

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The November 21, 2023 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Shannon Peng, at 5:30 P.M. at John P. Stevens High School, 855 Grove Avenue, Edison, NJ.

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 (arrived at 7:00 P.M.), Mrs. Virginia White, Mr. Mohin Patel, Mr. Biral Patel, Mr. Douglas Schneider, Mr. Brian Rivera and Mr. Vishal Patel.

Also in attendance were Edward Aldarelli, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent, Mr. Jonathan Toth, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Matthew Moench, 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 January 3rd, and November 13, 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 confidential Student Matters, Personnel Matters, Health Insurance Contract Dispute, Former Staff and Student Litigations.

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to adjourn to privileged session at 5:32 P.M. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. Mr. Toth took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to reconvene to open session at 7:05 P.M. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mr. M. Patel. Mr. Toth took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Edison High School Student Council President, Charvi Padmanabhini, reported that Edison High School has recently ended its Fall sports and will be starting the Winter sports, which will start towards the end of November. The Student Council held their annual volleyball game for a charity event, with over 30 teams, and the money collected went to the “Hugs for Brady Foundation.” Towards the end of October, the theater department did a Clue production, which went successfully. The FCCLA had its Fall Leadership competition on Monday and will send over 35 students to the States. Over 10 students got Top 2 in the Gold Section, which is an excellent achievement for the Edison High School students. Students and class councils are working on the yearly hallway decorating, which will take place on Monday, November 27th. It will be a day for students to engage in school spirit and festivities. After asking students about “student issues”, numerous students had food issues during lunch.

John P. Stevens High School Student Council Co-President, Aaron Bansal, reported that since the last board meeting, the student body has partaken in many events through their co-curricular activities. Recently, the HOSA Chapter organized a cancer walk, successfully raising over a thousand dollars for the cause. The Model United Nations chapter has completed two major conferences so far in New York and Princeton. The students have been making strides in promoting inclusivity within the school by improving the beloved event Mr. JPS, and having the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion team attend a conference at Kean University to bring in newer perspectives. The school also enjoyed the Homecoming Dance hosted at the end of October, and the Fall Play of the Crucible this past weekend. The students have also been making significant progress in spreading awareness about events at school with the installation of new televisions in the cafeteria.

In addition to these events, the Fall sports season has also come to a conclusion this month. This week, the Winter season has started, featuring bowling, basketball, hockey, winter track, and swimming. The music department featuring band, choir, orchestra, and guitar will also be playing in the winter holiday concerts. In the coming weeks, there will be a winter pep rally, as well as hosting the Annual Talent Show, JPS Got Talent.

In conclusion, Mr. Bansal stated that there were no “issues” to report on this month, since the administration is very responsive to the issues they present.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESOLUTIONS ONLY

Beth Talke, resident, questioned personnel items.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, asked how much money the Grant Writer brings into the district.

A resident questioned policies.

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to end public comments. Mr. M. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Romano. Mr. Toth took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VIII. 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

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| Catrone, Jessica – Lunch Aide FDR School | Effective: 11/01/23 Reason: Declined Offer |
| Figueroa, Solmayra – Custodian Menlo Park School | Effective: 11/15/23 Reason: Probation Period |
| McCunney, Kathleen – Teacher – Grade 1 Benjamin Franklin School | Effective: 01/12/24 Reason: Personal |
| Mittal, Mani – Lunch Aide Washington School | Effective: 11/15/23 Reason: Personal |
| Montalbano, Jacqueline – Lunch Aide Washington School | Effective: 11/03/23 Revised Reason: Personal |
| Nadeem, Fareha – Lunch Aide Lindeneau School | Effective: 11/14/23 Reason: Personal |
| Pagano, Stephanie – Lunch Aide Herbert Hoover Middle School | Effective: 10/13/23 Reason: Personal |
| Patel, Margi – School Nurse Benjamin Franklin School | Effective: 01/05/24 Reason: Personal |
| Povalac, William – Assistant Wrestling Coach Edison High School | Effective: 10/24/23 Reason: Personal |
| Pradeep, Janaranjini – Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School | Effective: 10/30/23 Reason: Offer rescinded |
| Slachman, Courtney – Teacher – Special Education Woodbrook School | Effective: 11/27/23 Reason: Personal |

2. RETIREMENTS

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| Sullivan, Kathleen – Teacher Aide Herbert Hoover Middle School | Effective: 12/31/23 18 years, 7 months |
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3. APPOINTMENTS – Employment Verification Pending (N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6, et.seq)

| <u>Certified Staff</u> | <u>Step/Salary</u> | <u>Reason for Vacancy</u> | <u>Position/Location</u> |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| Almasoud, Hanan Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Step 8/MA \$71,605 pro-rated Rutgers University | Transfer | Teacher – Math Edison High School (for ID #104991) |
| Brown, Danielle Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Step 2 MA+15/ESSA \$66,616 pro-rated Seton Hall University | Retirement | School Counselor Edison High School (for A. Barone) |
| Coan, Brittney Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Step 4/MA/ESSA \$65,210 pro-rated Marywood University | Enrollment | Speech Education Center/ Washington School |
| Grover, Suman Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Step 6/MA+15 \$66,444 pro-rated NJCU | Enrollment | Teacher – Special Education Thomas Jefferson Middle School |
| Lack, Pamela Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Step 12/BA \$90,500 pro-rated Kean University | Resignation | Teacher – Grade 1 Benjamin Franklin School (for K. McCunney) |
| Lyons, Skylar Effective 12/11/23-05/31/24 | MA/Essa \$64,685 pro-rated Monmouth University | Leave of Absence | Long Term Substitute College Counselor Edison High School (for ID #108473) |
| Velasquez, Geolenne Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Step 3/MA \$64,685 pro-rated William Paterson University | Enrollment | Speech Education Center |
| <u>Support Staff</u> | <u>Step/Salary</u> | <u>Reason for Vacancy</u> | <u>Position/Location</u> |
| Apostolakis, Elaine Effective TBD-06/30/24 | \$7,240 pro-rated | Resignation | Lunch Aide Lindeneau School (for J. Dutta) |
| Cortez, Ivania Effective 12/01/23-06/30/24 | \$74,800 pro-rated | | Grant Assistant Education Center |
| Estevez, Rafael Effective TBD-06/30/24 | \$7,240 pro-rated | Retirement | Lunch Aide Lincoln School (for F. Tramutola) |

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| Fogarile, Carmela Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Step 8/stipend \$33,550 pro-rated | Enrollment | Paraprofessional AU Washington School |
| Khan, Tutil Effective 11/27/23-06/30/24 | Step 4/BA/stipend \$26,900 pro-rated University of Dhaka | Enrollment | Paraprofessional 1:1 AU John P. Stevens High School |
| Majid, Saman Effective 11/27/23-06/30/24 | Step 1/BA \$23,600 pro-rated Institute of Business Administration | Transfer | Paraprofessional 1:1 Washington School (for L. Kletter) |
| Miranda, Michael Effective 12/04/23-06/30/24 | Step 1 \$43,000 pro-rated | Retirement | Armed Security Officer Edison High School (for J. Ramos) |
| Saha, Mita Effective 12/11/23-06/30/24 | Step 1/stipend \$22,800 pro-rated University of Delhi | Resignation | Paraprofessional AU Washington School (for J. Montalbano) |
| Tindall, Laura Effective 11/15/23-06/30/24 | \$7,240 pro-rated | Resignation | Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School (for T. Pai) |
| Tompkins, Sydney Effective 12/01/23-06/30/24 | Step 3 \$36,000 pro-rated | Transfer | School Secretary IIIB John Adams Middle School (for M. Boccadoro) |

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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| ID #100763 | Medical | With Pay | 10/31/23-11/30/23 |
| ID #101700 FDR School | Medical | With Pay | 11/13/23-11/27/23 |
| ID #100253 FDR School | Medical/Family | With Pay | 11/13/23-12/05/23 |
| ID #104036 Woodbrook School | Fed FMLA- Intermittent | Without Pay | 10/05/23-06/30/24 |
| ID #107033 Washington School/ Education Center | Medical Maternity NJ FLA | With Pay With Pay Without Pay | 12/07/23-01/03/24 01/04/24-02/14/24 02/15/24-05/15/24 |
| ID #103402 Education Center | Medical-Revised | With Pay | 09/05/23-12/06/23 |

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| ID #109529 Woodrow Wilson Middle School | Medical | With Pay | 11/17/23-12/03/23 |
| ID #101595 Washington School | NJ FLA- Intermittent | Without Pay | 11/08/23-06/30/24 |
| ID #102162 Martin Luther King School | NJ FLA- Intermittent | Without Pay | 12/01/23-06/30/24 |
| ID #100127 Benjamin Franklin School | Medical | With Pay | 11/13/23-11/27/23 |
| ID #107072 John P. Stevens High School | Medical | With Pay | 10/24/23-10/30/23 |
| | Maternity | With Pay | 10/31/23-11/21/23 |
| | Fed FMLA | Without Pay | 11/22/23-01/01/24 |
| | NJ FLA | Without Pay | 01/02/24-03/25/24 |
| ID #108652 Education Center | Medical | With Pay | 09/26/23-10/15/23 |
| | Fed FMLA- | Without Pay | 10/16/23-12/14/23 |
| | Revised | Without Pay | 12/15/23-03/14/24 |
| | NJ FLA-Revised Child Care- Revised | Without Pay & Benefits | 03/15/24-04/16/24 |
| ID #125220 Lincoln School | Medical | With Pay | 10/16/23-10/19/23 |
| | Medical | Without Pay | 10/20/23-11/26/23 |
| ID #108215 James Madison Intermediate School | Child Care | Without Pay & Benefits | 12/01/23-02/29/24 |
| ID #108473 Edison High School | Medical | With Pay | 12/11/23-12/24/23 |
| | Maternity | With Pay | 12/25/23-02/04/24 |
| | NJ FLA | Without Pay | 02/05/24-05/05/24 |
| | Child Care | Without Pay & Benefits | 05/06/24-05/31/24 |
| ID #109080 Edison High School | Fed FMLA- Intermittent | Without Pay | 10/18/23-06/30/24 |
| ID #105354 Woodrow Wilson Middle School | Medical | Without Pay & Benefits | 09/01/23-10/24/23 |
| ID #101469 James Madison Primary School | Medical/Family- Revised | With Pay | 08/28/23-11/12/23 |
| ID #107773 Education Center | Medical-Revised | With Pay | 09/01/23-01/01/24 |

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| ID #106394 John P. Stevens High School | Medical-Revised | With Pay | 10/19/23-11/26/23 |
| ID #124289 John P. Stevens High School | Fed FMLA- Revised NJ FLA Child Care | Without Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits | 12/11/23-01/24/24 01/25/24-04/24/24 04/25/24-06/30/24 |
| ID #108598 Edison High School | Medical | With Pay | 10/16/23-10/27/23(.5) 10/27/23(.5)-12/17/23 |
| ID #100789 Washington School | Medical Medical | With Pay Without Pay | 09/27/23-10/09/23 10/10/23-11/30/23 |
| ID #109130 Woodrow Wilson Middle School | Medical | With Pay | 09/29/23-01/01/24 |
| ID #101344 John Adams Middle School | NJFLA- Intermittent | Without Pay | 12/04/23-12/17/23 |
| ID #101474 John P. Stevens High School | Medical-Revised Fed FMLA | With Pay Without Pay | 09/01/23-01/31/24(.5) 01/31/24 (.5) |
| ID #101965 John Adams Middle School | Military | With Pay | 11/13/23-12/11/23 |
| ID #124085 Benjamin Franklin School | Maternity-Revised Fed FMLA- Revised NJ FLA-Revised | With Pay Without Pay Without Pay | 11/01/23-12/10/23 12/11/23-01/01/24 01/02/24-03/25/24 |
| ID #102698 John Marshall School | Medical | With Pay | 01/08/24-02/04/24 |
| ID #105316 James Madison Primary School | Medical/Family | With Pay | 10/16/23-10/31/23 |
| ID #105899 Martin Luther King School | NJFLA- Intermittent | Without Pay | 10/04/23-06/30/24 |
| ID #104655 Woodrow Wilson Middle School | Medical | With Pay | 12/04/23-01/01/24 |
| ID #125119 Education Center | Medical Fed FMLA- Revised | With Pay Without Pay | 09/27/23-10/12/23 10/13/23-11/20/23 |
| ID #100675 Martin Luther King School | Medical Fed FMLA | With Pay Without Pay | 11/27/23-12/06/23 12/07/23-01/07/24 |

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| ID #103216 | Medical | With Pay | 10/09/23-11/26/23 |
| Woodbrook School | Fed FMLA | Without Pay | 11/27/23-12/18/23 |
| ID #100928 | Fed FMLA- | Without Pay | 11/15/23-06/30/24 |
| Edison High School | Intermittent | | |
| ID #107176 | Medical | With Pay | 11/14/23-01/01/24 |
| Lindeneau School | Fed FMLA | Without Pay | 01/02/24-01/09/24 |

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

| <u>Certified Staff</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Reason for Change</u> | <u>To</u> |
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| Chang, Susanna | Teacher – Grade 4 James Monroe School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Teacher – Grade 4 James Monroe School Effective 12/18/23-06/30/24 |
| LeBron, Juliane | School Counselor John P. Stevens High School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | School Counselor John P. Stevens High School Effective 11/01/23-06/30/24 |
| Powers, Kim | Long Term Substitute Teacher - Grade 3 James Madison Intermediate School Effective 09/01/23-11/30/23 | Revised End Date | Long Term Substitute Teacher - Grade 3 James Madison Intermediate School Effective 09/01/23-12/08/23 |
| San, Catherine | Long Term Substitute Teacher – Special Education Woodbrook School Effective 09/01/23-03/25/24 | Resignation | Teacher – Special Education Step 1/BA Woodbrook School Effective 11/28/23-06/30/24 (for C. Slachman) |
| Shahani, Anjali | School Psychologist Woodrow Wilson Middle School/ John Adams Middle School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | School Psychologist Woodrow Wilson Middle School/ John Adams Middle School Effective 12/18/23-06/30/24 |
| Sulikowski, Amanda | Teacher – Grade 5 Lincoln School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Teacher – Grade 5 Lincoln School Effective 12/18/23-06/30/24 |

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| Wechter, Colleen | Teacher - Grade 5 Lindeneau School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Teacher – Grade 5 Lindeneau School Effective 12/18/23- 06/30/24 |
| Westcott, Theresa | Interventionist James Monroe School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Interventionist James Monroe School Effective 12/18/23- 06/30/24 |
| <u>Support Staff</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Reason for Change</u> | <u>To</u> |
| Agarwal, Pallavi | Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Lunch Aide James Madison Primary School Effective 11/01/23- 06/30/24 |
| DeGeronimo, Craig | Custodian 10:30am- 7:00pm Benjamin Franklin School Effective 07/01/23- 06/30/24 | | Custodian/Floater District-Wide Effective TBD-06/30/24 |
| Karim, Zarina | Lunch Aide James Monroe School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Lunch Aide James Monroe School Effective 10/27/23- 06/30/24 |
| Ravula, Mounika | Lunch Aide John Marshall School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Resignation | Lunch Aide John Marshall School Effective 11/15/23- 06/30/24 |
| Selvam, Anitha Rani | Lunch Aide John Marshall School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Lunch Aide John Marshall School Effective 10/19/23- 06/30/24 |
| Subbarayalu, Janaranjini | Lunch Aide Washington School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Lunch Aide Washington School Effective 10/30/23- 06/30/24 |
| Wang, Mei | Paraprofessional Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective TBD-06/30/24 | Revised Start Date | Paraprofessional Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 11/13/23- 06/30/24 |

6. 2023-2024 SALARY GUIDE CREDIT – Effective 09/01/23

| <u>Name</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
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| Chawla, Manisha | MA | MA+15 |
| Lombardo, Katie | MA | MA+15 |
| Newton-Neal, Kimberly | MA | MA+15 |

7. 2023-2024 TITLE I FUNDED FAMILY NIGHT (MATH/ELA/SEL) – Benjamin Franklin School – Effective 09/01/23-06/30/24, not to exceed 10 hours per person per event – \$35/hour – Acct #20-231-100-101-60-011

Jones, Michelle Osofsky, Mark Surenko, Leticia

8. 2023-2024 TITLE I FUNDED FAMILY NIGHT – Washington School – Effective 07/01/23-06/30/24, not to exceed 240 hours and \$8,400 – \$35/hour – Acct #20-231-100-101-60-009

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| Buehler, Trisha | Levine, Courtney | Muldowney, Marylynn |
| Chambers, Aimee | McGowan, James | Pulda, Patricia |
| Conte, Melissa | Mignella, Danielle | Ward, Cynthia |

9. JOHN P. STEVENS ALGEBRA I MATH PROGRAM – Effective 12/02/23 – 05/26/24 - \$50/hour – Select Saturdays from 10:00am-12:00pm – Acct #29-401-100-610-35-401-048, not to exceed \$8,000

Baer, Jordan Primavera, Joseph Walters, Steven

10. 2023-2024 TITLE I FUNDED ANNUAL SCHOOL PLAN (ASP) – Benjamin Franklin School – Effective 07/01/23-06/30/24, not to exceed 15 hours per person per month – \$30/hour – Acct #20-231-100-101-60-011

Jones, Michelle Osofsky, Mark Surenko, Leticia

11. 2023-2024 TITLE I “BEN BOLT” MENTORING PROGRAM – Benjamin Franklin School – Effective 09/01/23-06/30/24 – \$31 per hour for 1 student, \$38 per hour for 2 students, \$41 per hour for 3-5 students, not to exceed 5 hours per month *contingent upon student participation – Acct #20-231-100-101-60-011

Jones, Michelle Osofsky, Mark Surenko, Leticia

12. 2023-2024 TITLE I LITERACY AND MATH ACADEMY – James Monroe School – Effective 07/1/23-06/30/24 - \$38/hour *dependent upon student participation – Acct #20-231-100-101-60-015, not to exceed \$2,000

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| Bozarth, Samantha | Rommel, Jennifer | Tulko, Ashley |
| McCann, Stephanie | Sacasa, Juan | |

13. 2023-2024 TITLE I FUNDED MATH INTERVENTION ASSISTANCE – Edison High School – Effective 12/04/23-06/07/24 - .2 assignment, not to exceed \$48,000 – Acct #20-231-100-101-60-034

Blarr, Erin Hayes, Marnette Tapia, Melissa
Disporto, Lori Makovec, Katherine

14. JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL – Open House – 08/29/23 – 8:15am-12:15pm - \$25/hour

Redding, Brian

15. 2023-2024 TITLE III FUNDED ESL FAMILY NIGHT – Thomas Jefferson Middle School – Effective 12/04/23 – 5:45pm-7:45pm – Acct # 20-241-100-101-60-000, not to exceed \$210 - \$35/hour

Austria, Carlo Kousoulis, Fontini Vergara, Claudia

16. SALARY REVISION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Malhotra, Sunita - \$99,500

17. 2023-2024 SUBSTITUTES AS NEEDED

Administrator Substitute - \$500/day

Goldberg, Steve Lubieski-Hutmaker, Lori
Hartford, Kathryn Shriner, James

Administrator Substitute - \$675/day @ JPH

Righi, Peter

Substitute Custodians - \$21.81/hour

Brancaccio, Anthony Harsanyi, William Moriello, Stefano
D’Aloia, Christopher Kaplan, Jeffrey Roberts, Al Shadirah

Substitute Bus Aide – Title I – 20-231-100-101-60-013 - \$15/hour

Cruz, Jeannette

18. 2023-2024 COACHING APPOINTMENTS

| <u>JPH</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>STIPEND</u> | <u>STEP</u> |
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| Wrestling – Winter – Asst. Coach | Macchia, Anthony | \$5,013 | 1 |
| Winter Cheer – Head Coach | Pavese, Gabriella | \$3,850 | 1 |
| Winter Cheer – Asst. Coach | Bodtmann, Victoria | \$3,056 | 5 |
| <u>EDH</u> | | | |
| Boys’ Basketball – Asst. Coach | McCarthy, James | \$5,576 | 5 |
| Swim – Assistant Coach | Brito, Carla | \$4,502 | 1 |
| <u>HHMS</u> | | | |
| Boys’ Basketball | Granelli, John | \$3,350 | 4 |
| <u>TJMS</u> | | | |
| Wrestling | Kregeloh, Donaven | \$3,179 | 1 |

19. JOB DESCRIPTION

Clerical Aide – Revised
Administrative Secretary – Receptionist – Revised
Attendance Investigator – Revised

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

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. APPROVAL OF POLICIES – SECOND READING

BE IT

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

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| 1. | Policy No. 2270 – Religion in the Schools (Revised) |
| 2. | Policy No. 2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New) |
| 3. | Policy No. 3212 – Attendance (M) (Revised) |
| 4. | Policy No. 5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised) |
| 5. | Policy No. 5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised) |
| 6. | Policy No. 5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished) |
| 7. | Policy No. 8500 – Food Services (M) (Revised) |
| 8. | Policy No. 8540 – School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished) |
| 9. | Policy No. 8550 – Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Abolished) |

2. REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE ESCNJ

BE IT

RESOLVED: that pursuant to enacted legislation, P.L. 192-1989, Chapter 254, the Edison Township Board of Education elected Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, to the Representative Assembly of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey from December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.

3. APPROVAL OF THE NJQSAC/DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REVIEW

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the NJQSAC/District Performance Review for the 2023-2024 School Year, as annexed hereto.

4. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – STUDENT NO. 3030181

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement and Release – OAL Docket No. EDS 04966-2023, Agency Ref. No.: 2023-35494 in the matter of Student No. 3030181, and authorizes the administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board.

5. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – STUDENT NO. 3039502

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement – Agency Ref. No.: 2023-36031 in the matter Student No. 3039502, and authorizes the administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board.

6. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – FORMER EMPLOYEE NO. 124122

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement in the matter of former employee No. 124122, and authorizes the administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board.

7. APPROVAL OF REVISED 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the revisions to the 2023-2024 School Calendar, as annexed hereto.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

1. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS

BE IT

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

1. Thirty students and three advisors from Edison High School’s Diversity & Multiculturalism in the US Students Club will be attending the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island in New York, New York in November 2023. The cost to the Board of Education will be \$405.00, along with the cost of substitute teachers.
2. Nine students and one advisor from John Adams Middle School’s Go It Summer Program will be attending the TCS Building in Central Park, New York, New York in November 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.

3. Forty students and four advisors from Edison High School’s Advanced Art Class will be attending the Museum of Modern Art in New York, New York in December 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
4. Twenty-five students and two advisors from Edison High School’s AP Economics Class will be attending the Federal Reserve Bank in New York, New York in December 2023. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
5. Thirty students and three advisors from Edison High School’s Italian Classes will be attending the Garibaldi Meucci Museum in Staten Island, New York in January 2024. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
6. Forty-five students and four advisors from Edison High School’s Mandarin 1, 2/2H, and 3H Classes will be attending Lunar New Year in Chinatown, New York, New York in February 2024. There will be no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
7. Twenty students and three advisors from John P. Stevens High School’s Robotics Team will be attending the FIRST Robotics District Event in Bensalem, Pennsylvania in March 2024. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

3. 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 November 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> |
|--|---------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Corso, Sylvia (RESCIND) | TJMS | 10/18/23 | 47 th Annual NJ Science Convention | Princeton, NJ | \$200.00 | N/A | N/A | Professional Development |
| Ruggiero, Frank (Previously approved by the Superintendent) | Ed Center | 11/13/23-11/19/23 | NADSFL Annual Conference/ACTFL 2023 Convention & World Languages Expo | Chicago, IL | \$175.00 | \$1,328.00 | N/A | ESPA - \$503.00 Professional Development - \$1,000.00 |
| Rivenburg, Michelle (Previously approved by the Superintendent) | MLK/JMI | 11/20/23 | Integrating Phonics & Vocabulary Into Writing Instruction | Paramus, NUJ | \$300.00 | N/A | N/A | Professional Development |
| Scully, Shawn | Lincoln | 0/08/24 | Improving the Emotional Well-Being of Your Students to reduce Challenging Behaviors & Increase Learning | Virtual | \$279.00 | N/A | N/A | ESPA |
| Cameron, Christine | WWMS | 01/17/24-01/18/24 | OPEN SCIED Training | New Brunswick, NJ | \$250.00 | N/A | N/A | Professional Development |

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|-------------------|------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|----------|------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Solorzano, Sarah | HHMS | 01/17/24-01/18/24 | OPEN SCIED Training | New Brunswick, NJ | \$250.00 | N/A | N/A | Professional Development |
| Wizeman, Samantha | JAMS | 01/17/24-01/18/24 | OPEN SCIED Training | New Brunswick, NJ | \$250.00 | N/A | N/A | Professional Development |
| Wolenter, Michael | TJMS | 01/17/24-01/18/24 | OPEN SCIED Training | New Brunswick, NJ | \$250.00 | N/A | N/A | Professional Development |
| Simoes, Alberto | JPS | 02/08/24 | Lead With Culture Through Comprehensible Input Techniques | Ewing, NJ | \$285.00 | N/A | N/A | Professional Development |
| Ellis, Kathleen | EHS | 02/23/24-02/24/24 | NECTFL Annual Conference | New York, NY | \$185.00 | N/A | \$71.00 | Professional Development |
| Coyne, Kristen | Washington | 02/26/24-02/27/24 | 2024 NJAHPERD Annual Convention | Princeton, NJ | \$275.00 | N/A | N/A | Professional Development |
| Bece, Jacqueline | Ed Center | 03/16/24-03/20/24 | NAFEPA 2024 Conference | Washington DC | \$995.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$850.00 | Professional Development |
| Lopez, Maria | Ed Center | 03/16/24-03/20/24 | NAFEPA 2024 Conference | Washington DC | \$995.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$850.00 | Professional Development |
| Raymond, Daryann | Ed Center | 03/16/24-03/20/24 | NAFEPA 2024 Conference | Washington DC | \$995.00 | \$1,400.00 | \$850.00 | Professional Development |

**Pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:11-12 et.seq.; NHHMS.J.A.C. 6A23A-5.9, 6.13, and 7.1 et.seq.; Federal OMB Circular A-87 & Board Policy No. 6471 *As per previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools

D. PUPIL/SPECIAL SERVICES

1. OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENTS – NOVEMBER 2023

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> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 3033913 | 11/03/23 | Future Foundations Academy-ESCNJ | Home Instruction | (\$45,347.00) | OOD Terminated Placement (Pending OOD Placement) |
| 3015227 | 10/13/23 | Home Instruction | John P. Stevens High School | (\$0.00) | IEP Team Decision (Return to In-District) |
| 3040913 | 10/16/23 | Plainfield Public Schools-Lakeview | Lakeview School | \$83,862.36 | New Entrant (Maintaining Placement) |
| 304873 | 11/13/23 | Dunellen Public Schools-Alpha | Harbor School | \$54,243.66 | New Entrant (Continuing Placement) |
| 3039488 | 11/02/23 | John Adams Middle School | Honor Ridge Academy | \$72,072.00 | IEP Team Decision (New Placement) |

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|---------|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3024222 | 10/16/23 | John P. Stevens High School | Piscataway Regional Day | \$42,547.00 | IEP Team Decision (New Placement) |
| 3027339 | 11/02/23 | John Adams Middle School | YCS George Washington | \$74,085.00 | IEP Team Decision (New Placement) |

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> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3018147 | 10/24-23-12/07/23 | Woodrow Wilson Middle School | Regional Achievement Academy-MOESC | \$15,975.00 | New Placement (Alternative Program) |

2. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approve the following appointments for professional services for the 2023-2024 School Year:

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| <p>3Chords Inc and Therapy Travelers LLC Collectively DBA Epic Special Education Staffing 2041 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 245 El Segundo, CA 90245</p> <p><u>Services</u> \$90.00-\$115.00 + - Speech Language Pathologist \$80.00-\$89.00 + - Speech Language Pathologist-Clinical Fellowship Year \$69.00-\$79.00 + - Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant \$90.00-\$115.00 + - School Psychologist \$85.00-\$110.00 + - Board Certified Behavior Analyst \$80.00-\$110.00 + - Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist \$79.00-\$105.00 + - Social Worker, School Counselor, Special Ed Teacher \$80.00-\$95.00 + - Registered Nurse \$70.00-\$80.00 + - Licensed Practical Nurse \$60.00-\$70.00 + - Registered Behavior Technician/Applied Behavior Analysis, Behavior Interventionist \$55.00-\$69.00 + - Paraprofessionals \$60.00-\$69.00 + - Behavior Interventionist</p> |
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Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to approve the Administration, Curriculum and Instruction, and the Pupil/Special Services Resolutions. Mr. B. Patel made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mr. Toth took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS:

The motion was carried

E. FINANCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – OCTOBER 2023

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the minutes of the October 17, 2023 Public Meeting.

2. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS

BE IT

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

- a. Warrant Accounts – November 2023 - \$ 12,752,698.68
- b. Monthly Transfer Report – October 2023
- c. Voided Checks – October 2023
- d. Purchase Orders – November 2023
- e. Report of the Board Secretary – October 2023

3. CONTRACTS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby approves the following contracts, as annexed hereto:

- A. Academy Construction Inc., procured through ED #10402, for John Adams Middle School Storage Bathroom Sewer Connection – Total \$97,750.00
- B. Approval of a contract in accordance with NJSA 18A:18A-10 & 11 for the purchase and installation of district furniture:
 - Exemplis NJ State Contract #81711 – Total \$7,939.04
 - Claridge Products Equipment ESCNJ #22/23-08 – Total \$1,241.76
 - Kimball International Brands NJ State Contract #81628 – Total \$83,635.33

- C. Approval of contract with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to administer the following district’s federal funds on behalf of the Board of Education limited to services permitted under the grant application and pertinent regulations:
 - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Basic (IDEA-B) for the amount of \$337,914.00
 - Title I Part A for the amount of \$76,278.00
 - Title III for the amount of \$2,410.00
- D. Approval of a contract with Carahsoft Technology Corp./Varsity Tutors for live tutoring, online classes, interactive learning tools and adaptive assessments. The contract is being funded through Title I and procured through a cooperative purchasing agreement with NJSBA Carahsoft Technology & Cybersecurity Contract E-8801-ACESCPS – Total Contract Amount – \$333,663.00
- E. Approval of a three-year contract with Edmentum made in accordance with NJSA 18A-18A:5 for the purchase of educational software licenses for Diagnostics & Learning assessment for Math, English & Science. Total contract over term. \$369,600.00

4. BIDS/COOPERATIVE BIDS/COMPENTITIVE CONTRACTS

A. BID – JOHN ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND ROOM & WOODROW WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION ROOM

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education awards the bid for the John Adams Middle School Band Room (Contract No. 1) Billy Contracting & Restoration Inc., 67 Danforth Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07501 and the Woodrow Wilson Middle School Special Education Room (Contract No. 2) to Academy Construction Inc., 7 East Garden Place, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444 for their low bid according to specifications: (Bid Date – 10/11/23)

| <u>Contractor</u> | <u>Contract #1 New Band Room at John Adams MS</u> | <u>Contract #2 Special Ed Classrooms at Woodrow Wilson MS</u> | <u>Contract #3 Combined Contract #1 & Contract #2</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Billy Contracting, Inc. | *\$1,204,000 | \$1,334,000 | \$2,538,000 |
| Academy Construction Inc. | \$1,229,000 | *\$1,330,000 | \$2,559,000 |
| Pharos Enterprises LLC | \$1,247,000 | \$1,487,000 | \$2,667,000 |
| Northeastern Interior Services | \$1,462,000 | \$1,359,000 | \$2,821,000 |
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|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Salazar & Associates, Inc. | \$1,462,000 | \$1,515,000 | \$2,977,000 |
| Grove Contracting LLC | \$1,575,000 | \$1,575,000 | \$3,080,000 |
| Tekon Construction Inc. | \$1,707,609 | \$1,774,094 | \$3,481,703 |
| *Awarded Bid | | | |

B. BID – RENOVATIONS TO AUDITORIUM AT JOHN P. STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education awards the bid for the Renovations to the Auditorium at John P. Stevens High School to Billy Contracting & Restoration Inc., 67 Danforth Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07501 for their low bid according to specifications: (Bid Date – 10/31/23)

| <u>Bidder</u> | <u>Bid Amount</u> |
|---|------------------------|
| Billy Contracting & Restoration Inc. * | *\$5,722,500.00 |
| Grove Contracting LLC | \$5,862,500.00 |
| Kappa Construction Corp. | \$7,092,500.00 |
| H&S Construction & Mechanical, Inc. | \$6,378,000.00 |
| Bismark Construction Corp. | \$6,300,000.00 |
| Mark Construction Inc. | \$6,315,000.00 |
| M&M Construction Company, Inc. | \$6,870,000.00 |
| GL Group Inc. | \$5,924,000.00 |
| Tekon Construction Inc. | \$7,284,253.00 |
| Daskal LLC | \$5,847,500.00 |
| Pal-Pro Builders, LLC | \$7,720,000.00 |
| * Awarded Bid | |

5. CHANGE ORDERS – JOHN ADAMS & WOODROW WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOLS ADDITIONS & HERBERT HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM ADDITION

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following change orders for the John Adams and Woodrow Wilson Middle Schools Additions and the Herbert Hoover Middle School Gymnasium Addition.

| <u>Location/Contractor</u> | <u>Change Order</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| <u>J Adams & W Wilson MS</u> | | |
| Pal-Pro Builders | PP002 | \$48,030.54 |
| | PP003 | \$34,514.96 |
| <u>H Hoover MS</u> | | |
| GPC, Inc. | GPC004 | \$0.00 |

6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – N/A

A. APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, Fiscal Year 2025, as annexed hereto.

7. GRANTS/DONATIONS

A. ACCEPTANCE OF SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF NEW JERSEY PLAY UNIFIED SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP GRANT, FY '24

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the Special Olympics of New Jersey Play Unified School Partnership Grant, for both Edison and John P. Stevens High Schools, totaling \$10,000.00, for Fiscal Year 2024.

B. ACCEPTANCE OF THE NJ HIGH IMPACT TUTORING COMPETITIVE AWARD GRANT, FY '24

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education accepts the award of the NJ High Impact Tutoring Competitive Award Grant, in the amount of \$460,000.00, for Fiscal Year 2024.

C. AMENDMENT TO THE ESEA CONSOLIDATED GRANT, FY '24

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the submission of an application amendment to revise the fiscal and program elements of the ESEA Consolidated Grant and the additional allocation of FY '23 carryover funding for Title I Part A in the amount of \$249,697.00 for a total FY '24 allocation of \$1,884,053.00, for Title I SIA in the amount of \$41,006.00 for a total FY '04 allocation of \$106,106.00, Title II-A in the amount of \$124,083.00 for a total FY '24 allocation of \$422,491.00, Title III in the amount of \$52,089.00 for a FY '24 allocation of \$215,130.00, and Title IVA in the amount of \$129,790.00 for a total FY '24 allocation of \$254,300.00.

D. AMENDMENT TO IDEA CONSOLIDATED GRANT, FY '24

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the submission of an application amendment to revise the fiscal and program elements of the IDEA Consolidated Grant and the additional allocation of FY '23 carryover funding for IDEA Basic in the amount of \$591,881.00 for a total FY '24 allocation of \$4,885,320.00 and for IDEA Preschool in the amount of \$1,312.00 for a total FY '24 allocation of \$141,078.00.

8. DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE ITEMS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education declares the following items obsolete and no longer needed for school purposes, as annexed hereto:

| <u>Location</u> | <u>Item</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Education Center/B&G Department | 1 Ford Expedition Vehicle #18 |

9. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TITLE IIA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following Non-Public School Title IIA Professional Development:

| <u>Quote No.</u> | <u>Non-Public School</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|--|----------------|---|
| N/A | St. Thomas Aquinas HS 01/17/24-01/24/24 Event: College Board AP Biology Online Workshop | Robert Herbert | Registration Fee: \$175.00 Other Expenses: N/A |

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| N/A | Wardlaw Hartridge School 04/11/24-04/14/24 Event: 11 th Annual Global Educators Conference Montreal, Canada | Global Educator Benchmark Group | Registration Fee: \$545.00 Other Expenses: \$1,470.00 |
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B. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL SECURITY AID PROGRAM

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following order for the New Jersey Non-Public School Security Aid Program, Fiscal Year 2024, as annexed hereto:

| <u>Quote No.</u> | <u>Nonpublic School</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 10132023 | St. Thomas Aquinas HS | Metro One LSPG, Inc. | \$24,857.28 |

10. TRANSPORTATION

A. MONTHLY TRANSPORTATION REPORT

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following Transportation Report for November 2023:

- a. Approve an Addendum to SUN to add a second aide on Route GWA2A at a per diem rate of \$46.00 (\$216,338.40)
- b. Approve a quote by ABC Trans Corp to cover late runs at \$179.00 per bus
- c. Approve a quote by NELVI Transit to cover late runs at \$350.00 per bus
- d. Approve quote #23-3 to NELVI Transit for Route WV2A from September 1, 2023-November 17, 2023 (\$21,896.00)
- e. Approve a revised Transportation contract with Road to Success from September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 identified as Contract RTS23-15 in the amount of \$278,175.60.
- f. Approve a revised Transportation contract with Villani Bus Service from September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 identified as Contract 23-08 in the amount of \$223,057.80.

B. 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:

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| Benjamin Franklin ES 2485 Woodbridge Avenue Edison, NJ 08817 | Routes: BF01, BF02, BF03, BF04, BFSE1, BFSE2, BFSE3, TJBFDIS October 19, 2023 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Nicole Bevere, Ed.D. |
| Edison Early Learning Center 10 Boulevard of Eagles Edison, NJ 08817 | Routes: ELC1A, ELC2A, ELC3A October 9, 2023 – 9:00 A.M. Supervised by William Donner |
| FD Roosevelt Preschool 838 New Dover Road Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: FDR1, FDR2, FDR3, FDR4, FDR5, FDR6, FDR7, FDR8, FDR9, FDR10 October 9, 2023 – 8:55 A.M. Supervised by Jay Medlin |
| James Madison IS 838 New Dover Road Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: MD01, MD02, MD03, MD04, MD05, MD06, MD07, MDSE1, MDSE2, MDSE3, MDSE4 October 4, 2023 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Michael Seiler, Donna Abatemarco |
| James Madison PS 840 New Dover Road Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: MD01, MD02, MD03, MD04, MD05, MD06, MD07, MDSE1, MDSE2, MDSE3, MDSE4 October 4, 2023 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Michael Seiler, Donna Abatemarco |
| James Monroe ES 9 Sharp Road Edison, NJ 08837 | Routes: JM1, JM2, JM3, MONSE1, MONSE2, MONSE3, MONSE4 September 21, 2023 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Cynthia Tufaro |
| John Marshall ES 15 Cornell Street Edison, NJ 08817 | Routes: MR01, MR02, MR03, MR04, MR05, MR06, MR07, MR08, MR09, MR10, MRSE1, MRSE3 September 22, 2023 & September 26, 2023 (MR09 Only) – 8:50 A.M. Supervised by Ami Hoffman |
| Lincoln ES 53 Brookville Road Edison, NJ 08817 | Routes: LN1, LN2, LN3, LN4, LN5, LN6, LN7, LN8, LN9, LN10, LN11, LN12, LN13, SE1A, SE2A, Q4045 October 12, 2023 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Shawn Scully |
| Lindeneau ES 50 Blossom Street Edison, NJ 08817 | Routes: LD01, LDSE1, LDSE2, LDSE3, LDSE4 October 11, 2023 – 8:45A.M. Supervised by Donald Platvoet |

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| Martin Luther King ES 285 Tingley Lane Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: MK01, MK02, MK03, MK04, Candyland (Before/After Care Bus), MLKSE1, MLKSE2, MLKSE3 October 5, 2023 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Regina Pararsenos |
| Menlo Park ES 155 Monroe Avenue Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: ML1, ML2, ML3, ML4, ML5, ML6, ML7, MENSE1, MENSE2, MENSE3, MENSE4 October 3, 2023 - 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Michael Duggan, Dina Feldman, Ed.D. |
| Washington ES 153 Winthrop Road Edison, NJ 08817 | Routes: WA1, WA2, WA3, WA4, DRA1, DRA2, SE1, SE2, SE4 October 11, 2023 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Sandra Schlatter |
| Woodbrook ES 15 Robin Road Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: WB01, WB02, WB03, WB04, WB05, WB06, WB07, WB08, WB09, WB10, WBSE1, WBSE2 September 27, 2023 – 8:45 A.M. Supervised by Mr. Adinolfe |
| Herbert Hoover MS 174 Jefferson Boulevard Edison, NJ 08837 | Routes: HHSE1, HHSE2, HHSE3, HHSE4, HHMS, HH01, HH02, HH03, HH04, HH05, HH06, HH07, HH08, HH09, HH10, HH11, HH12, HH13, HH14, HH15, HH16 October 26, 2022 – 8:00 A.M. Supervised by Brian McGrath, Kelly Rappa |
| John Adams MS 1081 New Dover Road Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: JA1, JA2, JA3, JA4, JA5, JA6, JA7, JA8, JA9, JA10, JASE2, JASE3, JASEWC1A, JASE4 October 2, 2023 – 7:50-8:25 A.M. Supervised by Dan Kelly, Kenneth Blekeski |
| Thomas Jefferson MS 450 Division Street Edison, NJ 08817 | Routes: TJ01, TJ02, TJ03, TJ04, TJ05, TJ06, TJ07, TJ08, TJSE1, TJSE2, TJSE3, TJDIS, TJBFDIS October 4, 2023– 1:00 P.M. Supervised by Kenneth Saggese |
| Woodrow Wilson MS 50 Woodrow Wilson Drive Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: WW01, WW02, WW03, WW04, WW05, WW06, WW07, WW08, WW09, WW10, WW11, WW12, WW13, WW14, WW15, WW16, WW17, WWSE1, WWSE2, WWSN3, WWSN4 October 20, 2023 – 8:00- 8:25A.M. Supervised by Nicholas Zecchino, Renu Mendiratta |
| Edison High School 50 Boulevard of Eagles Edison, NJ 08817 | Routes: EH01, EH02, EH03, EH04, EH05, EH06, EH07, EH08, EH09, EH10, EH11, EH12, EH13, EH14, EH15, EH16, EH17, EH18, EH19, EH20, EH21, EH22, EHST, EHSE, EST2 October 13, 202E – 7:00 A.M. Supervised by Joseph Ferrara, Nicole Himmelstein |

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| John P. Stevens High School 855 Grove Avenue Edison, NJ 08820 | Routes: JP1, JP2, JP3, J04, JP5, JP6, JP7, JP8, JP9, JP10, JP11, JP12, JP13, JP14, JP15, JP16, JP17, JP18, JP19, JP20, JP21, JP22, JP23, JP24, JP25, JP26, SE1A, SE2A, SE3W, SE4, SE5A, SE6A, SE7A, SEWC October 19, 2023– 7:00 A.M. Supervised by Fay Witkowski |
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Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to approve the Finance Resolutions. Mr. Romano made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mr. Toth took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

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

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Athletic Committee

The Athletic Committee met at 4:00 PM on November 14, 2023 in the Education Center.

In attendance were: Vishal Patel, Shannon Peng, Brian Rivera, Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., and Jonathan Toth

Discussions:

- A. Reviewed the summary of the Middle School Girls’ Volleyball League, which concluded in October 2023. The season met with great success, culminating in a tournament this fall. The middle school boys’ program will begin in the spring and will have a tournament with a total of 14 teams. There has been tremendous interest throughout the town.
- B. The development of the Middle and High School Cricket programs continues to make progress. The middle schools will compete in an intramural program upon the conclusion of spring sports. Surveys have been taken to ascertain interest in the program and equipment and fields will be ready for use before the season starts. The high school club cricket programs will join Monroe and West Windsor Public Schools in a 5-team league that till compete in the spring, followed by a tournament or playoff after the season. The Athletic Directors are working hard to make sure that this program meets with great success.
- C. Our multi-purpose batting cages and tennis court projects at both high schools are progressing. As the facilities expand and improve, the Athletic Directors are seeking innovative ways to ensure that the spring programs have adequate space to practice and play.
- D. As the district looks to streamline some of its processes, members of the staff met to identify software that may help in electronic submissions of sports physicals. Additionally, Edison is going to offer the opportunity for sports physicals for the spring season at several locations around the district. More information will be provided as the spring season gets closer.

2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met at 5:00 P.M. on October 11, 2023

In attendance were: Vishal Patel, Biral Patel, Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Richard Cohen, Baninder Goomer, Jonathan Toth and Heather Daniel

- A. Curriculum for Health Education for Elementary Schools has been updated on the website and includes resources used in the class. (<https://www.edison.k12.nj.us/curriculum/office-of-curriculum-instruction/elementary-school-curriculum-guides>)
- B. The district plans to offer a 24x7 enrichment program with live chat support to all students from K-12.
- C. WIN Period – The district will pilot the Varsity Tutors On Demand self-learning programming and 24/7 Chat Tutoring during the WIN period once it is launched in January 2024.
- D. Mr. Cohen will explore the feasibility of potentially offering the following courses to freshmen in the 24-25 HS Program of Studies: (i) AP Biology; (ii) AP CS Principles; (iii) AP Art History; (iv) AP Human Geography; (v) Honors Music – to include another elective with equal weighting.

Follow-up – AP that has no prerequisites – Mr. Cohen reported that the district will explore the possibility of offering these courses without prerequisites and limiting all freshmen to a maximum of one AP course.

- E. Elementary School Standard-Based Reports
 - i. A presentative was shared regarding the report card revision process.
 - ii. Currently implemented in grades K-3 and some 4th Grade classrooms.
 - iii. The Committee will be apprised of the progress of the implementation at Grade 4, 2here it is currently being piloted.
 - iv. Communication with parents is forthcoming to help clarify purpose, benefits, and understanding.
 - v. The District will be deciding on grade 5 standards-based report cards after investigating and exploring all options.
- F. The Committee asked for consideration of reaching out to a professor from Ramapo College of New Jersey who has expressed an interest in conducting an enrichment program on Business Analytics. This program would cover topics like AI and Blockchain. The Committee suggests that the Edison District contact this professor to arrange the Business Analytics enrichment program for High School students.
 - Mr. Cohen connected with the professor on Thursday, November 16th and will update the Committee at the December meeting on the plan to offer two enrichment mini-courses for free to all interested high school students.
- G. The Committee also asked for consideration of yoga and pranayama (breathing technique)
 - Mr. Cohen reported that yoga will be piloted in 8th grade health classes with teachers who express interest with hopes of launching the pilot in the 3rd marking period this year through a relationship with the ISHA Foundation at no cost to the district.
- H. The Committee asked for consideration to offer a Geometry credit course to incoming 10th graders who took Algebra I in 9th Grade. Mr. Cohen agreed to look further into this.
- I. The Committee asked for consideration to offer a Geometry credit course in the summer to incoming 9th grade students who completed Algebra I in 8th Grade.
 - Mr. Cohen informed the Committee that if the Geometry credit course for incoming 10th graders is successfully implemented, he would consider exploring other pathways for acceleration for incoming 9th grade students who completed Algebra I in 8th Grade.

- Mr. Cohen also informed the Committee that 9th graders taking Geometry have the opportunity to accelerate another year in math by taking the summer pre-calc course the District offers.

3. Finance and Facilities Committee

The Finance and Facilities Committee met on November 16, 2023 at 4:00 P.M. in the Education Center

In attendance were: Joseph Romano, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Vishal Patel, Mohin Patel, Edward Aldarelli, Ed.D., Jonathan Toth, Jacqueline Becce, Will Kolibas, Scott Murphy

FY24 Project Update

DMR Architects:

- John P. Stevens High School – Pinnacle Construction held a project meeting with the Bismark construction and district personnel to review all the details of the project per the bid specifications. Construction is expected to start in three weeks.
- H Hoover MS Addition – The steel erection process has begun site and rough electrical working is ongoing. DMR recommended a \$54,000 change order for renovating the main back hallway ceiling grid and lighting.
- T Jefferson MS Addition – The steel for footing and foundations are being prepared for installation.
- JP Stevens HS Auditorium – Bid award to Billing Contracting \$5.7M – below budget.
- J Madison PS Kitchen – Permits were issued for the project on 11/13.

USA Architects:

- J Adams MS Gym – Remaining flooring is being poured and rough plumbing and electrical has begun.
- W Wilson MS Gym – Above ground CMU and electrical working is ongoing.
- J Madison IS Addition – Cost Estimate \$17M – Meeting with USA to discuss updates to the budget and bidding alternate strategy. Committee asked administration to move this project forward. Discuss with financial advisor and bond counsel to take advantage of lower construction cost in the winter.

ESIP:

- Solar panel installation work is ongoing at Woodbrook and Martin Luther King Elementary Schools and Thomas Jefferson Middle School
- Roofing has been completed at John P. Stevens High School. The only remaining roof work to be done is at James Madison Intermediate School, James Madison Primary School and the Board Office.
- Interior lighting work has started at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

FY25 Projected Projects:

- John Marshall ES – 23 classroom addition, (DMR Cost Estimated \$32M) DMR to provide additional provide additional proposal for balance of project.
- Edison HS – Addition and Renovation (SSP Cost Estimate \$21M)
- JP Stevens HS – Cafeteria and Labs
- J Adams MS – Classroom Addition
- Maintenance Building
- ROD Grants: HVAC (AC) upgraded for multipurpose rooms in all elementary schools.

File Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

Walkways – John Adams Middle School and John P. Stevens High School walkways are completed. Big Thank You goes to the Facility Department.

Contracts:

- Academy Construction – John Adams Middle School sewer pipe connection for service - \$98,000
- Kimball International, Exemplis & Claridge – District Furniture - \$94,000
- ESCNJ – Contract for Title I, III and IDEA Services - \$410,000
- Varsity Tutors – District Live and Virtual Tutoring and Assessments for Edison Students - \$334,000

X. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Event - Caucus Meeting
Date - Thursday, December 14, 2023
Location - Education Center (Caucus Room)
Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event - Public Meeting
Date - Tuesday, December 19, 2023
Location - Edison High School (Auditorium)
Time - 7:00 P.M.

XI. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Members of the Board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Diwali.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the Public discussed issues of concern to them.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to adjourn November 21, 2023 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education at 9:06 P.M. Mr. Romano seconded by Mr. M. Patel. All in favor, the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,



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