

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The December 21, 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 Edison High School, 50 Boulevard of Eagles, Edison, NJ.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, President, Mrs. Shannon Peng, Mrs. Elizabeth Conway, Dr. Yunxia Chen, Mrs. Carol Bodofsky, Mrs. Shivi Madhukar, Mrs. Virginia White and Mr. Biral Patel. Mr. Mohin Patel, Vice President, arrived at 7:04 P.M. and Dr. Yunxia Chen arrived at 7:17 PM

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

Dr. Bragen presented a video on the new Edison High School eSports program and reported that over 500 students are interested in participating since the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in November.

Mr. Richard Benedict, District Enrollment Manager, spoke about the new Bus Tracking System and reported that this will be available on the MYSTOP App.

V. RECOGNITION

Mrs. Kluck read the following resolutions:

A. Board Member – Elizabeth Conway

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH CONWAY during the last three years has served as a member of the Edison Township Board of Education, serving on various committees during her years as a Board Member; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH CONWAY has earned the admiration and respect of the community, the state and the students; and

WHEREAS, ELIZABETH CONWAY has aggressively met all challenges and has continually represented the school district in the best interest of the students;

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Edison Township Board of Education extend its congratulations to ELIZABETH CONWAY for this outstanding commitment to the Edison Township School District and that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the minutes of the Board of Education meeting on this date and a copy be presented to ELIZABETH CONWAY with a suitable expression of thanks.

B. Board Member – Dr. Yunxia “Yuna” Chen

WHEREAS,

DR. YUNXIA “YUNA” CHEN during the last three years has served as a member of the Edison Township Board of Education, serving on various committees during her years as a Board Member; and

WHEREAS,

DR. YUNXIA “YUNA” CHEN has earned the admiration and respect of the community, the state and the students; and

WHEREAS,

DR. YUNXIA “YUNA” CHEN has aggressively met all challenges and has continually represented the school district in the best interest of the students;

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED:

that the Edison Township Board of Education extend its congratulations to DR. YUNXIA “YUNA” CHEN for this outstanding commitment to the Edison Township School District and that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the minutes of the Board of Education meeting on this date and a copy be presented to DR. YUNXIA “YUNA” CHEN with a suitable expression of thanks.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESOLUTIONS ONLY

A resident thanked outgoing Board Members Elizabeth Conway and Dr. Yunxia Chen for all they did to help and support the students of Edison Township.

Brian Rivera, resident, congratulated the outgoing board members and thanked them for their service to the Edison Township Board of Education.

Jerry Campisone, ETEA Association, thanked the outgoing board members for their contributions to the students and staff of the Edison Township Board of Education.

VI. RESOLUTIONS

A. PERSONNEL – LABOR RELATIONS

BE IT

RESOLVED:

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

1. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Ananda, Usha – Lunch Aide  
John Marshall School

Effective: 11/22/21  
Reason: Declined Offer

Ballard, Eugene – Armed Security Officer Menlo Park School	Effective: 12/23/21 Reason: Personal
Brandenburg, Charlotte – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Effective: 12/10/21 Reason: Personal
Doshi, Jackie – Lunch Aide Martin Luther King School	Effective: 11/30/21 Reason: Personal
Facciponti, Kristen – Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School	Effective: 11/24/21 Reason: Personal
Giordano, Laura – Lunch Aide Woodbrook School	Effective: 12/15/21 Reason: Personal
Lothian, Evan – Team Leader Herbert Hoover Middle School	Effective: 09/01/21 Reason: Personal
Mercado, Daniel – Teacher – Special Education John P. Stevens High School	Effective: 02/10/22 Reason: Personal
Minaya, Sandra – Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 11/23/21 Reason: Offer Rescinded
Nirmalkumar, Roopa – Paraprofessional Woodbrook School	Effective: 11/12/21 Reason: Personal
Oquendo, Daisy – Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School	Effective: 12/15/21 Reason: Personal
Santiago, Magdalena – Lunch Aide James Monroe School	Effective: 12/23/21 Reason: Personal
Shaikh, Rehana – Paraprofessional FDR School	Effective: 12/07/21 Reason: Personal
Srinivasan, Sumathi – Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 12/23/21 Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENTS

Rudanovic, Beverly – Bus Driver Education Center	Effective: 12/31/21 5 years, 6 months of service
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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>
Esteves, Hugo Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1/BA \$53,000 Seton Hall University	Resignation	Teacher - Culinary Arts Thomas Jefferson Middle School/ Edison High School (for A. Steinberg)
Johnson, Delores Effective 01/03/22-04/22/22	MA/ESSA \$46,708 Rutgers University	Transfer for LOA	Long Term Substitute School Social Worker Education Center (for K. Torre)
Melendez, Marcel Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 3/MA \$58,105 Fairleigh Dickinson University	21-22 Budget	Teacher – ESL Education Center/ Martin Luther King School/ Menlo Park School (New Position)
Monroig, Jordann Effective TBD-06/30/22	BA \$41,600 NJCU	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 5 Washington School (for ID #108909)
Purnell, Katie Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 2/BA \$54,000 East Stroudsburg University	Transfer	Teacher – Grade 5 James Madison Intermediate School (for J. Bonner)
Reilly, Kelsey Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 1 MA/ESSA \$59,435 Montclair University	Resignation	Speech Education Center/FDR School (for J. Borruso)
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Acevedo, Louis Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	\$4,635	Retirement	Lunch Aide Martin Luther King School (for S. Dillon)
Almanzar, Estela Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 4 \$32,186	21-22 Budget	Bus Driver Education Center (New Position)
Augustine, Anthony Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1 \$41,436	Transfer	Custodian 12:00pm-8:30pm Education Center/Our Savior Church (for J. Kelly)

DeLizo, Richard Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Monroe School (for J. Hancock)
Farahat, Nashwa Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1 BA/Stipend \$21,400 Alexandria University	Retirement	Paraprofessional John P. Stevens High School (for L. Radler)
Hom, Gary Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Monroe School (for C. Brandenburg)
Ingrassia, Josephine Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Monroe School (for M. Santiago)
Kadash, Kyle Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1 \$48,331	Resignation	Maintenance – Plumber Education Center (for S. Rock)
Kammer, Naomi Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1/BA \$21,100 Kean University	Transfer	Paraprofessional Washington School (for K. Law)
Mahipati, Chandrika Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide Menlo Park School (for N. Johnson)
Mix, Robert Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 1/Night \$42,941	Transfer	Custodian – 3:00-11:30 James Madison Primary School (for E. Torres)
Mueller, Andrea Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1 \$15,761	21-22 Budget	Bus Aide Education Center (New Position)
Natale, Anthony Effective 01/18/22-06/30/22	Step 1 \$41,436	Retirement	Custodian – 10:00-6:30 James Monroe School (for D. Wytko)
O’Boyle, Michael Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 1/BA \$21,100 Alvernia University	Resignation	Paraprofessional ISS Edison High School (for V. Zanfordino)

Parasmal, Pramila Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1 \$20,000	Transfer	Paraprofessional John Marshall School (for N. Mehta)
Rayford, Sarah Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide John Marshall School (for L. Petracca)
Sanchez, Manuel Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1 \$40,000	Resignation	Armed Security Officer Thomas Jefferson Middle School (for J. Padilla)
Sharma, Anjali Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1/BA/ Stipend \$21,400 Delhi University	Resignation	Paraprofessional Woodbrook School (for R. Niralkumar)
Siddiqui, Kiran Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide Woodbrook School (for L. Giordano)
Sultana, Zinnant Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 1/BA Stipend \$21,400 National University	Transfer	Paraprofessional FDR School (for S. Cohen)
Thomas, Monique Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide Lindeneau School (for T. Wong)
Ulm, Stephanie Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Step 3 \$38,500	Resignation	School Secretary III John P. Stevens High School (for E. Szabo)

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ID #101144 Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	02/07/22-02/23/22
ID #102996 John Adams Middle School	Medical	With Pay	12/20/21-02/07/22
ID #100438 Early Learning Center	Medical	With Pay	11/19/21-01/03/22
ID #103644 James Monroe School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	10/25/21-12/05/21

ID #103632 Education Center	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	12/01/21-12/19/21
ID #108898 John Marshall School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised NJ FLA-Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	12/06/21-12/16/21 12/17/21-01/27/22 01/28/22-04/28/22
ID #100117 John P. Stevens High School	Fed FMLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	12/13/21-06/30/22
ID #103001 Martin Luther King School	Medical	With Pay	12/06/21-01/17/22
ID #107061 John P. Stevens High School	Medical Maternity NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	01/07/22-02/03/22 02/04/22-03/17/22 03/18/22-06/30/22
ID #101370 Education Center	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised Fed FMLA-Revised NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	12/16/21-01/05/22 01/06/22-01/23/22 01/24/22-02/16/22 02/17/22-05/18/22
ID #103429 Education Center	Medical-Revised	With Pay	11/02/21-01/02/22
ID #124297 Lindeneau School	Medical Maternity NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	02/11/22-03/03/22 03/04/22-04/14/22 04/25/22-06/30/22
ID #105860 Lincoln School	Medical Fed FMLA-Revised	With Pay Without Pay	11/09/21-11/30/21 12/01/21-01/17/22
ID #109080 Edison High School	Fed FMLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	11/23/21-06/30/22
ID #109110 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical Fed FMLA NJ FLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	01/31/22-02/11/22 02/12/22-04/08/22 04/11/22-06/30/22
ID #104937 John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	11/17/21-12/12/21
ID #100650 Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	11/29/21-12/12/21
ID #100842 Menlo Park School	Medical Maternity NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	03/01/22-03/30/22 03/31/22-05/11/22 05/12/22-06/30/22

ID #104417 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	11/02/21-11/16/21
ID #105740 FDR School	Fed FMLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	11/16/21-06/30/22
ID #124566 Benjamin Franklin School	Medical Fed FMLA-Revised	With Pay Without Pay	10/19/21-10/31/21 11/01/21-12/12/21
ID #102193 James Madison Intermediate School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	01/31/22-05/01/22
ID #108637 Lincoln School	Medical Fed FMLA NJ FLA NJ FLA Child Care	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	03/07/22-04/06/22 04/07/22-05/28/22 05/29/22-06/30/22 09/01/22-10/19/22 10/20/22-01/27/23
ID #101480 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	10/22/21-11/14/21
ID #104434 Edison High School	Medical Maternity NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	02/14/22-03/04/22 03/05/22-04/01/22 04/02/22-05/27/22
ID #124599 Education Center	Maternity Medical	With Pay Without Pay & Benefits	01/06/22-01/12/22 01/13/22-02/16/22
ID #124118 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical Maternity NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	02/07/22-02/11/22 02/12/22-03/25/22 03/28/22-06/30/22
ID #103224 FDR School	Medical Maternity Fed FMLA NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	02/07/22-02/17/22 02/18/22-03/11/22 03/12/22-03/31/22 04/01/22-05/30/22
ID #102382 Woodrow Wilson Middle School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	01/20/22-04/13/22



5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>Certified Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Johnson, Krista	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Washington School Effective 09/01/21-01/31/22	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Washington School Effective 09/01/21-01/30/22  Then Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education John Marshall School Effective 01/31/22-04/29/22 (for ID #103067 & 108898)
Rutzler, Ashley	Long Term Substitute Teacher - Grade 5 James Madison Intermediate School Effective 09/01/21-01/19/22	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher - Grade 5 James Madison Intermediate School Effective 09/01/21-01/18/22 Then Long Term Substitute Teacher - Grade 4 James Madison Intermediate School Effective 01/19/22-06/30/22 (for ID #105655 & #106709)
Schroth, Scott	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School Effective 11/24/21-02/25/22	Revised Start Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School Effective 11/29/21-02/25/22
Yard, Matthew	Teacher – English John Adams Middle School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Teacher – English John Adams Middle School Effective 01/18/22-06/30/22
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Arno, Yokasta	Paraprofessional Edison High School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Paraprofessional Edison High School Effective 12/03/21-06/30/22
Biedermann, William	Armed Security Officer Education Center Effective 09/01/21-06/30/22	Resignation	Armed Security Officer Menlo Park School Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22 (for E. Ballard)

Boccardo, Michele	School Secretary IIIB John Adams Middle School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	School Secretary IIIB John Adams Middle School Effective 12/13/21-06/30/22
Dunsavage, Zakary	Custodian Step 2, Salary \$41,836 Menlo Park School Effective 07/01/21-06/30/22	Retirement	Facility Manager Salary \$81,081 Benjamin Franklin School Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22 (for P. Spano)
Dykstra, Joshua	Custodian 3:00-11:30 James Madison Intermediate James Madison Primary Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Custodian 3:00-11:30 James Madison Intermediate James Madison Primary Effective 11/22/21-06/30/22
Gouda, Tapaswini	Paraprofessional Menlo Park School Effective 09/01/21-06/30/22	Transfer- Enrollment	Paraprofessional Martin Luther King School Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22
Higgins, Gary	Custodian 3:00-11:30 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 07/01/21-06/30/22	Transfer	Custodian 10:00-6:30 Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22 (for K. Guilfoyle)
Ogunlade, Nicholas	Custodian John Adams Middle School Effective 07/01/21-06/30/22	Transfer	Maintenance Helper Education Center Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22 (for C. Masterson)
Rivera, Clarisa	Registered Nurse District-wide Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Registered Nurse District-wide Effective 11/29/21-06/30/22
Sivaraman, Meena	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School Effective 11/16/21-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School Effective 11/29/21-06/30/22
Employee ID # 103402	Suspended without Pay Effective 11/17/21-11/19/21		Suspended with Pay Effective 11/17/21-11/19/21

6. LONGEVITY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Amaral, Lori	LNC	22	01/25/22	\$109,426	\$109,897
Amin, Hetal	MON	20	01/01/22	\$108,961	\$109,442
Amodio, James	EDH	19	01/01/22	\$111,286	\$111,781
Arminio, Jennifer	HHMS	19	01/01/22	\$111,166	\$111,661

Baer, Aimee	EDH	19	01/01/22	\$105,875	\$106,347
Balogh-Sileski, Michele	MEN	21	01/13/22	\$110,442	\$110,923
Bell, Cheryl	MON	24	01/11/22	\$111,369	\$111,841
Biondi, Brian	JAMS	26	01/01/22	\$116,233	\$116,728
Blair, Theresa	MEN	24	01/25/22	\$114,785	\$115,275
Bonsenor, Chelsea	BEN	15	01/24/22	\$102,286	\$102,767
Cafaro, Joanna	JMP	22	01/20/22	\$104,199	\$104,652
Chaballa, Stephen	JAM	26	01/01/22	\$107,437	\$107,891
Chonka, Lynne	WBK	16	01/16/22	\$106,973	\$107,464
Ciccarella, Linda	WBK	18	01/16/22	\$107,875	\$108,344
Crowley, Suzanne	JPH	17	01/20/22	\$104,248	\$104,729
DeZaio, Lynn	WBK	17	01/01/22	\$97,722	\$98,176
Dodd-Harris, Jennifer	EDH	20	01/01/22	\$108,961	\$109,442
Downey, Michele	EDH	25	01/26/22	\$108,484	\$108,957
Farrell, Kelli	HHMS	19	01/08/22	\$106,875	\$107,347
Fingerman, AnnMarie	JAMS	23	01/07/22	\$100,005	\$100,477
Fuentes, Amy	MON	18	01/01/22	\$111,792	\$112,286
Gavric, Karen	HHMS	15	01/01/22	\$107,372	\$107,862
Gorman, Melissa	HHMS	17	01/10/22	\$101,381	\$101,853
Haggard, Kristen	WWMS	21	01/16/22	\$109,442	\$109,923
Johnson, Charese	EDH	16	01/05/22	\$96,269	\$96,722
Jones, Ellen	HHMS	14	01/07/22	\$100,805	\$101,286
Kacani, Susan	JPH	22	01/12/22	\$105,622	\$106,076
Kantar, Natalie	JMI	24	01/29/22	\$107,530	\$107,984
Keefe, Kristine	JPH	19	01/01/22	\$100,980	\$101,434
Lasko, Kylie	JPH	20	01/01/22	\$108,067	\$108,539
Legra-Liotti, Jessica	JPH	19	01/01/22	\$106,595	\$107,072
Martinez, Jill	HHM	25	01/03/22	\$115,484	\$115,937
McElwain, Carolyn	EHS	26	01/29/22	\$107,437	\$107,891
Milton, Linda	MON	20	01/18/22	\$99,572	\$100,026
Minto, Kathryn	WAS	18	01/24/22	\$110,874	\$111,364
Mount, Heather	LNC	21	01/18/22	\$103,807	\$104,261
Nagrosst, Janine	JAM	23	01/04/22	\$106,076	\$106,530
Pagano, Christopher	EHS	22	01/26/22	\$107,524	\$107,986
Patel, Sonal	HHM	17	01/22/22	\$97,748	\$98,229
Pederson, Christian	BEN	24	01/01/22	\$112,328	\$112,809
Plesnarski, Eileen	JPS	23	01/04/22	\$116,076	\$116,530
Romeo, Marlana	JPS	20	01/14/22	\$106,347	\$106,819
Root, Timothy	EHS	18	01/22/22	\$102,446	\$102,900
Salvatore, Leanne	LIN	19	01/01/22	\$100,480	\$100,934
Tapia, Melissa	EHS	26	01/10/22	\$108,437	\$108,891
Tufte, Karen	MLK	21	01/06/22	\$109,442	\$109,923
Vilensky, Deborah	MLK	25	01/26/22	\$107,437	\$107,891
Yascko, Christy	WWM	23	01/15/22	\$107,076	\$107,530

Yee, Sherry	JPS	25	01/01/22	\$115,275	\$115,766
Zambrano, Julie	JMI	20	01/24/22	\$108,961	\$109,442
<u>ESSA</u>					
Aurilio, Pamela	EC	17	01/10/22	\$110,307	\$110,822
Caffiero, Beth	WWMS	20	01/27/22	\$117,093	\$117,614
Cordaro, Ami	EC	19	01/02/22	\$112,508	\$113,013
Davis, Nicole	JAMS	17	01/01/22	\$110,358	\$110,822
Fassilis, Despina	EC	19	01/01/22	\$116,854	\$117,374
Feldman, Lauren	EC	16	01/20/22	\$114,062	\$114,577
MacLean, Ana	E/C	19	01/01/22	\$112,149	\$112,825
Yang Chiu, Anna	E/C	17	01/16/22	\$113,857	\$114,372
<u>PRINCIPAL</u>					
Hoffman, Ami	MAR	9	12/01/21	\$171,143	\$172,179
Seiler, Michael	JMP	7	01/04/22	\$160,995	\$162,643

7. ADDITIONAL PERIOD ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Additional Pay</u>
Barbitta, Vivianna	English	EDH	01/03/22-06/01/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Brennan, Taylor	English	EDH	09/15/21-01/28/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Bruns, Liza	Math	HHMS	12/01/21-01/21/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Coyle, Robert	English	JAMS	11/01/21-01/14/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Degnan, Alyson	Math	HHMS	12/01/21-01/21/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Dominguez, Nicole	English	JAMS	11/01/21-01/14/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Donelan, Cassidy	Math	HHMS	12/01/21-01/21/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Dunkelman, Jodi	Math	EDH	02/14/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Evans, Carol	Math	EDH	02/14/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Gonczy, Amanda	Math	EDH	02/14/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Guas, Heather	English	JAMS	11/01/21-12/23/21	\$8,500 pro-rated
Guas, Heather	English	EDH	01/03/22-06/01/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Heinze, Christine	English	EDH	01/10/22-03/18/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Kuczynski, Ricky	English	EDH	01/03/22-06/01/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Ledda, Sandra	Family & CS	EDH	10/11/21-01/07/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Lister, Amanda	Social Studies	JAMS	09/17/21-11/24/21	\$8,500 pro-rated
Logan Wydrinski, Jenna	Math	EDH	02/14/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Lothian, Stephanie	English	EDH	09/15/21-01/28/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Mann, Michelle	Math	HHMS	12/01/21-01/21/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
McCaffery, Patrick	English	EDH	09/15/21-01/28/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
McGrory, John	Social Studies	JAMS	09/17/21-11/24/21	\$8,500 pro-rated
Minning, Cliff	Social Studies	JAMS	09/17/21-11/24/21	\$8,500 pro-rated
Padhye, Sanyogita	English	EDH	01/03/22-06/01/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Patel, Sonal	Math	HHMS	12/01/21-01/21/22	\$8,500 pro-rated



13. TECHNOLOGY REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE INTERNSHIP – As needed for the 2021-2022 School year - \$12/hour

Allumolu, Nirup

14. ESL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - TITLE III Funded – District-wide - Effective 01/03/22-06/03/22 – \$1,075 for 21 one-hour sessions \*dependent upon student participation

Albarran, Yaritza	Gu, Linda	Rivera, Tony
Alexa, Dana	Henao, Amelia	Rondinone, Samantha
Austria, Carlo	Hunter, Tracey	Ruffo, Lillian
Branz, Kristen	Kowalsky, Tori	Sanchez, Jessica
Burton, Jill	Kregeloh, Lauren	Schnitzer, Robyn
Busse, Suzanne	Lee-Garcia, Cherri	Snee, Elizabeth
Campbell, Sarah	Maliff, Eamonn	Solorzano, Sarah
Chawla, Manisha	Miller, Ashley	Soto, Jennifer
D'Angelo, Kimberli	Morris, Hannah	Tobia, Morgan
Davala, Jessica	Mosko, Diane	Trumbauer, Michael
Edwards, Kathleen	Pappas, Katherine	Vaghani, Meghana
Elliott, Emilie	Patel, Abha	Walters, Steven
Ericksen, Brittany	Peach, John	Wong, Karen
Fleischman, Mandy	Riccobono, Mary	Zor, Julianna

15. 2021-2022 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

CO-CURRICULAR

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
FCCLA	Kramer, Lauren/ Seago, Susan (split)	\$1,400

JAMES MADISON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

CO-CURRICULAR

Tech. Maintenance Coordinator	Elliott, Emilie	\$3,291
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JAMES MADISON PRIMARY SCHOOL

CLASS A CLUB

Sunshine Club	Sesta, Michelle/ Miller, Taylor (split)	\$1,075
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WASHINGTON SCHOOL

CO-CURRICULAR

Safety Patrol	Coyne, Kristen	\$1,400
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16. Coaching Appointments

MIDDLE SCHOOL - WINTER

JAMS

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Wrestling	Calantoni, Brian	1	\$3,057

TJMS

Wrestling	Cuevas, Christopher	1	
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WWMS

Girls' Basketball	Morgan, Taylor (split)	5	\$1,700
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	Gesualdo, Marc	5	\$1,700
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Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Personnel Resolutions. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Mrs. Kluck 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. Final Decision Granting Motion to Dismiss – Student No. 3033336

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves Final Decision Granting Motion to Dismiss, OAL Dkt. No. EDS 06665-21, Agency Dkt. No. 2022-33139 agreement in the matter of Student No. 3033336 by and through their parents v. Edison Township Board of Education, as per the agreement attached hereto.

2. Final Decision Granting Motion to Dismiss – Student No. 3033337

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves Final Decision Granting Motion to Dismiss, OAL Dkt. No. EDS 06666-21, Agency Dkt. No. 2022-33140 agreement in the matter of Student No. 3033337 by and through their parents v. Edison Township Board of Education, as per the agreement attached hereto.

3. Settlement Agreement & General Release – Student No. 2017681

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement and General Release in the matter of Student No. 2017681 by and through their parents v. Edison Township Board of Education, as per the agreement attached hereto.

4. Settlement Agreement & General Release – Student No. 3023592

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement and General Release, OAL Docket No. EDS 8357-21, Agency Ref No. 2022-33418, in the matter of Student No. 3023592 by and through their parents v. Edison Township Board of Education, as per the agreement attached hereto.

5. Settlement Agreement & General Release – Student No. 3020148

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement and General Release, OAL Docket No. EDS 02360-21, Agency Ref No. 2021-32523, in the matter of Student No. 302014 by and through their parents v. Edison Township Board of Education, as per the agreement attached hereto.

6. Settlement Agreement & General Release – Student No. 3030859

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement and General Release, OAL Docket No. EDS 08778-2020, Agency Ref No. 2021-32058, in the matter of Student No. 3030859 by and through their parents v. Edison Township Board of Education, as per the agreement attached hereto.

7. Settlement Agreement & General Release – Student No. 2017292

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement and General Release, OAL Docket No. EDS 07282-21, Agency Ref No. 2022-33233, in the matter of Student No. 2017292 by and through their parents v. Edison Township Board of Education, as per the agreement attached hereto.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of Field Trips

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following field trips:

1. Forty-eight students and five advisors from John P. Stevens High School's FBLA will be attending the FBLA State Competitive Events in Atlantic City, New Jersey in March 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
2. Thirty students and three advisors from John P. Stevens High School's Model UN will be attending the ILMUNC in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in January 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
3. Thirty students and three advisors from John P. Stevens High School's Model UN will be attending the NAIMUN in Washington, DC in February 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.



2. Professional Development Documentation – December 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 December 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 EXPENSE</u> **	<u>FUND</u>
Digioia-Laird, Patricia	JPS	01/12/22-01/15/22	State Advisers Management Meeting	San Diego, CA	\$156.00	\$1,040.00	\$575.00	FCCLA Grant
Fitzgerald, David	Ed Center	01/28/22	Annual Refresher for AHERA Inspectors – AM Annual Refresher for AHERA Management Planners – PM	Virtual	\$300.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Hoffman, Michael	Ed Center	01/28/22	Annual Refresher for AHERA Inspectors – AM	Virtual	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Rojas, Johan Manuel	Lindeneau	01/31/22-02/01/22	Litcon 2022	Virtual	\$475.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Mosley-Aviles, Maritza	Ed Center	02/24/22	Comprehension Development Through Social and Emotional Learning to Leverage Student Identity & Best Practice in Vocabulary Instructions	Piscataway, NJ	\$170.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Halpin, Nicole	Ed Center	03/24/22-03/25/22	NJPSA/FEA/NJASD Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$320.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Hall, Shaheda	JPS	03/02/22-03/04/22	A Dream Deferred – the Future of African American Education	Washington, DC	\$455.00	\$675.92	\$200.00	Guidance A.P. Exams
Ruggiero, Frank	Ed Center	03/24/22-03/25/22	NJPSA/FEA/NJASD Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$320.00	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 SERVICES1. Out of District Placements –December 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>
3033282	11/15/21	Bright Beginnings Learning Center-ESCNJ	N/A	(\$39,312)		Terminated Placement ( <i>Transferred-Out</i> )
2054601	12/06/21	Westlake School-UCESC	Center for Lifelong Learning-ESCNJ	(\$54,390)		Terminated Placement ( <i>OOD School Decision</i> )
3034791	11/15/21	BOCES Children's Readiness Center New York	Center for Lifelong Learning-ESCNJ	\$56,160 Pro-rated		IEP Team Decision ( <i>New Entrant</i> )
3025110	12/06/21	Menlo Park Elementary	Bright Beginnings Learning Center-ESCNJ	\$45,900 Pro-rated		IEP Team Decision ( <i>New Placement</i> )
2012130	07/01/21-01/28/22	Eden Autism	Eden Autism	\$66,746		P.L. C.109 (Settlement Agreement)
				New Placement	District of Origin	
3034540	11/18/21	N/A	The Gateway School	The Gateway School	Paulsboro (Billed Directly)	New Residential New Laurie Haven Group Home Student
3033901	11/22/21	N/A	The Gateway School	The Gateway School	Cherry Hill (Billed Directly)	New Residential New Laurie Haven Group Home Student

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Administration, Curriculum and Instruction and the Pupil/Special Services Resolutions. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Mrs. Kluck 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.

#### E. FINANCE

##### 1. Approval of Minutes – November 18<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the minutes of the November 18, 2021 Caucus Meeting and the November 23, 2021 Public Meeting.

2. Board Secretary's Report

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of October 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 2021-2022 school year.

3. Finance Resolutionsa. Transfer of Funds

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, effective October 31, 2021:

To:		
11-000-251-592	Mentoring Fees	\$ 42,000.00
11-000-270-600	Transportation Department – Supplies	1,000.00
11-120-100-101	Grades 1-5 – Teachers Salaries	30,000.00
11-190-100-101	Substitute Teachers Salaries	1,200,000.00
11-190-100-580	Travel	500.00
11-217-100-101	Supplemental Instruction – Teachers Salaries	80,000.00
12-000-400-722	Capital Building Improvements	995,504.87
	Total	\$2,376,809.87
From:		
11-000-251-105	Central Services Salaries	\$ 42,000.00
11-000-261-420	Building Repairs	27,805.00
11-000-270-512	Camp Bernie Transportation	1,000.00
11-110-100-101	Kindergarten –Teachers Salaries	110,000.00
11-130-100-101	Grades 6-8 – Teachers Salaries	1,200,000.00
11-190-100-610	General Supplies	500.00
12-000-100-730	Instructional Equipment – Capital	995,504.87
	Total	\$2,376,809.87

b. Acceptance of Grant for John P. Stevens High School Co-Curricular Club - Academy of Science, FY 22

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the grant from GE Healthcare in the amount of \$1,000 to support Jay Jones' efforts to assist students in the Co-curricular Club at John P. Stevens High School Academy of Science. The money will support the research efforts of many 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades in their pursuit to become published authors of genetic sequences on N.C.B.I. and, therefore, enhance their understanding of Molecular Biology.

c. Purchase of 54-Passenger School Buses

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the purchase of up to thirty (30) 2022 Model Year 54-Passenger Blue Bird "Vision" School Buses from Hoover Truck and Bus Centers of New Jersey, through the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Bid #ESCNJ 20/21-33 at a cost not to exceed \$3,500,000.

d. Approval of Summit Management Solutions

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves Summit Management Solutions, LLC, 37 Kings Road, Suite 103A, Madison, NJ 07940 to provide additional professional accounting services at a fee not to exceed \$20,000.00, for the 2021-2022 school year.

e. Participation in the ACES Cooperative Pricing System

WHEREAS, "The Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act," P.L. 1999, c.23 authorizes the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter NJSBA) to obtain electricity and other energy-related services for individual local boards of education on an aggregated basis; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 and 40A:11-10 authorizes local district boards of education to enter into cooperative pricing agreements with local government units, i.e. municipalities and counties, (hereinafter local units); and

WHEREAS, NJSBA has offered voluntary participation in a cooperative pricing system for the group purchase of electrical generation and/or natural gas for consumption by the local units; any ancillary or administrative services related to the purchase of electrical generation and/or natural gas; and related energy services; and digital and electronic products and services and other technology products and programs to be purchased by local units; and services and such other items or services as two or more

participating local units in the system agree can be purchased on a cooperative bases; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Public Schools in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, desires to participate in NJSBA[s Cooperative Pricing System;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2021 by the Edison Township Public Schools, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

This RESOLUTION be known and may be cited as the “ACES Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Edison Township Public Schools.”

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 and 40A:11-10, the Acting School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to enter into NJSBA’s ACES Cooperative Pricing System Agreement.

The New Jersey School Boards Association shall be responsible for complying with the “Public School Contracts Law,” N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. All other applicable laws in connection with the preparation, bidding, negotiation and execution of contracts in connection with NJSBA’s ACE#S Cooperative Pricing System.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

f. Approval of Speaker at Thomas Jefferson Middle School

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the use of Simon & Schuster Speakers Bureau for a speaking engagement regarding literature, at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, at a fee not to exceed \$17,500.

g. Donation – Middle Schools

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the donation of \$2,000.00 from the Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation for Herbert Hoover Middle School (500.00), John Adams Middle School (\$500.00), Thomas Jefferson Middle School (\$500.00) and Woodrow Wilson Middle School (\$500.00).

h. Donation – Benjamin Franklin Elementary School

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the award of \$1,000.00 from Beta Alpha Psi Chapter at Rutgers University, KPMG U.S. Foundation and KMPG LLP University Talent Acquisition, to be used for the purchase of books for Benjamin Franklin Elementary School.

i. Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following orders for the New Jersey Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program, Fiscal Year 2022, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
MMBW251	Wardlaw Hartridge School	CDW-G	\$ 6,850.00
2210740207	Wardlaw Hartridge School	Apple	\$10,653.00
MMHB828	Wardlaw Hartridge School	CDW-G	\$ 204.75

j. 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, as annexed hereto:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>
Education Center	Miscellaneous Technology Equipment* 3 - 24 Passenger 2006 Buses 2 – 16 Passenger 2006 Buses 1 – 24 Passenger 2005 Bus 3 – 16 Passenger 2000 Buses 1 - 24 Passenger 2004 Bus 1 - 24 Passenger 2000 Bus

\*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. They may be sold, if possible, at a State of New Jersey approved online auction.

k. Sale of Surplus Property

WHEREAS,

The Edison Township Board of Education is the owner of certain surplus property which is no longer needed for public use.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED:

By the Edison Township Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey that the property set forth is hereto:

1. The sale of the surplus shall be conducted through Govdeals pursuant to State Contract A-83453/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with Govdeals is available online at Govdeals.com.
2. The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is Govdeals.com.
3. The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
4. The description of the items is included in obsolete items hereto. No representations of any kind are made by The Edison Township Board of Education as to the condition of the property, said property is being sold in their present “as is” condition.
5. The sale is made subject to all applicable laws and policies of the State of New Jersey and Edison Township Board of Education.
6. The Board Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into a contract to sell the property described in obsolete items and to make reasonable expenditures necessary in connection with the sale.
7. The Edison Township Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

l. Ratification of Electronic Transfers for Self-Funded Medical & Prescription Costs

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 November 30, 2021 payable by electronic transfer totaling \$3,244,928.67 from the Board of Education Self-Insured Medical and Prescription Account in Investors Bank.

m. 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 November 30, 2021 payable by Cycle Checks No. 169186 through No. 169622 inclusive, totaling \$22,379,208.86 the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

n. Transportation Report – December 2021

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following Transportation Report for December 2021:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/ Aide</u>
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<u>Quotes - 2021-2022 School Year</u>				
WV2A	D&L Bus	Woodbridge VoTech	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$325.00
EHH4	Sunset Trans	Edison HS	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$296.00 Aide - \$50.00
JP7	Road to Success	JP Stevens HS	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$305.00
WV3	D&L Bus	Woodbridge VoTech	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$389.00
WV4	D&L Bus	Woodbridge VoTech	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$389.00
CHA	D&L Bus	First Children	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$369.00 Aide - \$70.00
FDR2	D&L Bus	FD Roosevelt School	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$375.00 Aide - \$80.00
FDR2X	D&L Bus	FD Roosevelt School	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$375.00 Aide - \$80.00
JMPA	D&L Bus	J Madison IS/PS Complex	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$389.00 Aide - \$70.00
MEN	D&L Bus	Menlo Park ES	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$400.00 Aide - \$80.00
HHL3	ABC	H Hoover MS	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$243.00
JAL2	ABC	J Adams MS	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$243.00
TJL3	ABC	T Jefferson MS	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$243.00
CAN	NELVI	Center School	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$370.00 Aide - \$90.00
CPCU	NELVI	CPC High Point	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$290.00 Aide - \$90.00
WAB	D&L Bus	Washington ES	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$400.00 Aide - \$80.00
WAT	D&L Bus	Washington ES	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$400.00 Aide - \$80.00
EHBB	D&L Bus	Edison HS	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$240.00 Aide - \$40.00
FDR3	Road to Success	FD Roosevelt School	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$305.00 Aide - \$80.00
MDSE	Sunset	J Madison PS/IS Complex	12/22/21-06/30/22	\$446.00 Aide - \$44.00



Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Finance Resolutions. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Mrs. Kluck 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.

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Athletics Committee

The Athletic Committee met on December 2, 2021 at 12:00 Noon at the Education Center.

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

#### Items Discussed:

- The Committee discussed the status of the fields at Woodrow Wilson Middle School and they agreed that the District should get estimates for installing a sprinkler system and having the fields seeded. Dr. Bragen will secure these estimates and bring them to the Finance and Facilities Committee for review. The Committee also asked to get the prices of bollards to stop automobiles from gaining access to the fields.
- The Committee requested that additional bike racks be ordered for both high schools. Dr. Bragen informed the Committee that additional bike racks have already been ordered for both schools.
- The Committee asked to secure estimates for creating permanent Cricket Pitches for Thomas Jefferson Middle School similar to those previously installed at Woodrow Wilson Middle School.
- There are areas of the playground at the FD Roosevelt School that needed to be repaired. The District will get this done as soon as possible.
- Concern was also raised regarding whether children are required to ride the athletic buses to and from athletic events, and that this was enforced inconsistently across the district. Dr. Bragen will research this and determine if an actual policy exists and look for consistency across all schools.
- Currently, there are no middle school volleyball teams and this was previously approved in budgets for past years.
- Concern was also raised about having middle school girls and boys basketball tryouts on the same days. The Committee will see if this can be done at different times.
- A question was also posed about having the current cricket fields rolled on a regular basis. Dr. Bragen informed the Committee that the District purchased a roller and it is used on the pitches when needed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 P.M.

### 2. Township Liaison Committee

The Township Liaison Committee met on December 7, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.

In attendance were: Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Edward Aldarelli, Mohin Patel, Virginia White, Councilwoman Joyce Ship-Freeman, Mayor-elect Councilman Sam Joshi, and via Zoom, Shivi Madhukar, Biral Patel, Councilman Ajay Patil, Mayor Thomas Lankey, Deputy Fire Chief/OEM Coordinator Andy Toth, Township Business Administrator Maureen Ruane, Deputy Police Chief Robert Dudash and Sargent Douglas Turner

Items Discussed:

- Deputy Chief Toth provided a COVID19 update. Booster Shot Clinics are scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup> for employees. The Township is working with FEMA to obtain monies from Hurricane Ida's storm damage.
- Both Deputy Chief Toth and Ms. Ship-Freeman are working, along with Dr. Bragen, on the program directed toward high school students who express an interest in becoming either Firefighters or Policemen. This project has been expanded to include various township departments and is being coordinated with school administrators. Deputy Chief Toth stated that he is working with Ms. Ship-Freeman on connecting with students. Quite a few students do not have direction on what they want to become. The plan is to create a video for students to view, so they can see what is available to them. The video is expected to be ready for January.
- Mayor Lankey provided the Committee with an update on the Stelton School project. Mrs. White asked about the Recreation Open Space Inventory (ROSI) status of the Stelton Property. Ms. Ruan suggested that the Committee meet with the Green Acres Representatives, and if Dr. Bragen gets representatives from the district, she will set up the meeting. Dr. Bragen said he would facilitate the meeting.
- The Committee will have an update on the status of the Truman Avenue property when Mr. Northgrave returns from vacation. Mrs. Madhukar asked when the environmental study was done at the Kilmer Property. Ms. Ruane stated it was done at least ten years ago. Mrs. Madhukar suggested that they contact Dan Michaud, former Business Administrator, to find information on this study. Dr. Bragen said he would facilitate.
- Mrs. White asked about the before and after school programs. It was suggested at a previous meeting about the possibility of having High School Students volunteer. She spoke with Ms. Joyce Fircha from the Edison Recreation Department who stated that John P. Stevens High School as a program in place already and it could possibly be expanded to Edison High School students as well.
- Deputy Chief Dudash and Sargent Turner provide the Committee with information regarding the issue of crossing guards. The Township is exploring a variety of options, and at present, are looking to consolidate a few crossing guard locations. They have six or seven applicants in the process of becoming crossing guards. This will have a big impact on improving this situation. The Police Department is reaching out to the community and continues to make everyone aware fo the need for crossing guards.
- The Committee asked about a concern a parent living on Jackson Avenue had about truck traffic during the beginning of the school day and at dismissal. The question was raised as to the possibility of traffic being limited during those hours. Deputy Chief Dudash is aware of these concerns and the Department is working on possible solutions. Mayor-elect Joshi said possible solutions would be explored, including Liddle Avenue.
- Mrs. White also mentioned concerns with traffic patterns at John P. Stevens High School. Mrs. Madhukar spoke of the poor shape of Floyd Road and that the road and sidewalk are in need of repair. Deputy Chief Dudash spoke of the success of police intervention requiring people to make a right turn only when exiting John P. Stevens High School campus to increase traffic flow and this made a significant improvement. Mrs. Madhukar said the problem still exists and the way traffic is managed in the parking lot causes some of the congestion. Mr. Mohin Patel suggested that Floyd Street be opened to normal traffic. Deputy Chief Dudash will look into these options and explore all suggestions. Additionally, Mrs. Madhukar suggested creating designated bike lanes for students. Deputy Chief Dudash will share the information with the Engineering Department.
- Sargent Turner will work with the Committee to take a look at what can be done onsite to enhance the traffic flow at John P. Stevens High School.
- Mrs. White shared a rough estimate for the proposed Stelton School project. The cost is roughly \$14-16 million. The Committee is still waiting for one more estimate.

- The issue of overcrowding is a priority in the District. Mayor-elect Joshi stressed that Mayor Lankey has been very helpful with the transition and that he is prioritizing the schools on his agenda and promised to allocate \$2 million for a new bond referendum.
- Ms. Gloria Dittman provided the Committee with an update on the Edison Art Society. There is a new exhibit at the Municipal Building for those who have the opportunity to visit. The Gazebo in Papaianni Park remains a work in progress. The Art Society is planning banners honoring Hometown Heroes and they will provide funding for this project.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. at the Education Center.

### 3. Curriculum & Technology Committee

The Curriculum and Technology Committee met on December 16, 2021 at 12:00 Noon via ZOOM.

In attendance were: Shannon Peng, Dr. Yunxia Chen, Mohin Patel, Shivi Madhukar, Baninder Mahabir, Gail Pawlikowski and Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D.

#### Items Discussed:

- High School quarterlies will be administered for marking period two. The quarterlies have been adjusted to only include content taught in marking periods one and two of this year.
- Several middle school science classes will be piloting new science textbooks for marking period three. Teachers will receive professional development and training prior to the pilot.
- In September, middle school World Language classes and electives will move from an A/B schedule to a semester schedule. Parents and students will be provided information prior to selecting the classes for the next school year.

### 4. Middlesex County School Boards Association

The Middlesex County School Boards Association met on November 22, 2021.

In attendance from the Edison Board of Education in person were Carol Bodofsky and Elizabeth Conway and virtually, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi and Mohin Patel.

#### Items Discussed:

- Information for Newly Elected Board of Education Members: Work with the Board of Education Secretary to complete registration and training. Criminal background checks and fingerprints need to be submitted within 30 days of certification of election results. In person training will take place the weekends of February 4 thru 6 or March 4 thru 6. The Friday, or first day session of both dates is a virtual evening session, with Saturday and Sunday being in person.
- Greetings from the NLSBA Officers was announced by Bruce Young.
- Board of Directors Update was given by Joyce Mehta.
- Legislative Updates were given by Christopher Jones virtually.
- An update from the Field was presented by Mary Ann Friedman. Ms. Friedman recommended a book “Fundamentals of School Board Membership” (NJSBA) This book is good for new and not-so-new-members.
- There was a presentation by Bert Mandelbaum, MD on “Changing School Start Times for the Health and Education of Adolescents” promoting better health and educational outcomes for students. This is a hot topic for schools throughout this area.

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Event - Reorganization Meeting  
Date - Monday, January 3, 2022  
Location – Education Center (Caucus Room)  
Moved to John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)  
Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event - Caucus Meeting  
Date - Thursday, January 20, 2022 (Tentative)  
Location – John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)  
Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event - Public Meeting  
Date - Tuesday, January 25, 2022 (Tentative)  
Location – John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)  
Time - 7:00 P.M.

VIII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. White reported that the tree lighting ceremony was wonderful, the Edison High School band concert was excellent, and spoke about the township south-end tradition. She congratulated Mrs. Conway and Dr. Chen and thanked them for being on the Board.

Mrs. Bodofsky thanked Dr. Chen and Mrs. Conway for serving on the Board of Education.

Mrs. Conway spoke about the John P. Stevens High School Farm Stand. She mentioned that once off the Board she will not be going anywhere and will participate at meetings as a resident.

Dr. Chen stated she was honored to serve as a member of the Board.

Mrs. Madhukar thanked Dr. Chen and Mrs. Conway for their service to the Board.

Mr. B. Patel also congratulated Dr. Chen and Mrs. Conway for all they did as Board Members.

Mrs. Peng congratulated Dr. Chen and Mrs. Conway for serving on the Board.

Mr. M. Patel thanked all board members, parents, students and the public.

Mr. Shi thanked Dr. Chen and Mrs. Conway for all they accomplished as members of the Board.

Dr. Bragen commended Mrs. Conway and Dr. Chen for all they did for the students of Edison Township. He also said that the District would be lenient with COVID excused absences. Dr. Bragen spoke about fights in the schools and stated that students are struggling.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Kelly, resident, stated that the Thomas Jefferson Middle School orchestra was fantastic with one microphone. He questioned the elimination of Veteran’s Day on the School Calendar.

A resident thanked the outgoing board members and questioned excused absences, the recent TikTok gun panic, suggested two weeks off for Christmas vacation and the use of metal detectors in the schools.

Heidi Montana, resident discussed continuity with the middle school music program and teachers schedules with students.

Tony DePasquale, resident spoke about remote schooling, and the criteria for remote schooling. He thanked Mrs. Conway and Dr. Chen for serving on the Board and asked about the IT Study.

Maria Orchid, resident, discussed mental health issues, social and emotional learning, regressions and how they are being handled, the traffic study and Stelton School.

Manesh Patel, resident, questioned Mrs. Peng's Curriculum Committee report, the traffic at all schools, lights at Edison High School.

Christo Makroupolos, resident asked if new property is better than expansions on schools. He discussed an ethics violation and illegal citizens over parents/students.

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to close public comments. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. B. Patel and approved by all members present.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to adjourn this December 21, 2021 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education at 8:55 P.M. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. B. Patel and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



v. President's Report  
Ann T. Kluck  
Assistant Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary  
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