

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The March 22, 2022 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Douglas Schneider, at 7:00 P.M. at John P. Stevens High School, 855 Grove Avenue, Edison, NJ.

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Kluck took the roll, and the following members were present:  
Mr. Douglas Schneider, President, Mrs. Shivi Madhukar, Vice President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, Mrs. Shannon Peng, Mrs. Virginia White, Mr. Mohin Patel, Mr. Biral Patel, and Mr. Brian Rivera.

Also in attendance were Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent, and Mrs. Ann T. Kluck, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. David Rubin, Board Attorney

III. OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Schneider 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 4<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

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

IV. RECOGNITION – DR. JOAN VALENTINE, PRINCIPAL AT JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dr. Joan Valentine, Principal at John Adams Middle School, received the Patriot Award, presented by Captain Zeita Merchant of the United States Coast Guard. One of Dr. Valentine's employees, LTJG Todd Pagel, a member of the United States Coast Guard, nominated her for this award, for her support of Mr. Pagel and his family during his deployment with the Coast Guard.

V. PUBLIC HEARING – 2022-2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS – PRELIMINARY BUDGET

There were no public comments at this time.

B. APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Edison, New Jersey, (Middlesex County), having worked out a budget to cover the cost of operation of the Public Schools of Edison, New Jersey, (Middlesex County), for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, showing the total amount estimated to be:

\$300,461,684

and;

WHEREAS, the total state funds and federal funds etc., for the school year 2022-2023 are estimated to be: \$65,448,516

and;  
WHEREAS, the school budget must be submitted to the Office of the Middlesex County Executive County Superintendent for approval to advertise.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the amount of money estimated to be necessary for the operation of the Public Schools of Edison, New Jersey, (Middlesex County), for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, exclusive of state, county, federal and other funds is: \$235,013,168

as per Summary as follows:

<u>Total Budget</u>	\$300,461,684
Less State Aid	\$50,101,461
Less Tuition (Other Districts)	250,000
Less Other State Aid	1,270,510
Less Miscellaneous Revenue	1,601,000
Less Special Federal Programs	6,348,527
Less Appropriated Free Balance	5,877,018
Total Local Tax Levy	\$235,013,168
For Current Expense	\$271,196,699
For Capital Outlay	22,001,983
For Debt Service	518,750
For Federal/State Projects	5,735,492

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby, in accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7 establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2022-2023 school year at the sum of \$252,000; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education approves the budgeting of \$18,018,404 to the Capital Reserve Account; and

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED: that the administration was authorized to submit the tentative proposed 2022-2023 budget to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval by the due date of 3/28/22.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice President, discussed curriculum issues and Biology labs.

Brian Bigelo, teacher, discussed changing Biology from 6 periods to 5 periods to help assist in overcrowding.

Kristen Jaswaldo, resident, asked the board to reconsider removing Freshman Biology labs.

Manesh Patel, resident, discussed overcrowding issues.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, felt students were not getting “Nothing Less Than Excellence” for incoming Biology Freshmen. She questioned the overcrowding issues and mentioned that National Autism Awareness Month is coming up and praised the Special Education department.

Sara Cursor, resident, questioned verification of residents and questioned AP Physics in the curriculum.

Mr. Benkat, resident, asked the Board to table the Biology item and bring back the lab.

Francesca Koval, John P. Stevens High School teacher, asked the Board to table the Biology issue.

Christo Makroupolus, resident, questioned a settlement resolution.

Lynne Castle, resident, felt there was no cohesiveness with the current board.

VII. 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

ID #109538	Effective: 02/24/22 Reason: Termination
Acha, Irina- GSA- Class A Club Edison High School	Effective: 02/22/22 Reason: Personal
Aggarwal, Surbhi – Paraprofessional Edison High School	Effective: 03/29/22 Reason: Personal
Dallas, Robert – Custodian John Adams Middle School	Effective: 03/04/22 Reason: Personal
Donelan, Cassidy – Teacher – Math Herbert Hoover Middle School	Effective: 03/04/22 Reason: Job Abandonment
Edwards, Katrina – Teacher – Math Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Effective: 04/14/22 Reason: Personal
Harris, Veronica- African Student Association-Pilot Club Edison High School	Effective: 01/31/22 Reason: Club Abolished
Khan, Tabassum – Paraprofessional FDR School	Effective: 02/15/22 Reason: Declined Offer
LoCosta, Tina- Newspaper Club-Co-Curricular Menlo Park School	Effective: 02/28/22 Reason: Personal



Wcislo, Karolyn – Teacher – Social Studies  
Herbert Hoover Middle School

Effective: 06/30/22  
24 years, 3 months 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>
Jamshed, Nimra Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22	Step 1/BA \$53,000 Kean University	Transfer	Teacher – Visual Arts Edison High School (for T. White)
Josko, Devyn Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22	BA \$41,600 Kean University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School (for ID #101185)
Leigh, Heidi Effective TBD-06/30/22	MA \$45,205 Eastern Michigan University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 5 James Madison Intermediate School (for ID #106581)
Manzo, Amanda Effective TBD-06/30/22	BA \$41,600 Rowan University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 Woodbrook School (for ID#108051)
Moore, Valerie Effective 04/11/22-06/30/22	BA \$41,600 NJCU	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Biology Edison High School (for ID #106674)
Ravula, Maithreyi Effective TBD-06/30/22	MA \$45,205 Rutgers University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – English Edison High School (for ID #108233)
Sanchez, Nicole Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 7/MA+30 ESSA \$70,646 Montclair State University	Resignation	School Psychologist Education Center/EELC/FDR School (for E. Both)
Simon, Anne Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 14/BA \$95,111 Rutgers University	Resignation	Teacher – French Edison High School (for H. Bensetti-Benbader)

<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Adeclas, Marie Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 4 \$32,186	21-22 Budget	Bus Driver Education Center (New Position)
Bilal, Shumyla Effective 04/01/22-06/30/22	Step 2/BA/ Stipend \$21,900 University of Pakistan	Retirement	Paraprofessional FDR School (for T. Ricigliano)
Butler, Mahoganie Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Monroe School (for D. Ramtirthkar)
Epuri, Jahnvi Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resigned	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School (for D. Shah)
Fernandez, Jamie Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 8 \$53,750	Transfer	Administrative Secretary – Enrollment Education Center (for K. Giordano)
Gaikward, Sonali Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School (for L. James)
Kapoor, Barkha Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22	Step 1/BA Stipend \$21,400	Transfer	Paraprofessional FDR School (for J. Sarella)
Kawala, Shilpa Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resigned	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School (for R. Bhattacharjee)
Kovacs, Ruby Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 4 \$16,726	21-22 Budget	Bus Aide Education Center (New Position)
Mehta, Priti Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School (for M. Ariza)
Moreno, Maribel Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22	Step 4 \$32,186	21-22 Budget	Bus Driver Education Center (New Position)

Pai, Tapasi Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School (for S. Srinivasan)
Pellicano, Dennis Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22	\$50,000	Transfer	Technology Specialist I Education Center (for C. Tummala)
Shelke, Preetam Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 1/BA/ Stipend \$21,400 Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya	Resignation	Paraprofessional FDR School (for C. Delia)
Suskar, Priyanka Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide James Monroe School (for L. Yopez)
Teal, Elizabeth Effective 04/01/22-06/30/22	Step 1/Stipend \$20,300	Resignation	Paraprofessional John Marshall School (for S. Joseph)
Trivedi, Parul Effective TBD-06/30/22	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide John Marshall School (for L. Petracca)

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ID #101144 Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	02/07/22-03/13/22
ID #124076 Edison High School	Medical Fed FMLA-Revised	With Pay Without Pay	01/13/22-01/17/22 01/18/22-04/11/22
ID #103856 John Marshall School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	04/12/22-04/24/22 04/25/22-05/22/22
ID #108662 James Madison Primary School	Medical Maternity Fed FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	05/02/22 05/03/22-05/31/22 06/01/22-06/13/22
ID #104969 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical	With Pay	02/23/22-03/22/22
ID #106812 John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay Without Pay, With Benefits	02/24/22-03/09/22 03/10/22-04/10/22

ID #107112 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	05/04/22-05/09/22
	Fed FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	05/10/22-06/30/22
	NJ FLA	Without Pay	09/01/22-11/23/22
	Child Care	Without Pay	11/24/22-04/11/23
ID #105687 Woodrow Wilson Middle School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	04/25/22-05/08/22
ID #105780 Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	04/06/22-04/24/22
ID #108391 John Marshall School	Medical	With Pay	05/04/22-05/18/22
	Maternity	With Pay	05/19/22-06/30/22
ID #124109 Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Fed FMLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	03/02/22-06/30/22
ID #101595 Washington School	NJ FLA-Intermittent	Without Pay	03/09/22-06/30/22
ID #108188 John Marshall School	Medical	With Pay	02/22/22-03/07/22
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	03/08/22-04/18/22
ID #103627 Benjamin Franklin School	Fed FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	01/18/22-03/14/22
	Medical	Without Pay, With Benefits	03/15/22-03/25/22
ID #107741 John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	02/17/22-04/03/22
ID #105813 Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	04/26/22-05/27/22
ID #102162 Martin Luther King School	NJ FLA-Intermittent	Without Pay	03/16/22-06/30/22
ID #107061 John P. Stevens High School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/07/22-02/01/22
	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	02/02/22-03/15/22
	NJ FLA-Revised	Without Pay	03/16/22-06/15/22
ID #101370 Education Center/Benjamin Franklin School	Medical	With Pay	12/16/21-12/22/21
	Maternity	With Pay	12/23/21-01/24/22
	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	01/25/22-02/02/22
	NJ FLA	Without Pay	02/03/22-05/04/22
	Child Care	Without Pay & Benefits	05/05/22-06/30/22
ID #108086 Benjamin Franklin School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/31/22-03/11/22
	Fed FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	03/14/22-06/12/22
	Medical	Without Pay, With Benefits	06/13/22-06/17/22



ID #109536 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	02/15/22-02/18/22
ID #124297 Lindeneau School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	02/11/22-03/13/22 03/14/22-04/24/22 04/25/22-06/30/22
ID #104893 Edison High School	NJ FLA Personal-Revised	Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	10/04/21-01/09/22 01/10/22-04/03/22
ID #105527 John Marshall School	Medical Maternity NJ FLA Child Care	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	05/31/22-06/09/22 06/10/22-06/30/22 09/01/22-11/23/22 11/24/22-01/27/23
ID #103060 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical	With Pay	02/14/22-03/20/22
ID #101023 Edison High School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised NJ FLA-Revised	With Pay With Pay With Pay	03/21/22-03/31/22 04/01/22-05/26/22 05/27/22-06/30/22
ID #102626 Edison High School	Medical Fed FMLA-Revised	With Pay Without Pay	01/31/22-03/03/22 03/04/22-05/08/22
ID #104014 Edison High School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	03/21/22-06/30/22
ID #101185 John Adams Middle School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	02/23/22-05/24/22
ID #106890 John Marshall School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	03/14/22-04/24/22 04/25/22-06/05/22
ID #106744 Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	03/03/22-03/20/22
ID #124329 Education Center	NJ FLA-Revised	Without Pay	02/01/22-03/06/22
ID #104417 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Fed FMLA	Without Pay	03/09/22-05/31/22
ID #105827 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Military-Revised	With Pay	09/01/21-03/13/22

ID #124566 Benjamin Franklin School	Fed FMLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	03/12/22-06/30/22
ID #104618 Benjamin Franklin School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/03/22-04/10/22
ID #108689 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical Maternity	With Pay With Pay	05/23/22-06/10/22 06/11/22-06/30/22
ID #107300 James Madison Primary School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised NJ FLA-Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	01/10/22-02/09/22 02/10/22-03/23/22 03/24/22-06/30/22
ID #108637 Lincoln School	Medical-Revised Fed FMLA-Revised NJ FLA NJ FLA Child Care	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	03/07/22-04/03/22 04/04/22-05/28/22 05/29/22-06/30/22 09/01/22-11/02/22 11/03/22-01/27/23
ID #124244 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical Fed FMLA NJ FLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	03/21/22-04/01/22 04/02/22-06/30/22 09/01/22-11/23/22
ID #109652 James Monroe School	Medical Maternity-Revised NJ FLA-Revised NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	03/22/22-04/02/22 04/03/22-04/10/22 04/11/22-06/30/22 09/01/22-09/22/22
ID #106581 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised Fed FMLA-Revised NJ FLA-Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	02/07/22-02/20/22 02/21/22-03/29/22 03/30/22-04/03/22 04/04/22-06/30/22
ID #103002 Benjamin Franklin School	Medical	With Pay	03/24/22-05/08/22
ID #103778 Lincoln School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	04/08/22-05/31/22 06/01/22-06/03/22
ID #101965 John Adams Middle School ID #124118 James Madison Intermediate School	Military-Revised Military Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised NJ FLA-Revised	With Pay Without Pay With Pay With Pay Without Pay	09/01/21-03/31/22 04/01/22-06/30/22 02/02/22-02/05/22 02/06/22-03/19/22 03/21/22-06/30/22
ID #104583 Education Center	Medical	With Pay	03/23/22-04/24/22

ID #105234 John P. Stevens High School	NJ FLA-Intermittent	Without Pay	03/03/22-06/30/22
ID #103770 Martin Luther King School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	03/23/22-05/10/22
ID #104668 James Madison Primary School	Medical Maternity	With Pay With Pay	04/25/22-04/28/22 04/29/22-06/09/22
ID #102839 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	02/07/22-03/24/22 03/25/22-05/01/22
ID #103224 FDR School	Maternity-Revised Fed FMLA-Revised NJ FLA-Revised	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	02/06/22-03/11/22 03/12/22-04/02/22 04/04/22-05/30/22
ID #124508 Woodbrook School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	04/28/22-05/08/22
ID #103812 Education Center	Child Care-Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	03/28/22-06/30/22
ID #108814 James Madison Primary School	NJ FLA-Intermittent	Without Pay	03/23/22-06/30/22
ID #104206 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical	With Pay	04/06/22-05/03/22

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

Certified Staff	From	Reason for Change	To
Bandola, Brooke	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Health/PE John P. Stevens High School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Health/PE John P. Stevens High School Effective 02/07/22-06/30/22
DaSilva, Jillian	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/21-02/18/22	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/21-03/31/22
Hinton, Dashua	School Counselor District-wide Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	School Counselor District-wide Effective 04/29/22-06/30/22
Johnson, Delores	Long Term Substitute School Social Worker Education Center Effective 01/03/22-04/22/22	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute School Social Worker Education Center Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22

Johnson, Krista	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 01/31/22-05/13/22	Revised End Date	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 01/31/22-05/13/22 Then Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education James Madison Primary School Effective 05/14/22-06/09/22
Macchia, Anthony	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Health/PE James Madison Primary School/ James Madison Intermediate School Effective TBD-04/29/22	Revised Start Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Health/PE James Madison Primary School/ James Madison Intermediate School Effective 02/02/22-04/29/22
Meyer, Brittany	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Elementary Lincoln School Effective 01/03/22-03/21/22	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Elementary Lincoln School Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22
Schroth, Scott	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School Effective 11/29/21-02/25/22	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School Effective 11/29/21-03/18/22
Summonte, Tiffany	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Woodbrook School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Woodbrook School Effective 02/02/22-06/30/22
Swayze, Catherine	Assistant Principal FDR School / EELC Effective 07/01/21-06/30/22	Transfer	Assistant Principal Edison High School Effective 04/01/22-06/30/22
Torre, Kasey	Long Term Substitute Supervisor– Special Services Salary \$114,917 (pro- rated)Education Center Effective 11/01/21-04/14/22 Then Social Worker Salary \$98,285Education Center Effective 04/15/22-06/30/22	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Supervisor – Special Services Salary \$114,917 (pro-rated) Education Center Effective 11/01/21-06/30/22

Wahl, Alexander	Teacher – Music Step 2/BA \$54,000 Menlo Park School/ Lindeneau School Effective 09/29/21-06/30/22	Salary Adjustment	Teacher – Music Step 5/BA \$56,000 Menlo Park School/ Lindeneau School Effective 09/29/21-06/30/22
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Azeem, Uzma	Library Aide Step 2, Salary \$20,500 John Marshall School Effective 09/01/21-06/30/22	Transfer	Administrative Secretary- Transportation Step 1, Salary \$46,000 Education Center Effective 04/01/22-06/30/22 (for L. Errico)
Cabrales-Ramirez, Gustavo	Custodian/Flex John P. Stevens High School Effective 07/01/21-06/30/21	Transfer	Custodian 3:00pm-11:30pm John P. Stevens High School Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22
Durrani, Rubina	Paraprofessional Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/21-06/30/22	Transfer	Paraprofessional FDR School Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22
Errico, Lisa	School Secretary IIIB John Marshall School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	School Secretary IIIB John Marshall School Effective 04/01/22-06/30/22
Giardina, Elaine	Paraprofessional Salary \$ 41,600 Woodbrook School Effective 09/01/21-06/30/22	Salary Adjustment- Stipend Removal	Paraprofessional Salary \$ 41,300 Woodbrook School Effective 02/01/22-06/30/22
Ling, Michael	Paraprofessional Edison High School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Paraprofessional Edison High School Effective 02/25/22-06/30/22
Murphy, Scott	Maintenance- Glazier/Toolperson Step 11 Salary \$74,811 Education Center Effective 07/01/21-06/30/22	Resignation	Assistant Director of Facilities Salary \$85,000 Education Center Effective 04/01/22-06/30/22 (for W. Tanajauskas)
Pandey, Aparajita	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School Effective 03/01/22-06/30/22

Smith, Beverly	Lunch Aide John Marshall School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Lunch Aide John Marshall School Effective 02/28/22-06/30/22
Sullivan, Kathleen	Teacher Aide Salary \$24,550 Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 09/01/21-06/30/22	Salary Adjustment- Stipend	Teacher Aide Salary \$24,850 Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 09/01/21-06/30/22
Troiano, Jaclyn	Security Guard John Marshall School Effective 07/01/21-06/30/22	Transfer	Security Guard John P. Stevens High School Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22

6. LONGEVITY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Baldassare, Kim	HHMS	25	04/23/22	\$106,984	\$107,437
Bowler, Amanda	JMI	21	04/11/22	\$107,539	\$108,010
Ciervo, Natalie	TJMS	23	04/23/22	\$114,295	\$114,785
Clymer, Nicole	JAMS	21	04/01/22	\$112,844	\$113,334
Dominguez, Nicole	JAMS	21	04/15/22	\$109,442	\$109,923
Drobbin, Stacey	WWMS	22	04/01/22	\$109,426	\$109,897
Hinterstein, Jannine	TJMS	21	04/10/22	\$108,539	\$109,010
Hofer, Walter	TJMS	26	04/01/22	\$107,437	\$107,891
Lambert, Kristine	LNC	19	04/21/22	\$106,475	\$106,947
Mendez-Bogash, Yarida	EHS	21	04/01/22	\$103,807	\$104,261
Michaud, Melanie	LNC	19	04/14/22	\$101,280	\$101,734
Mullin, Amanda	MEN	18	04/06/22	\$106,354	\$106,844
Osmond, Kelly	JAMS	17	04/18/22	\$97,269	\$97,722
Poland Melissa	TJMS	20	04/09/22	\$107,567	\$108,039
Pontrella, Lisa	LNC	27	04/25/22	\$111,813	\$112,285
Savulich, Patricia	JPS	23	04/06/22	\$106,076	\$106,530
Selesky, Michelle	TJMS	25	04/25/22	\$111,341	\$111,813
Singh, Kruti	EHS	19	04/25/22	\$99,910	\$100,381
Solares, Lidice	JAMS	21	04/04/22	\$104,052	\$104,515
Spagnoletti, Alicia	WWMS	24	04/19/22	\$106,530	\$106,984
Stern, Renee	HHMS	20	04/01/22	\$105,210	\$105,672
Tchorz, Lisa	HHMS	24	04/19/22	\$111,869	\$112,341
Wcislo, Karolyn	HHMS	24	04/01/22	\$108,449	\$108,912
Winik, Laura	WBR	17	04/22/22	\$98,551	\$99,014
Zambrano, Dawn	BEN	18	04/17/22	\$108,877	\$109,372
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL					
Narvaes-Ruiz, Randy	WBK	5	04/23/22	\$149,933	\$150,047
ESSA					
Desimone, Christen	JPH	23	04/07/22	\$119,471	\$119,990

## FACILITY MANAGER

Mennitt, Betty Ann	HHM	6	04/05/22	\$81,945	\$83,246
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7. ADDITIONAL PERIOD ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Additional Pay</u>
Alvarez, Lauren	Special Ed.-1.2	EDH	04/01/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Amodio, James	Math-1.2	EDH	04/26/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Andino, Manuel	Spanish-1.2	EDH	03/17/22-05/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Andriano, Danielle	Math-1.2	EDH	04/26/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Arminio, Jennifer	English-1.2	HHMS	02/28/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Blarr, Erin	Math-1.2	EDH	04/26/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Brito, Carla	Special Ed.-1.2	EDH	04/01/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Brogran, Elizabeth	English-1.2	HHMS	02/28/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Bruns, Liza	Math-1.2	HHMS	03/07/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Caban, Jaye	Math-1.2	EDH	04/26/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Connell, Robin	Science-1.16	EDH	03/07/22-04/08/22	\$6,800 pro-rated
Fallon, Stephanie	Social Studies-1.2	TJMS	02/16/22-05/01/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Ferraro, Dianne	Special Ed.-1.04	EDH	04/07/22-06/08/22	\$1,740 pro-rated
Fulham, Matthew	Special Ed.-1.2	EDH	04/01/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
George, Tom	Social Studies-1.2	TJMS	02/16/22-05/01/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Griswold, Marilyn	Spanish-1.2	EDH	03/17/22-05/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Heinze, Christine	English-Revised End Date	EDH	01/10/22-02/04/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Hennika, Erika	Special Ed.-1.2	EDH	04/07/22-06/08/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Huaman, Raul	Music-1.2	JPH	09/01/20-06/30/21	\$8,500
Jammal, Charles	Special Ed.-1.2	EDH	04/01/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Kempf, Sarah	English-1.2	HHMS	02/28/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Martinez, David	Social Studies-1.2	TJMS	02/16/22-05/01/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
McGrory, John	Social Studies-1.4	TJMS	02/16/22-05/01/22	\$17,000 pro-rated
Milton, Jessica	Spanish-1.2	EDH	03/17/22-05/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
O'Neil, Laura	English-1.2	HHMS	02/28/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Pagano, Christopher	Special Ed.-1.2	EDH	04/01/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Patel, Sonal	Math-1.2	HHMS	03/07/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Peach, John	Social Studies-1.2	JAMS	03/21/22-TBD	\$8,500 pro-rated
Pelt, Krystina	Math-1.2	HHMS	02/24/22-04/06/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Pfeiffer, Lyndsey	Math-1.2	HHMS	03/07/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Pierce, Steve	Social Studies-1.2	JAMS	03/21/22-TBD	\$8,500 pro-rated
Rasimowicz, Stephanie	Math-1.2	EDH	4/26/22-05/27/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Sandler, Rachel	Science-1.16	EDH	03/07/22-04/08/22	\$6,800 pro-rated
Scimone, Roseanna	Special Ed.-1.2	EDH	04/07/22-06/08/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Serrano-Vacca, Odalys	Spanish-1.2	EDH	03/17/22-05/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Singh, Kruti	Science-1.24	EDH	03/07/22-04/08/22	\$10,240 pro-rated

Singh, Jaslin	Science -1.2	EDH	03/07/22-04/08/22	\$8,540 pro-rated
Smith, Angela	Social Studies-1.2	JAMS	03/21/22-TBD	\$8,500 pro-rated
Smith, Kristen	Math-1.2	HHMS	03/07/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Smith, Tracie	Special Ed.-1.04	EDH	04/07/22-06/08/22	\$1,740 pro-rated
Sohan, Asha	Science-1.2	JPH	02/22/22-03/28/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Sudia, Skyeler	Social Studies-1.2	JAMS	03/21/22-TBD	\$8,500 pro-rated
Tujague, Michele	Science-Revised date	JPH	09/06/21-02/16/22	\$10,240 pro-rated
Tchorz, Lisa	Math-1.2	HHMS	02/24/22-04/06/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Van De Wetering, Alexandra	Spanish-1.2	EDH	03/17/22-05/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
VanPell, Melanie	Special Ed.-1.2	EDH	04/07/22-06/08/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Vesuvio, Anthony	Social Studies-1.2	JAMS	03/21/22-TBD	\$8,500 pro-rated
Zapoticzny, Matthew	Science-1.16	EDH	03/07/22-04/08/22	\$6,800 pro-rated

8. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFIED STAFF 10 MONTH STAFF – Professional Development Institute Credits - \$300- Effective 02/01/2022

Name	Location	Position
Wilken, Sima	EDH	Paraprofessional

9. 2021-2022 SUBSTITUTES – County Certificate or CE - \$100/day  
CEAS or Standard Certificate - \$120/day - \*Student teachers

Almolki, Batoul	Cervelli, Erin	Kanase, Bhakti	Raizada, Shivani
Biswas, Mili	Giannettino, Tracy	Morales-Avila, Uriel	Retkwa, Shannon
Buddana, Uma	Innocenti, Michelle	Philibos, Nariman	
Custodian - \$15/hour			
LaPlant, Xavier	Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Yessenia	Saavedra, Augusto	

Administrator - \$500/day

Lambusta, Michael

10. 2022 TITLE I - P.A.W.S (Partnerships for Academic Success, Wellness, and Social Learning) – Washington School – Effective 02/01/22-05/31/22 - \$30.00 per hour for 1 student, \$37.00 per hour for 2 students, \$40.00 per hour for 3-5 students, 1-2 hours per week up to 20 weeks \*dependent upon student participation

Afonso, Katelyn	Mendoza, Alexandra	Rivera, Tony
Book, Kate	Minto, Kathryn	Santiago, Edna
Busse, Suzanne	Muldowney, Marylynn	Silvestri, Lynette
Cerchio, Jennifer	Nienburg, Antoinette	Tomasiello, Taylor
DeMaria, Madison	Nuzzo, Kayla	Witkowski, Tori
Edwards, Kathleen	Penny, Stacey	Wirtanen, Nicole
Eichert, Cathy	Riccobono, Mary	Zor, Julianna
Mattia, Dana	Ring, Michelle	



- 11. 2022 Teacher/Student Mentor Program- James Monroe School- Effective 03/23/22-06/30/22 - \$30.00 per hour for 1 student, \$37.00 per hour for 2 students, \$40.00 per hour for 3-5 students, 1-2 hours per week up to 20 weeks \*dependent upon student participation

Altman, Jennifer	Colletto, Kerri	Osofsky, Mark	Bell, Cheryl
Donner, Amy	Pedana, Kelly	Bennett, Erin	Drews, Kristen
Riley, Kristine	Biezewski-Carter, Brianna	Fernandez, Michael	Roca, Lydia
Bozarth, Samantha	Klem, Olivia	Rommel, Jennifer	Branz, Kristen
Krygina, Alona	Rossi, Nereo	Cancro, Olivia	McCann, Stephanie
Solecki, Carianne	Cheng, Vivian	Milton, Linda	Speckin, Maureen
Cichowski, Brianna	Murphy, Corie	Tobia, Morgan	

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

Klechevsky, Jonah      Weinbrenner, Sean

- 13. 2022-2023 ENRICHMENT AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMS – Effective 03/23/22-08/31/22

Secretary - \$25/hour  
Lindquist, Lori

- 14. SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL SUPERVISORS – Effective 04/01/22-08/12/22 – Stipend \$7,500

Nixon, Christine      Smith, Corrine

- 15. HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE and CAREER COUNSELORS SUMMER SESSIONS - \$50/hour

Edison High School – 30 hours each

Agmana, Eleanor      Sieminski, Laurie

John P. Stevens High School – 30 hours each

Nadel, Susan      Silberberg, Janine

- 16. 2022 SUMMER SECRETARIAL SUPPORT – School Counseling Office – 24 total days per building as indicated at their per diem rate of pay

Edison High School

Curtin, Sherrylynn      Tortajada, Nancy

John P. Stevens High School

Androvich, Lynda      Catalfamo, Jody      Shutz, Kim

- 17. SUMMER SECRETARY - As indicated at their per diem rate of pay

Schwartz, Sheryl

18. 2021-2022 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS

MENLO PARK SCHOOL  
CO-CURRICULAR

Newspaper Club	Snee, Elizabeth-effective 03/01/22	\$1,400 (Full)
Wingman Club	Calenda, Kristen-effective 03/01/22	\$1,330 (Full)

LINDENEAU SCHOOL  
CLASS A CLUB

Chorus	Wahl, Alexander-effective 03/01/22	\$1,075 (pro-rated)
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JAMES MADISON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
CLASS A CLUB

Science Maintenance Coordinator	Misko, Jennifer-effective 02/01/22	\$1,590 (Full)
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EDISON HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS A CLUB

GSA	Newbold, Emily-effective 02/23/22	\$1,075 (Full)
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19. COACHING APPOINTMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL – SPRING  
JPH

	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Assistant Coach – Boys’ Volleyball	Weber, Timothy	\$5,003	3
Assistant Coach – Girls’ Track	Jeffries, Jarrett	\$4,690	2
Assistant Coach – Boys’ Track	Collins, Benjamin	\$4,690	1
Assistant Coach – Boys’ Tennis	Mendez, Ana	\$4,690	1

EDH

Assistant Coach – Girls’ Track	Solorzano, Sarah	\$4,690	1
Assistant Coach – Boys’ Lacrosse	Levine, Daniel	\$4,690	1

MIDDLE SCHOOL - SPRING

WWMS

Coach – Softball	Connell, Haley	\$3,221	4
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COACHING – Change of Status

Yaskco, Michael

FROM

Assistant Coach- Boys’  
Lacrosse, Step 1 \$4,690

TO

Head Coach – Boys’ Lacrosse  
Step 1, \$6,510

20. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Transportation Specialist - Revised  
Bookkeeper - New

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

AYES: Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel, Mrs. White,  
Mrs. Peng, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Madhukar, Mr. Schneider

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. National Autism Awareness Month – April 2022

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 Township 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. Settlement Agreement

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves the settlement in the matter of K.C. and T.C. o/b/o F.C. v. Edison Township Board of Education, OAL Docket: EDS 07735-21, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement and General Release on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of High School Program of Studies – 2022-2023 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the High School Program of Studies for the 2022-2023 School Year, as annexed hereto.

2. Approval of Grouping Procedures – 2022-2023 School Year

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the Grouping Procedures for the 2022-2023 school year, as annexed hereto.

3. NJSLA/NJGPA Testing Schedule for Spring 2022

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following NJSLA/NJGPA Testing Schedule for the Spring of 2022:

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Grade(s)</u>	<u>Dates</u>
NJGPA ELA/MATH	11	March 14, 15, 16
NJGPA Make-ups	11	March 17, 18, 21, 25, 26, 27
NJSLA ELA/Math	9	April 26, 27, 28
NJSLA Science	11	April 26, 27
NJSLA Make-ups	9, 11	April 28, 29, May 2, 4
NJSLA ELA Math	3-5	May 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16
NJSLA Science	5	May 17, 18
NJSLA Make-ups	3-5	May 19-20, 23-25
NJSLA ELA/Math	6-8	May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
NJSLA Science	8	May 23, 24
NJSLA Make-ups	6-8	May 23-27

4. 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. Fifty-one students and one advisor from Edison High School’s Choir will be attending the Virginia Beach Festivals of Music Competition in Virginia Beach, VA in March 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.

2. Six students and one advisor from John P. Stevens High School's FCCLA will be attending the NJ FCCLA State Officers Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ in March 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
3. One student and one advisor from Edison High School's FCCLA will be attending the NJ FCCLA State Officers Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ in March 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
4. Fourteen students and two advisors from Woodrow Wilson Middle School's Model UN will be attending the Global Citizens Model United Nations Conference in New York, NY in March 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
5. Thirty students and one advisor from John P. Stevens High School's JSA-Political Science Club will be attending the Spring 2022 Political Science Major in Washington, DC in April 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
6. Four students and one advisor from Edison High School's DECA will be attending the Georgia DECA World Conference in Atlanta, GA in April 2022. There will be a cost to the Board of Education for \$1,579.70.

5. Professional Development Documentation

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 2022, as annexed hereto.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONFERENCE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REGISTRATION FEE</u>	<u>HOTEL EXPENSE</u> **	<u>OTHER EXPENSE</u> **	<u>FUND</u>
Patel, Mitisha	Ed Center	03/24/22-03/25/22	2022 NJPSA Conference: Celebrate	Atlantic City, NJ	\$320.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Cohen, Gregory	Ed Center	03/24/22-03/25/22	New Jersey Pupil Transportation Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$375.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Eyler, April	JPS	03/25/22	NJSPA Workshop/Convention	Atlantic City, NJ	\$160.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Ellermann, Patricia	Ed Center	04/05/22	Center for Literacy Development 2021-22	Piscataway, NJ	\$170.00	N/A	N/A	ESPA
Mahabir, Baninder	Ed Center	04/05/22	Center for Literacy Development 2021-22	Piscataway, NJ	\$170.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Mosley-Aviles, Maritza	Ed Center	04/05/22	Center for Literacy Development 2021-22	Piscataway, NJ	\$170.00	N/A	N/A	ESPA
Agmana, Eleanor	EHS	05/24/22-05/26/22	NJACAC Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$225.00	\$178.00	\$201.30	Professional Development
Sieminski, Laurie	EHS	05/24/22-05/26/22	NJACAC Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$225.00	\$178.00	\$201.30	Professional Development

Rubenstein, Michael	JPS	06/13/22-06/16/22	AP Computer Science	Virtual	\$550.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Fischer, Jennifer	Lindeneau	06/27/22-06/30/22	The Reading 7 Writing project: June Reading Institute 2022	Virtual	\$850.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Martinez, David	JPS	07/09/22-07/12/22	The Gilder Lehrman Teacher Symposium	Gettysburg, PA	\$500.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Patel, Hitisha	Ed Center	07/18/22-07/22/22	Equity Institute: Advancing Racial Equity in Education	Virtual	\$850.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Hall, Shaheda	JPS	07/25/22-07/29/22	Montana Counselor Tour	Missoula, MT	\$450.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Agmana, Eleanor	EHS	09/19/22-09/24/22	NACAC Annual Conference	Houston, TX	\$350.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,149.00	Professional Development
Sieminski, Laurie	EHS	09/19/22-09/24/22	NACAC Annual Conference	Houston, TX	\$350.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,149.00	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

Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to approve the Curriculum and Instruction Resolutions. Mr. Shi asked for a motion to table Curriculum Report Item (a) Only, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote to table Curriculum Report Item (a) Only, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel, Mrs. White, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Madhukar, Mr. Schneider

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to approve the Curriculum and Instruction Resolutions Items b, c, d and e. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote to table Curriculum Report Item (a) Only, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel, Mrs. White, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Madhukar, Mr. Schneider

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

**C. PUPIL/SPECIAL SERVICES**

**1. Out of District Placements – March 2022**

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>
3003089	02/25/22	Center for Lifelong Learning-ESCNJ	N/A	(\$21,840.00)	Terminated Placement (Transferred-Out)
2012130	01/31/22	Eden Autism	Eden Autism	\$50,323.00	IEP Team Decision (Continuing Placement)
3002032	02/22/22	Morris-Union Jointure Commission-DLC	New Road School of Somerset	\$25,270.00	IEP Team Decision (Change in Placement)
3020252	02/28/22	John P. Stevens High School	Harbor School	\$26,943.00	IEP Team Decision (New Placement)
3033913	03/07/22	Woodbrook Elementary School	Gateway School	\$26,617.00	IEP Team Decision (New Placement)
3034752	03/07/22	James Madison Intermediate School	Lakeview School	\$33,987.00	IEP Team Decision
3034536	02/28/22-04/01/22	Edison High School	Somerset County Educational Services Commission	\$ 9,392.00	New Placement (Interim Alternative Education Program)

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

AYES: Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel, Mrs. White, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Madhukar, Mr. Schneider

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

#### E. FINANCE

##### 1. Approval of Minutes – February 2022

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 10, 2022 Caucus Meeting and February 15, 2022 Public Meeting.

##### 2. Board Secretary's Report

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of January 31, 2022 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 FundsBE IT  
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, effective January 31, 2022:

To:		
11-000-230-109	General Administration Salaries	\$ 25,000.00
11-000-240-103	Principals & Assistant Principals Salaries	350,000.00
11-000-240-610	Administrative Supplies & Materials	694.00
11-000-251-105	Central Services Secretaries Salaries	100,000.00
11-000-252-100	Administrative Technology Salaries	50,000.00
11-000-270-600	Transportation Department-Supplies	10,000.00
11-000-291-280	Tuition Reimbursement	30,000.00
11-402-100-600	Athletic Account-Edison High School	1,000.00
11-217-100-101	Teachers Salaries-Supplemental Instruction	100,000.00
	Total	\$666,694.00
From:		
11-000-270-593	Transportation Department Gasoline/Diesel	\$ 10,000.00
11-000-291-270	Health Benefits	30,000.00
11-190-100-610	Educational General Supplies	694.00
11-190-100-640	Textbooks-Supervisors-Elementary	525,000.00
11-240-100-101	Teachers Salaries-Bilingual Education	100,000.00
11-402-100-500	Contracted Officials	1,000.00
	Total	\$666,694.00



b. Submission & Approval of SEL4NJ-NY Jets Grant, FY '22

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the submission and acceptance of the SEL4NJ-NY Jets Social-Emotional Development Integration and Learning Cohort Grant (Nurtured Heart Approach Training) for Woodrow Wilson Middle School, for Fiscal Year 2022, in the amount of \$2,500.00.

c. Submission & Approval of SNAP Gap Grant, FY '22

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the submission of the application for the SNAP Gap Grant, for Fiscal Year 2022, in the amount of \$6,000.00. This grant will provide the District with resources and collaborative opportunities with the Community Food Bank and local organizations to help families apply for assistance to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

d. Acceptance of 2022 Get Moving Grant, FY '22

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the 2022 Get Moving Grant for physical activity equipment for Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, Fiscal Year 2022, in the amount of \$1,500.00.

e. Bid – Lincoln Elementary School Kitchen (Bid No. 22-27)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education awards the bid for the Lincoln Elementary School Kitchen (Bid No. 22-27) to Denver Equipment Co. of Charlotte, Inc., PO Box 480038, 5922 Harris Technology Boulevard, Charlotte, NC 28269 for their low bid according to specifications: (Bid Date–02/16/22)

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Denver Equipment Co. of Charlotte, Inc. PO Box 480038 5922 Harris Technology Boulevard Charlotte, NC 28269	\$130,542.00

f. Bid – HVAC Upgrades at Various Schools (Bid No. 2021-114)

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education awards the bid for HVAC Upgrades at Various Schools (Bid No. 2021-114) to Preferred Mechanical, Inc., 18 Madison Street, Keyport, NJ 07735 for their low bid according to specifications: (Bid Date–03/09/22)

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
AMCO Enterprises, Inc. 600 Swenson Drive Kenilworth, NJ 07033	\$2,411,000.00
Bill Leary Air Conditioning & Heating 6 Green Street Metuchen, NJ 08840	\$1,980,000.00
Centralpack Engineering Corp. 359 Green Pond Road, Box 359 Hibernia, NJ 07039	\$2,599,000.00
DeSesa Engineering 83 Dorsa Avenue Livingston, NJ 07039	\$2,349,500.00
EACM Corp. 1070 Ocean Avenue Sea Bright, NJ 07760	\$2,974,000.00
Preferred Mechanical, Inc. * 18 Madison Street Keyport, NJ 07735	* \$1,849,000.00
*Awarded Bid	

g. Bid – Auditorium Upgrades at Edison High School (Bid No. 2021-115)

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education awards the bid for the Auditorium Upgrades at Edison High School (Bid No. 2021-115) to Tekcon Construction Inc., 285 Davidson Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 201, Somerset, NJ 08873 for their low bid according to specifications: (Bid Date–03/09/22)

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Tekcon Construction Inc.* 285 Davidson Avenue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Suite 201 Somerset, NJ 08873	* \$1,414,000.00
* Awarded Bid	

h. Cooperative Purchase – Edison High School Gym Floor Replacement

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the upon the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase with Contract #060518-RBI for the Edison High School Auxiliary Gym Floor Replacement, in the amount of \$123,570.00.

i. Agreement for Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services - SCESC

WHEREAS, the Edison Township School District (“Board”) desires to transport special education, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (“SCESC”) offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW, THEREFORE,  
IT IS AGREED: the Board will pay prorated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 4.5%, as presented to the Board as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC. The total amount to be charged to the Board will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the SCESC, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

1. The SCESC will provide the following services for Special Education Transportation:

- a) Routes coordinated with other districts when possible to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b) Monthly billing and invoices;
- c) Student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;
- d) All information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students;
- e) All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- f) Constant/timely review and revision of routes;
- g) Transportation as soon as possible after receipt of the formal written request;
- h) Timely submission of contracts, contract renewals or contract addenda to the county office for approval.

2. The SCESC will provide the following services for Nonpublic Transportation:

- a) Routes coordinated with other districts when possible to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;

- b) Monthly billing of all district nonpublic students within State allocated funding;
  - c) Student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;
  - d) All information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students;
  - e) All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
  - f) Transportation provided within five days or sooner during school year after receipt of the formal, signed, written request and B6T form;
  - g) Timely submission of contracts, contract renewals or contract addenda to the county office for approval.
3. The SCESC will provide the following services for Public Transportation:
- a) Routes coordinated as requested to achieve a realistic capacity and travel time;
  - b) Monthly billing of regular education routes;
  - c) All information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of the Transported Resident Students;
  - d) Transportation provided within five days or sooner after receipt of the formal, signed, written request.
  - e) If multiple in-district routes are provided for the Board, a separate agreement will be provided.
4. The SCESC will provide the following services for Athletic and Field Trip Charters:
- a) Arrange all field and extra-curricular trips as requested by the Board;
  - b) Monthly billing of all district athletic and field trip charters as per SCESC approved rates;
  - c) Transportation provided within five days or sooner after receipt of written request.
5. It is further agreed that the Board will provide the SCESC with the following:
- a) Copies of district policies as they relate to ride time or other specific transportation parameters;
  - b) Request for transportation on forms or software provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by authorized district personnel;
  - c) Forms will contain all necessary and relevant information, medical or otherwise, regarding individual student's condition and transportation needs;
  - d) Withdrawal or long term suspension (over 5 school days) for any special education transportation communicated in writing by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made if not submitted in writing in advance;
  - e) Strict adherence to the established payment schedule.
6. Additional Cost: All additional costs generated by unique requests, including but not limited to mid-day runs or early dismissals, will be borne by the district making such request. It is understood that any change to the number of students being transported on each route,

or changes in mileage during the course of the year may necessitate a reappointment and adjustment of costs. If an athletic or field trip charter cancellation occurs after the bus departs from the terminal, a cancellation fee of the first 2 hours of the scheduled trip contracted amount will be charged.

7. The SCESC accepts no responsibility for assuring a pupil's use of arranged transportation or attendance on an established route. Once assigned to a route, the monthly billing for the pupil's reserved seat will continue until the SCESC is otherwise notified, in writing, to delete the pupil from the assigned route.

8. The SCESC will contract transportation each day while school or classes attended are in session unless the Board's district is closed due to weather conditions (snow, ice, flooding, etc.). The SCESC accepts no responsibility for defaults by transportation contractors; however, the SCESC will make every effort to reestablish transportation expediently.

9. Other Services: The SCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the Board may participate at any time.

10. Length of Agreement: This agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between September 1, 2021 and August 31, 2022.

11. Entire Agreement: This agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the parties and may be amended by an instrument in writing over authorized signature.

12. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this agreement shall be without force and effect until it shall have been approved by the Executive County Superintendent of the County of Somerset.

j. Participation in the Mercer County Pricing System

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)* authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mercer, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2022 the governing body of the Edison Township Public Schools, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: as follows:

TITLE  
This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Edison Township Public Schools.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Acting School Business Administrator authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

k. Non-Public School Security Aid 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 Security Aide Program, Fiscal Year 2022, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
322021	St. Helena School	Open Systems Integrators	\$22,904.55
030822	Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva	Allied Universal dba US Security Services	\$23,831.25

l. Non-Public School Technology Program

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 Technology Program, Fiscal Year 2022, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
MQFH490	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	CDWG	\$18,401.08

m. 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/Grounds	1 Snow Blower
Lincoln ES	3 Chromebooks
J Adams MS	1 Wollrath Steam Table

\*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.

n. 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 February 28, 2022 payable by electronic transfer totaling \$2,991,369.74 from the Board of Education Self-Insured Medical and Prescription Account in Investors Bank.

o. 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, 2022 payable by Cycle Checks No. 170498 through No. 171213 inclusive, totaling \$6,628,709.86 the Board of Education Warrant Account in Investors Bank.

p. Transportation Report – March 2022

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following Transportation Report for March 2022:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/ Aide</u>
<u>Bid 22-24 To &amp; From School - Awarded 01/25/22 for the 2021-2022 School Year -</u>				
<b>REJECT BID ITEM</b>				
JMPA	Road to Success	J Madison PS	01/26/21-06/30/22	\$195.00 Aide - \$50.00 REJECT BID

<u>Quotes To &amp; From School – for the 2021-2022 School Year</u>				
MD4	Durham	J Madison PS	09/08/21-06/30/22	\$175.00
MSVT	Road to Success	Woodbridge VoTech	10/06/21-06/30/22	\$385.00
BELL7	Sunset	B Franklin ES	12/20/21-06/30/22	\$299.00
HAR1	Road to Success	Harbor School	02/28/22-06/30/22	\$300.00 Aide - \$50.00
MSVT2	Road to Success	Woodbridge VoTech	03/03/22-06/30/22	\$385.00
ELC3A	D&L Bus	Edison Early Learning Center	02/02/22-06/30/22	\$299.00 Aide \$45.00

<u>Quotes To &amp; From School – ESCNJ for the 2021-2022 School Year</u>				
CAN	ESCNJ	Center School	02/07/22-06/30/22	\$90.00 Aide - \$25.00
0669	ESCNJ	Washington ES	01/24/22-06/30/22	\$166.00 Aide - \$30.00
0680	ESCNJ	J Madison PS	01/24/22-06/30/22	\$197.00 Aide - \$50.00
0681	ESCNJ	Washington ES	01/24/22-06/30/22	\$299.00 Aide - \$50.00
T245	ESCNJ	Edison HS	01/06/22-06/30/22	\$397.00
T307	ESCNJ	Gateway School	03/07/22-06/30/22	\$423.00 Aide - \$75.00
T312	ESCNJ	Lakeview School	03/07/22-06/30/22	\$335.00 Aide - \$55.00

<u>Quotes To &amp; From School – CCEC for the 2021-2022 School Year</u>				
906	CCEC	Brookfield Academy	02/22/22-06/30/22	\$58.71 Aide - \$90.00

<u>Quotes To &amp; From School – SCEC for the 2021-2022 School Year</u>				
Q2400	SCEC	E Brunswick VoTech	03/07/22-06/30/22	\$270.00

<u>Quotes Athletics – for the 2021-2022 School Year</u>				
HH2	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	04/04/22	\$480.00
HH3	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	04/07/22	\$480.00
HH4	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	04/08/22	\$480.00
HH5	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	04/11/22	\$480.00
HH7	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	04/25/22	\$480.00
HH8	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	04/29/22	\$480.00
HH9	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	05/02/22	\$480.00



HH10	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	05/04/22	\$480.00
HH11	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	05/06/22	\$480.00
HH12	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	05/09/22	\$480.00
HH13	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	05/11/22	\$480.00
HH14	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	05/13/22	\$480.00
HH15	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Softball)	04/08/22	\$480.00
HH18	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Softball)	05/04/22	\$480.00
HH20	Nelvi Transit	H Hoover MS (Softball)	05/13/22	\$480.00
JA1	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	04/01/22	\$480.00
JA2	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	04/04/22	\$480.00
JA3	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	04/07/22	\$480.00
JA4	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	04/08/22	\$480.00
JA5	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	04/11/22	\$480.00
JA6	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	04/25/22	\$480.00
JA7	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	04/27/22	\$480.00
JA8	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	04/29/22	\$480.00
JA9	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	05/02/22	\$480.00
JA10	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	05/04/22	\$480.00
JA11	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	05/06/22	\$480.00
JA12	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	05/09/22	\$480.00
JA14	Nelvi Transit	J Adams MS (Baseball)	05/16/22	\$480.00
WW1	Sunset	W Wilson MS (Baseball)	04/01/22	\$573.00
WW2	Sunset	W Wilson MS (Baseball)	04/04/22	\$555.00
WW3	Sunset	W Wilson MS (Baseball)	04/08/22	\$544.00
WW4	Sunset	W Wilson MS (Baseball)	04/25/22	\$576.00

WW2	Sunset	W Wilson MS (Softball)	04/07/22	\$568.00
WW10	Sunset	W Wilson MS (Softball)	04/29/22	\$544.00

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Hour</u>
HH6	ABC Transport	H Hoover MS (Baseball)	04/13/22	\$120.00
JA26	ABC Transport	J Adams MS (Softball)	05/16/22	\$120.00
WW9	ABC Transport	W Wilson MS (Softball)	04/27/22	\$120.00
TJ1	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Baseball)	04/01/22	\$120.00
TJ2	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Baseball)	04/08/22	\$120.00
TJ3	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Baseball)	04/11/22	\$120.00
TJ4	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Baseball)	05/02/22	\$120.00
TJ5	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Baseball)	05/04/22	\$120.00
TJ6	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Baseball)	05/11/22	\$120.00
TJ7	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Baseball)	05/13/22	\$120.00
TJ8	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Softball)	04/04/22	\$120.00
TJ9	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Softball)	04/07/22	\$120.00
TJ10	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Softball)	04/25/22	\$120.00
TJ11	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Softball)	04/29/22	\$120.00
TJ12	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Softball)	05/06/22	\$120.00
TJ13	ABC Transport	T Jefferson MS (Softball)	05/09/22	\$120.00

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

AYES: Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel, Mrs. White,  
Mrs. Peng, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Madhukar, Mr. Schneider

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS1. Budget Planning & Oversight Committee

February 23, 2022 – 4:30 P.M. to 6:20 P.M.

In attendance: Biral Patel, Brian Rivera, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Shivi Madhukar, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Ann T. Kluck, Edward Alderelli, Ed.D.

Business Discussed:

- Introduction to Preliminary Budget
- Review of preliminary Budget
- Discussion on different line items for Preliminary Budget
- Timeline for State Budget and availability of State Aid Numbers
- Decision on future reviews of preliminary Budget prior to Board Presentation

Brief Details on Business Discussed:

- Chair, Biral Patel started the meeting asking committee members to review the Preliminary Budget that was prepared by Superintendent Dr. Bernard Bragen and Ann Kluck.
- Biral Patel discussed with the administration the timeline of Governor’s Budget Presentation and availability of state aid numbers. Thereafter he recommended to the committee that the committee shall review the line items and the preliminary budget in the meeting and would recommend the committee reconvene after availability of the state aid numbers to make final decisions on the preliminary Budget. Biral Patel encouraged the committee members to continue to review of the preliminary budget at their available time between then and next meeting and to send out any questions if they have to the committee, Superintendent and Ann Kluck.
- Dr. Bernard Bragen provided insight on the state aid numbers and discussed the timeline when they look at the enrollment and other aspects based on which the numbers may differ. Dr. Bragen also recommended the committee that if the committee were to look at areas of reducing the tax levy, “Capital would be one of the areas as its above 19 million”, which brings the budget down to a lower percentage tax levy. Dr. Bragen also gave a rough idea on how much generally is needed in Capital Upgrades each year. For example, 2 million in Roof etc.
- Dr. Bragen noted that the savings generated from moving to self-insured medical benefits offset salary increases.
- Jerry Shi mentioned about the reimbursement for prescriptions per quarter and Dr. Bragen indicated our costs would be lesser than the budget with the self-insurance.
- Dr. Bragen also informed the committee that after the budgeting if more money is required for certain areas, it can be transferred from the capital funds and that the transportation costs were higher last year.
- Committee asked what the maximum district is allowed to on tax Levy and Dr. Bragen responded it was around 9 million and a normal 2 percent increase is about 4.5 million.
- Jerry Shi asked why the debt line item is still in the budget and to that Dr. Bragen informed the debt service item is for the last payment remaining for July 2022.
- Committee was informed about “Synergistic” whose costs are in the Budget which provides energy savings and Audit services to the district.

- Jerry Shi asked Dr. Bragen to check if the debt can be prepaid. Jerry Shi also asked about allocation of 30 bus drivers and to that Dr. Bragen responded the district has allocation form contract services so it reflects under transportation services.
- Brian Rivera asked about price range for transportation costs from cheaper to expensive routes.
- Shivi Prasad-Madhukar told the committee that Full-Day Kindergarten would not have been possible without the expansion of Lincoln Elementary School. The financing of Lincoln Elementary School construction was approved in 2020-2021 School Budget and that the actual tax levy that year was 0.5 percent, but it became higher because of the money allocated for the construction. However, in subsequent years it helped and aided the possibility of the Full-Day Kindergarten. Dr. Bragen agreed to it.
- Shivi Prasad-Madhukar asked if there can be a penalty clause in the new bus contracts to avoid issues from the bus vendors.
- Jerry Shi asked about swipe cards (Student ID) with tracking for bus system if there is provision on the budget for the same in this budget.
- Shivi Prasad-Madhukar mentioned about GPS for bus systems.
- Jerry Shi asked about out of district placements and what would be the impact if we bring those children back to district. Dr. Bragen indicated about some challenges related to the same.
- Shivi Prasad-Madhukar asked about extraordinary aid and Dr. Bragen said it was provided and was used for cameras in classroom due to Covid.
- Jerry Shiv, Shivi-Prasad Madhukar and Brian Rivera asked about Paraprofessionals and Dr. Bragen indicated we still have few positions unfilled and working on it.
- Jerry Shi asked if we have a system to provide incentives for those who refer people for the bus drivers.
- Brian Rivera asked about competitiveness with the bus drivers.
- Biral Patel asked about the amount received from sale of old devices and the distribution of Technology expenses and how is district keeping up with the same. Biral Patel asked about maintenance of grounds and if that area is sufficiently and doing well.
- Brian River asked about the raises, retirees and new hires and Dr. Aldarelli mentioned it depends on contract, longevity and other reasons.
- Biral Patel concluded the meeting asking Committee to review the items again, send questions to the group and look out for state aid numbers and that committee shall reconvene after the information is available to make decision on the preliminary budget.

Pending Business:

- Committee decided to meet again after availability of state aid numbers for discussing the preliminary budget for proper decisions.

Next Meeting: March 1, 2022 – 4:30 P.M.

2. Budget Planning & Oversight Committee

March 1, 2022 – 4:30 P.M. to 6:20 P.M.

In attendance: Biral Patel, Brian Rivera, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Shivi Madhukar, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Ann T. Kluck, Edward Alderelli, Ed.D.

Business Discussed:

- ESIP/ESCO Presentation from DMR Architect

- Robotics Club/AI Club Discussion
- Brief Details on Business Discussed:
- At the request of the committee, Representatives from DMR Architect Pradeep Kapoor and Donna O’Gorman attended the meeting to provide a presentation on the Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP) for which district had issued an RFP around end of 2021.
- Representatives from DMR Architect presented about timeline and history of the RFP. They indicated that district had received 3 bids (1) DCSO Energy; (2) Honeywell and (3) Johnson Controls. The bid for Johnson Controls was disqualified due to missing paperwork at the time of acceptance of the proposal. That left the shortlist to 2 bidders – DCO and Honeywell.
- Committee was informed about the details of the ESIP Program, how it works and how can the self-funding program help the district with its needs. Several ESP (Energy Savings Plans) were presented to the committee based on the interest rates for both ESCO’s (Energy Savings Companies). Both bidders had some difference in the ECM (Energy Conservation Measures) that was presented to the committee.
- The ESIP Program is essentially a self-funding program as stated by the representatives. There are several borrowing options. The committee was informed that both the ECO’s have a flexibility that if they are chosen as ESCO than after the completion of Investment Grade Audit, if the district decides not to move further, it would be at no cost to the district.
- During the presentation committee asked several questions to DMR Architect Representatives for their knowledge and understanding of the process and the results that were presented.
- The Committee and administration asked the Representatives of DMR Architect to meet with both of the Companies to present and explain their results to make further determination.
- Biral Patel proposed to the committee about inclusion of additional funds and facilities for the Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Programs in form of clubs or any other options that the district has. The committee discussed the options in that area. Jerry Shi indicated such fundraising must be done by the club itself. Dr. Bragen indicated he will find out more about the process and options. Doug Schneider and Brian Rivera also asked to explore into options for helping such programs.
- Committee discussed about outstanding HVAC, Floor repair projects etc.

Pending Business:

- Committee decided to meet with the 2 shortlisted vendors who had applied for ESIP.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

3. Budget Planning & Oversight Committee

March 15, 2022 – 5:00 P.M. to 6:20 P.M.

In attendance: Biral Patel, Brian Rivera, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Douglas Schneider, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Ann T. Kluck, Edward Alderelli, Ed.D., William Kolibas

Business Discussed:

- Preliminary Budget Review
- Current Finance/Facilities Projects Updates

Brief Details on Business Discussed:

- Biral Patel opened up the meeting informing committee about the encouraging news of additional state aid that Edison Township School District has received which helps balance our

budget and enables us to do a zero percentage tax increase. Biral Patel indicated that this is 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row that tax levy did not increase and it is a true zero percent tax increase due to that reason. Jerry Shi said noted that prior year was also a zero percent tax increase.

- Superintendent Dr. Bernard Bragen had prepared an updated preliminary budget with Zero Percent tax increase and presented it to the committee. Biral Patel asked the committee to review all the items so the committee can decide on the final preliminary budget and asked the timeline of submission to Dr. Bragen.
- Jerry Shi mentioned about related services and mentioned that there was a drop of 10\$ per hour as a part of conversation.
- Dr. Bragen went over the line items for increase and provided the specifications related to the same to the committee.
- Jerry Shi asked about 15 Technology positions and to reduce it to 12 and use student interns or outsource, use contractors if available and if the positions for maintenance can be increased.
- Doug Schneider asked Will Kolibas about needs of maintenance department in the preliminary budget that if all the needs are addressed in here.
- The minimum state levy requirement was 232 million and in preliminary budget its 235 million. Biral Patel asked if we can further reduce the levy to 232 million removing it from the capital for this year. Committee decided to keep it as is as its still a true zero percent tax increase.
- Jerry Shi referenced to music programs referring to a resident Minesh Patel's public comments during prior board meetings that he had a discussion with Music and Arts supervisor Thomas White and Bad Director about needs of the instruments and mentioned that some of the bug instruments would be expensive and that he has asked them to put a 3-year or a 5-year plan each year.
- The Committee finalized the preliminary budget for presentation to board on March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Committee discussed the current building projects such as Lincoln project and its timeline.
- Will Kolibas provided update on Edison High School Auditorium project and the bid for HVAC Upgrade Projects.
- Biral Patel asked for rendering plan for the auditorium which Will Kolibas will provide. Doug Schneider recommended for future projects to display such plans on website or in one of public meetings.

Recommendations:

- Committee agreed upon and finalized the Preliminary Budget to be presented to the Board of Education Meeting to be held on March 22, 2022.

Next Meeting: March 28, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.

4. Curriculum Committee

Mr. Rivera reported that the Curriculum Committee met on March 14, 2022 from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

In attendance were: Shivi Madhukar, Biral Patel, Brian Rivera, Douglas Schneider, Gail Pawlikowski, Baninder Mahabir and Thomas Toohey, Ed.D.

Discussion:

Kindergarten Update:

- 500 Enrolled – More enrollment in the summer.

- Committee Formed – Various Stakeholders – Working the Building Administration, Building Layout, Personnel, Schedules, Supplies, Curriculum & Resources

K-2 Report Cards:

- Pilot K-2 Standard Based Report Card – Committee Formed – Staff from various schools worked on this since 2018.
- Reviewed Past PowerPoint – Traditional Report Card vs Standard Based Report Card
- Standard Based Report Card – Gives clearer picture on what skills a child has acquired or not acquired. More Developmentally Appropriate – Not about a grade but more about mastery. Consistency throughout the district.
- Researched various districts – Rubrics Created – Trimesters for K-2 – Graded on Performance Indicators for Learning Standards – Sample report cards reviewed.
- Looking to implement for next year.

Benchmarks for Spanish:

- Have not had Benchmarks for Spanish in a long time at the elementary level. Last year benchmarks were created. This year, benchmarks are put into place. Looking forward to the data. (Benchmarks 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) Looking into offering Spanish in Kindergarten.
- Difficulty recruiting Language Teachers

High School Program of Studies:

- Currently Posted – Students currently selecting classes for the high school.
- Process moving smoothly.
- Discussion on Computer Science – Sequence Shift – Adjustments will be made if need be.

NJSLA Testing Schedule/DLM Testing:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade students began testing on March 14, 2021. They need to take the test in order to graduate. Pass test or do equivalent option.
- Grades 9-11 High School – April 26<sup>th</sup> Start (Delay Opening – Spacing); Middle School – May 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>; elementary School – May 9<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>
- Selected for Field Testing – Extra Testing Section
- DLM Dynamic Learning Maps – Assessment – Window opens April 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> (116 students Grades 3-9 & 11 ELA & Math Science 5 & 8)

Secondary Electives for Special Education Students:

- Looking into Electives for JP Stevens High School, electives are great for inclusion. Want to provide supports for teachers and students.
- Looking into Club – Unified Partners – Students who volunteer to work directly with our Special Olympics. Many are National Honor Society students looking for hours. Build electives (4) at JP Stevens High School by purposely scheduling these students involved in Unified partners to assist in the electives.

College Planning for Special Education Students:

- Special Education Parent Advisory Council (ESPAC) Events – February workshops
- College Planning for Students with Disabilities – 2 representatives from Middlesex College came to talk about the process and transition.
- The biggest issue for special education students transitioning into Middlesex College: Independence.
- Presentation is on the District Website.

Transition from School to Adult Life:

- Presentation – preparing for a Bright future: The importance of a successful transition from School to Adult Life for individuals with different abilities through a firsthand experience for parents.
- The purpose of this presentation: Encourage people with different abilities; Provide information for parents who support people with different abilities; Provide helpful resources towards transition into adult life.
- Presentation is on the District Website.

Recommendations:

- Business was reviewed and discussed pending superintendent approval.

5. Facility Improvement Committee

Mr. Schneider reported that the Committee met on February 28, 2022 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

In attendance were Mohin Patel, Shannon Peng, Shivi Madhukar, Douglas Schneider, Brian Rivera, Biral Patel, Virginia White, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Ann T. Kluck, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., William Kolibas, David Rubin, Esquire (Busch Law Group)

The Committee discussed the following:

- Roofing Project presentation by Mr. Kolibas – John P. Stevens and Edison High Schools, Herbert Hoover, John Adams and Woodrow Wilson Middle Schools
- Paving Project presentation by Mr. Kolibas – Need new parking lot for the new school bus purchase. New buses – new parking lot needed.
- John P. Stevens High School turf Baseball Field discussion – due to delay in EPA approval, the installation of the new field is not able to be completed prior to this season. Permit and approval still pending.
- Short term needs vs. Long term strategy discussion. Dr. Bragen is tasked with putting together an infrastructure plan to present to the committee.

Pending Business:

- Building principals will be submitting needs to Dr. Bragen and the facility plan will be guided in part based on this feedback.

6. Performance Monitoring Committee

Mrs. Madhukar reported that the Committee met on March 1, 2022 from 7:00 P.M. to 7:50 P.M.

In attendance were Douglas Schneider, Shivi Madhukar, Virginia White, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Gregory Cohen, Richard Benedict and approximately 45 participants via ZOOM, mostly parents

The Committee discussed the following:

- A few questions raised included:  
Update and plans for the John P. Stevens turf fields  
Information about the BABES Program



Are Edison schools on track for smoother bussing during the next school year?

Middle School sports bussing

Update on enrollment, and if our systems are equipped to handle the summer rush

Process for enrollment application. Some concern was raised around all-electronic application form and document submission.

When should students be in the system once the enrollment paperwork is filled

Information about substitute teacher workshop

- Suggestions:  
Parents and students were reminded to use parent helpdesk. Besides reaching quickly to the right person, this also allows the Board to keep track of issues.  
Exploring expansion of subscription bussing to ease traffic congestion around pick up and drop offs, once the bussing issues from previous year are completely resolved.
- Information shared:  
Plans around full-day kindergarten

## 7. Policy Committee

Mr. Schneider reported that the Committee met on March 11, 2022 from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

In attendance were Mohin Patel, Shannon Peng, Shivi Madhukar, Douglas Schneider, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Hope Blackburn, Esquire (Busch Law Group)

The Committee discussed the following:

- Military Leave Policy: The current policy adopted in February 2018 has not been enforced. The Committee is aligned with the Administration to enforce the policy as written. The Committee will look to reexamine this policy if needed.
- Facility Use Policy – Ms. Peng recommended a change in the facility use regulations to categorize non-profit language schools as a Class A or Class B group. Edison currently rents some of the schools for language learning on the weekend and this new policy would provide free space and would require only custodial fees to be paid. Ms. Peng will work on the language for this policy revision with the Board attorney to present to the rest of the board for discussion and potential approval.
- Resident Verification Policy – Mr. Shi provided the Committee with feedback encouraging the administration to develop and implement a financial reward system for those residents who report a non-resident using our school system. The Committee agreed that they should be extremely vigilant in the resident verification process and are aligned with a reward system. They agreed that the new data analyst employed by the Board of Education should request cooperation with the Township in running reports of tax records vs. enrolled students. The use of computer technology and the potential of automating at least a large part of the residency verification would be a good way to cooperate with town hall.
- Social Media Policy: Mrs. Madhukar reminded the committee of an existing policy regarding social media (adopted February 2018, Policy 0169.2) and will explore best practices from other districts.
- Related to no specific policies but in general discussion, Mr. Patel raised issues relating to use of school emails to promote political meetings, conflicts of interest relating to politics and the expansion of online bidding software at a lower threshold than Jew Jersey standards.

Pending Business:

- Strauss Esmay updates will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting as per Dr. Bragen.

8. Township Liaison Committee

Mrs. White reported that the Committee met on March 15, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:45 P.M.

In attendance were Virginia White, Biral Patel, Mohin Patel, Douglas Schneider, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Assemblyman Sterley Stanley, Mayor Sam Joshi, Council Vice President, Joyce Ship-Freeman, Deputy Fire Chief, Andy Toth (OEM Coordinator), Police Sgt. Douglas Turner and Assistant to Mayor, Ray Alcantara

The Committee discussed the following:

- Assemblyman Stanley said the Governor’s priority for budget allocation is preschool and full-day kindergarten funding.
- Bill NJA1260 for school buses – Assemblyman Stanley confirmed that Edison will be a priority regarding this Bill. These GPS systems can provide real-time information about the location/speed of the school buses.
- Assemblyman Stanley said they will be setting up a Think Tank consisting of aides, legislative members and a representative from Edison to secure future funding to resolve overcrowding issues.
- Mayor Joshi discussed a potential property in front of Thomas Jefferson Middle School that has no environmental issued that can be allocated for potential Board of Education use.
- Stelton School Update – Mayor Joshi spoke with the Commissioner of the DEP regarding transferring properties from Green Acres. A meeting is being facilitated between the Township, the Board of Education and the DEP.
- Middle Schools have provided wish lists regarding potential needs to be addressed.
- Mayor Joshi and Mr. Alcantara are creating a list of open office spaces that could be repurposed for Board of Education use.
- James Monroe Elementary School – Parking area concerns.
- Deputy Fire Chief Toth updated the Committee regarding COVID 19 numbers and Township administration is reviewing current mask policies.
- Sgt. Turner provided an update regarding traffic issues. This included process updates regarding Floyd/Hollywood Street and Amboy/Jackson Avenue. Additional signage around James Monroe Elementary School was also discussed.
- Mrs. Ship-Freeman inquired about Beacon Light costs for Woodrow Wilson Middle School and Edison High School crosswalks.
- Edison Arts Society Update – There will be upcoming art exhibits on April 5<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup>. They plan on introducing the new gazebo at Papianni Park in May. They are also working on student scholarships and sponsored this month’s “Student Arts Month” exhibit currently at Town Hall.

IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Event - Committee of the Whole – Facility Improvement Committee  
Date - Wednesday, March 30, 2022  
Location – Education Center (Caucus Room)  
Time - 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Event - Caucus Meeting  
Date - Thursday, April 14, 2022  
Location – John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)  
Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event - Public Meeting  
Date - Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
Location – John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)  
Time - 7:00 P.M.

X. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. M. Patel thanked the teachers who came out tonight and for the administrators who had to work through this process.

Mrs. Peng also thanked the teachers.

Mr. B. Patel reported that there will be a zero percent tax increase and hopes the Township does the same. The final budget will be presented in May. He asked anyone who had questions to send them to Dr. Bragen.

Mr. Rivera congratulated Dr. Valentine and all retirees. He thanked the teachers and parents who came to tonight's meeting and wished the best to the students for the upcoming testing.

Mr. Shi commended the students for the recent performance of Mama Mia.

Mrs. White spoke about the parent Help Desk.

Mrs. Madhukar thanked the teachers and reading specialists for their thank you notes.

Mr. Schneider reported that the Committee of the Whole will meet on March 30, 2022 to discuss infrastructure for overcrowding.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Anita, resident, spoke about the Biology lab, the Edison Community Garden, the Summer Camps internships and record programs for summer school students.

Maria Orchid, resident, supported the National Guard for high school students and commended Edison high School for their recent play, Into the Woods. She asked for volunteers during spring break for Earth Day in Edison.

Sue Campione, resident, discussed electives for this school year, and scholarships for each high school,

Joyce Ship-Freeman, resident, discussed the traffic near Jackson Avenue and said that the Township Liaison Committee gets things done.

Mr. Benkat, discussed computer programs, charter schools the A/B Schedule for Middle Schools and music memory.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, discussed the ETPAC Scholarship Program which gives \$6,000 to each high school. She questioned the Policy for Facility Use for non-profit schools and asked when high school representatives would be attending the board meetings.

Manesh Patel, questioned language schools using the schools in Edison and mentioned that a lot of the musical instruments are 20 years old. He stated that Hilltop does not have a bus going to John P. Stevens High School and feels that the Board is hoarding money.

Christo Makroupolos, resident, questioned policies.

Malachy White, resident, spoke about mentor leaders and serving the community.

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice President, questioned the availability of science rooms during Period 2, the shortage of staff, confidentiality and military leave.

**XII. ADJOURN TO PRIVILEGED SESSION**

Mrs. Kluck read the following resolution:

Privileged Session

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

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

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

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

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

- Student Transportation Matters
- HIB Hearing
- Broker Presentations
- Risk management Presentations
- Lincoln School Change Orders
- Discussion of Board Member Candidates

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

Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to approve the Privileged Session Resolution at 10:51P.M., Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Schneider. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel, Mrs. White,  
Mrs. Peng, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Madhukar, Mr. Schneider

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

XIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Schneider made a motion to reconvene this March 22, 2022 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education to open session at 12:16 A.M. on March 23, 2022, seconded by Mr. D. Schneider. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel, Mrs. White,  
Mrs. Peng, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Madhukar, Mr. Schneider

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to adjourn this March 22, 2022 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education at 12:16 A.M. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. All in favor, the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann T. Kluck  
Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
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