

I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The December 19, 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 Edison High School, 50 Boulevard of Eagles, 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 5:38 P.M.), Mrs. Virginia White, Mr. Mohin Patel (arrived at 5:47 P.M.), Mr. Biral Patel, Mr. Douglas Schneider, Mr. Brian Rivera and Mr. Vishal Patel (arrived at 5:38 P.M.)

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 3<sup>rd</sup>, and December 1, 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 5:38 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 7:08 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. B. Patel, Mr. M. Patel,  
Mrs. White, Mr. Shi, Mr. Romano, Mrs. Peng

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

**VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Mrs. Dora Ramos, Retired Attendance Officer, was recognized for her 28 years of dedicated service to the students of Edison Township.

Out going Board Members, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi and Mohin Patel were recognized for their service as board members. Mr. Shi served on the Board for 10 years and Mr. Patel served for 3 years.

**VII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Edison High School Student Council President, Charvi Padmanabhini, reported that a few weeks ago Edison High School conducted the annual hallway decorating contest, which takes places between all grades. Students had fun staying at the school late and engaging with peers in a contest to win points for the end of the school year Battle of the Classes competition. The winter sports are starting strong and prosperous. Boys’ wrestling had a fantastic win against Woodbridge. Spirit week started this week to get students engaged in school spirit. DECA is preparing hard for their upcoming competition at Kean University, which they hope students will move on to the next round to states. There are no current student issues, but as an update to last week, the student council board is currently in contact with Maschio’s Food Service regarding the food at the high school and are working to gather a focus group of students from each grade interested in representing our students.

John P. Stevens High School Student Council 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Nathaniel Williams, reported that the Student Council recently held its yearly talent show, JPS Got Talent, with first place going to a dancing act by Aiman Shaik, second place going to a pole acrobatics act by Shreya Patankar, Rucha Kulkarni and Apurva Chaudhari and third place going to another dancing act by Andreas Hernandez. The Student Council also conducted a Giving Thanks campaign, which sent out thank you cards to every teacher in the school. For their monthly act of community service, they partnered with Toys4Tots and the Edison Police Department to donate toys to kids in the community. Spirit days was held for Thanksgiving, Pajama Day, Twin Day and Sophomore Class Council day. This week is a Spirit Week, with a different theme for each day. Yesterday was Holiday Sock Day, today was Holiday PJ Day, tomorrow is a Whiteout Day where you wear all white, Thursday is a Color Block Day, where you wear either all Red, Green, or White and Friday will be Festivus Day, where you can wear any holiday apparel.

Two weeks ago, Regions auditions were held at the school with great success from all music programs. Choir sent over 33 students to the Regions Choirs, the Band program had 30 students who were accepted and 5 people received first place, and Orchestra had 8 students be accepted and one received First Chair. Two students were chosen for the Young Arts 2024 Award, Hong Cheng for clarinet and Owen Wang for guitar. Last week, Choir, Band and Orchestra all held their concerts. Seal of Biliteracy tests were held recently, with 445 students taking the exam for Spanish and one taking it for French. Edison High school and John P. Stevens High School held a bowling game last week, with JPS winning with a score of 3 games to 1. The two high schools also held a basket all game yesterday. Last Monday, Financial Aid information night was held for both students and parents. This month, all families were wished a Happy Hanukah, Kwanzaa and Christmas. As part of the holiday spirit, the music programs have been caroling around areas in town, such as the elementary schools, veterans homes and hospitals. Finally, the National Honor Society will be hosting a Staff Breakfast on December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – RESOLUTIONS ONLY**

Prior to public comments, Dr. Aldarelli wished everyone a healthy winter break. He thanked all member of the John P. Stevens High School staff, students and families for their handling of yesterday’s flooding after a rain storm. He also thanked Mr. Shi and Mr. Mohin Patel for their service to the Board.

There were no public comments at this time.

IX. RESOLUTIONS

A. PERSONNEL-LABOR RELATIONS

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following personnel items as indicated below:

1. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Chandrasekar, Lekha – Lunch Aide FDR School	Effective: 12/15/23 Reason: Personal
Clarke, Amy – Teacher – Music Benjamin Franklin School	Effective: 02/05/24 Reason: Personal
Essa, Meriam – Teacher – Visual Arts Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Effective: 11/22/23 Reason: Personal
Estevez, Rafael – Lunch Aide Lincoln School	Effective: 10/26/23 Reason: Declined Offer
Ethington, Jessica – Teacher – Grade 3 Woodbrook School	Effective: 01/15/24 Reason: Personal
Goyal, Reeta – Lunch Aide Lincoln School	Effective: 12/08/23 Reason: Personal
Nair, Daya – Lunch Aide Woodbrook School	Effective: 11/27/23 Reason: Personal
Zivanovic, Alyssa – Paraprofessional James Monroe School	Effective: 12/14/23 Reason: Personal

2. RETIREMENTS

Bill, Mary – Lunch Aide Woodbrook School	Effective: 01/31/24 20 years, 5 months of service
Langowski, Stanley – Bus Driver Education Center	Effective: 12/31/23 9 years, 4 months of service
Montone, Lori – Teacher – Social Studies Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Effective: 12/31/23 27 years, 4 months of service
Nee, Catherine – Teacher – Science John P. Stevens High School	Effective: 01/31/24 29 years, 5 months of service

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>
Godkin, Matthew Effective TBD-06/30/24	Step 1/BA \$58,000 pro-rated Rowan University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Social Studies John Adams Middle School (for ID #101965)
LaSala, Marissa Effective 12/20/23- 06/30/24	Step 3/BA \$58,000 pro-rated Monmouth University	Transfer	Teacher – Social Studies Woodrow Wilson Middle School (for C. Kelly)
Parker, Dayna Effective 01/02/24- 06/30/24	Step 6/MA \$64,605 pro-rated Utica University	Transfer	Teacher – Grade 1 Lincoln School (for J. Smith)
Peraita, Krystina Effective TBD-06/30/24	Step 11/BA \$85,000 Rutgers University	Resignation	Teacher – Spanish Benjamin Franklin School (for L. Negron)
Rhodes, Samantha Effective 01/02/24- 06/30/24	Step 1/MA \$61,605 pro-rated Rutgers University	Retirement	Teacher – Social Studies Woodrow Wilson Middle School (for L. Montone)
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>Step/Salary</u>	<u>Reason for Vacancy</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Aziz, Asma Effective 12/12/23- 06/30/24	\$7,240 Pro-rated		Lunch Aide James Monroe School
Cho, Minwha Effective 11/29/23- 06/30/24	\$7,240 Pro-rated	Resignation	Lunch Aide FDR School (for A. Ambulkar)
Desai, Kajal Effective TBD-06/30/24	Step 2/BA/stipend \$22,900 pro-rated Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda		Paraprofessional AU Washington School
Estrella, Patricia Effective TBD-06/30/24	Step 2 \$23,000 pro-rated		Paraprofessional 1:1 Lincoln School
Fajardo, Tina Effective TBD-06/30/24	\$7,240 pro-rated	Resignation	Lunch Aide Lindeneau School (for F. Nadeem)

Fontano, Janice Effective 11/28/23- 06/30/24	\$7,240 pro-rated	Resignation	Lunch Aide FDR School (for J. Lopez)
Jethlia, Monica Effective TBD-06/30/24	\$7,240 pro-rated	Resignation	Lunch Aide Woodbrook School (for D. Nair)
Kaur, Harwinder Effective TBD-06/30/24	\$7,240 pro-rated	Resignation	Lunch Aide Washington School (for J. Montalbano)
Kaur, Jagdeep Effective TBD-06/30/24	\$7,240 pro-rated		Lunch Aide James Monroe School
McGuire, Thomas Effective 01/11/24- 06/30/24	Step 8/BA/stipend \$34,650 pro-rated Rutgers University		Paraprofessional 1:1 AU John P. Stevens High School
Mcintosh, Dituria Effective 12/04/23- 06/30/24	\$7,240 pro-rated	Resignation	Lunch Aide Martin Luther King School (for H. Mughal)
Murugan, Uma Effective TBD-06/30/24	\$7,240 pro-rated	Resignation	Lunch Aide Lincoln School (for F. Tramutola)
Yunker, Michelle Effective TBD-06/30/24	\$7,240 pro-rated		Lunch Aide Lindeneau School

4. LEAVES OF ABSENCE

ID #101700 FDR School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	11/13/23-01/23/24
ID #108004 John P. Stevens High School	NJ FLA-Revised	Without Pay	12/11/23-12/21/23
ID #104028 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical	With Pay	11/29/23-12/11/23
ID #125037 John Adams Middle School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	01/02/24-01/21/24
ID #100127 Benjamin Franklin School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	11/13/23-12/05/23
ID #103107 John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	12/11/23-01/01/24

ID #107402 Lincoln School	Medical	With Pay	12/20/23-01/10/24
ID #101199 FDR School	Medical/Family	With Pay	11/27/23-12/10/23
ID #109051 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical Maternity NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	03/18/24-03/21/24 03/22/24-05/02/24 05/03/24-06/30/24
ID #107725 Thomas Jefferson Middle School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	01/08/24-04/07/24
ID #125220 Lincoln School	Medical Medical-Revised	With Pay Without Pay	10/16/23-10/19/23 10/20/23-12/17/23
ID #108212 Education Center	NJ FLA- Intermittent	Without Pay	12/04/23-06/30/24
ID #101902 Education Center	Medical	With Pay	12/08/23-01/01/24
ID #100806 John P. Stevens High School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	01/02/24-01/16/24 01/17/24-02/28/24
ID #108473 Edison High School	Medical-Revised Maternity- Revised NJ FLA-Revised Child Care- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	12/06/23 12/07/23-01/31/24 02/01/24-05/01/24 05/02/24-06/02/24
ID #104007 Benjamin Franklin School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	11/13/23-11/26/23 11/27/23-12/05/23
ID #107136 Woodbrook School	Child Care- Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/23-06/30/24
ID #109619 Lindeneau School	Medical-Revised Maternity- Revised Fed FMLA- Revised NJ FLA-Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	11/20/23-11/30/23 12/01/23-12/18/23 12/19/23-01/11/24 01/12/24-04/11/24
ID #101486 Woodbrook School	Medical	With Pay	12/18/23-01/21/24

ID #107235 James Monroe School	Medical Fed FMLA NJ FLA	With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	01/02/24-01/23/24 01/24/24-02/20/24 02/21/24-05/21/24
ID #124289 John P. Stevens High School	Fed FMLA- Revised NJ FLA-Revised Child Care- Revised	Without Pay Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	11/27/23-01/25/24 01/26/24-04/25/24 04/26/24-06/30/24
ID #108598 Edison High School	Medical Medical-Revised	With Pay Without Pay	10/16/23-10/27/23(.5) 10/27/23(.5)-01/01/24
ID #100789 Washington School	Medical Medical	With Pay Without Pay	09/27/23-10/09/23 10/10/23-01/01/24
ID #104265 Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	12/07/23-01/01/24
ID #124903 Benjamin Franklin School	Medical	With Pay	11/14/23-11/26/23
ID #107410 Edison High School	Medical Maternity NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	03/11/24-03/17/24 03/18/24-04/28/24 04/29/24-06/30/24
ID #105547 Woodbrook School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	11/27/23-01/28/24
ID #101965 John Adams Middle School	Military-Revised	With Pay	11/13/23-12/17/23
ID #125449 Edison High School	Medical	With Pay	11/29/23-12/31/23
ID #124867 Education Center	Medical/Family	With Pay	01/02/24-01/15/24
ID #104415 John P. Stevens High School	NJ FLA-Revised	Without Pay	10/02/23-12/05/23
ID #103216 Woodbrook School	Medical Fed FMLA- Revised	With Pay Without Pay	10/09/23-11/26/23 11/27/23-02/01/24
ID #103955 John P. Stevens High School	Medical	With Pay	12/06/23-01/09/24
ID #124949 Education Center	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	11/13/23-11/30/23 12/01/23

ID #125405 Edison High School	Medical	Without Pay & Benefits	01/19/24-02/29/24
ID #125405 Edison High School	NJ FLA	Without Pay	06/03/24-06/30/24
ID #108183 John P. Stevens High School	NJ FLA-Revised	Without Pay	10/23/23-12/10/23
ID #106559 Education Center	Medical	With Pay	11/13/23-02/04/24
ID #124073 James Madison Intermediate School	Medical Maternity Fed FMLA NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	02/26/24-03/06/24 03/07/24-03/15/24 03/16/24-03/24/24 03/25/24-06/30/24
ID #105055 Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical	With Pay	01/08/24-02/12/24
ID #108198 Edison High School	Medical Maternity Fed FMLA NJ FLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	02/05/24-02/14/24 02/15/24-03/25/24 03/26/24-03/27/24 03/28/24-06/30/24

5. CHANGE OF STATUS

<u>Certified Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Almasoud, Hanan	Teacher – Math Edison High School Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	Teacher – Math Edison High School Effective 01/29/24- 06/30/24
Beaton, Max	Long Term Substitute Teacher – English Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 09/14/23- 12/01/23	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – English Herbert Hoover Middle School Effective 09/14/23- 12/01/23 Then Long Term Substitute Teacher – English Woodrow Wilson Middle School Effective 12/02/23- 01/02/24 (for ID #109130)



Brown, Danielle	School Counselor Edison High School Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	School Counselor Edison High School Effective 02/01/24- 06/30/24
Christiani, Tracy	Instructional Coach Menlo Park School/ Woodbrook School Effective 09/01/23- 06/30/24	Resignation	Teacher – Grade 3 Woodbrook School Effective 01/08/24- 06/30/24 (for J. Ethington)
Coan, Brittney	Speech Education Center/ Washington School Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	Speech Education Center/ Washington School Effective 01/02/24- 06/30/24
Dejoy, Clare	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Kindergarten James Madison Intermediate School Effective 09/01/23- 12/01/23	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Kindergarten James Madison Intermediate School Effective 09/01/23- 11/30/23
Ferrante, Sandi	Title I Math Interventionist Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/23- 06/30/24	Title Revision	Teacher - Math Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/23- 06/30/24
Ferraro, Dianne	Teacher – Special Education Edison High School Effective 09/01/23- 06/30/24	Transfer	Teacher – Special Education John P. Stevens High School Effective 01/02/24- 06/30/24 (for J. Vasquez)
Grover, Suman	Teacher – Special Education Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	Teacher – Special Education Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 01/30/24- 06/30/24
Lack, Pamela	Teacher – Grade 1 Benjamin Franklin School Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	Teacher – Grade 1 Benjamin Franklin School Effective 01/22/24- 06/30/24

Leigh, Heidi	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 4 Lincoln School Effective 09/01/23- 12/03/23	Revised Contract	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 4 Lincoln School Effective 09/01/23- 12/03/23 Then Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 3 Woodbrook School Effective 12/04/23- 01/26/24 (for ID #105547)
Lyons, Skylar	Long Term Substitute School Counselor Edison High School Effective 12/11/23- 05/31/24	Revised Start Date	Long Term Substitute School Counselor Edison High School Effective TBD-05/31/24
Powers, Kim	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 James Madison Intermediate School Effective 09/01/23- 12/08/23	Revised Contract	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 James Madison Intermediate School Effective 09/01/23- 12/08/23 Then Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 Lincoln School Effective 12/11/23- 06/30/24 (for ID #105658)
Roberts, Anna	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Kindergarten John Marshall School Effective 09/01/23- 12/01/23	Revised Contract	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Kindergarten John Marshall School Effective 09/01/23- 01/12/24 Then Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 4 Lincoln School Effective 01/13/24- 06/30/24 (for ID #109078)
Smith, Jennifer	District Interventionist Woodbrook School Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	District Interventionist Woodbrook School Effective 12/18/23- 06/30/24

Torres, Nicholas	Custodian/Night Salary \$46,356 Menlo Park School Effective 07/01/23- 06/30/24	Transfer	Custodian – 11:00am- 7:30pm Salary \$44,851 Lindeneau School Effective 12/20/23- 06/30/24 (for J. Urteil)
Turkiewicz, Justine	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 Woodbrook School Effective 09/01/23- 02/02/24	Revised End Date	Long Term Substitute Teacher – Grade 1 Woodbrook School Effective 09/01/23- 06/30/24
Vasquez, Jennifer	LDTC Education Center Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	LDTC Education Center Effective 01/02/24- 06/30/24
Velasquez, Geolenne	Speech Education Center Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	Speech Education Center Effective 01/22/24- 06/30/24
<u>Support Staff</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Reason for Change</u>	<u>To</u>
DeGeronimo, Craig	Custodian/Floater District-wide Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	Custodian/Floater District-wide Effective 11/27/23- 06/30/24
Fogarile, Carmela	Paraprofessional AU Washington School Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	Paraprofessional AU Washington School Effective 12/11/23- 06/30/24
Hernandez, Yolanda	Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School Effective TBD- 06/30/24	Revised Start Date	Lunch Aide Benjamin Franklin School Effective 11/30/23- 06/30/24
Latham, Taryn	Administrative Secretary – Enrollment 12 month/step 1 Education Center Effective 08/02/23- 06/30/24	Retirement	Attendance Investigator 10 month/step 2 Education Center Effective 01/02/24- 06/30/24 (for D. Ramos)

Urteil, Jessica	Custodian-11:00am-7:30pm Menlo Park School Effective 07/01/23-06/30/24	Resignation	Custodian-10:00am-6:30pm Menlo Park School Effective 12/20/23-06/30/24 (for S. Figueroa)
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6. 2023-2024 EDISON PARENT UNIVERSITY DISTRICT INITIATIVE – Effective 11/01/2023 – Series One: Learn Well - \$50/hour – 6 hours

Brenna, Taylor	Hanlon, Mollie	Richman, Tamara
Cardoso, Stephanie	Hinterstein, Jannine	Romano, Adam
Curcio, Michelle	Lewkowitz, Dana	Sack, Adam
Durso, Danielle	Melendez, Marcel	Stein, Shari
Fulham, Maria	Osmond, Kelly	Tierney, Lynne

7. 2023-2024 TITLE I LITERACY and MATH ACADEMY – James Monroe School – Effective 07/01/23-06/30/24 - \$37/hour \*dependent upon student enrollment – Acct #20-231-100-101-60-015, not to exceed \$2,000

Fishbein, Brianna	Recine, Elizabeth
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8. 2023-2024 SPLIT FUNDED ALLOCATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Title I Allocation-</u>
Almasoud, Hanan	EDH	100	\$71,605 pro-rated	20-231-100-100-60-034
Cortez, Ivania	EDC	96.7	\$72,332 pro-rated	20-231-200-860-60-000
Cortez, Ivania	EDC	3.32	\$2,490 pro-rated	20-281-200-860-60-000
Lopez, Maria	EDC	6.17	\$9,386	20-231-200-860-60-000
Lopez, Maria	EDC	9.806	\$14,920	20-271-200-860-60-000
<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>IDEA-PS</u>
Netzel, Dawn	EDC	77.38	\$85,223 effective 11/01/23	20-253-100-100-61-271

9. 2023-2024 SPECIAL OLYMPICS – Funded through Unified Champion Schools Grant

<u>Elementary Schools</u>	<u>Advisor - \$500</u>	<u>Coach - \$500</u>
Benjamin Franklin	Lyna, Amanda	Cherukara, Sophy
Lincoln	Slusser, Ken	Napp, Lisa
Lindeneau	Teeling, Mary Lynn	Cohen, Lauren
John Marshall	Connors, Jenna	Kitchell, Andrew
Martin Luther King	Montagna, John	Angulo, Richard
Menlo Park	McIntyre, Marissa	Lee-Garcia, Cherri
James Monroe	Fernandez, Michael	Reif, Cynthia
James Madison Intermediate	Morales, Chris	Agostinacchio, Jenna
James Madison Primary	Bell, Barbara	Pontarollo, Amanda
Washington	Coyne, Kristen	McGowan, James
Woodbrook	Molloy, Eugene	Ronco, Teresa

<u>Secondary Schools</u>	<u>Advisor - \$1,000</u>	<u>Coach - \$1,000</u>
Herbert Hoover MS	Murtagh, Erin	Savage, Kaitlin
John Adams MS	Hopkins, Emily	Roth, Brenda
Thomas Jefferson MS	Strober, Matthew	DePalermo, Gianna
Woodrow Wilson MS	Franciscus, Mike	Macchiaverna, Thomas
Edison HS	McKnight, Christopher	Blevins, Mark/ Jammal, Charles (split)
John P. Stevens HS	Field, Amy	Earl, Kevin/DiStefano, Brook e (split)

10. 2024 TITLE I LITERACY AND MATH ACADEMY – John Marshall School – Effective 01/02/24 – 04/30/24 - \$31/hour for 1 student, \$38/hour for 2 students, \$41 per hour for 3-5 students - \*dependent upon student participation - Account #20-231-100-101-60-015, not to exceed \$15,129

Brownlie, Kathryn	Lyons, Cailyn	Plaza Nichols, Annellyse
Cauterucci, Kristen	Mahoney, Rachael	Raja, Sumra
Gluchowski, Kathleen	Mandelbaum, Jessica	Waller, Hudson
Kline, Allison	McLaughlin, John	

11. 2023-2024 SUBSTITUTES AS NEEDED

Substitute Custodians - \$21.81/hour

Brennan, Tracy	Luis, Kyle	Mullan, Ilene
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Substitute Security Guard - \$25.65/hour  
Neal, Kimianna

Substitute Armed Security Officer - \$26.88/hour  
Cirillo, Jason

12. 2023-2024 TITLE I RESTORATIVE PRACTICE TRAINING – Edison High School – Effective 08/28/23-08/29/23 - \$25/hour – not to exceed \$4,750 – Acct. #20-231-100-101-60-034

Brennan, Taylor	Makovec, Katherine	Singh, Jaslin
Curcio, Michelle	Marhefka, Antonella	Spiess, Kari
Dondero, Joseph	Mata, Mary	Van De Wetering, Alexandra
Duggan, Jennine	Morales, Marlene	Yourstone, Tatiana
Fedowitz, Elizabeth	Panepinto, Erin	Zapoticzny, Matthew
Heinze, Christine	Sanchez, Kelly	
Huang, James	Sidorski, Jennifer	

13. 2023-2024 COACHING APPOINTMENTS

<u>EDH</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>	<u>STEP</u>
Bowling – Paraprofessional	Ganatra, Usha	\$20/hour	NA
Wrestling – Assistant Coach	Boslet, Daniel	\$5,396 pro-rated	3
Winter Track – Assistant Coach	Mazzei, Michael	\$5,396 pro-rated	5

14. JOB DESCRIPTION

Director of School Safety and Security - Revised  
Preschool Instructional Coach (Master Teacher) – New  
Preschool Intervention and Referral Specialist - New  
Edison Success Academy – Lead Teacher - New

15. RESTORATION OF EMPLOYMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of Arbitrator, Sally Steinberg-Brent, the Board of Education hereby reduces the termination of Employee #124153 to a six-month suspension and provides the employee, retro pay and benefits from the date of their discharge to the date of their reinstatement, less earnings and benefits attributable to the six-month suspension as stated in docket #AR-2-23-343.

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. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT – J.R. and N.R. o/b/o I.R. V. EDISON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that the Board of Education hereby approves Settlement Agreement – OAL Docket #: 05213-2023 Agency Ref. No.: 2023-35741 in the matter J.R. and N.R. o/b/o I.R. v. Edison Township Board of Education, and authorizes the administration and Board Attorney to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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-five students and two advisors from the John P. Stevens High School Choir will be attending the Broadway Boothe Theatre in New York, New York in December 2023. The cost to the Board of Education will be \$1,650.00.

2. Sixteen students and two advisors from the Edison High School Model UN will be attending the Ivy League Model UN Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in January 2024. There is no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
3. Thirty students and two advisors from the Edison High School Science Olympiad Team will be attending the Columbia University Science Olympiad in New York, New York in January 2024. There is no cost to the Board of Education.
4. Twenty-four students and two advisors from the Edison High School Model UN will be attending the National High School Model UN Conference in New York, New York in March 2024. There is no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
5. Eighty students and five advisors from the John P. Stevens High School FCCLA will be attending the NJFCCLA Spring Leadership Connections in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in March 2024. There is no cost to the Board of Education, except for the cost of substitute teachers.
6. Seventy-five students and two advisors from the John P. Stevens High School Choir will be attending the Walt Disney World Imagination Campus Festival in Orlando, Florida in April 2024. There is 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 Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the professional development documentation for December 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>
Poli, Angela	Lindeneau	01/05/24	Library Centers/Makerspaces: Creating More Engaging Learning Spaces in Your School Library	Virtual	\$279.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Gousman, Kate Kissane, Patrick Toohey, Thomas Ed.D.	Ed Center	01/12/24	Title IX Coordinator Compliance/ Title IX Investigator Compliance	Virtual	\$2,860.20	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Islam, Anhar	WWMS	01/17/24-01/18/24	OPEN SCIED Training	New Brunswick, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Rebovich, Holly	TJMS	01/17/24-01/18/24	OPEN SCIED Training	New Brunswick, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Hunt, Kelly	TJMS	01/17/24-01/18/24	OPEN SCIED Training	New Brunswick, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development

Wolenter, Michael RESCIND (Previously Approved 11/21/23)	TJMS	01/17/24-01/18/24	OPEN SCIED Training	New Brunswick, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Ponisi, Erin	Ed Center	01/19/24	NJCIE Inclusion Leadership Conference	Williamstown, NJ	\$175.00	N/A	\$35.91	Professional Development
Shaw, Cathy	Ed Center	01/19/24	NJCIE Inclusion Leadership Conference	Williamstown, NJ	\$175.00	N/A	\$35.91	Professional Development
Perlin, Janice	Ed Center	01/24/24	Teaching About Climate Change K-12 (Part 2)	Branchburg, NJ	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Dworzanski, Stacey	JPS	01/25/24-01/28/24	National FCCLA State Adviser Management Meeting	Seattle, WA	\$175.00	\$600.00	\$250.00	NJ FCCLA Grant
Brack, Diane	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$194.00	\$55.93	Professional Development
Goomer, Baninder	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$305.59	\$196.00	Professional Development
Hughes, Christina	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$194.00	\$55.93	Professional Development
Ponisi, Erin	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$194.00	\$55.93	Professional Development
Shaw, Cathy	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$194.00	\$55.93	Professional Development
Aldarelli, Edward, Ed.D.	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	N/A	\$300.00	Professional Development
Toth, Jonathan	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$305.59	\$300.00	Professional Development
Benedict, Richard	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$351.66	\$300.00	Professional Development
Cardoso, Michael	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$375.75	\$300.00	Professional Development
Kazi, Daanish	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$305.59	\$300.00	Professional Development
Barca, Ralph	Ed Center	01/23/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$374.76	\$300.00	Professional Development
Daniel, Heather	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$540.00	\$305.59	\$300.00	Professional Development
Halpin, Nicole	Ed Center	01/24/24-01/26/24	NJASA TECHSPO '24	Atlantic City, NJ	\$445.00	\$235.00	\$300.00	Professional Development
Kissane, Patrick	Ed Center	01/29/24-01/31/24	NTER 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Master Trainer Summit	Washington, DC	N/A	\$400.00	\$500.00	Professional Development
Jenkins, Vicki	EHS	01/15/24-02/25/24	Intro to Choreography in Dance Education: A Profess to Teach Students How to Create Dances	Virtual	\$310.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Perlin, Janice	Eds Center	02/28/24	Using Explanation & Argument to Assess Student Learning	Branchburg, NJ	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Lopez, Maria (RESCIND)	Ed Center	03/16/24-03/20/24	NAFEPA 2024 Conference	Washington, DC	\$995.00	\$1,400.00	\$850.00	Professional Development
Cortez, Ivania	Ed Center	03/16/24-03/20/24	NAFEPA 2024 Conference	Washington, DC	\$995.00	\$1,400.00	\$850.00	Professional Development
Guillen, Douglas	Ed Center	03/20/24-03/22/24	53 <sup>rd</sup> Annual NJ Pupil Transportation Conference & Equipment Show	Atlantic City, NJ	\$475.00	\$192.00	N/A	Professional Development



Welches, Dawn	Ed Center	03/20/24-03/22/24	53 <sup>rd</sup> Annual NJ Pupil Transportation Conference & Equipment Show	Atlantic City, NJ	\$475.00	\$192.00	N/A	Professional Development
Mosley-Aviles, Maritza	Ed Center	03/26/24-03/29/24	National Association of Bilingual Education Conference	New Orleans, LA	\$820.00	\$1,105.00	\$742.80	Title III (Registration Only) & EPSA
Emmich, Jill	Lincoln	04/12/24	NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	West Windsor, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Golias, Stacy	Lindeneau	04/12/24	NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	West Windsor, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Krant, Alyson	MLK	04/12/24	NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	West Windsor, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Lehrman, Amanda	JMI	04/12/24	NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	West Windsor, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Marzano, Amy	Menlo Park	04/12/24	NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	West Windsor, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Roldan, Lila	Washington	04/12/24	NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	West Windsor, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Toth, Christine	Woodbrook	04/12/24	NJ Association for Gifted Children Conference	West Windsor, NJ	\$250.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development

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

**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>
3029524	11/02/23	Morris-Union Jointure Commission-DLC	N/A	(\$80,324.67)	Terminated Placement (Transferred Out)
3007644	12/04/23	Honor Ridge Academy	Home Instruction	(\$54,432.00)	Terminated Placement (Pending OOD Placement)
3015980	11/27/23	Green Brook Academy	Coastal Learning Center Monmouth	\$45,386.25	IEP Team Decision (Change of Placement)

3015680	12/18/23	Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Hawkswood School	\$43,861.65	IEP Team Decision (New Placement)
3040343	12/04/23	New York School for the Deaf	Bergen County Special Services	\$62,833.00	New Entry (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>
3021085	11/27/23-01/11/24	Edison High School	Regional Achievement Academy	\$16,425.00	New Placement (Alternative Interim Program)

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to approve the Administration, Curriculum and Instruction, and the Pupil/Special Services Resolutions. Mr. Shi made the motion, seconded by Mr. Romano. 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. FINANCE1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2023

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the minutes of the November 21, 2023 Public Meeting.

2. FINANCIAL REPORTSa. 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 – December 2023 - \$14,903,601.09
- B. Monthly Transfer Report – November 2023
- C. Voided Checks – November 2023
- D. Purchase Orders – December 2023
- E. Report of the Board Secretary – November 2023

b. 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. Altice Lightpath/Cablevision Lightpath-NJ, Inc. 200 Jericho Quadrangle, Jericho, NY 11753 ESCNJ Account 100899 for District's Alternate School, 50 East Calvert Street, Edison, NJ for Extended Lightpath 10K Enterprise Voice, Supports up to 24 Business Lines – Total \$6,480
- B. Altice Lightpath/Cablevision Lightpath-NJ, Inc. 200 Jericho Quadrangle, Jericho, NY 11753 ESCNJ Account 48077 for District's Alternate School, 50 East Calvert Street, Edison, NJ and John P. Stevens High School for Extended Lightpath 10Gb Private Fiber Network – Total \$6,480
- C. Academy Construction Inc., in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10, procured through Educational Data Services, Inc. #12203 for the New Floor Installation at Woodrow Wilson Middle School Gym – Total \$239,160.00
- D. Academy Construction Inc., in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10, procured through Educational Data Services, Inc. #12203 for the New Floor Installation at John Adams Middle School Gym – Total \$293,810.00
- E. SSP Architects for schematic design, design development, construction, documents, bidding and construction administration for the renovation and classroom additions at Edison High School – Total \$1,155,000.00
- F. DMR Architects for the schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding and construction administration for the renovations and classroom additions at John Marshall Elementary School – Total \$1,550,000.00
- G. Nickerson NY, LLC for Athletic Equipment and Supplies ESCNJ 21/22-10, Interior Bleacher Systems ESCNJ 20/21-59, Scoreboards and Marquees Equipment and Installation ESCNJ 22/23-42, for John Adams and Woodrow Wilson Middle School Gymnasiums – Total \$453,333.08
- H. YMCA Camp Bernie Day Camp Program for the Edison Township Public School students for the 2023-2024 School Year, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$250,000.00
- I. Allied Boiler Repair Corp. for Retubing of #2 Easco Boiler at Edison High School – Total \$65,455.00

c. BIDS/COOPERATIVE BIDS/COMPENTITIVE CONTRACTS

COMPETITIVE CONTRACT FOR TUTORING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Edison Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the use of the Competitive Contracting process, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1., to procure Tutoring Services utilizing the High-Impact Tutoring Grant; and

WHEREAS, the High-Impact Tutoring Grant optimizes funding for targeted tutoring through vendors, organizations, or districts, research-based criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Competitive Contracting process will be administered by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Qualified Purchasing Agent.

NOW, THEREFORE,  
BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent to receive Competitive Contracting Proposals for Tutoring Services.

d. CHANGE ORDERS – JOHN P. STEVENS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS

BE IT  
RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Township Board of Education approves the following change order for the John P. Stevens High School Auditorium Renovations:

<u>Location/Contractor</u>	<u>Change Order</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>JP Stevens HS</u>		
Billy Contracting & Restoration Inc.	BC001	\$7,644.00

e. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – N/A

f. GRANTS/DONATIONS – N/A

g. 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>
John P. Stevens High School	1 True Open Air Cooler #5127866
	1 Samsung Television
Technology Department	361 Chromebooks*
	88 Desktops*
	28 iPads*
	10 Monitors*
	1 Access Point*
	4 Laptops*

3 Projectors\*  
1 Tablet\*  
70 Math Books

Wardlaw Hartridge School

\*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.

h. NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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 02/29/24-03/07/24 Event: College Board AP Calculus BC–Virtual/Online	Eric Gronske	Registration Fee: \$150.00 Other Expenses: N/A

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>
NQTZ671	St. Helena School	CDW-G	\$23,985.89

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

BE IT

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

<u>Quote No.</u>	<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
NRFF559	St. Thomas Aquinas HS	CDW-G	\$25,156.80

i.. TRANSPORTATION

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 December 2023:

- a. Approve the monthly service fee of \$2,781.00 for Zonar, Proprietary Fleet Management Software approved on May 23, 2023

Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to approve the Finance Resolutions. Mr. B. Patel 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.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Athletic Committee

The Athletic Committee met at 4:30 PM on December 12, 2023 in the Education Center.

In attendance were: Vishal Patel, Shannon Peng, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Brian Rivera, Thomas Toohey, Ed.D., Argiris Hristofis, Dave Sandaal, Heather Daniel, and Jonathan Toth

Discussions:

- A. High School Cricket – Registration messages were sent to all students with the deadline to respond by early February. Advisor position to be posted after Christmas break. The administration is coordinating match dates, talking to officials, and scheduling tryouts, etc. The Committee suggested having multiple teams at John P. Stevens High School. The administration will consider it and having multiple teams may be limited by practice space.
- B. Middle School Cricket – Plans for intramural cricket are progressing. The administration is working on logistics for field space and proposed intramural season after high school season to maximize space and coaches. The Committee recommended exploring summer programming based on student interest.
- C. Batting Cages – Quotes were received from two companies, both considered high. Awaiting a third quote. The project will be put out to bid if necessary. The project is expected to be ready for the season.
- D. Outdoor Tennis Courts – Edison High school Tennis Court construction is set to start on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Coaches and athletic Director to coordinate scheduling, using district and offsite tennis courts.
- E. Sports Physicals – The administration is working on establishing standard operating procedures. A meeting is scheduled on December 14, 2023 with nurses and athletic directors. They are exploring digital solution for sports form submission and reaching out to similar-sized districts for process insights.

- F. MS Volleyball – Interscholastic – There will be three teams with six players each. A-Team plays one game, B-Team in game two and C-Team in game three. The school administration clarified the protocol for middle school volleyball tournaments, emphasizing the rotation of teams in each game. Teams are expected to rotate during matches and tournaments.

## 2. Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee met at 3:30 P.M. on December 12, 2023 at the Education Center

In attendance were: Vishal Patel, Biral Patel, Shannon Peng, Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Richard Cohen, Baninder Goomer, Thomas Toohey, Ed.D. and Heather Daniel

- A. Follow up – Elementary School Standard-based Reports – Teachers are inputting grades. Administrators will collect feedback from stakeholders on the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade standard-based report pilot before deciding to implement it for all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- B. Follow up – Varsity Tutors – On Demand: Mr. Cohen talked about training - January 5<sup>th</sup> Administrator; January 9<sup>th</sup> Secondary Teachers and January 30<sup>th</sup> All Parents. Roll-out on Demand 24/7 Chat tutoring for all students by February 1, 2024.
- C. High Dosage tutoring for Edison High School math students who are Title I eligible. Mr. Cohen discussed the plans to get all eligible students to take advantage of the 20 hours available for 1 on 1 virtual math tutoring. Action steps/options were discussed if not all students too
- D. Follow up – WIN Programming – Incorporating On Demand chat tutoring and enrichment programs beginning February 2024 into the WIN period. Mr. Cohen gave a preview of a WIN period activity that the district is looking to launch for the next two years through a partnership with the research organization, WestEd, via a federal grant, involving students in reflective, self-affirming writing exercises. Mr. Cohen is requesting more specifics regarding the data WestEd will be gathering and having the research organization complete an application to conduct research.
- E. Follow up – The feasibility of offering the following courses to freshmen in the 2024-2025 High School Program of Studies – AP Biology cannot be offered due to lack of wet lab space. AP CS Principles, AP Art History, AP Human Geography and Honors Music are considered by the administration for possible inclusion in 2024-2025 Program of Studies for 9<sup>th</sup> graders to be able to take on of these courses in their freshmen year. There are potential unintended consequences of offering a limited number of weighted electives to freshmen that still need to be vetted.
- F. Follow up – Conducting an enrichment program on Business Analytics – A professor from Ramapo College, Dr. Varma, has volunteered to offer two free mini courses in the events to high school students on Business Analytics and Decentralization. More information on dates, times and locations will be communicated to families in January.
- G. Follow up – Consideration of Yoga and Pranayama (Breathing Technique) – The committee recommended working with the ISHA Foundation to (1) conduct free yoga sessions for all interested teachers from a selected school – John Adams Middle School; (2) conduct free yoga coordinator training for selected four gym/health teachers from John Adams Middle School (3) conduct free yoga training for all selected students in the presence of four John Adams Middle School yoga coordinators (4 teachers from #2). The committee suggested setting up #1 and #2 on Professional Development day. Mr. Cohen will meet with ISHA Foundation volunteers again to discuss this further.
- H. Follow up – Geometry credit course to incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders and other pathways for acceleration for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who completed Algebra I in 8<sup>th</sup> grade – The school administration under Mr. Cohen’s leadership is looking to offer a summer Geometry credit course to incoming 10<sup>th</sup> graders. This school administration Is also considering additional pathways for math

acceleration at the high school level, allowing 9<sup>th</sup> graders to take both Geometry and Algebra 2 during the school year.

### 3. Finance and Facilities Committee

The Finance and Facilities Committee met on December 18, 2023 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 – Bismark Construction has begun to mobilize and the site is being prepared for construction. Projected Completion June 2025.
- H Hoover MS Addition – The steel work was completed. Masonry CMU Exterior Walls began the week of December 4, 2023. Projected completion July 2024.
- T Jefferson MS Addition – The foundation footings are ongoing in the new gym and addition area. Steel arrives on site December 18, 2023 and steel erection begins on front canopies and a new connecting corridor over the holiday break. Projected completion December 2024.
- JP Stevens HS Auditorium – Contract and permit drawings/documents issued to the Contractor, and a construction kick-off meeting was held on December 5, 2023. Permits filed with Edison. Projected completion September 2024.
- J Madison PS Kitchen – Contractor has begun footings’ excavation. Construction ongoing through April 2024. CMU Foundation walls in progress.
- Woodrow Wilson and John Adams Middle School Locker Rooms – Drawings were sent to Academy and Billy Contracting. Contractors’ filing for permits. Construction begins in early January 2024 and projected completion for July 2024.
- Sports Fields and Batting Cages – Bids received via cooperative purchasing programs were high. DMR Architects is preparing a bid package to put on in January.
- ROD Grant Projects – Load calculations and development of designs is underway. Anticipate completing bid documents by the end of January 2024 so long lead items can be ordered and construction can be completed in the summer. The work involves the provision of cooling-only air-conditioning RTUs at the following elementary schools: Benjamin Franklin, FDR, John Marshall, Lindeneau, James Madison Primary, Martin Luther King and Washington.
- ESIP Solar Work – Interior lighting and roof work is ongoing. Northeastern interiors is currently doing pipe insulation and building envelope weatherization.

##### USA Architects:

- J Adams MS Gym – Rough utility work is ongoing.
- W Wilson MS Gym – Rough utility work is ongoing.
- J Madison IS Addition – Meeting scheduled for January with USA, district administration and building principal. As per USA, the project cost increased by 6% to 7% due to inflation. USA wants to go over the scope again to provide updated cost estimates for bidding.

#### FY25 Projected Projects:

- John Marshall ES – 23 Classroom Addition – In planning phase
- Edison HS – Addition and Renovation – In planning phase
- Maintenance Building



Contracts:

- SSP – EHS Contract \$1.2 million
- DMR – Marshall Contract \$1.6 million
- Academy Construction Gym Floors at Woodrow Wilson MS & John Adams MS - \$540,000
- Nickerson – John Adams and Woodrow Wilson MS Bleachers - \$350,000
- Allied Boiler – Edison HS Boiler Repairs \$65,000

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Event - Reorganization Meeting  
Date - Tuesday, January 2, 2024  
Location - Education Center (Caucus Room)  
Time - 7:00 P.M.

XII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Members of the Board wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Diwali.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the Public discussed issues of concern to them.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mrs. Peng asked for a motion to adjourn December 19, 2023 Public Meeting of the Edison Township Board of Education at 9:11 P.M. Mr. M. Patel, seconded by Mr. Shi. All in favor, the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan B. Toth  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
JBT:JMC