I. <u>CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE</u>

The March 19, 2018 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, at 7:00 P.M. at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, 450 Division Street, Edison, New Jersey.

Thomas Jefferson Middle School Students, Jayesh Chaurasia and Madelyn Donner, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. <u>ROLL CALL</u>

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

Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, President, Mrs. Beth Moroney, Vice-President, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Shivi Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Shannon Peng, Mr. Richard Brescher, Mr. Paul Distefano and Mrs. Falguni N. Patel. Mr. Ralph Errico was absent.

Also in attendance were Richard O'Malley, Ed.D, Superintendent, Mr. Richard Pepe, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. Ramon Rivera, Board Attorney.

III. <u>OPENING STATEMENT</u>

Mr. Shi read the following opening statement:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.

In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Edison Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Board of Education Administrative Offices. Copies of these notices were sent to the Home News and Tribune and the Star Ledger on January 8 and 23, 2018.

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

IV. <u>PRESENTATIONS</u>

Thomas Jefferson Middle School - Principal, Ms. Antoinette Emden

Ms. Emden welcomed everyone to Thomas Jefferson Middle School, the home of the Jaguars where their motto is "Today we Learn, tomorrow we Lead." The month of March, she noted is National Music in Our Schools Month. She believes music and the arts significantly enhance the morale of the school environment and prepare the students to be productive members of society. Music education promotes craftsmanship and the desire to achieve excellence. The students in the music program are some of the most dedicated individuals at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

At Thomas Jefferson, Ms. Emden continued, all students are encouraged to get involved in the school community and assume a leadership role. As a result, 45% of the students are involved in the music program. These students demonstrate their commitment to the music program and their individual growth by arriving to school early in the morning and staying after school for rehearsals. They are engaged in the learning process and work collaboratively with their teacher, Ms. Pasquarelli, and their classmates. Research shows that music education goes beyond the classroom.

Students involved in the music program are more likely to (1) transfer the desire for excellence to all subjects; (2) develop empathy and have higher self-esteem and confidence; (3) have great imagination and intellectual curiosity; (4) have tools to better cope with stress and so many more benefits.

Ms. Emden introduced the 8th Grade Orchestra, directed by Ms. Pasquarelli, who performed two selections that demonstrate how music enriches the lives of the students of Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

Edison's Own...

Harshini Asokumar, a 4th Grade student at Menlo Park Elementary School was recognized as receiving State, Regional and National awards for rollerskating. Harshini is also a published author.

V. <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 21ST & 26TH, 2018</u>

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Caucus Meeting and the February 26, 2018 Public Meeting.

VI. <u>BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORTS</u> (Exhibit A)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of January 31, 2018 be accepted and approved for filing and audit:

- A. Report of the Board Secretary (A148)
- B. Report of Treasurer of School Monies (A149)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

TED: that the Edison Board of Education and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary certify that no major account (as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) has been over-expended; and that the Board of Education also certifies that there are sufficient funds available to fund the balance of the 2017-2018 school year.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 21st and 26th Caucus and Public Meetings and the Board Secretary's Report. Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher. Mr. Pepe took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

VII. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS ONLY)</u>

Several residents asked that the Board retain Dr. O'Malley as Superintendent when his contract expires.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, asked Dr. O'Malley to explain the process of the Superintendent's Merit Goals.

VIII. <u>RESOLUTIONS</u>

A. <u>PERSONNEL – LABOR RELATIONS</u>

BE IT RESOLVED:

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

1. <u>RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS</u>

Castro, Mae – Paraprofessional	Effective:	03/14/18
FDR Building	Reason:	Personal
Dettelbach, Lisa – Fuel Up to Play 60/Wellness	Effective:	02/23/18
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Reason:	Personal
Dettelbach, Lisa – Technology Coordinator	Effective:	02/23/18
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Reason:	Personal
Dos Reis, Ana – Lunch Aide	Effective:	03/23/18
Lincoln School	Reason:	Personal
Hofstra, Lynn – Talent Show Club	Effective:	10/01/17
Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Reason:	Personal
Holmes-Starling, Sonja – Lunch Aide	Effective:	03/29/18
James Madison Intermediate School	Reason:	Personal
Kilroy, Mallory – Yearbook Advisor	Effective:	02/26/18
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Reason:	Transfer
Oberberger, Susan – Lunch Aide	Effective:	03/23/18
James Madison Primary School	Reason:	Personal
O'Malley, Richard – Superintendent of Schools	Effective:	06/30/19
Education Center	Reason:	Personal
Petrucci, Hope – Safety Patrol	Effective:	03/06/18
John Marshall School	Reason:	Personal
Petrucci, Hope – Get a Jump on Your Day Club	Effective:	03/06/18
John Marshall School	Reason:	Personal
Picciano, Jessica – Long Term Substitute English Teacher	Effective:	04/13/18
Herbert Hoover Middle School	Reason:	Personal
Scanlon, Mary – Lunch Aide	Effective:	03/16/18
Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Reason:	Personal
Sklar, Brian – Paraprofessional	Effective:	03/02/18
Herbert Hoover Middle School	Reason:	Personal
Sklar, Brian – Baseball Coach	Effective:	03/02/18
Woodrow Wilson Middle School	Reason:	Personal
Thakare, Manjusha – Lunch Aide	Effective:	03/05/18
Lincoln School	Reason:	Personal

2. <u>RETIREMENTS</u>

Employee ID 104359 – Mathematics Teacher	Effective: 06/30/18
John P. Stevens High School	32 years, 5 months of service

Baldessari, Mary Anne – Mathematics Teacher John P. Stevens High School Effective: 06/30/18 24 years of service

3. <u>APPOINTMENTS</u>

4.

ADMINISTRATOR	Step/Sal	lary	<u>Reason for</u> Vacancy		<u>Positio</u>	n/Location	
Narvaez-Ruiz, Randy Effective 04/23/18-06/30/18	\$129,77 (pro-rate Univers Pennsyl	ed) ity of	Retirement		Woodb	nt Principal prook School avroudas)	
CERTIFIED STAFF	<u>Step/Sal</u>	lary	Reason for		<u>Positio</u>	n/Location	
Walters, Steven Effective 03/01/18-06/30/18	\$40,000 (pro-rate Kean Univers	ed)	<u>Vacancy</u> Leave of Absence		Mather	'erm Substitute natics Teacher High School Logan)	
SUPPORT STAFF	Step/Sal	<u>lary</u>	Reason for		<u>Positio</u>	n/Location	
Salazar, Maria Effective TBD-06/30/18	Step 1 \$38,391		<u>Vacancy</u> Deceased		Menlo	ian m-11:30 pm) Park School nployee ID 108338)	
Goncalves, Cristina Effective 03/13/18-06/30/18	\$4,363		Resignation	n		Aide Iarshall School DiMaria)	
LEAVES OF ABSENCE							
Employee ID 108802 Education Center		Matern Fed FN	•	With F Witho	•	04/16/18-05/17/18 05/18/18-07/08/18	
Antony, Hema – Paraprofessi Menlo Park School	onal	Fed FN Intermi		Witho	ut Pay	03/19/18-06/30/18	
Bongiovanni, Tara – Mathem Teacher John P. Stevens High School	atics	Medica Matern Revise		With F With F	•	01/12/18-01/20/18 01/21/18-03/03/18	
		Fed/NJ Revise	f FMLA- d	Witho	ut Pay	03/04/18-05/24/18	
Blaha, Jean – Special Educati Teacher Washington School	on	Medica	al	With F	Pay	04/10/18-06/30/18	

Cowart, Andrea – Speech Teacher Benjamin Franklin School	Fed FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	01/31/18(.5)- 03/04/18
Dal Pezzo, Debra – Mathematics Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical-Revised	Without Pay & Benefits	09/13/17(.5)- 06/30/18
Dettlebach, Lisa – Health/PE Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Maternity- Revised	With Pay	02/24/18-04/06/18
	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	04/07/18-06/30/18
Dziuban, Alison – Spanish Teacher John P. Stevens High School	Fed FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	03/19/18-06/10/18
C C	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	06/11/18-06/30/18
	Fed/NJ FMLA Child Care	Without Pay Without Pay & Benefits	09/01/18-11/03/18 11/04/18-01/30/19
			04/20/10 05/22/10
Fernandez, Kristi – Grade 2 Teacher James Madison Primary School	Medical Maternity	With Pay With Pay	04/30/18-05/23/18 05/24/18-06/30/18
-	Fed/NJ FMLA	Without Pay	09/01/18-10/31/18
Gibbons, Joanna – Lunch Aide Woodbrook School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/24/18-02/25/18
Hayes, Marnette – Mathematics Teacher Edison High School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/31/18-02/25/18
Hochman, Sharon – Nurse John Marshall School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/29/18-02/19/18
Kohlhepp, Kathryn – Gifted &	Medical	With Pay	04/23/18-05/08/18
Talented Teacher John Marshall School	Maternity- Revised	With Pay	05/09/18-05/17/18
	Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	Without Pay	05/18/18-06/30/18
Minitelli, Theresa – Special Education Teacher James Madison Primary School	Medical	With Pay	02/20/18-03/18/18
Mullan, Mary – Grade 4 Teacher Lindeneau School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/03/18-04/17/18
Patel, Kailash – Lunch Aide Lindeneau School	Medical Medical	With Pay Without Pay	03/08/18-05/14/18 05/15/18-06/10/18

Pelt, Krystina – Mathematics Teacher Herbert Hoover Middle School	Medical Maternity Fed/NJ FMLA	With Pay With Pay Without Pay	05/21/18-06/14/18 06/15/18-06/30/18 09/01/18-11/15/18
Petrucci, Hope – Paraprofessional John Marshall School	Medical Fed FMLA	With Pay Without Pay	03/07/18-03/22/18 03/23/18-05/01/18
Ramsey, Joan – Bus Driver Education Center	Medical	With Pay	03/01/18-03/18/18
Rosario, Desiree – Grade 2 Teacher Washington School	Medical-Revised Maternity- Revised Fed FMLA- Revised Fed/NJ FMLA- Revised	With Pay With Pay Without Pay Without Pay	01/29/18-02/21/18 02/22/18-03/05/18 03/06/18-04/04/18 04/05/18-05/28/18
Selesky, Michele – Special Education Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School	Medical Fed FMLA- Revised	With Pay Without Pay	12/01/17- 01/02/18(.5) 01/02/18(.5)- 03/04/18 01/24/18-04/08/18
Seyffart, Kathleen – Paraprofessional Menlo Park School	Medical-Revised	With Pay	01/24/18-04/08/18

5. <u>CHANGE OF STATUS</u>

<u>CERTIFIED</u> STAFF	From	<u>Reason for</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>To</u>
Agmana, Eleanor	College Counselor Edison High School MA, Step 3 Salary \$ 57,383 Effective 03/14/18-06/30/18		College Counselor Edison High School MA, Step 3 Salary \$ 57,335 Effective 03/14/18-06/30/18
Byrnes, Kristine	Long Term Substitute English Teacher Thomas Jefferson Middle School Effective 09/01/17-06/30/18 (for C. Caballero)	Resignation	Long Term Substitute English Teacher T Jefferson Middle School Salary \$40,000 Effective 09/01/17-04/09/18 (for C. Caballero) and English Teacher T Jefferson Middle School MA, Step 3 Salary \$54,605 Effective 04/10/18-06/30/18 (for K. Lauricella)
Davala, Jessica	Grade 2 Teacher Woodbrook School Effective TBD-06/30/18		Grade 2 Techer Woodbrook School Effective 03/01/18-06/30/18

Fiorello, Jason	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$110,062 Effective 1/22/18-03/26/18	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$110,062 Effective 1/22/18-03/23/18
Greeley, Allegra	Speech Language Specialist Education Center Salary \$102,776 Effective TBD-06/30/18	Speech Language Specialist Education Center Salary \$102,776 Effective 01/02/18-06/30/18
Gregoire, Nicole	Special Education Teacher Edison High School Effective 03/26/18-06/30/18	Special Education Teacher Edison High School Effective 03/12/18-06/30/18
Hanlon, Mollie	Technology Coordinator Benjamin Franklin School Karamanos, Xanthy Effective 10/01/17-03/20/18 (split) Effective 03/21/18-05/31/18 (full)	Technology Coordinator Benjamin Franklin School Karamanos, Xanthy Effective 10/01/17-03/02/18 (split) Effective 03/05/18-05/31/18 (full)
Karamanos, Xanthy	Grade 4 Teacher Benjamin Franklin School Effective 09/01/17-03/20/18	Grade 4 Teacher Benjamin Franklin School Effective 09/01/17-03/02/18
Karamanos, Xanthy	Technology Club Benjamin Franklin School Effective 09/01/17-03/20/18	Technology Club Benjamin Franklin School Effective 09/01/17-03/02/18
Karamanos, Xanthy	Technology Coordinator Benjamin Franklin School Effective 09/01/17-03/20/18	Technology Coordinator Benjamin Franklin School Effective 09/01/17-03/02/18
Keefe, Kristine	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$93,358 Effective 1/22/18-03/26/18	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$101,558 Effective 1/22/18-03/23/18
Martinez, Maria	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$97,927 Effective 1/22/18-03/26/18	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$106,127 Effective 1/22/18-03/23/18
Mendez, Ana	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$61,000 Effective 1/22/18-03/26/18	Spanish Teacher (1.2) J.P. Stevens High School Salary \$69,200 Effective 1/22/18-03/23/18

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Miller, Taylor	Grade 2 Teac James Madiso School Effective TBl	on Primary		Grade 2 Teac James Madis School Effective 03/	
Serrano-Vacca, Odalys	Spanish Teac J.P. Stevens I Salary \$53,00 Effective 1/22	High School	3	Spanish Teac J.P. Stevens I Salary \$61,20 Effective 1/2	High School
Zazanis, Emily	Spanish Teac John P. Steve Retirement Effective 09/0	ens High Scho		Resignation	her ens High School 01/17-01/19/18
SUPPORT STAFF	<u>From</u>		Reason fo	<u>r To</u>	
Meyrowitz, Catherine	Library Aide Menlo Park School Effective TBD-06/30/18		<u>Change</u>	Library Aide Menlo Park S Effective 02/2	School 27/18-06/30/18
Singh, Neetu	Lunch Aide James Madison Intermediate Effective 02/12/18-06/30/18				on Intermediate 26/18-06/30/18
Wheeler, Katrina	Paraprofessional John Adams Middle School Effective 09/01/17-03/07/18			Paraprofession FDR Buildin Effective 03/0	
LONGEVITY					
TEACHERS	SCHOOL	DATE	YEARS	<u>PRESENT</u> <u>SALARY</u>	<u>NEW</u> SALARY
Baldassare,Kim	HHM	04/23/18	<u>1 LAK5</u> 21	\$100,908.00	\$101,361.00
Bowler,Amanda	WBR	04/11/18	17	\$100,908.00	\$101,862.00
Clymer,Nicole	TJM	04/01/18	17	\$103,257.00	\$101,802.00
Dominiguez,Nicole	JAM	04/01/18	17	\$103,237.00	
Drobbin,Stacey	WWM	04/01/18	17	\$101,390.00	\$101,862.00 \$103,278.00
Durkin,Lisa		04/01/18	23	\$105,636.00	\$106,108.00
Hoefer, Walter	TJM	04/23/18	23 22	\$103,858.00	\$100,108.00
Lambert, Kristine	JAM	04/01/18	15	\$99,827.00	\$100,299.00
Medina, Judy	HHMS	04/04/18	24	\$107,954.00	\$108,444.00
Mendez-Bogash, Yarida	EHS	04/04/18	24 17	\$97,731.00	\$98,185.00
Mullin, Amanda	MEN	04/06/18	14	\$100,132.00	\$100,622.00
Muniz, Jannine	TJMS	04/10/18	17	\$102,390.00	\$102,862.00
Poland, Melissa	TJMS	04/09/18	16	\$101,419.00	\$101,890.00
Rogers, Natalie	TJMS	04/23/18	19	\$107,083.00	\$107,573.00
Savulich, Patricia	JPS	04/06/18	19	\$99,546.00	\$100,000.00
Selesky, Michele	TJMS	04/25/18	21	\$105,193.00	\$105,665.00
Solares, Lidice	JAMS www.ms	04/04/18 04/19/18	17 20	\$97,940.00 \$101.000.00	\$98,403.00 \$101.008.00
Spagnoletti, Alicia	WWMS	04/19/18	20	\$101,000.00	\$101,908.00

Stern, Renee Stocker, Doreen	HHMS EHS	04/01/18 04/05/18	16 25	\$99,098.00 \$111,483.00	\$99,560.00 \$111,977.00
Tchorz, Lisa Ann	HHMS	04/03/18	23 20	\$104,749.00	\$105,693.00
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Wcislo, Karolyn	HHMS	04/01/18	20	\$101,874.00	\$102,800.00
DIFFERENCE TOTA	AL				\$11,738.00
				PRESENT	NEW
GUIDANCE/CST	SCHOOL	DATE	YEARS	SALARY	SALARY
Gerckens, Traci	BEN	04/11/18	24	\$116,344.00	\$116,862.00
Gerekens, muer	DEN	0-1/11/10	27	ψ110,544.00	
DIFFERENCE TOTA	AL				\$518.00
				PRESENT	NEW
NURSE	SCHOOL	DATE	YEARS	SALARY	SALARY
Howard, Geraldine	JAM	04/01/18	25	\$110,514.00	\$111,005.00
nowaru, Geralullie	JAM	04/01/18	23	\$110,314.00	\$111,005.00
DIFFERENCE TOTA	AL .				\$491.00
				PRESENT	NEW
FACILITY	SCHOOL	DATE	YEARS	SALARY	SALARY
MANAGER	<u>5011001</u>		<u>112/110</u>	<u>BILLINT</u>	<u>or internet</u>
Campbell, Sally	LNC	04/19/18	10	\$72,576.00	\$74,503.00
DIFFERENCE TOTA	ΛT.			·	\$1,927.00
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7. <u>SUBSTITUTE STAFF – AS NEEDED FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR</u>

Teachers - State Certified \$90/day - County Certified \$80/dayAhmed, IfranaCorrigan, AngelaDrugos, HeatherDoi, Seema

Lunch Aide - \$11.58/hr Kunie, Janet

8. MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT UNIVERSITY \$35/hour

<u>HHMS Teachers (04/10/18)</u> Burzichelli, Jacqueline Markano, Joanne	Clark, Holly Poole, Charles	Grillo, Matthew Rosario, Megan
JAMS Teachers (03/27/18) Guzzi, Amanda Orzechowski, Melissa Saverino, Frank	Jones, Jennifer Passaro, Douglas Winhold, Jill	Kramer, Lauren Sack, Adam
<u>TJMS Teachers (03/08/18)</u> Boyle, Kelly Ward, Sara	Di Stefano, Lisa	McCoy, Kimberly
WWMS Teachers (03/22/18) Bergeron, Rebecca Fischer, Jennifer	Catalanello, Lisa Magliulo, Donna	Dziedzic, Lauren Perlin, Janice

Matonis, Laura

9. <u>2018 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR* – EFFECTIVE 7/09/18 – 8/09/18 (BEN, FDR, JMP, JMI, MEN, MON, HHM, JPH)</u> * Contingent upon enrollment/student need

<u>TEACHERS (\$50.00/hr. – 1</u> Banach, Megan	Benson, Megan	Brown, Llyoth Marie
Bruno, Joe	Calenda, Kristen	Cherukara, Sophy
Circelli, Lisa	Civile, Robert	Colletto, Kerri
DiBerardino, Rachel	Felumero, Nerina	Francis, Olufemi
Freeman, Marissa	French, Laura	Gordon, Jodi Ann
Grimaldi, Nanci	Hanson, Jennilyn	Horvath, Kelly
Kilroy, Mallory	Kitchell, Andrew	Klein, Renee
Lyna, Amanda	Lopez, Lauren	Macchiaverna, Thomas
Mahoney, Megan	Marcus, Jack	Mardini, Jenna
McDonald, Kristie	McGrory, John	McQuillan, Judy
Minitelli, Theresa	Mosko, Diane	Napp, Lisa
Nicosia, Brooke	Palomo, Hrisanthi	Riccobono, Mary
Rosario, Megan	Sciortino, Genna	Seymour, Dana
Silva, Bianca	Simone, Melanie	Sinagra, Michelle
VanPell, Melanie		-

SPEECH/CHILD STUDY TEAM (\$50.00/hr. - per ETEA contract)

Bellanca, Gina	Cowart, Andrea	Farley, James
Scurry-Mouzon, April	Tobie, Jeffrey	Walworth, Mary
Zakim, Shelley		

<u>CERTIFIED NURSES (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)</u> Lombardi, Laura Martinez, Carol

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PARAPROFESSIONALS (\$20.00/hr.)			
Aljian, Taylor	Balaji, Sharmila		
Bradley, Meghan*	Buchinski, Lisa		
Chamberlain, Carol	Ciccone, Carieann		
Cox, Susan	Curcio, Michelle		
Dulina, Andrew	Durrani, Rubina		
Ganatra, Usha	Gulama, Abraham		
Healey, Ann Marie*	Hentley, Karen		
Hronich, Mary Beth	Jaffe, Therese		
Jeffries, Jarrett	Jones, Todd		
LaDuna, Jeneen	Levine, Daniel		
McCarroll, Meagan	McCoy, Kimberly		
Metta, Sangeetha*	Moharana, Swati Swapna		
Mount, Colleen	Patel, Payal		
Pradhan, Chandana	Prego, Doreen		
Roberts, Eden	Robertson, Christopher		
Rupani, Kavita	Russell, Erica		
Sanjay, Lata*	Sarella, Janaki*		
Shaikh, Rehana	Shirley, Patricia		
Sultana, Zinnat	Syed, Adila		
Thaker, Vaishali	Utrecht, Ellen		
Wales, Kelly*	Wales, Lisa		
r 2018-2019 school year			
	Aljian, Taylor Bradley, Meghan* Chamberlain, Carol Cox, Susan Dulina, Andrew Ganatra, Usha Healey, Ann Marie* Hronich, Mary Beth Jeffries, Jarrett LaDuna, Jeneen McCarroll, Meagan Metta, Sangeetha* Mount, Colleen Pradhan, Chandana Roberts, Eden Rupani, Kavita Sanjay, Lata* Shaikh, Rehana Sultana, Zinnat Thaker, Vaishali		

TEACHING ASSISTANT (\$12.75/hr.) Colletto, Patricia

SECRETARY (\$15.00/hr.) DeJohn, Susanne

10. <u>ELEMENTARY LITERACY AND MATH ACADEMY- CEIS FUNDED EFFECTIVE -01/10/18</u> - 05/17/18 (as needed contingent upon enrollment)

<u>Teachers \$35/45 min. session</u> Aziz, Saeeda Mattia, Dana

Cervini, Nina Sampson, Nicole Drews, Kristen

11. SUMMER PROGRAMS 2018

<u>Name</u>	Position	<u>Rate</u>	Effective
Dato, Lisa	Summer Sports Camp, Coordinator	\$25.00/hr.	03/20/18-08/03/18
Gluchowski, Kathleen	Summer Enrichment Activities, Head Teacher	\$25.00/hr.	03/20/18-08/03/18

12. <u>SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTIFIED STAFF BASED UPON COMPLETION OF</u> PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE CREDITS - EFFECTIVE 02/01/18-06/30/18

NAME	LOCATION	POSITION	PRESENT	NEW
			SALARY	SALARY
Smith, Tracie	EDH	Teacher – Special Education	\$104,263.00*	\$104,725.00
*inclusive of longevity		-		

13. <u>SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF – ADDITIONAL GRADUATE</u> CREDITS EARNED, EFFECTIVE 09/01/17-06/30/18

<u>CERTIFIED</u> Alfonzo, Richard	LOCATION JPH	<u>FROM</u> Step 10 BA+15 \$82,952	<u>TO</u> Step 10 MA \$84,755
Lamont, Taryn	MON	Step 6 BA+15 \$57,802	Step 6 MA \$59,605

14. <u>SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL STAFF – ADDITIONAL GRADUATE</u> <u>CREDITS EARNED, EFFECTIVE 02/01/18-06/30/18</u>

<u>CERTIFIED</u> Gavigan, Joann	LOCATION WWM	<u>FROM</u> OG1 BA+15 \$100,023	<u>TO</u> OG1 MA \$101,862
Rosario, Megan	HHM	Step 3 BA \$51,000	Step 3 MA \$54,605

15. <u>2017-2018 CO-CURRICULAR APPOINTMENTS - REVISED</u>

<u>CO-CURRICULAR</u> Get a Jump on Your Day John Marshall School	<u>NAME</u> 10/01/17-03/06/18 Gurney, Rachel and Petrucci, Hope (split) 03/07/18-05/31/18 Gurney, Rachel (full)	<u>STIPEND</u> \$950.00 split
Safety Patrol John Marshall School	10/01/17-03/06/18 Mc Donald, Kristie and Petrucci, Hope (split) 03/07/18-05/31/18 Mc Donald, Kristie (full)	\$1,143.00 split
Fuel Up to Play 60/Wellness Club Thomas Jefferson Middle School	10/01/17-02/23/18 Dettelbach, Lisa and Berner, Russell (split) 02/26/18-05/31/18 Berner, Russell (full)	\$950.00 split
Technology Coordinator Thomas Jefferson Middle School	10/01/17-02/23/18 Dettelbach, Lisa 02/26/18-05/31/18 Volk, Jessica	\$2,961.00 split
Yearbook Advisor Thomas Jefferson Middle School	10/01/17-02/23/18 Kilroy, Mallory 02/26/18-05/31/18 Lalor, Emily	\$2,447.00 split
COACHING APPOINTMENTS - 2	2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR	

16. <u>COACHING APPOINTMENTS – 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR</u>

<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL – SPRING</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Baseball – WWMS	Hughes, Thomas	\$2,744.00	1
<u>HIGH SCHOOL – SPRING</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Step</u>
Boys' Lacrosse – Head – EHS	Wahler, Ronald	\$6,632.00	5
Boys' Lacrosse – Assistant – EHS	Ivy, Marcus	\$4,726.00	5
Boys' Track – Assistant – JPH	Pavese, Vito	\$4,263.00	1

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. Brescher made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward. Mr. Pepe took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES:	Mrs. Patel (Except Voted No on the Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley Only), Mr. Distefano (Except Voted No on the Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley Only), Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar (Except Voted No on the Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley Only), Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney (Except Voted No on the Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley Only), Mr. Shi
NAYS:	Mrs. Patel – Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley; Mr. Distefano – Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley; Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar – Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley; Mrs. Moroney – Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley

The motion was carried except for the Resignation of Dr. Richard O'Malley

B. ADMINISTRATION

1. <u>Superintendent's Merit Goals</u>

WHEREAS,	the employment contract between the Edison Township Board of Education ("Board") and Richard O'Malley, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, provides for the payment of a merit bonus to Dr. O'Malley upon the achievement of specific quantitative and qualitative merit criteria; and
WHEREAS, WHEREAS,	the aforementioned employment contract and merit bonus provision have previously been approved by the Executive County Superintendent pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23A-3.1; and the Board has determined that Dr. O'Malley has satisfied merit criteria for his work during the 2017-2018 school year, warranting the payment of a merit bonus; and
WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:	 N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(e)10iv requires the Board to submit a resolution to the Executive County Superintendent certifying that specific merit criteria have been met prior to payment of any merit bonus. as follow: 1. The Board hereby certifies that Dr. O'Malley has satisfied and achieved merit criteria as set forth in his employment contract with the Board and shall be paid in merit bonus in a total amount of \$10,141.00 upon the approval of the Executive County Superintendent, as follows: Math: To increase the enrollment of student in grade six honors mathematics classes by 25% when compared to 2016-2017 (165 students to 207 students + 42 students) and decrease the enrollment of students in grade six level two mathematics classes by 10% when compared to 2016-2017 (495 students to 445 students - 50 students) English: To increase the enrollment of students in grade six, seven and eight accelerated English classes by 20% when compared to 2016-2017 (1,736 students to 2,083 students + 347 students) and decrease the enrollment of students in grade six, seven and eight level two English classes by 10% when compared to 2016-2017 (1,719 students to 1,547 students - 172 students).
	2 The Board hereby directs that a conv of this resolution be submitted to

2. The Board hereby directs that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for confirmation that the aforementioned merit criteria have been met.

2. <u>Revised 2017-2018 School Calendar</u> (Exhibit B)

Dr. O'Malley informed the Board that the 2017-2018 School Calendar will be amended to include April 4, 2018 as a Single Session Day if needed because of the pending snow storm this week.

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 School Calendar, as annexed hereto.

3. <u>Settlement Agreement – Grievance No. 16-17:12</u> (Exhibit C)

BE IT	
RESOLVED:	that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education hereby (1) approves the settlement agreement in the matter of Edison Township Board of Education and Edison Township Education Association; Docket No. AR-2018-91 (Grievance No. 16-17:12); and (2) authorizes the Board President and the Board's administration to take all necessary and appropriate steps to carry out this
	action of the Board.

4. <u>Sidebar Agreement – ETBOE & ETEA</u> (Exhibit D)

BE IT	
RESOLVED:	that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison
	Board of Education hereby (1) approves the Sidebar Agreement for
	Professional Employees between the Edison Township Board of Education
	and the Edison Township Education Association and (2) authorizes the
	Board President and the Board's administration to take all necessary and
	appropriate steps to carry out this action of the Board.

5. <u>Memorandum of Agreement Between Education & Law Enforcement Officials</u> (Exhibit E)

BE IT	
RESOLVED :	that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the
	Edison Board of Education approves the Uniform Statement of
	Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the
	2017-2018 School Year.

6. <u>National Autism Awareness Month – April 2018</u>

- WHEREAS, April has been designated national Autism Awareness Month by the Autism Society of America; and
- WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorders are a group of developmental disabilities that contribute to lifelong social, communication, and behavioral challenges; and
- WHEREAS, Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the world; and
- WHEREAS, Autism recognizes no cultural, ethnic, or socioeconomic boundaries; and
- WHEREAS, each student with Autism has a complex and distinct profile; and
- WHEREAS, the goal of National Autism Awareness Month is to provide an opportunity for all concerned parties to educate the public about Autism and issues within the Autism community; and
- WHEREAS, every student with Autism is a unique learner and the Public Schools of Edison Township reaffirms its commitment to tailor instruction to meet the learning needs of each student; and

- WHEREAS, the Public Schools of Edison Township will provide all students with Autism the respect, encouragement and opportunities they need to build the knowledge, skills and attitudes to be successful, contributing members of adult society; and
- WHEREAS, the Public Schools of Edison Township recognize that strong and collaborative efforts among families, schools and community organizations are the foundations upon which success for students with Autism are built.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education continues to pledge its support to the energy and effort of staff, family and community members who seek to ensure learning and success for our students with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Administration Resolutions. Mrs. Ward made the motion, seconded by Mr. Distefano. Mr. Pepe took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

- AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher (Except Abstained on Superintendent's Merit Goals Only), Mrs. Peng (Except Abstained on Superintendent's Merit Goals Only), Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward (Except Abstained on Superintendent's Merit Goals Only), Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi (Except Voted No on Superintendent's Merit Goals Only)
 ABSTAINED: Mr. Brescher – Superintendent's Merit Goals Only;
- Mr. Brescher Superintendent's Merit Goals Only; Mrs. Peng – Superintendent's Merit Goals Only; Mrs. Ward – Superintendent's Merit Goals Only
 - NAYS: Mr. Shi Superintendent's Merit Goals Only None

The motion was carried on all items except the Superintendent's Merit Goals.

C. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

1. PARCC Testing Schedule for Spring 2018

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the PARCC Testing Schedule for the Spring of 2018:

> Grades 3-5 – Monday, May 7 through Friday, May 11 Grades 6-8 – Monday, April 30 through Tuesday, May 4 Grade 5 – NJSLA-S (Science) – May 22 and 23 Grade 8 – NJSLA-S (Science) – May 30 and 31 Grade 11 – NJSLA-S (Science) – May 22 and 23

Makeup exams will be administered as needed following the last day of primary administration.

High Schools: April 19 and 20 – Math (Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II) April 23, 24 and 25 – ELA (Grades 9, 10 and 11) May 24 and 25 – NJSLA-S (Science) <u>Middle Schools</u>: June 1 and June 4 – NJSLA-S (Science) <u>Elementary Schools</u>: May 24 and 25 – NJSLA-S (Science)

*Testing students arrive regular starting time. *Non-testing students arrive by 10:30 A.M.

2. <u>Field Trip Approval</u>

BE IT	
RESOLVED:	that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following field trips:
	 Thirty-five students and one advisor (two instructional days) from Edison High School's Orchestra will be attending the Festivals of Music, Instrumental competition in Virginia Beach, VA from April 12th through April 15th, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
	 Eight-eight students and two advisors (two instructional days) from Edison High School's Bands will be attending the Festivals of Music Band Competition in Virginia Beach, VA from April 12th through April 15th, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
	 Seventy-three students and one advisor (two instructional days) from John P. Stevens High School Choir will be attending the Worldstrides Onstange Competition in Williamsburg, VA from April 19th through April 22nd, 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
	 Seventy students and one advisor (two instructional days) from Edison High School's Choir will be attending the Festivals of Music Band Competition in Virginia Beach, VA from April 12th through April 15th 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.
	5. One student and one advisor (four instructional days) from Edison High School's DECA will be attending the DEC International Career Development Conference in Atlanta, GA from April 20 th through April 25 th , 2018. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

3. <u>Professional Development Documentation – March 2018</u>

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following professional development documentation for March 2018, as annexed hereto.

NAME	SCHOOL	DATE	CONFERENCE	LOCATION	REGISTRATION FEE	HOTEL EXPENSES **	OTHER EXPENSES **	FUND
DiCocco, Jeffrey*	EHS	3/12/18- 3/16/18	DAANJ State Conference	Atlantic City, New Jersey	\$375.00	\$500.00	N/A	Professional Development
Barca, Ralph	Education Center	4/12/18	NJ GMIS 2018 Technology Education Conference	Somerset, New Jersey	\$200.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Fedowitz, Elizabeth	EHS	4/13/18	FLENJ Annual Conference	Iselin, New Jersey	\$160.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Franey, Erin	EHS	4/13/18	FLENJ Annual Conference	Iselin, New Jersey	\$160.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Van de Watering, Alexandra	EHS	4/13/18	FLENJ Annual Conference	Iselin, New Jersey	\$160.00	N/A	N/A	Professional Development
Shaw, Cathy	Education Center	4/25/18- 4/28/18	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics	Washington, DC	\$505.00	\$1,012.53	\$571.00	Title II
Silberberg, Janine	JPS	5/20/18- 5/22/18	NJ Association for College Admission Counseling Conference	Atlantic City, New Jersey	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	Professional Development
Crowley, Suzanne	WWMS	6/24/18- 6/27/18	International Society for Tech in Education	Chicago, IL	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$250.00	Professional Development
Schlatter, Sandra	Washington	6/24/18- 6/27/18	International Society for Tech in Education	Chicago, IL	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$250.00	Professional Development
Shaw, Cathy	Education Center	6/24/18- 6/27/18	International Society for Tech in Education	Chicago, IL	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$250.00	Professional Development
Nadel, Susan	JPS	9/25/18- 9/30/18	National Association for College Admission Counseling Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah	\$285.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,115.50	Professional Development
Sieminski, Laurie	EHS	9/25/18- 9/30/18	National Association for Counseling Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah	\$285.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,115.50	Professional Development
Silberberg, Janine	JPS	9/25/18- 9/30/18	National Association for College Admission Counseling Conference	Salt Lake City, Utah	\$285.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,115.50	Professional Development

**Pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:11-12 et.seq.; N.J.A.C. 6A23A-5.9, 6.13, and 7.1 et.seq.; Federal OMB Circular 12-14 OMB and Board Policy No. 6471

* As per previously approved by the Superintendent of Schools

D. <u>PUPIL/SPECIAL SERVICES</u>

1. Out-of-District Placements

BE IT RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following Out-of-District Placements (Special Education Students) :

<u>Student</u> <u>ID #</u>	Effective Date	Previous Placement	New Placement	Annual Tuition	<u>Rationale</u>
3008169	3/05/18	Menlo Park School	Piscataway Regional Day School-ESCNJ	41,760	Per Mediated Agreement
3007843	3/12/18	RUTGERS-University Behavioral Health Care	Green Brook Middle School-(LEAD) Program	70,419	IEP Team Decision

2. Professional Services - 2017-2018 School Year

BE IT RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approve the following appointment for professional services for the 2017-2018 School Year: Romana Kulikova, MD NJ Neurology, Inc. 400 Center Street Garwood, NJ 07027

<u>Neurological, NeuroDevelopmental Evalations</u> \$450.00 Per Evaluation In Office \$600.00 Per Evaluation In School

E. <u>FINANCE</u>

1. Approval of the 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget

WHEREAS,	the Board of Education of Edison, New Jersey, (Middles worked out a budget to cover the cost of operation of the Edison, New Jersey, (Middlesex County), for the sche July 1, 2018, showing the total amount estimated to be:	e Public Schools of
		\$251,883,456
WHEREAS,	and; the total state funds and federal funds etc., for the scho are estimated to be:	ool year 2018-2019
		\$27,258,134
WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE,	and; the school budget must be submitted to the Office of the Executive County Superintendent for approval to adverti	
BE IT RESOLVED:	that the amount of money estimated to be necessary for a Public Schools of Edison, New Jersey, (Middlesex Cou year beginning July 1, 2018, exclusive of state, county funds is:	nty), for the school
		\$224,625,322
	as per Summary as follows:	
	<u>Total Budget</u>	\$251,883,456
	Less State Aid	\$16,697,448
	Less Tuition (Other Districts)	250,000
	Less Other State Aid	802,558
	Less Miscellaneous Revenue	1,816,000
	Less Special Federal Programs	4,692,128
	Less Appropriated Free Balance	3,000,000
	Total Local Tax Levy	\$224,625,322
	For Current Expense	\$238,548,551
	For Capital Outlay	6,800,534
	For Debt Service	1,214,988
	For Federal/State Projects	5,319,383
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: BE IT FURTHER	that the Edison Board of Education hereby, in accordanc 6A:23A-7 establishes the school district travel maximum school year at the sum of \$231,500; and	
RESOLVED:	that the School Business Administrator shall track and re insure that that the maximum amount is not exceeded; an	

BE IT FURTHER	
RESOLVED:	that the Board approves the allocation of undesignated surplus to the emergency reserve \$155,225; maintenance reserve \$485,864 and capital reserve \$1,000,000; and
BE IT FURTHER	
RESOLVED:	that the administration was authorized to submit the tentative proposed 2018-19 budget to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval by the due date of 3/29/18.

2. Transfer of Funds

BE IT RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the transfer of funds, effective 01/31/18:

To:		
11-000-100-566	Out-of-District Tuition	250,000
11-190-100-610	Educational Supplies	25,000
11-190-218-320	Guidance Purchased Services	60,000
11-190-222-610	Media Supplies	15,000
11-190-223-890	Prof Development Training Workshops	10,000
11-190-230-331	Legal	125,000
11-190-240-610	Principals Supplies	20,000
11-190-252-600	Technology Supplies	20,000
11-190-261-420	Building Repairs	200,000
11-190-262-610	Custodial Supplies	75,000
11-190-266-610	Security Supplies	10,000
11-190-270-503	Aid-in-Lieu of Transportation	8,000
12-190-260-730	Capital Maintenance Equipment	18,000
	Total	836,000
From:		
11-120-100-101	Elementary Teachers Salaries	125,000
11-130-100-101	Middle School Teachers Salaries	80,000
11-140-100-101	High School Teachers Salaries	70,000
11-190-216-101	Speech Teachers Salaries	100,000
11-190-240-103	Principals Salaries	80,000
11-190-240-105	School Secretaries Salaries	60,000
11-190-252-100	Technology Salaries	20,000
11-190-261-109	Maintenance Salaries	50,000
11-190-262-621	Energy-Natural Gas	60,000
11-190-270-107	Van Attendants Salaries	30,000
11-190-291-270	Health Benefits	161,000
	Total	836,000

3. Donation – James Madison Primary School

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education accepts the donation of a set of Ozobots by the JMP PTO to be utilized in the STEAM Lab created by the James Madison Primary School Student Council to introduce students to basic coding skills, valued at \$1,400.

4. Donation – John P. Stevens High School

BE IT RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education accepts the donation of two microscopes to the Science Department at John P. Stevens High School from Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Lind, valued at \$500.

5. <u>Non-Public School Security Aid Program</u>

BE IT RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following orders for the New Jersey Non-Public School Security Aid Program, Fiscal Year 2018, as annexed hereto:

Quote No.	Nonpublic School	Vendor	Total
JQCK706	Bishop George Ahr HS	CDWG	2,045.67
031418	Bishop George Ahr HS	Ackerson Drapery	947.10
055104.00	Bishop George Ahr HS	Gordian	16,829.64

6. Non-Public Technology Services

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the following orders for the New Jersey Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program, Fiscal Year 2018, as annexed hereto:

Quote No.	Nonpublic School	Vendor	Total
2204643316	Apple Montessori	Apple Inc.	299.00
JPJW779	Apple Montessori	CDWG	15.27
2204643128	Apple Montessori	Apple Inc.	398.00
JPJW750	Apple Montessori	CDWG	369.65
JPJW693	Apple Montessori	CDWG	459.19
JGCC327	St. Matthew School	CDWG	4,510.60
JQMM536	Little Flower Montessori	CDWG	196.86
HRNJ488	Little Flower Montessori	CDWG	417.63

7. <u>Obsolete Items</u>

BE IT RESOLVED:

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

Location J Madison PS Edison HS Item 8 Folding Café Tables 14 Printers 1 Fax Machine 3 Tape Players 32 Projectors 1 Computer Camera 1 Cassette Player 5 Phones 1 Office Set 1 Laptop 2 Monitors 1 Smart Pad 1 Communicator 301 3 Communicator

8. <u>Bill List</u>

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education confirms the payment of bills on the bill list dated February 28, 2018 payable by Cycle Checks No. 141575 through No. 142479 inclusive, totaling \$20,774,175.30 from the Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

9. Transportation Report – March 2018

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves the March 2018 Transportation Report as follows:

Route	<u>Carrier</u>	School	Effective	Per Diem/Aide		
<u>2017-2018 S</u>	pecial Educati	on Jointure Runs				
TJM3	ESC	T Jefferson MS	02/28/18-06/30/18	260.00		
				Aide - 50.00		
D110/WA4	ESC	Edison HS/Washington ES	03/07/18-06/30/18	260.00		
				Aide - 60.00		
D07/D107	ESC	Edison HS/B Franklin ES	03/07/18-06/30/18	280.00		
				Aide - 50.00		
<u>2017-2018 I</u>	Displaced Stud	ent Jointure Runs				
MRHM	ESC	J Marshall ES	01/09/18-06/30/18	137.00		
BENH	ESC	B Franklin ES	02/26/18-06/30/18	80.00		
				Aide - 30.00		

<u>2017-2018 S</u>	pecial Educati	on Student Run		
Route	<u>Carrier</u>	<u>School</u>	Effective	Per Annum
VCM	Seman Tov	Neptune Career Center Shuttle	09/01/17-6/30/18	1,569.00

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Curriculum and Instruction; Pupil/Special Services and Finance Resolutions. Mrs. Moroney made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher. Mr. Pepe took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Patel, Mr. Distefano, Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Shi reported the following upcoming meetings:

Event – Caucus Meeting Date – Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Location – Education Center (Caucus Room) Time - 7:00 P.M.

Event – Public Meeting Date – Monday, April 23, 2018 Location – Woodbrook Elementary School (Gymnasium) Time - 7:00 P.M.

X. <u>COMMITTEES</u>

1. Finance & Facilities Committee

The Finance and Facilities Committee meet on March 9, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Richard Brescher, Jingwei "Jerry" Shi, Paul Distefano, Dr. Richard O'Malley, Daniel P. Michaud and Ramon Rivera, Esq.

Discussion:

- The Committee focused on the proposed 2018-2019 budget. After reviewing the current proposed budget, the discussion centered around school security and classroom space. The committee directed the administration to add \$1.3 million to the budget to fund the armed police officers in the schools for next year. In addition, they added \$2.5 million to fund the construction of modular classrooms at the FD Roosevelt School for the preschool disabled students.
- Also added was \$160,000 to construct bullet-proof vestibules at both high schools and \$425,000 to replace all classroom door handles to allow the staff to lock their classroom doors from the inside to lock out intruders.
- The Committee directed the administration to cut enough from the budget to cover the cost of the vestibules and the door handles. The cuts were made from the elementary textbook account and district educational supply account.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 A.M.

2. Policy and Personnel Committee

The Policy and Personnel Committee met at 4:00 P.M. on February 1, 2018 at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Shannon Peng, Ralph Errico, Falguni Patel, Jerry Shi and Dr. Richard O'Malley.

Discussion:

- The Committee discussed adopting new and revised policies including: Board Member use of Social Networks, Military Leave, Student Tracking Devices, Lead Testing Water in School, Security of School Premises, Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds, Breakfast Offer versus Serve, Bus Driver, Bus Aide Responsibility and Use of Electronic Signature.
- The Committee recommended revising the Bylaw: Conduct of Board Meeting, by adding Board President with Superintendent and Business Administrator to prepare meeting agendas. Recommended change the Lead Testing Policy from every 6 years to every 5 years.
- The Committee discussed the district's Attendance Policy for High Schools, Middle Schools and Elementary Schools. The need of doctor notes for short sick days and recommended discussion at the full board.
- The Committee discussed the open positions in the district for the next school year.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

3. <u>Safety Committee</u>

The Safety Committee met at 4:00 P.M. on March 5, 2018 at the Education Center.

In attendance were: Shannon Peng, Ralph Errico, Richard Brescher, Jerry Shi, Dr. Richard O'Malley, Police Chief Thomas Bryan, Assistant Chief Ronald Mieczkowski, Joseph Shannon, Michael Ciminno, Mahesh Bhagia and ETEA President, Jeffrey Bowden

Discussion:

- The board approved the enhanced security measure at the last board meeting. However due to the limited resources at the EPD and competing needs, the sign up to have armed off duty police officers covering Edison schools was low. The committee agreed to increase the hourly rate from \$40 to \$60 based on Dr. O'Malley's recommendation. However the overall cost should be capped at the \$618K as previous budgeted from March to the end of the school year. If the cost goes over the cap, the additional cost needs to be approved by the board.
- The committee agreed that having the current coverage is not sustainable and needs to look into hiring retired officers or other measures for the next school year as well as having security guards in the middle and elementary schools.
- The committee also discussed other long term measures including bullet proof the doors in the high schools, radio directly connected to the police department, fixing locks of the classrooms, devices to lock the classroom doors, phones in classroom etc.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

XI. <u>BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION</u>

Mrs. Moroney congratulated the Thomas Jefferson Middle School orchestra for their great performance this evening. She also congratulated student Harshini Osakumar for her accomplishments and all the other children of Edison who are encouraged by their families to be responsible in all they do.

Mrs. Moroney informed everyone about the upcoming Community Relations Committee Meeting to be held this Thursday night at Edison High School at 7:00 P.M.

In closing, Mrs. Moroney reported that she and Mrs. Ward attended "Author Day" at Martin Luther King Elementary School and met Rosemary Wells, the author of the Max and Ruby stories.

Mr. Brescher questioned the seating arrangement at the board meetings.

Mrs. Ward also commended the program at Martin Luther King Elementary School and stated that Ms. Wells brought the children up to her level and had them mesmerized throughout the whole program. She also thanked the Thomas Jefferson Middle School orchestra for entertaining the Board.

Mr. Shi also echoed the sentiments of Mrs. Moroney and Mrs. Ward, stating that Edison's music programs are the best in the nation. He read the following statement:

"When I was reelected to serve as a member of this Board, and to serve as President, I made a commitment to the taxpayers and parents of this district to change the status quo, because the status quo wasn't producing the results they deserved. Our goal is to (1) expand the quality of service to our students and (2) to insure we do not over-burden our taxpayers. We are faced with several daunting challenges. We have an overcrowding problem that has not been solved for over a decade and remains unsolved because our administrators say we don't have the money to address this. We lack a full day kindergarten programs, because our administrators say we don't have the money to address it. We have a drug epidemic devastating our students and their families, because we don't have the money to address it. We need to boost security to insure our kids are safe and propose a plan that will cost an additional \$3 million per year, money we do not have.

To make matters worse, even our emergency funds are almost out of money. Our Administrators tell us we do not have money for our most pressing needs and top priorities. In fact, in order to function at our current levels, the 2018-2019 proposed budget increase is about 6-percent, much of which will be shouldered by the taxpayers.

One of the few tools we have is to cut waste, abuse and fat. We pay over \$107,000,000 to 300 vendors. In January of this year one of the district's vendors was arrested for submitting falsified invoices to the Edison Board of Education. We cannot continue to function as we have in the past without real oversight. We are not spending Monopoly money and the money we spend is not our inheritance.

We must insure that we are getting the most for every dollar we spend and direct that money to the classrooms, not the vendors. This brings us to the change in the board attorney. The majority of the board voted to change the board attorney. I am sure Mr. Busch is a fine attorney. The fact, that according to our BA, the district paid his firm \$503,074.12 last year, at a rate of \$145 per hour. This calculates to an 8 hour day amounting to 433 days in a 365 day calendar.

In fact, in the last few months, the board authorized a settlement of a single case that included \$140,000 in attorney fees. \$140,000 that was not budgeted. I am not questioning the bills that the Busch Law Firm sent or the quality of work performed. But those are the facts. In making this change, various board members participated in information sessions with different attorneys at state conferences or thereafter. Some board members expressed their concerns about a conflict of interest with Mr. Busch since he became the mayor in a neighboring town when he excused himself from representing the Metuchen Board of Education due to a potential conflict of interest.

Other board members wanted to keep the Busch Law Firm, since Mr. Busch was a friend, a professional mentor, or had provided legal services to their child. I understand that change is difficult, but we cannot allow personal or professional relationships dictate which vendor will serve our schools. If we can save a dollar, we must do that because we cannot afford to raise taxes by 6-percent, nor will we sacrifice the services we provide to our children.

With this in mind, I'm asking our Finance and Facilities Committee to take on a new responsibility. I'm asking the Committee to look into the appropriateness of reviewing each of our vendors' contracts for efficiency and cost on a rolling basis. I am asking the committee to make recommendations where we can save money without sacrificing services. I am also asking the committee to review the appropriateness of implementing a performance audit of the district.

I understand that change will sometimes lead to additional taxes, including some members of this board. Luckily, I have no ambition of running for a higher office. My only duty is to the parents and taxpayers of this district.

Finally, a message to all vendors. Give our students and taxpayers the best deal or you will be replaced. Thank you."

XII. <u>PUBLIC COMMENTS</u>

Margot Harris, former board member, expressed her disappointment in the current board.

Dr. Frank Heelan, former board president, questioned the need for a new board attorney and felt the current actions should be looked into by the School Ethics Commission. He felt the board members should not take over the jobs of the administrators.

A resident, and former graduate of John P. Stevens High School, asked for air conditioning in all schools.

Elizabeth Conway, resident, reported that she is the Chairperson of the PTA/PTO Scholarship Committee and reached out to parents and teachers in the district to see if they wanted to be a trustee for this committee.

A resident questioned the bus routes for his children.

Bill Brunner, resident, asked how much money the board is saving with the new board attorney. He felt the new attorney should be attending committee meetings pro bono.

Marie Orchid, resident, encouraged everyone to attend the Edison High School Play, *Bye Bye Birdie*, next weekend. She also announced that the Edison High School PTSO is looking for vendors for their craft fair on April 28th, which will benefit Project Graduation.

A resident thanked the board members and Mrs. Wilton at Martin Luther King Elementary School for bringing in the author to entertain the students. She also commended Dr. O'Malley for the great job he has done as Superintendent.

Melissa Perilstein, resident, inquired about the process for the search for a new superintendent. She asked the board how they anticipate accomplishing so many new tasks when they are in a transition at the present time.

Joseph Romano, former board member and resident, stated that the superintendent's job is to move the district forward. He also questioned the overcrowding issue in Edison.

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice President, mentioned that Edison is so short changed when it comes to receiving funding from the State.

XIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to adjourn this March 19, 2018 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 9:45 P.M. Mr. Distefano made the motion, seconded by Mr. Brescher and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

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