

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The July 27, 2023 Special Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Shannon Peng, at 9:00 A.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey.

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 (left the meeting before the Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:16 P.M.), Mr. Mohin Patel, Mr. Biral Patel, and Mr. Brian Rivera. Mr. Douglas Schneider was absent.

Also in attendance were Edward Aldarelli, Jr., Ed.D., Acting Superintendent, Mr. Jonathan Toth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Ryan Windels, Esquire, 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 July 24, 2023. Members of the public may participate at regular meetings in accordance with the By-Laws of the Board and applicable state regulations.

IV. 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 Superintendent Candidates' Interviews.

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to adjourn to privileged session at 4:35 P.M. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. All in favor, the motion was carried.

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to reconvene the Caucus Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education at 9:16 P.M.. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. All in favor the meeting reconvened.

VI. APPOINTMENT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Toth read the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education has conducted an extensive search, evaluation and interviews for the candidate of Superintendent of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education has determined that the successful candidate for the position of Superintendent of Schools is Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D.,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-15, the Edison Township Board of Education appoints Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D. as Superintendent of Schools, pending the approval of a contract by the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools and the Edison Township Board of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carol Bodofsky, resident, congratulated Dr. Aldarelli on his appointment.

Jeff Bowden, ETEA President, congratulated Dr. Aldarelli and the entire Board.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, congratulated Dr. Aldarelli.

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the appointment of the Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mr. B. Patel. All board members present congratulated Dr. Aldarelli on his appointment as Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Toth took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. V. Patel, Mr. Rivera, Mr. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel,
Mr. Shi, Mr. Romano, Mrs. Peng

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

Dr. Aldarelli thanked the Board for trusting in him and stated that he would not have been successful till now without the team he has been working with. Dr. Aldarelli further stated that he is looking forward to partnering with the teachers and staff during the new school year.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to adjourn this July 27, 2023 Special Public Meeting at 9:27 P.M.. Mr. B. Patel seconded by Mr. Shi. All in favor, the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan B. Toth

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