

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The February 23, 2023 Caucus Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Shannon Peng at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Toth took the roll, and the following members were present:

Mrs. Shannon Peng, President, Mr. Joseph Romano, Vice President, Mr. Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Mrs. Virginia White, Mr. Mohin Patel, Mr. Douglas Schneider, Mr. Biral Patel, Mr. Brian Rivera and Mr. Vishal Patel.

Also in attendance were Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Acting Superintendent, Mr. Jonathan B. Toth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Matthew Moench, Board Attorney.

III. OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Toth read the following Opening Statement:

In accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” P.L. 1975, c. 231 (Sunshine Law), copies of the public meeting notice were sent to the Home News Tribune and the Star Ledger on January 3, 2023. Members of the public may participate at regular meetings in accordance with the By-Laws of the Board and applicable state regulations.

IV. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS – BOARD DISCUSSION ONLY

A. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. YOUTH ART MONTH

WHEREAS, Art Education contributes powerful educational benefits to all elementary, middle and secondary students including the following:

- \* Art Education develops students’ creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;
- \* Art Education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order and other expressive qualities;
- \* Art Education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-culture values and beliefs;
- \* Art Education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects; and
- \* Art Education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students’ education.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education officially recognizes March 2023 as Youth Art Month, encouraging the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.

2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – MIDDLESEX COLLEGE

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves a Memorandum of Understanding, as annexed hereto, with Middlesex College, allowing Edison High School and John P. Stevens High School students to earn college credit during regular school hours by taking specific approved courses, the curricula for which matches that of Middlesex College, as part of their High School Scholars Program for the 2022-2023 School Year.

3. APPROVAL OF POLICIES - REVISED & ABOLISHED – FIRST READING

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the first reading of the following Revised and Abolished Policies, as annexed hereto:

1. Policy No. 0152 – Bylaws – Board Officers (Revised)
2. Policy No. 2423 – Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
3. Policy No. 2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (Revised)
4. Policy No. 5200 – Attendance (M) (Revised)
5. Policy No. 5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) (Revised)
6. Policy No. 8140 – Student Enrollments (M) (Revised)
7. Policy No. 8330 – Student Records (M) (Revised)
8. Policy No. 1648.11 – The Road Forward COVID-19–Health and Safety (Abolish)
9. Policy No. 1648.13 – School Employee Vaccination Requirements (Abolish)

3. APPROVAL OF POLICIES – SECOND READING

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the second reading of the following Revised and New Policies, as annexed hereto:

1. Policy No. 2415.04 – Title I – District-Wide Parent and Family Engagement (Revised)

2. Policy No. 2415.50 – Edison High School Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
3. Policy No. 2415.51 – Herbert Hoover Middle School Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
4. Policy No. 2415.52 – Thomas Jefferson Middle School Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
5. Policy No. 2415.53 – Benjamin Franklin Elementary School Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
6. Policy No. 2415.54 – James Monroe Elementary School Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
7. Policy No. 2415.55 – John Marshall Elementary School Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
8. Policy No. 2415.56 – Lindeneau Elementary School Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)
9. Policy No. 2415.57 – Washington Elementary School Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement (M) (New)

B. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

1. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

BE IT

RESOLVED:

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

1. Eighty students and eight advisors from Edison High School’s DECA will be attending the DECA State Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey in February-March 2023. There will be a cost to the Board of Education of \$2,860 and the cost for substitute teachers.
2. One-hundred students and six advisors from John P. Stevens High School’s DECA will be attending the DECA State Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey in February-March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
3. Five students and one advisor from Herbert Hoover Middle School’s FCCLA will be attending FCCLA Spring Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
4. Fifteen students and two advisors from Woodrow Wilson Middle School’s FCCLA will be attending FCCLA Spring Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.

5. Seventy students and four advisors from John P. Steven High School’s FCCLA will be attending FCCLA Spring Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
6. Twenty-five students and three advisors from Edison High School’s FCCLA will be attending FCCLA Spring Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
7. One hundred-forty students and six advisors from John P. Steven High School’s AP American Government & Politics will be attending a visit to the Supreme Court in Washington, DC in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
8. Eighty-five students and two advisors from Edison High School’s Band will be attending the Disney Youth Festival in Orlando, Florida in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
9. Twelve students and two advisors from Edison High School’s Model UN will be attending NHS Model UN in New York, New York in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
10. Thirty-two students and one advisor from Edison High School’s Orchestra will be attending the Disney Youth Festival in Orlando, Florida in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
11. One student and one advisor from Thomas Jefferson Middle School’s FCCLA will be attending the FCCLA Spring Leadership Conference in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
12. Fifty-seven students and one advisor from Edison High School’s Choir and Chamber Singers will be attending the Disney Youth Festival in Orlando, Florida in March 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTATION

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the professional development documentation for February 2023, 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>
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Hristofis, Argiris	JPS	03/16/23-06/17/23	2023 DAANJ Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$416.00	\$69.00	**	Professional Development
Kolibas, Jr., William	Ed Center	03/20/23-03/22-23	New Jersey Buildings & Grounds Association Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	\$325.00	\$213.24	**	Professional Development
Maier, Laurie	EHS/JPS	03/22/23-03/25/23	National Conference on Science Education	Atlanta, GA	\$470.00	\$520.00	\$446.80 **	Professional Development
Mendiratta, Renu	WWMS	03/27/23 & 03/28/23	NNASA/NJPSA Women's Leadership Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$409.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Callahan, Margaret	Monroe	03/27/23	NNASA/NJPSA Women's Leadership Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$249.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Fischer, Jennifer	Lindeneau	03/27/23 & 03/28/23	NNASA/NJPSA Women's Leadership Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$409.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Vu, Truc-Lan	Washington	03/27/23 & 03/28/23	NNASA/NJPSA Women's Leadership Conference	Somerset, NJ	\$409.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Raymond, Daryann	Ed Center	04/04/23 & 04/05/23	Public School Building Process	WebEx	\$210.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Cirillo, Nicole	Woodbrook	04/10/23	Practical Strategies for Dealing with Disrespectful & Disengaged Students	Webinar	\$279.00	N/A	N/A	EPSA
Perlin, Janice	Ed Center	04/20/23	Phenomena Driven Strategies to Increase Student Engagement	Webinar	\$279.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Fiorello, Jason	JPS	05/04/23	FLENJ Workshop Series #5-From Principles to Practices: Maximizing Language Development Across the Tree Modes	Monroe, NJ	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Patel, Hitisha	Ed Center	05/25/23	Cultivating Genius: An Equity Framework for Culturally & Historically Responsive Literacy	New Brunswick, NJ	\$175.00	N/A	N/A	Esser II
Padhye, Sanyogita	JPS	06/27/23-06/30/23	2023 AP English Literature & Composition Summer Institute	On-Line	\$700.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Pastel, Hitisha	Ed Center	07/10/23-07/13/23	Reimagining Education: Teaching, Learning and Leading for a Racially Just Society	New York, NY	\$515.00	N/A	\$106.00 **	Esser II

\*\*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 – JANUARY 2023

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following Out-of-District Placements for 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>
301014	01/30/23	Chapel Hill Academy	John P. Stevens High School	(\$34,176)		Terminated Placement (Returned to District)
305659	02/27/23	Bonnie Brae School	C.P.C. High Point School	\$34,699		IEP Team Decision (Change of Placement)
3006774	01/30/23	C.P.C. High Point School	Windsor Prep High School	\$28,905		IEP Team Decision (Change of Placement)
3038184	01/23/23	Woodbridge Township School District-OOD	Jardine Academy	\$39,268		IEP Team Decision
3032025	03/01/23	Thomas Jefferson Middle School	NuView Academy	\$25,179		IEP Team Decision (New Placement)
3026730	02/13/23	John P. Stevens High School	Somerset Secondary Academy-SCESC	\$31,585		IEP Team Decision (New Placement)
				New Placement	District of Origin	
3037964	02/13/23	Irvington Public Schools	YCS George Washington	YCS George Washington	Irvington Public Schools	New Residential Laurie Haven Group Home Student

**D. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORTS**

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 2023**

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the minutes of the January 2, 2023 Reorganization Meeting, the January 19, 2023 Caucus Meeting and the January 24, 2023 Public Meeting.

2. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education confirms the following monthly reports:

- Warrant Accounts – February 2023 - \$9,188,350
- Monthly Transfer Report – January 2023
- Voided Checks – January 2023 – N/A
- Purchase Orders – February 2023
- Report of the Board Secretary – January 2023

b. INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to open a money market account at First Bank, in accordance with their response to RFP 23-17. The Initial Investment is in the amount of \$15,000,000.

c. APPROVAL OF EDISON TOWNSHIP EDUCATION FOUNDATION

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education authorizes the Acting Superintendent of Schools to work with the Board Counsel to establish the Edison Township Education Foundation, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:20-4; 18A:20-11 et seq. and District Policy No. 7230.

d. APPROVAL OF UPDATE TO STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR PURCHASING MANUAL, FY23

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the update of the Standard Operating Procedures for Purchasing Manual, Fiscal Year 2023.

e. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – EFFECTIVE SCHOOL SOLUTIONS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves a \$196,750 increase in the contract with Effective School Solutions for the Fiscal Year 2023 School Year. The additional funding will be used for five (5) additional mental health clinicians to work with students.

f. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – ESCNJ – CARGO VANS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the purchase of two (2) Chevrolet cargo vans from Mall Chevrolet for the Edison Township Board of Education Buildings & Grounds Department. The vans are being procured through a cooperative purchasing agreement with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Contract #ESCNJ 20/21-09 in a total amount of \$80,000.

g. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – NJ EDGEMARKET – SYNTHETIC TURF FIELD

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Public Schools (hereinafter “OWNER”) wishes to have one (1) synthetic turf athletic field installed at Edison High School, generally in keeping with the Scope of Work described herein, and as otherwise may be agreed upon in writing by the parties hereto; and

WHEREAS, OWNER intends to retain the services of Keystone Sports Construction (hereinafter “KEYSTONE”), for the purposes of installing the recreational synthetic turf field as described in the attached proposal;

NOW THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the purchase of one (1) synthetic turf field procured through a cooperative purchasing agreement with NJ Edgemarket, Contract #ECIN: (269EMCPS-22-004-CP-KSC in a total amount of \$976,130.

h. APPROVAL OF COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING FOR SPECIALIZED GOODS OR SERVICES

WHEREAS, that in order to initiate competitive contracting, the Edison Township Board of Education shall pass a resolution authorizing the use of competitive contracting each time specialized goods or services enumerated in section 45 of P.L. 1999, c.440 (C. 18A:18A-4.1) are desired to be contracted;

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator to initiate competitive contracting in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.3 for the following:

- Substitute Staffing Services
- HVAC Containment Air Filters



i. ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education recognizes that Governor Murphy signed P.L. 2022, c.18 on June 30, 2022, that the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, is accepting applications for grant funding for school facilities projects in regular operating districts (ROD); and

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education acknowledges that the required documentation must be submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education to apply for Grant Funding for the following projects:

- Multi-Purpose Room RTU Installations at:
  - Benjamin Franklin Elementary School
  - F. D. Roosevelt Pre-School
  - John Marshall Elementary School
  - Lindeneau Elementary School
  - James Madison Primary & Intermediate Schools
  - Martin Luther King Elementary School
  - Washington Elementary School
- Fire Alarm Upgrades at Herbert Hoover Middle School
- Fire Alarm Upgrade & Boiler Replacement at Thomas Jefferson Middle School
- ADA Toilet Room Upgrades at Edison High School
- ADA Toilet Room Upgrades at John P. Stevens High School
- New Classroom Wing Addition at John P. Stevens High School
- Generator Installation & Cafeteria Lighting Replacement at John P. Stevens High School
- Generator Installation at the Board of Education Building

All of which are either consistent with the current approved Long Range Facilities Plan or the Long Range Facilities Plan will be amended to include the above projects; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education acknowledges that the local matching funds for the balance of the project will be funded out of Capital reserved.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education authorizes DMR Architects to prepare and submit the New Jersey Department of Education documentation for Grant Funding including the Long Range Facilities Plan Amendment as required for the following projects:

- Multi-Purpose Room RTU Installations at:
  - Benjamin Franklin Elementary School
  - F. D. Roosevelt Pre-School
  - John Marshall Elementary School
  - Lindeneau Elementary School
  - James Madison Primary & Intermediate Schools

- Martin Luther King Elementary School
- Washington Elementary School
- Fire Alarm Upgrades at Herbert Hoover Middle School
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- New Classroom Wing Addition at John P. Stevens High School
- Generator Installation & Cafeteria Lighting Replacement at John P. Stevens High School
- Generator Installation at the Board of Education Building

j. ACCEPTANCE OF CTSO-FCCLA CONTINUATION GRANT AWARD, FY 23 & FY 24

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the award of the CTSO-FCCLA (Career & Technical Student Organization-Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) Grant, in the amount of \$158,500.00 for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024.

k. AMENDMENT TO ESEA CONSOLIDATED GRANT, FY 23

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following amendment to the ESEA Consolidated Grant, Fiscal Year 2023, as follows: (1) revision of fiscal and program changes to Title I-A, Title I SIA, Title II-A, Title III, and Tile IV Part A, and (2) allocation of additional carryover funds to Title I-A (\$1,664,651.00), Title I SIA (\$51,800.00), Title II-A (\$311,709.00), Title III (\$136,582), and Title IV Part A (\$135,489.00).

l. BID NO. 23-19 – STUDENT ACTIVITY TRANSPORTATION SERVICES – 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education awards the bid (No. 23-19) for Student Activity Transportation Services for the 2022-2023 School Year to the following vendor:  
(Bid Date–02/15/23)

<u>Route</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Successful Bidder (Hourly Rate)</u>	<u>Unsuccessful Bidder (Hourly Rate)</u>
JAMS-Softball	Road to Success	\$98.00	
	Chris Trans		Did Not Meet Specifications

	George Dapper		Did Not Meet Specifications
	Nelvi Transit		Did Not Meet Specifications
JAMS-Baseball	Road to Success	\$110.00	
	Chris Trans		Did Not Meet Specifications
	Nelvi Transit		Did Not Meet Specifications
WWMS-Softball	Road to Success	\$98.00	
	Chris Trans		Did Not Meet Specifications
	George Dapper		Did Not Meet Specifications
	Nelvi Transit		Did Not Meet Specifications
WWMS-Baseball	Road to Success	\$110.00	
	Chris Trans		Did Not Meet Specifications
	George Dapper		Did Not Meet Specifications
	Nelvi Transit		Did Not Meet Specifications
HHMS-Sports	Road to Success	\$115.00	
	Chris Trans		Did Not Meet Specifications
	Nelvi Transit		Did Not Meet Specifications
TJMS-Sports	Road to Success	\$104.00	
	Chris Transit		Did Not Meet Specifications
	Nelvi Transit		Did Not Meet Specifications

m. REBID – OBSOLETE TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education awards the rebid for Obsolete Technology Equipment to Cornerstone Technologies, 4487 Park Drive, Suite E, Norcross, Georgia 30093 for a buyback offer of \$7,850. (Bid Date – 02/16/23)

n. RFP – SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONSULTANT SERVICES

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Township Board of Education received Requests for Superintendent Search Consultant Services on February 8, 2023 and hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_, for a fee of \_\_\_\_\_; and

BE IT FURTHER

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

BE IT FURTHER

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

BE IT FURTHER

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

o. APPOINTMENT OF WIDE AREA NETWORK, INTERNET & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the appointment of Optimum Lightpath/ Cablevision Lightpath-NJ, Inc., 200 Jericho Quadrangle, Jericho, NY 11753 for the District’s wide area network, internet and telecommunication services starting July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028 school years, based on the District’s request for proposal, at a monthly fee of \$40,640; and accepts, as part of the contract, a one-time credit of \$40,640; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that this service is eligible for a 40% federal E-Rate reimbursement.

p. MONMOUTH-OCEAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION – COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

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 Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC), 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 February 28, 2023 governing body of the Edison Township Board of Education, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:344-7.6 (a), duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services; and

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC), the Lead Agency.

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:P11-11(5) and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.6 (a), the School Business Administrator, Jonathan B. Toth, is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC, the Lead Agency).

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall comply with the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 189A:18A-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.

q. MONMOUTH-OCEAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION - PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

BE IT  
RESOLVED:

that this agreement be made for the 2022-2023 school year by and between the Edison Schools (“District”) and the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission, with officers at 900 Green Grove Road, Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07712 (“MOESC”).

RECITALS:

The District requests the services of: Child Study Team and/or Related Services as listed on the 2022-20233 MOESC Fee Schedule.

AGREEMENT:

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the District and MOESC agree as follows:

1. The attached standard terms and conditions are incorporated herein.
2. MOESC shall provide certified educational professionals to provide the services, as defined herein, during the time frame specified herein, at the facility/facilities of the District as the District shall specify, at a cost of the requested services per discipline as specified in the MOESC Fee Schedule. Please note: If requesting “Per Diem”, any hours over 6.5 hours will be charged at the hourly rate per discipline.

3. Payment is due upon receipt based upon the District's monthly bill payment schedule.
4. The District recognizes that MOESC shall be utilizing independent contractors for these services and shall attempt, but is not obligated, to provide the same contractor for the duration of the request. Any change should be reported to the Director Special Services, no later than 48 hours before the change is made.

## I. SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

### A. Responsibilities of the MOESC

1. Provide properly certified educational professionals to perform the independent, advisory services specified in the Agreement, which shall be an independent contractor of MOESC.
2. Follow the direction of the District and its administration in the delivery of the contracted-for services.
3. Provide testing equipment and materials for Speech correction and Child Study Team services.
4. Provide liability insurance. The insurance certificate must name the DISTRICT, as an additionally insured. The minimum liability insurance limits should be \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate.
5. Maintain feedback from requesting districts as to the services provided.
6. Abide by the District's daily schedule.

### B. Responsibilities of District Board of Education to MOESC:

1. Provide access to appropriate, secure, safe and climate-controlled facility including janitorial services, and appropriate and timely removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, stairs and parking lots including the application of salt/sand.
2. Notify MOESC assigned staff member of facility closings no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day of closing or as soon as the decision is made.
3. Supervise, direct and administer the MOESC independent contractor so as to regulate MOESC's contribution to the District's educational program.
4. Facilitate any acceptable recommendations of the MOESC independent contractor into the educational program.
5. Make available a telephone within the facility for MOESC independent contractor calls in accordance with the District's existing practices.
6. Provide the MOESC office with the District's daily schedule and updates as necessary ten (10) days prior to revision.

7. Provide the appropriate educational program supervision of MOEC independent contractors.
8. Promptly report any and all MOESC independent contractor performance questions or problems to MOESC.
9. Provide only students appropriately registered in the District.
10. Agrees not to employ or contract with the independent educational professionals assigned by MOESC to the District for any position within the District or assignment within the District for a period of eighteen (18) months from the date of the agreement for the provision of certified educational professionals between the District and the MOESC, unless the District purchases the MOESC's consent by paying the MOESC a fee in the amount of \$15,000 to defray the costs incurred by MOESC. MOESC expends considerable effort and time to find and then arrange for certified personnel to provide such services to the District and other school districts.

## II. PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

The District shall provide a minimum of thirty (30) days notice to MOESC for the implementation of a Program for a specific date. MOESC cannot guarantee the implementation of a Program upon less notice.

## III. TERMINATION

This Agreement may be terminated without cause by the District or MOESC upon no less than thirty (30) days' notice.

## IV. LEGAL

This agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties and no representations, inducements, promise or agreements, oral or otherwise, not embodied herein shall be of any force and effect and shall not be modified except by the written Agreement of the parties.

Any notice being given under this Agreement shall be duly and properly given and delivered by telefax directed to the Superintendent and by first-class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, postage pre-paid to the Superintendent.

This Agreement supersedes any prior negotiations, discussions or communications between the parties.

Neither party may sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of its obligations without the other party's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

V. CLAIMS BY OR DISPUTES WITH THIRD PARTIES

In the event any claims or disputes arise in any way involving MOESC provided services with persons or entities not a party of this Agreement, then the District shall (1) notify MOESC immediately of learning of any such claim or dispute, and (2) cooperate with an MOESC decision or action to support or defend its services as the MOESC may determine in its sole discretion, including, but not limited to, attending, participating and joining in meetings, conferences, hearings and dispute resolution proceeding through the use of MOESC staff, attorneys or experts.

VI. ARBITRATION

Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or its breach shall be confidentially resolved by arbitration in accordance with the then governing rules of the American Arbitration Association. The prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party as part of the arbitration award any costs and expenses, including attorney’s fees and arbitration fees which the prevailing party incurred.

r. SOMERSET COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION – COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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<sup>3</sup> of 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 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 in the number of students being transported on each route, or changes in mileage during the course of the year may necessitate a reapportionment 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, 2023 and August 31, 2024.
- 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.

s. CHANGE ORDERS – EDISON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM UPGRADES & LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITIONS & ALTERATIONS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, and submitted by USA Architects, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the change orders for the auditorium upgrades at Edison High School and the Lincoln Elementary School additions and alterations:

<u>Edison HS</u>	<u>Change Order No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Tekcon Construction, Inc.	TCI01	<\$4,382.71>
<u>Lincoln ES</u>		
Pal-Pro Builders, LLC	PP009	\$79,585.70

t. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TITLE IIA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following orders for Title IIA Non-Public School professional development, Fiscal Year 2023, as follows:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
N/A	The Wardlaw Hartridge School April 20-28, 2023	Harvard Business School	Registration Fee: \$4,000.00 Other Expense: N/A
N/A	The Wardlaw Hartridge School February 22-24, 2023	National Association of Independent Schools	Registration Fee: \$695.00 Other Expense: \$1,585.00
N/A	The Wardlaw Hartridge School February 13-March 15, 2023	Teachers College, Columbia University	Registration Fee: \$150.00 Other Expense: N/A
04159	The Wardlaw Hartridge School March 22-26, 2023	American Society for Environmental History Conference	Registration Fee: \$235.00 Other Expense: \$721.34
N/A	The Wardlaw Hartridge School March 21-24, 2023	National Athletic Trainers' Association	Registration Fee: \$345.00 Other Expense: \$860.62
N/A	The Wardlaw Hartridge School February 22-24, 2023	National Association of Independent Schools	Registration Fee: N/A Other Expense: \$1,585.00
810699	St. Thomas Aquinas High School After March 29, 2023	Institute for Educational Development	Registration Fee: \$279.00 Other Expense: N/A
N/A	St. Thomas Aquinas High School April 21, 2023	NJ School Counselor Association	Registration Fee: \$35.00 Other Expense: N/A

u. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY AIDE PROGRAM

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following order for the New Jersey Non-Public School Security Aide Program, Fiscal Year 2023, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Q22-0068	The Wardlaw-Hartridge School	Open Systems	\$53,406.03
02172023	Little Flower Montessori School	Window Film Depot	\$ 9,846.13
Q23-0102	The Wardlaw-Hartridge School	Open Systems	\$35,096.63

v. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following order for the New Jersey Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program, Fiscal Year 2023, as annexed hereto:

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
1193483	St. Matthew School	IXL Learning	\$1,650.00

w. 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>
Lindeneau ES	50 Chromebooks*
Education Center	67 Chromebooks*
	27 Apple iPads*
	15 Monitors*
	17 Desktop Computers*
	1 Projector*
	1 Printer*
	1 Battery Back-Up*

\*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.

x. TRANSPORTATION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2023

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following Transportation Report for February 2023.

<u>Route</u>	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Per Diem/Aide</u>
<u>Quotes – Camden County ESC – 2022-2023 School Year</u>				
Pinelands	Camden County ESC	Pinelands Learning Center	02/07/23	Additional Per Diem Rate -\$45.77
<u>Revised Bid 22-31 – To and From School – 2022-2023 School Year</u>				
CRS1A	K&D Bus	Cross Roads Extra Charge for Vehicle Upgrade to 7 Passenger Van	01/06/20-06/30/23	Additional Per Diem Rate -\$60.00

VI. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

The Board had a lengthy conversation regarding properties the Township is interested in purchasing.

Mr. Shi commended the John P. Stevens High School Orchestra and mentioned that they were invited to perform at Lincoln Center on March 4<sup>th</sup> being one of only seven schools chosen throughout the whole nation. He also commended the school’s Choir and their achievements.

The Board discussed opportunities for grants for Edison Schools and also discussed overcrowding issues in the schools.

Mr. Biral Patel commended the board members for their hard work.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Herbert Hoover Middle School student discussed her concerns regarding the overcrowded hallways at the school.

Mr. Venkat, resident, discussed curriculum issues.

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to end Public Comments. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. All in favor, the motion was carried.

VIII. ADJOURN TO PRIVILEGED SESSION

Mrs. Peng read the following:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL 1975 the Edison Township Board of Education will adjourn to a confidential session for the purpose of discussing confidential Student Matters, Personnel Matters, Health Insurance Contract Dispute, Former Staff and Student Litigations, ETEA Grievances and Acting Superintendent Contract.

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to adjourn to privileged session at 8:06 P.M. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. All in favor, the motion was carried.

IX. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mrs. Peng made a motion to reconvene the Caucus Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education, seconded by Mrs. White. All in favor the meeting reconvened.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to adjourn this February 23, 2023 Caucus Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education. Mrs. White made the motion, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. All in favor, the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jonathan B. Toth*

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
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