

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The May 12, 2022 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Douglas Schneider, at 6:00 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, Mrs. Shannon Peng, Mrs. Virginia White, Mr. Mohin Patel. Mr. Biral Patel, Mr. Brian Rivera, and Dr. Kevin Hajduk and Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi arrived at 6:40 P.M.

Also in attendance were Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent, and Mrs. Ann T. Kluck, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Ms. Hope Blackburn, 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 4th and April 25, 2022.

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

IV. PRESENTATION – TEACHER & EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

A video presentation recognizing the 2021-2022 Teachers and Educational Services Professionals.

V. 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 of which the general nature to be discussed is as follows:

- RFP – Broker of Record Employee Health Benefits
- RFQ – Insurance Risk Management Services
- Student Matters
- Litigation Brought by Former employees and Students
- Personnel Matters
- Shared Services Agreement

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 6:58 P.M. Mr. B. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Madhukar. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VI. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to reconvene this May 12, 2022 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education to open session at 9:40 P.M., 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: Dr. Hajduk, 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Sue Campione, resident, questioned the Summer School revisions.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, questioned the rates for Brown and Brown, and Balken and Balken.

IX. 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 #108191	Effective: 06/30/22 Reason: Personal
Proper, Emma – Teacher – Grade 3 Woodbrook School	Effective: 06/30/22 Reason: Personal
Ruffo, Lillian – Instructional Coach Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Effective: 06/30/22 Reason: Personal
Waller-Brown, Anta – Lunch Aide Lindeneau School	Effective: 05/13/22 Reason: Resignation

2. RETIREMENTS

Gracia, Tayler – Teacher – English Herbert Hoover Middle School	Effective: 06/30/22 25 years of service
Preville, Steven – Principal Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 08/31/22 26 years, 2 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>
Fallone, Gianna Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 1/BA \$55,000 TCNJ	Retirement	Teacher – Grade 3 James Monroe School (for C. Banos)
Jasnosz, Julia Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	\$44,200 Ithaca College	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Music Woodrow Wilson Middle School (for ID #101589)
Larkin, Meghan Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 6/BA \$60,500 William Paterson University	Resignation	Teacher – Grade 4 Woodbrook School (for E. Proper)
Lo, Jessica Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 1/BA \$55,000 TCNJ	Retirement	Teacher – English Woodrow Wilson Middle School (for M. LaMarca)
Metz, Rosa Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 9/BA \$73,000 Rowan University	22-23 Budget	Teacher – Spanish Herbert Hoover Middle School (New Position)

Miele, Jessica Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 1/BA \$55,000 TCNJ	Retirement	Teacher – Grade 2 James Monroe School (for S. Lin)
Mitchell, Brianna Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 6/BA \$60,500 Loyola University	Resignation	Teacher – Grade 5 James Monroe School (for T. Lamont)
Rusk, Christina Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 1/BA \$55,000 Kean University	Resignation	Teacher – English Edison High School (for L. Bowers)
Sadowski, Brielle Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 1/BA \$55,000 Monmouth University	Retirement	Teacher – Grade 3 Menlo Park School (for D. Adams)
Solorzano, Sarah Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 2/BA \$55,500 Rider University	Retirement	Teacher – Science Herbert Hoover Middle School (for L. Bonja)
Squeo, Richard Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 1/BA \$55,000 William Paterson University	Resignation	Teacher – Special Education James Monroe School (for ID #124699)
Whiteford, Kelsie Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 1/BA \$55,000 Kean University	22-23 Budget	Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School (New Position)
Wolenter, Michael Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 9/MA \$76,605 Rutgers University	Retirement	Teacher – Science Thomas Jefferson Middle School (for L. D’Orio)
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Bello Arias, Eugenia Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 4 \$33,586	22-23 Budget	Bus Driver Education Center (New Position)
Bellsiano, Jessica Effective 05/31/22-06/30/22	Step 5/Stipend \$22,400	Resignation	Paraprofessional Edison High School (for C. Denis)

Beltran, Dumar Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 4 \$32,186	22-23 Budget	Bus Driver Education Center (New Position)
Desai, Neha Effective 05/16/22-06/30/22	Step 1/BA/Stipend \$21,400 University of Poona	Resignation	Paraprofessional Herbert Hoover Middle School (for Y. Ventura)
Jha, Rosy Effective 05/16/22-06/30/22	Step 3/BA Stipend \$22,400 Lalit Narayan Mithila University	Resignation	Paraprofessional Edison High School (for S. Aggarwal)
Kearns, Laura Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	\$4,635	Resignation	Lunch Aide Lincoln School (for U. Sivasangaran)
Nielsen, Kathleen Effective 09/01/22-06/30/23	Step 8/Stipend \$25,800	Resignation	Paraprofessional Herbert Hoover Middle School (for B. Meyer)
Scioscia, John Effective TBD-06/30/22	Step 4 \$32,186	22-23 Budget	Bus Driver Education Center (New Position)

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ID #108662 James Madison Primary School	Maternity-Revised	With Pay	04/25/22-05/25/22
	Fed FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	05/26/22-06/01/22
	NJ FLA	Without Pay	06/02/22-06/30/22
	NJ FLA	Without Pay	09/01/22-11/06/22
ID #106812 John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	02/24/22-03/09/22
	Medical-Revised	Without Pay, With Benefits	03/10/22-06/30/22
	Medical	With Pay	07/01/22-07/05/22
	Medical	Without Pay	07/06/22-07/31/22
ID #103632 Education Center	Medical-Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	03/29/22-05/27/22
ID #124403 Martin Luther King School	Maternity	With Pay	06/06/22-06/30/22
	NJ FLA	Without Pay	09/01/22-11/27/22

ID #108895 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Maternity NJ FLA Child Care	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/22-09/16/22 09/17/22-12/09/22 12/10/22-04/12/23
ID #101185 John Adams Middle School	Fed FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	02/23/22-05/23/22
ID #102372 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	04/27/22-05/11/22 05/12/22-06/30/22
ID #124846 Education Center	Medical Maternity Medical	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	06/03/22(.5)-06/08/22 06/09/22-06/13/22 06/14/22-06/30/22
ID #103847 FDR School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	05/25/22-06/13/22 06/14/22-06/30/22
ID #108051 Woodbrook School	Medical-Revised Maternity-Revised NJ FLA-Revised NJ FLA-Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	03/28/22-04/03/22 04/04/22-05/15/22 05/16/22-06/30/22 09/01/22-10/24/22
ID #103770 Martin Luther King School	NJ FLA-Revised	Without Pay	03/23/22-05/24/22
ID #124508 Woodbrook School	NJ FLA-Revised	Without Pay	04/26/22-05/31/22
ID #109093 John P. Stevens High School	Fed FMLA-Revised	Without Pay	04/07/22-06/30/22
ID #103641 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical	With Pay	04/04/22-05/08/22
ID #106674 Edison High School	Maternity-Revised NJ FLA Child Care	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	04/20/22-06/30/22 09/01/22-11/23/22 11/24/22-06/30/23

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>Certified Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Collins, Taylor	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Elementary Lincoln School Effective 11/24/21-05/13/22	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Elementary Lincoln School Effective 11/24/21-05/17/22

Then
Long Term Substitute
Teacher – Elementary
James Madison Intermediate
School
Effective 05/18/22-06/30/22

<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Dunsavage, Zakary	Facility Manager Benjamin Franklin School Effective 01/03/22-06/30/22	Transfer	Facility Manager Washington School Effective 07/01/22-06/30/23 (for L. Baldini)
Gaikwad, Sonali	Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School Effective TBD-06/30/22	Revised Start Date	Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School Effective 04/13/22-06/30/22
Hamid, Naheeda	Paraprofessional Martin Luther King School Effective 09/01/22-06/30/22	Transfer	Paraprofessional FDR School Effective 04/27/22-06/30/22
Pandya, Sanskruti	Lunch Aide James Monroe School Effective 04/01/22-06/30/22	Location Change	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate School Effective 04/01/22-06/30/22

6. LONGEVITY

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Present Salary</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Bader, Toni Ann	MAR	26	06/16/22	\$108,437	\$108,899
Banos, Colleen	MON	25	06/23/22	\$109,912	\$110,375
Benavides, Kristin	LIN	18	06/01/22	\$98,676	\$99,130
Brandstetter, Sheri	JPH	24	06/09/22	\$109,449	\$109,912
Branz, Kristen	MON	20	06/01/22	\$105,647	\$106,119
Cerchio, Jennifer	WAS	25	06/23/22	\$107,484	\$107,937
Clark, Marilyn	WAS	21	06/01/22	\$114,305	\$114,795
Demattia, Nicole	JPH	14	06/05/22	\$102,643	\$103,133
Dicocco, Barabara	WWMS	25	06/28/22	\$110,841	\$111,313
Fava, Maureen	MLK	19	06/01/22	\$104,675	\$105,147
Gesualdo, Christine	JPH	19	06/01/22	\$98,630	\$99,084
Goodwin, Pamela	TJMS	15	06/10/22	\$97,626	\$98,089
Panitch, Stacy	BEN	24	06/29/22	\$108,449	\$108,912
Perrotti, Jodie	JAMS	20	06/23/22	\$102,680	\$103,134
Rivenburg, Michelle	BEN	17	06/13/22	\$105,614	\$106,104
Roose, Amy	JMP	24	06/05/22	\$110,869	\$111,341
Tornambe, Melissa	BEN	18	06/22/22	\$100,764	\$101,227
Weiss, Dana	WAS	22	06/12/22	\$105,622	\$106,076

7. ADDITIONAL PERIOD ASSIGNMENTS

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Additional Pay</u>
Bonner, Joseph	Social Studies-1.2	WWMS	05/09/22-05/23/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Bruns, Liza	Math-Revised date	HHMS	03/07/22-04/14/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Bruns, Liza	Math-1.2	HHMS	04/28/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Coppola, Danielle	Math – 1.2	HHMS	04/11/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Degnan, Alyson	Math – 1.2	HHMS	04/28/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Fiorello, Jason	Spanish-1.2	Virtual	04/25/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Fischer, John	Social Studies- Revised date	WWMS	04/25/22-05/23/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Jones, Jay	Science – 1.12 Revised	JPH	09/01/21-06/30/22	\$5,220 revised
Keefe, Kristine	Spanish-1.2	Virtual	04/25/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Lisner, Joshua	ACES-1.2	EDH	04/25/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Mendez, Ana	Spanish-1.2	Virtual	04/25/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
McCullen, William	Science-Revised pay	JPH	03/04/22-06/30/22	\$10,240 pro-rated
Patel, Sonal	Math-Revised date	HHMS	03/07/22-04/08/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Pavese, Vito	Social Studies- Revised date	WWMS	04/25/22-05/23/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Pelt, Krystina	Math-1.2 (new)	HHMS	04/28/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Pfeiffer, Lyndsey	Math-Revised date	HHMS	03/07/22-04/08/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Rocha, Consuelo	Spanish-1.2	Virtual	04/25/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Sedler, Wendy	Social Studies- Revised date	WWMS	04/25/22-05/23/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Smith, Kristen	Math-Revised date	HHMS	03/07/22-04/08/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Tchorz, Lisa	Math-1.2	HHMS	04/28/22-06/30/22	\$8,500 pro-rated
Yascko, Christy	Social Studies- Revised date	WWMS	04/25/22-05/23/22	\$8,500 pro-rated

8. 2022-2023 SUBSTITUTES – County Certificate or CE - \$100/day
CEAS or Standard Certificate - \$120/day - *Student teachers

Calamia, Samantha	Johnson, Delores	Meyer, Brittany	Siddiqui, Beenish
Cosenza, Sarah	Johnson, Krista	Mukherjee, Meenakshi	Stivers, Andrew
DaSilva, Jillian	Josko, Devyn	Rhodes, Samantha	Vadlamannati Sita Rama
Duggan, Michelle	Leigh, Heidi	Rutzler, Ashley	Zak, Brianna
Guntur, Naga Jyothi	Metta, Sangeetha	Sharma, Rekha	

9. SUMMER LITERACY ACADEMY – Effective 06/27/22-07/20/22 IDEA-B (CEIS FUNDING) –
\$50/hour *Contingent upon enrollment

Miller, Ashley N. Miller, Taylor

10. ESL SUMMER TESTING FOR INCOMING STUDENTS – Effective 07/05/22-08/31/22
Woodrow Wilson Middle School - *Contingent upon enrollment

Teachers - \$30/hour

Alexa, Dana	Book, Kate	Mendoza, Alexandra
Ballon, Miguelangelo	Mendez, Ana	

11. ESL SUMMER PROGRAM – Effective 07/05/22 - 07/29/22 – Title III Funded – Woodrow Wilson Middle School - *Contingent upon enrollmentTeachers - \$50/hour

Alexa, Dana	Fleischman, Mandy	Sanchez, Jessica
Bazan, Jessica	Gu, Linda	Vaghani, Meghana
Book, Kate	Melendez, Marcel	
Campbell, Sarah	Rivera, Tony	

12. 2022 SUMMER GUIDANCE COUNSELORS – (As indicated at their per diem rate of pay) – Maximum 4 days each

Agmana, Eleanor	Lin, Lisa	Rotella, Rachel
Alexander, Thomas	Lonsdale, Brittany	Salme, Pierre
Barone, Andrew	McCoy, Kimberly	Sieminski, Laurie
Caffiero, Beth	Miller, Stephen	Silberberg, Janine
Cardillo, James	Monastersky, Alyssa	Sintumuang, Pear
Cundari, Karen	Muglia, Sinyee	Smothers, Jordan
Davis, Nicole	Murphy, Joann	Ward, Sara
Desimone, Christen	Nadel, Susan	Williams, Laura
Dondero, Joseph	Pinto, Martha	Yildiz, Hilal
Hall, Shadeda	Polizzi, Emily	Zavistoski, Kimberly
Jacobs, Kathryn	Randazza, Maria	
Kowaleski, Michelle	Rinaldi, Elissa	

13. SUMMER PROGRAMS – TITLE I FUNDED – Effective 06/21/22 - 08/26/2022 – \$50/hour - *contingent upon enrollment

Blarr, Erin	Fortino, Kristine	Kramer, Lauren
Columbus, Lisa	Hayes, Marnette	Valenti, Megan

14. SUMMER PROGRAMS – CRRSA-ESSER II GRANT FUNDED – Effective 06/21/22 - 08/26/2022 – \$50/hour - *contingent upon enrollment

Austria, Carlo	Maiorana, Laura	Pontarollo, Amanda
Blarr, Erin	McGowan, James	Richman, Tamara
Fortino, Kristine	McGuigan, Bobbi	Tenebruso, Gerald
Gerstik, Kristin	Murphy, Joann	Valenti, Megan
Hayes, Marnette	O’Leary, Joseph	
Kramer, Lauren	Papernik, James	

15. 2022 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR – Effective 06/27/22-07/28/22 (Locations TBD) *contingent upon enrollment/student needTeachers - \$50/hour – per ETEA Contract

Alexiou, Margarita	Banach, Meghan	Brown, Taylor
Georgianna, Monika	Johnson, Krista	Palomo, Hrisanthi
Sieminski, Laurie	Silva, Bianca	Stivers, Andrew
Tobie, Jeffrey		

SPEECH/LANGUAGE SPECIALISTS (\$50/hour – per ETEA contract)

Coward, Andrea

PARAPROFESSIONALS (\$26/hour – per ETEA contract)

Bhuteja, Ritu	Desai, Neha	Doody, Margaret
Duggan, Michelle	Guntur, Naga Jyothi	Jha, Rosy
Josko, Devyn	Kapitan, Kimberly	Metta, Sangeetha
Meyer, Brittany	Mukherjee, Meenakshi	Rhodes, Samantha
Roberts, Melissa	Rutzler, Ashley	Ryzewicz, Keith
Seagriff, Lorraine	Sharma, Rekha	Shazia, Amna*
Siddiqui, Beenish	Sutherland, Mary	Teal, Elizabeth
Vadlamannati, Sita Rama	Zak, Brianna	

*pending intent to return form

CERTIFIED SCHOOL NURSE (\$50/hour– per ETEA contract)

Fischetti, Maureen	Guzman-Luna, Dayhanna	Madeline, Joanne
Montilus, Nicole	Panjawani, Rozeena	Patel, Margi

REGISTERED NURSE(\$25.00/hr. –minimum of 4 hours per day per ETEA contract)

Rivera, Clarisa	Stevens, Deborah
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16. 2022-2023 MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAM LEADERS – Stipend \$1,000

<u>School</u>	<u>Grade 6</u>	<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>
Herbert Hoover MS	Murtagh, Erin Patalano, Christine	Smith, Kristen Tchorz, Joseph	Parcells, Denise Thorp, Sonia
John Adams MS	Riggi, Stephanie Turner, Kristin	Hettrick, Grant Sack, Adam	Hickman, Angelique Redding, Brian
Thomas Jefferson MS	Laiso, Samantha Ryan, Kelly	Ciervo, Natalie Poland, Melissa	Gerstik, Kristin Petersen, Kristin
Woodrow Wilson MS	Spagnoletti, Alicia Yascko, Christy	Marois, Patricia Montone, Lori	Kelly, Colleen Magliulo, Donna

17. 2022-2023 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM WRITERS – \$30.00/hour

Clark, Jonathan	Huang, James	Pan, Jose	Vincze, Michael
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18. 2022-2023 LEARNING LEADERS TITLE II A – Stipend \$3,000Herbert Hoover MS

Coles, Neha	Redmond, Jaclyn	Thorp, Sonia
Pfeiffer, Lyndsey	Schpakow, Brittany	

John Adams MS

Guzzi, Amanda	Queenan, Katherine	Saverino, Frank
Osmond, Kelly	Sack, Adam	

Thomas Jefferson MS

Kraft, Marina	Mawn, Matthew	Smith, Angela
Laiso, Samantha	Ryan, Kelly	

Woodrow Wilson MS

Columbus, Lisa	Fortino, Kristine	Yascko, Christy
Felipe, Melanie	Marois, Patricia	

Edison High School

Blevins, Mark	Makovec, Katherine	Singh, Jaslin
Curcio, Michelle	Tierney, Lynn	

John P. Stevens High School

Carrillo, Christian	Durso, Danielle	Marzulla, Alexandra
Crowley, Suzanne	Hasner, Courtney	

19. SUMMER SPORTS CAMP* EFFECTIVE 06/21/22-07/29/22 John P. Stevens High School and Thomas Jefferson Middle school *Contingent upon enrollment

COACHES – IN-DISTRICT \$35/hour

Andrade, Elizabeth	Bandola, Brooke	Breining, Eric
Coyle, Robert	Distefano, Brooke	Eckert, Francis
Franciscus, Michael	Garcia, Christopher	Glynn, Kerry
Jackow, Tyler	Lee-Garcia, Cherri	Legendre, David
Markano, Joanne	McCarthy, James	Mohr, Charles
Pavese, Vito	Rovito, Joseph	Sieczkowski, Zachary
Spiess, Kari	Timko, Scott	Weber, Timothy
Wernlund, Jason		

ATHLETIC TRAINERS \$35/hour

Franciscus, Michael	McQueeney, Melissa	Nipps, Susan
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CERTIFIED NURSES \$50.00/hour

Ingram, Andrea	Matonis, Laura	Montilus, Nicole
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REGISTERED NURSES \$40/hour

Golda, Laura

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: Dr. Hajduk, 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. Teacher & Educational Services Professional Recognition**

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education acknowledges the following Teachers and Educational Services Professionals for the 2021-2022 School Year:

<u>School</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Educational Services Professional</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Principal</u>
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School	Jennifer Hyjack	Lisa Wales	Paraprofessional	Steven Preville
James Madison Intermediate School	Amanda Bowler	Elyse Negron	Paraprofessional	Donna Abatemarco
James Madison Primary School	Miguel Ballon	Jessica Sanchez	ESL	Michael Seiler
James Monroe Elementary School	Stephanie Lin	Kelly Pedana	Reading Specialist	Cynthia Tufaro
John Marshall Elementary School	Katherine Pappas	Kathleen Gluchowski	Interventionist	Ami Hoffman
Lincoln Elementary School	Kristine Lambert	Carol Berger	Librarian	Shawn Scully
Lindeneau Elementary School	Imran Zia	Olufemi Francis	LDTC	Jennifer Fischer
Menlo Park Elementary School	Ashley Bermingham	Sangita Sridhar	Paraprofessional	Michael Duggan
Martin Luther King Elementary School	Ruth Vogel	Melanie Nunziata	School Counselor	Regina Paparsenos
Washington Elementary School	Jennifer Cerchio	Cathy Eichert	Paraprofessional	Sandra Schlatter
Woodbrook Elementary School	Michelle Gram	Kimberly Romero	School Counselor	Nicole Cirillo
Herbert Hoover Middle School	Erin Murtagh	Rebecca Nesterwitz	Speech Therapist	Brian McGrath
John Adams Middle School	Amy Epstein	Jasmine Cromartie	School Nurse	Dr. Joan Valentine
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Samantha Laiso	Kimberly McCoy	Head School Counselor	Antoinette Emden
Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Kristine Fortino	Joann Murphy	School Counselor	Jennifer Blevins
Edison High School	Michael Piccolo	Thomas Alexander	School Counselor	Charles Ross
John P. Stevens High School	Jordan Baer	Janine Silberberg	College/Career Counselor	Dr. Anthony Shallop
Franklin D Roosevelt/EELC	Hrisanthi Palomo	Allegra Greeley	Speech	Catherine Swayze

2. Special Education Week

WHEREAS, in recognition of Special Education Week designated by the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped; and

WHEREAS, special needs children receive special education instruction in New Jersey’s public and private schools; and

WHEREAS, special needs children are enrolled in pre-school and early intervention programs in this state; and

WHEREAS, the schools of New Jersey make a meaningful contribution to the public welfare by preparing special needs children and young adults to be active citizens of this state and as well members of society.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Township School District hereby declares May 8-14, 2022 as Special Education Week. The Edison Township School District, furthermore is proud to provide exceptional programs that assist every child in reaching their potential.

3. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report

BE IT
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the semi-annually school bus emergency evacuation drill reports for the following schools:

Edison Early Learning Center 10 Boulevard of Eagles Edison, NJ 08817	Routes: EELC1, EELC3, EELC6 May 4, 2022 – 8:55 A.M. & 1:00 P.M. Supervised by Alison Hines
FD Roosevelt Preschool 838 New Dover Road Edison, NJ 08820	Routes: FDR2, FDR2X, FDR3, FDR7, FD9, FD12, FD14A, FD16, JMPA April 29, 2022 – 8:55 A.M. Supervised by Dawn Netzel
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School 2485 Woodbridge Avenue Edison, NJ 08817	Routes: BF1, BF2, BF3, BF10, BEN2, BEN3, SUNSET, SUNRISE May 4, 2022 – 8:40 A.M. Supervised by Steve Preville, Gerald Tenebruso
James Madison Primary School 840 New Dover Road Edison, NJ 08820 And James Madison Intermediate School 838 New Dover Road Edison, NJ 08820	Routes: MDA, MDI, MDSE, MDPS, JMPA,MD1, MD2, MD3, MD4, MD5, MD6, MD7, MD9, Candyland (Before & After Care) May 3, 2022 – 8:40 A.M.. Supervised by Michael Seiler, Donna Abatamarco & Brian Mirfield

James Monroe Elementary School 7 Sharp Road Edison, NJ 08837	Routes: MON, MON2, MON3/4 JM1, JM2/5, JM3, JM4, Metuchen YMCA May 4, 2022 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Cynthia Tufaro, Margaret Callahan
John Marshall Elementary School 15 Cornell Street Edison, NJ 08817	Routes: MRAM, MAR, MAR2, MAR3, MR1, MR2, MR3, MR4, MR5, MR6, MR7, MR, MR9, MR10, MRKP, BOE Van April 29, 2022 – 8:50 A.M. & 15:50 P.M. Supervised by Ami Hoffman
Lincoln Elementary School 53 Brookville Road Edison, NJ 08817	Routes: LN1, LN2, LN3, LN4, LN5, LN6, LN7, LN8, LN9, LN10, LN12, LN13, LN14, LNA May 5, 2022 – 3:30 A.M. Supervised by Shawn Scully
Lindeneau Elementary School 50 Blossom Street Edison, NJ 08817	Routes: LD1/4, LND, LND2, D06 February 18, 2022 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Johan Manuel Rojas, Ed.D.
Martin Luther King Elementary School 285 Tingley Lane Edison, NJ 08820	Routes: MK1, MK5, MK8, MK15, MK2/6, MLK, MLK3, Candyland (Before & After Care), MKKP May 3, 2022 – 8:45 A.M. & 12:55 P.M. Supervised by Regina Paparsenos
Menlo Park Elementary School 155 Monroe Avenue Edison, NJ 08820	Routes: ML1, ML2, ML3, ML4, ML5, ML6, ML7, MEN, MEN2, MEN4, MLKP May 4, 2022 – 8:45 A.M. & 12:55 P.M. Supervised by Michael Duggan, James McCarthy, Cailean Anel, Limberly Labanich, Michele Meyers, Rosemarie Triolo
Washington Elementary School 153 Winthrop Road Edison, NJ 08817	Routes: WA1, WA2, WA3, WA4, WAB, WAH, WAT, D117, DO18 May 6, 2022 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Sandra Schlatter, Truc-LanVu
Woodbrook Elementary School 15 Robin Road Edison, NJ 08820	Routes: WB5, WB10, WB6, WB7, WB3, WB2, WB4, WB9, DO13, WB13, WB1, WB5PK May 3, 2022 – 8:43 A.M. – 12:55 P.M. Supervised by David Adinolfi, Don Deluca
Herbert Hoover Middle School 174 Jackson Avenue Edison, NJ 08837	Routes: HH1, HH2, HH3, HH4, HH5, HH6, HH7, HH8, HH9, HH10, HH12, HH15, HH16, HH17, HH18, HH19, HHM1, HHM2, HM3, HHM4 May 5, 2022 – 8:00 A.M. Supervised by Brian McGrath, Kelly Rappa
John Adams Middle School 1081 New Dover Road Edison, NJ 08820	Routes: JA1, JA2, JA3, JA4, JA5, JA6, JA7, JA8, JA9, JA10, JAWC, JAM, JAM2 May 6, 2022 – 8:00 A.M. Supervised by Dan Kelly

Thomas Jefferson Middle School 450 Division Street Edison, NJ 08817	Routes: TJ1, TJ2, TJ3, TJ4, TJ5, TJ6, TJ8, TJ9, TJM2, TJM3, D17 April 29, 2022 – 3:00 P.M. Supervised by Kenneth Saggese
Woodrow Wilson Middle School 50 Woodrow Wilson Drive, Edison, NJ 08820	Routes: WW1, WW2, WW4, WW5, WW6, WW7, WW8, WW11, WW12, WW13, WW14, WW16, WW17, WW19, WW20, WWS1, WWSN, WWWC April 4, 2022 – 8:00 A.M. Supervised by Renu Mendiratta
Edison High School 50 Boulevard of Eagles Edison, NJ 08817	Routes: 0524, T245, 0622 March 29, 2022 – 2:30 P.M. Supervised by Joseph Ferrara
John P. Stevens High School 855 Grove Avenue Edison, NJ 08820	Routes: JP1, JP2, JP3, JP4, JP5, JP6/8, JP7, JP9, JP10, JP11, JP12, JP13, JP14, JP15, JP16, JP17, JP18/22, JP19, JP20, JP21, JP23, JP24, JP25, JPSE, JPH4, JH5, JPAU, JPH3, JPWC May 5, 2022 – 7:00 A.M. Supervised by Meredith Quick

4. Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey

BE IT

RESOLVED: that pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Edison Township Board of Education elects Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, to the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, effective June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

1. Evaluation Rubrics & Teacher Practice Instrument

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-122 requires a school district to annually submit to the Commissioner of Education (“Commissioner”), for review and approval, the evaluation rubrics that the district will use to assess the effectiveness of its teachers, principals, assistant principals, and vice-principals and all other teaching staff members; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-123 requires the Commissioner to review and approve rubrics submitted by school districts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-122, and requires the district board of education to adopt a rubric approved by the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.1 provides that a district board of education shall annually adopt evaluation rubrics for all teaching staff members which shall have four defined annual ratings of ineffective, partially effective, effective, and highly effective; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 1, 2018, the Edison Township Board of Education (“Board”) submitted to the Commissioner a modified evaluation rubric for teaching staff members in compliance with law and New Jersey Department of Education regulations; and

WHEREAS, on or about June 1, 2018, the Board received a letter from Carl Blanchard, Director of the New Jersey Department of Education Office of Evaluation, confirming that the modifications the Board had made to its teacher practice instrument had been approved by the Commissioner, and that the Board’s application and instrument met the criteria specified; and

WHEREAS, the Board does not intend to make any further modifications to the approved version of the evaluation rubric and teacher practice instrument for teaching staff members submitted to and approved by the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the Board will implement the evaluation rubric and teacher practice instrument for teaching staff members submitted to and approved by the Commissioner for the 2021-2022 school year, beginning on July 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: as follows:
The Board hereby adopts the evaluation rubric and teacher practice instrument for teaching staff members for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted to and approved by the Commissioner.

2. Evaluation Rubrics & Principal Practice Instrument

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-122 requires a school district to annually submit to the Commissioner of Education (“Commissioner”), for review and approval, the evaluation rubrics that the district will use to assess the effectiveness of its teachers, principals, assistant principals, and vice-principals and all other teaching staff members; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-123 requires the Commissioner to review and approve rubrics submitted by school districts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-122, and requires the district board of education to adopt a rubric approved by the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.1 provides that a district board of education shall annually adopt evaluation rubrics for all teaching staff members which shall have four defined annual ratings of ineffective, partially effective, effective, and highly effective; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education (“Board”) will implement the New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning Observation Instrument for principals, assistant principals and supervisors submitted to and approved by the Commissioner for the 2021-2022 school year, beginning on July 1, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED: as follows:
The Board hereby adopts the evaluation rubric and principal practice instrument for principals, assistant principals and supervisors for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted to and approved by the Commissioner.

3. Approval of 2022 Summer School Schedule - Revised

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the revised 2022 Summer School Schedule, as annexed hereto.

4. Approval of 2022 Summer School Schedule - Revised

BE IT

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

1. Thirty-four students and three advisors from John P. Stevens High School's Odyssey of the Mind will be attending the Iowa State World Finals in Ames, Iowa in May 2022. There will be a cost to the Board of Education of \$6,038.07 plus the cost of substitute teachers.
2. Seven students and two advisors from John Adams Middle School's Odyssey of the Mind will be attending the Iowa State World Finals in Ames, Iowa in May 2022. There will be a cost to the Board of Education of \$3,771.00 plus the cost of substitute teachers.
3. Thirteen students and two advisors from Martin Luther King Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind will be attending the Iowa State World Finals in Ames, Iowa in May 2022. There will be a cost to the Board of Education for \$2,591.40, plus the cost of substitute teachers.
4. Twenty-three students and two advisors from Woodrow Wilson Middle School's FBLA will be attending the National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois in June-July 2022. There will be a cost to the Board of Education for \$5,796.00.
5. Thirty students and one advisor from John P. Stevens High School's FCCLA will be attending the FCCLA National Leadership Conference in San Diego, California in June-July 2022. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

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 May 2022, as annexed hereto.

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	CONFERENCE	LOCATION	REGISTRATION FEE	HOTEL EXPENSES **	OTHER EXPENSES **	FUND
Agmana, Eleanor (Rescind)	EHS	05/24/22-05/26/22	NJACAC Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$225.00	\$178.00	\$201.30	Professional Development
Zapoticzny, Matthew	EHS	06/13/22-06/16/22	AP Chemistry Summer Institute	Virtual	\$600.00	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

C. PUPIL/SPECIAL SERVICES

1. Out of District Placements – May 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>
3015227	04/11/22	Regional Achievement Academy-MOESC	Somerset Secondary Academy-SCESC	\$14,086	IEP Team Decision (Change of Placement)
2025266	04/25/22	Home Instruction	Future Foundations Academy-ESCNJ	\$12,793	IEP Team Decision (Medically Cleared to Return)
3028124	04/18/22-06/02/22	John P. Stevens High School	Somerset Secondary Academy-SCESC	\$13,799	New Placement (Interim Alternative Education Program)

(General Education Students)

<u>Student ID #</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Previous Placement</u>	<u>New Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
3031272	04/18/22-06/02/22	John P. Stevens High School	Somerset Secondary Academy-SCESC	\$8,635	New Placement (Interim Alternative Education Program)

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

AYES: Dr. Hajduk, 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 – April 2022

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the minutes of the April 26, 2022 Public Meeting.

2. Board Secretary’s Report

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of March 31, 2022 be accepted and approved for filing and audit:

A. Report of the Board Secretary (A148)

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. Report of Investments

Period Ending April 30, 2022

Interest - \$8,334.16

Year to Date Interest Received: 2021-2022 - \$75,532.56

4. Finance Resolutions

a. 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 March 31, 2022:

To:		
11-000-230-200	Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 304.66
11-000-251-592	Miscellaneous Purchased Services	1,000.00
11-000-262-107	Salaries of Non-Instructional Aides	70,000.00
	Total	\$71,304.66
From:		
11-000-230-530	Postage – Central Administration	\$ 304.66
11-000-251-600	Supplies and Materials	1,000.00
11-000-262-109	Custodial Salaries	70,000.00
	Total	\$71,304.66

b. Cooperative Bid No. 10947 - Microscopes

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following Educational Data Services Cooperative Bid No. 10947 for Microscopes for the 2021-2022 School Year to Ward’s Science for the following schools:

<u>School</u>	<u>Bid Amount</u>
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	\$ 25,338.00
Woodrow Wilson Middle School	33,784.00
John Adams Middle School	25,338.00
Herbert Hoover Middle School	25,338.00
Total	\$109,798.00

c. 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>
W Wilson MS	7 Monitors* 140 Chromebooks* 4 Projectors* 1 HP Elite Book* 1 HP Printer*

*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.

d. 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 April 30, 2022 payable by electronic transfer totaling \$2,687,352.84 from the Board of Education Self-Insured Medical and Prescription Account in Investors Bank.

e. 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 April 30, 2022 payable by Cycle Checks No. 171865 through No. 172299 inclusive, totaling \$7,550,145.33 the Board of Education Warrant Account in Investors Bank.

f. Transportation Report – May 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 April 2022:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/ Aide</u>
<u>Quote – To & From School - 2021-2022 School Year</u>				
Skillman RBA	NELVI	Rockbrook School	05/22/22-06/30/22	\$350.00 Aide - \$75.00
DIS1	NEVLI	Edison HS, H Hoover MS & J Monroe ES	03/28/22-06/30/22	\$350.00 Aide - \$150.00
BBG	ABC	Bright Beginnings Learning Center	03/30/22-06/30/22	\$450.00 Aide - \$85.00
SAS4	Sunset	Somerset Academy	04/25/22-06/30/22	\$444.00 Aide - \$50.00
T355	ESCNJ	Children’s Center of Monmouth	04/25/22-06/30/22	\$500.00 Aide - \$50.00
T341	ESCNJ	Lamberts Mill Academy	03/31/22-06/30/22	\$230.00 Aide - \$40.00
T354	ESCNJ	Mountain Lakes HS	04/12/22-06/30/22	\$400.00 Aide - \$50.00
CLL7	ABC	Center for Lifelong Learning	05/16/22-06/30/22	\$267.00 Aide - \$80.00

g. RFP - Appointment of Broker of Record – Employee Health Benefits (RFP No. 22-28)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Brown & Brown, 1129 Broad Street, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702 as the Broker of Record for Employee Health Benefits for the Edison Township Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year, at a commission Cap of \$195,000.00 for Medical, Prescription, Dental and Stop Loss, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(10).

h. RFP - Appointment of Insurance Risk Management Services (RFP No. 22-29)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator, appoints Balken Risk Management, 4 Walter E. Foran Boulevard, Suite 1058, Flemington, NJ 08822 as the Broker of Record for property and Casualty, Errors and Omissions, Liability, Automobile, Workers Compensation and other insurance coverages such as Volunteer and Bonding Coverage, for the 2022-2023 school year at the standard commission rates set by the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) as pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(10).

i. Shared Services Agreement with Township of Edison – Cricket Pitches

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves a Shared Services Agreement with the Township of Edison for the operation and scheduling of Cricket Pitches located at the Edison Township Public Schools, subject to final approval of the Shared Services Agreement by the Superintendent of Schools.

Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to approve the Finance Resolutions, including the Resolutions for the (g) RFP – Appointment of Broker of Record – Employee Health Benefits, (h) RFP Appointment of Insurance Risk Management Services and the (i) Shared Services Agreement with Township of Edison – Cricket Pitches. Mrs. Madhukar made the motion, seconded by Mr. B. Patel. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Hayduk (Except Abstained on Items g & h Only),
Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel (Except No on Items g & i Only),
Mr. M. Patel (Except No on Items g & i Only),
Mrs. White, Mrs. Peng (Except No on Items g & i Only),
Mr. Shi, Mrs. Madhukar, Mr. Schneider

ABSTAINED: Dr. Hayduk – Finance Items g & h Only;

NAYS: Mr. B. Patel – Items g & h Only, Mr. M. Patel – Items g & i Only;

The motion was carried.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Budget Planning and Oversight Committee

April 27, 2022 – 4:30 P.M to 6:30 P.M.

In attendance: Biral Patel, Brian Rivera, Douglas Schneider, Shivi Madhukar, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Ann T. Kluck

Business Discussed:

- Review List of Necessities from School Principals and Supervisors
- Band and Music Program Funding
- Robotics and AI Program Funding
- May School Bucks charges and balance issues
- Annual Capital items budget presentation
- Finalization of Budget

Recommendations:

- Committee agrees with Superintendent’s recommendation of List.
- Committee agrees with funding of Robotics, AI and Band/Music Program.
- Administration will look into options for mySchoolbucks program.
- Budget finalized.

- Review List of Necessities from School principals and Supervisors: The Committee reviewed the list of necessities as provided by the School Principals and Supervisors. The Committee had asked Dr. Bragen to obtain such list in the prior meetings, so all schools have the appropriate tools they need to education our students. Dr. Bragen obtained such list and shared it with the Committee along with the recommendations that Dr. Bragen had around that list. Majority of the departments and administrators had responded back to it. The Committee agreed with the list provided and asked to move forward with it. Examples of such lists included basic items such as white boards, copy machines, classroom supplies, etc.
- Band and Music Program – Dr. Bragen met with the respective staff/supervisors and inquired about needs of Band and Music Program. They were using instruments that were up to 25 years old. They had asked for needs related to the music and band program, specifically related to the instruments. Dr. Bragen had a recommendation for the needs. Committee asked if it was fair and reasonable and that if the budget will be impacted by it. Dr. Bragen confirmed that the District has the required resources to get this achieved. It will not impact next year’s budget as the District has resources for it. The Committee spoke about the band equipment and why it is important for the programs and recommended Dr. Bragen to go ahead with it and help fully fund the music and band programs.
- So that everyone can feel comfortable across the real needs in all the areas, this was a very good exercise. By this exercise, the missing needs of our staff, educators, students can be fulfilled for the education and related activities, and it helps them to succeed. The Committee thanked Dr. Bragen for these efforts that were performed in such a timely and effective manner as it will be from the co-op funding.
- The Committee also decided to fully fund the wish list as per Dr. Bragen’s recommendation.
- AI and Robotics Program Club/Funding – The Committee discussed the needs of AI and Robotics Club. Dr. Bragen had received relevant information in this area as well. The Committee acknowledged that AI and Robotics Program in form of clubs or any other possible

means would help the students succeed in the STEM area. They noted that we should promote a culture when clubs come and ask if it is a reasonable ask, we look into it. They recommended Dr. Bragen to include \$20,000 funding for AI and Robotics Club in the budget for both the schools which shall be allocated when the clubs demonstrate such need. They also discussed that EHS Robotics Club has more of such need at this moment, which should be supported. Dr. Bragen confirmed that it will be an extracurricular line item and noted he shall reach out to the respective school principals and/or other responsible individuals such as folks in charge of extracurricular clubs in order to proceed with it in the next school year.

- My School Bucks Charges and Balance Issue – The Committee was made aware about the charge of \$2.75 per transaction by the software “Myschoolbucks.” They spoke about several other options such as “community pass”, district’s own program or another vendor. Myschoolbucks have credit card transactions that integrates with nutrislice. Such information needs to be checked with other vendors. The Committee asked to speak with Maschios to see if there are other vendors and about all other reasonable vendors and said if any other vendors would integrate with nutrislice to look into it. Committee said the transaction cost of \$2.75 per transaction was too high and asked the Administration to look into other more reasonable options.
- Annual Capital Items – Mr. Kolibas presented about annual capital items, such as locker replacement in Edison High School, other repairs and several other items. Dr. Bragen went over the recommendation and confirmed that the District has appropriate funding for the same. Committee asked the reasoning behind the list and recommendation. They also asked Mr. Kolibas if the District has appropriate resources and bandwidth for the same. They agreed with and applauded the efforts of Dr. Bragen and Mr. Kolibas for this exercise and recommended the items provided in the list.

Mr. Kolibas updated the Committee about ongoing projects on Lincoln School Addition, which is ready for September 2022 opening and that at Edison High School Auditorium, all floor tiles are up. The Committee asked to put the rendering of the plan on the District site.

- Salary of the paraprofessionals and bus Drivers – Dr. Aldarelli had done research on the salary of paraprofessionals and bus drivers and noted to the committee that the salary is on a lower end and that raising it by a smaller portion to help the District avail appropriate resources. The Committee agreed with the comments of Dr. Aldarelli.

2. Township Liaison Committee

May 10, 2022 – 11:01 A.M. – 11:40 A.M. in the Education Center

In attendance: Virginia White, Shivi Madhukar, Bernard F. Bragen, Jr., Ed.D., Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Council VP Joyce Ship-Freeman, Council VP Joyce Ship-Freeman, Councilman Richard Brescher, Councilwoman Margot Harris, Edison PD, Deputy Fire Chief/OEM Coordinator Andy Toth, Deputy Police Chief Bob Dudash (via ZOOM), Constituent Relations Coordinator Edison Township Pat Coyle (via ZOOM), Ray Alcantara, Chief of Staff to Mayor Joshi, (via ZOOM), Robert Diehl, Chief of Staff/Master Plan Coordinator (via ZOOM), Mayor Sam Joshi (via ZOOM)

Business Discussed:

- Mr. Coyle reported on paving plans that have been submitted for township streets.
- Deputy Chief Dudash provided an update on the Junior Police Academy. They are still advertising for their middle and high school programs. Sgt. Ship will reach out to Dr. Bragen to help recruit more students. They will also visit school lunches

- To solicit more student interest in the programs. DARE Programs are not currently in schools, but the police department will be completing Drug Education Programs including Vaping and Opioid abuse.
- A discussion ensued about the traffic on New Dover Road and Inman Avenue during arrival and dismissal times at John Adams Middle School and Martin Luther King School. Deputy Chief Dudash mentioned some complaints on New Dover Road and Tingley Lane pertaining to parking and speeding violations. They police are actively working on these issues. This discussion resulted from public comments at the last Board of Education meeting where a resident raised concerns about the possibility of hazardous traffic conditions at arrival and dismissal time for John Adams and Martin Luther King Schools. Ms. Harris asked a question about lighted crosswalks for Woodrow Wilson Middle School. Deputy Chief Dudash will look into it.
- Mr. Alcantara shared an update on the Library Board. They are working on several initiatives with the schools. He also mentioned that some students were causing a disruption at the library and these concerns were addressed by the library staff. Mrs. Madhukar asked about the timeline for the expansion of the library on Grove Avenue. Mr. Alcantara reported that shovels will hopefully be in the ground shortly. Mrs. White asked about the ABC Program and if they plan on expanding it to accommodate increased Kindergarten enrollment. Mrs. Madhukar asked about the status of waitlists. Mr. Alcantara reported that currently, they have over 70 children and 11 children are on the waitlist. Next year, 775 are currently registered, and they expect 1,000 to 1,100 students to enroll. This is 200 shy of pre-pandemic numbers.
- Deputy Chief Toth spoke about a student he helped from John P. Stevens High School who later became a fireman in town. This led to updates from himself and Mrs. Ship-Freeman regarding the progress of the Edison Township careers video. A tentative filming date is set for May 24, 2022. Dr. Bragen and Deputy Chief Toth will coordinate these efforts. Ms. Harris asked about female firefighters. Deputy Chief Toth explained the process. Current, three women are on the active volunteer list with the possibility of two being hired as full-time fire personnel.
- Mrs. Shi-Freeman informed the group that transportation is available for Senior Citizens if needed to attend the Memorial Day Parade. They should contact Jay Elliot to make arrangements.
- The Edison Art Society Gazebo dedication will be held on May 18th at 5:30 P.M. Scholarships will be awarded at that time.
- The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022 at 11:00 A.M.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Event - Caucus Meeting
Date - Thursday, June 9, 2022
Location – John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)
Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event - Public Meeting
Date - Tuesday, June 14, 2022
Location – John P. Stevens High School (Auditorium)
Time - 7:00 P.M.

XII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs. White congratulated all honorees and administrators.

Mr. Shi also congratulated the honorees, plus family, and the staff at the Education Center.

Mr. Rivera congratulated the honorees and stated that he was proud they were all part of our village. He recognized the nurses in all schools, special education week and wished everyone good luck with the NJSL testing.

Mrs. Madhukar congratulated everyone being honored, plus all the teachers of Edison.

Mr. Biral Patel also congratulated the recipients tonight.

Mrs. Peng echoed her congratulations to the teachers and educational services professionals.

Mr. Mohin Patel congratulated the honorees, as well as Patrick MacDonald for all the work he does videotaping all the events for our schools. He thanked Dr. Bragen for hiring a great staff and to r. Shi for all his service.

Dr. Hajduk congratulated the staff members being honored and stated that special education week is important

Mr. Schneider also congratulated everyone tonight.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Bodofsky, resident, acknowledged Special Education Week.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, acknowledged the outstanding teachers and personnel, and the Educational Support Personnel included in the Education Center. She spoke about the high school graduations at Rutgers, the policy on vaccinations if numbers go up, and the need for more personnel in the high schools. Mrs. Conway also questioned the Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, May 23, 2022 and stated that students in Special Education classes learn in a special way.

Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to end Public Comments. Mr. B. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Hajduk, 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. 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:

- ETEA Grievances

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 adjourn to privileged session at 10:16 P.M. Mr. B. Patel made the motion, seconded by Dr. Hajduk. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

XV. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to reconvene this May 12, 2022 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education to open session. Mr. B. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mrs. Kluck took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Schneider asked for a motion to adjourn this May 12, 2022 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education at 11:55 P.M. Mr. B. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. All in favor, the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann T. Kluck
Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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