximately ten acres. Mayor Lankey has begun conversations with the owner of this property. The Mayor offered to schedule a brokers meeting between the owner and the Edison Board of Education's Finance and Facilities Committee. Upon completion, the Township will contact the Board of Education with updates.

- COVID Vaccine – Deputy Chief Toth provided an update, informing the Committee that both Mayor Lankey and OEM wrote letters to the Governor and received a response that Edison should be getting them very soon. The Township is, and has been, prepared to receive vaccines for a very long time.

In an exchange of ideas, Ms. Ship-Freeman asked about homebound residents. Mr. Mohin Patel asked about quantity and Mr. Biral Patel raised concern for seniors. Deputy Chief Toth stated that Edison is awaiting direction from the State.

Mr. Joshi suggested to the Mayor a task force to help people (seniors) to set up appointments. Mr. Mohin Patel mentioned that the Board and Township can work together and combine efforts. Mr. Biral Patel stated more volunteers are needed to assist with overnight computer logins to secure appointments. Ms. Ship-Freeman will help to get volunteers.

- Litter Bug Program – Ms. Ship-Freeman would like to start this program in September. Edison schools will support it.

Ms. Ship-Freeman also noted that she would like to see more tennis courts on school grounds. Mr. Mohin Patel responded and supported this idea. He asked about township land for this project. The school district will explore the possibility of putting tennis courts at the Middle Schools.

- Closing – As frustrating as it is, despite all efforts and preparedness, Edison still does not have the needed vaccines. The Committee continues to work tirelessly together on this important issue.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – 11:00 A.M. at the Education Center.

VIII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Event - Caucus Meeting  
Date - Thursday, April 22, 2021  
Location – Edison High School (Auditorium)  
Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event - Public Meeting  
Date - Tuesday, April 27, 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. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Bragen commended the Township Liaison Committee for obtaining the COVID vaccine for the Edison residents.

Dr. Bragen updated the public on the submission of the Preliminary Budget. He informed the public that when the budget was being submitted electronically, it showed a fatal error because never before that the tax levy been submitted below zero. It could not be submitted this way. The \$11.4 million had to be put under Capital Projects and the Tax Levy will stay the same as last year. The Preliminary Budget Resolution had to be into the State by March 22<sup>nd</sup>, therefore, it was approved at the March 18<sup>th</sup> Caucus Meeting.

Mr. Biral Patel thanked the parents and educators for all their support this past year and thanked Dr. Bragen for making the vaccine available to the staff.

Dr. Bragen reported that 35% of the students surveyed (7,000 in all) opted to return to school after the Spring Break. Lunches will be served in the schools and lunch aides will be asked to return to their schools.

Mrs. Conway stated that she was quite impressed with the eSports presentation and would like to see the program move ahead. She was also glad to see the adjustments being made for students returning to school in April.

Mrs. White stated that this was her first time participating in Read Across America and felt it was a rewarding experience.

Mr. Mohin Patel commended the Township Liaison Committee for obtaining the COVID vaccine.

Mr. Shi questioned the state assessments and standardized tests. Dr. Bragen stated there is a waiver this year.

Mr. Shi wished everyone an enjoyable Spring Break.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joseph Johnson, resident, discussed the Lena Harris Foundation Program and thanked the Board of Education for their support.

Tony DePasquale, resident, questioned the preliminary budget details.

Christo Makrououlos, resident, questioned the Roberts Rules of Order at board meetings.

Beth Talke, resident, discussed cricket teams, and questioned the 35% of students returning to school in April. She still finds it unsettling as staff members return to their classrooms. She asked how the playground will be kept clean, how students will take gym class with no windows in some of the gymnasiums and how lunches will be served safely. She also mentioned that the vaccine is not a cure for COVID.

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice-President, discussed his concerns with students, teachers and staff returning to school buildings in April.

Tony DePasquale, asked if the Finance and Facilities Committee had been notified of the changes in the medical (self-insured) for employees.

Beth Talke, resident, discussed her concerns with HVAC issues and air quality in the schools and asked about the protocol for air conditioning units in the schools. She also did not approve of the board being self-insured for medical.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to close public comments. Mr. Mohin Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. B. Patel. All in favor, the motion was carried.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to adjourn this March 23, 2021 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 10:26 P.M. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. B. Patel and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



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Interim Board Secretary  
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