

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 4, 2017 Reorganization Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey.

II. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS BY BOARD SECRETARY

Mr. Michaud had the newly elected board members recite the following Oaths of Allegiance:

State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

I, Theresa E. Ward, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Theresa E. Ward, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Theresa E. Ward, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1 and that I am not disqualified to hold this office due to a conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of January AD 2017
/s/ Theresa E. Ward /s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
School District of Edison Township
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

I, Xiaohan "Shannon" Peng, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Xiaohan "Shannon" Peng, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Xiaohan "Shannon" Peng, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1 and that I am not disqualified to hold this office due to a conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of January AD 2017
/s/Xiaohan “Shannon” Peng /s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
School District of Edison Township
County of Middlesex
State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

State of New Jersey
Required Oaths for School Board Members
(Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2.1 and R.S. 41:1-1 and 1-3)

I, Richard M. Brescher, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people. So help me God.

I, Richard M. Brescher, do solemnly swear that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability. So help me God.

I, Richard M. Brescher, do solemnly swear and declare that I am not disqualified as a voter pursuant to RS 19:4-1 and that I am not disqualified to hold this office due to a conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-1. So help me God.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 4th day of January AD 2017
/s/ Richard M. Brescher /s/ Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
School District of Edison Township
County of Middlesex
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III. FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Michaud led the pledge to the flag.

IV. OPENING STATEMENT (By Board Secretary, Temporary Chairperson)

“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 Star Ledger on January 7, 2016.

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

V. ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Richard M. Brescher, Mr. Ralph Errico, Dr. Frank Heelan, Mrs. Beth Moroney, Mrs. Xiaohan “Shannon” Peng, Mrs. Shivi Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Jingwei “Jerry” Shi, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward.

Mrs. Deborah A. Anes was absent.

Also in attendance were Richard J. O’Malley, Ed.D, Superintendent, Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Douglas Silvestro, Board Attorney.

VI. CERTIFIED ELECTION RESULTS

3 Candidates (3-Year Term)

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>No. of Votes</u>
A1 – William Araugo	11,824
A2 – Richard M. Brescher	11,974
A3 – Theresa E. Ward	13,345
A4 – Xiaohan “Shannon” Peng	12,199
Registered Voters	66,980
Number of Voters at Polls	32,759
Percentage Who Voted	48.91%

VII. NOMINATION & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President

Mr. Michaud opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board of Education.

Mrs. Moroney nominated Dr. Heelan, seconded by Mrs. Ward.

Mr. Errico made a motion to close the nominations for President and to vote for the office of President, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Brescher, Mr. Errico, Dr. Heelan, Mrs. Moroney, Mrs. Peng,
Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Ward

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

Vice-President

Dr. Heelan opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Dr. Heelan nominated Mrs. Moroney, seconded by Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar.

Mr. Errico made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-President and to vote for the office of Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Brescher, Mr. Errico, Dr. Heelan, Mrs. Moroney, Mrs. Peng,
Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar, Mr. Shi, Mrs. Ward

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

VIII. APPROVAL OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, to the extent consistent with State Law, Policies and By-Laws of the Board will be guided by “Robert’s Rules of Order.”

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the resolution for the approval of parliamentary procedures. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar,
Mr. Shi, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS)

There were no public comments at this time.

X. RESOLUTIONS

1. Meeting Dates

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Edison Board of Education designates the dates for the regular public action meetings and caucus meetings of the Board of Education as listed below:

<u>CAUCUS MEETINGS</u>		<u>ACTION MEETINGS</u>		
Education Center		Alternating Locations		
Wednesday	01/18/17	Menlo Park ES	Monday	01/23/17
Wednesday	02/22/17	J Monroe ES	Monday	02/27/17
Wednesday	03/22/17	T Jefferson MS	Monday	03/27/17
Wednesday	04/19/17	ML King ES	Monday	04/24/17
-----	-----	Education Center Budget Hearing	Wednesday	05/03/17
Wednesday	05/17/17	JP Stevens HS	Monday	05/22/17
Wednesday	06/14/17	Edison HS	Monday	06/19/17
-----	-----	Education Center	Monday	07/24/17
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Wednesday	09/20/17	H Hoover MS	Monday	09/25/17
Wednesday	10/18/17	J Madison PS	Monday	10/23/17
Wednesday	11/15/17	Lincoln ES	Monday	11/20/17
Wednesday	12/13/17	J Adams MS	Monday	12/18/17
-----	-----	Education Center Reorganization	Wednesday	01/03/18

School Locations:

Education Center – 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ
Edison High School – 50 Boulevard of Eagles, Edison, NJ
John P. Stevens High School – 855 Grove Avenue, Edison, NJ
Thomas Jefferson Middle School – 450 Division Street, Edison, NJ
Herbert Hoover Middle School – 174 Jackson Avenue, Edison, NJ
John Adams Middle School – 1081 New Dover Road, Edison, NJ
Menlo Park Elementary School – 155 Monroe Street, Edison, NJ
James Monroe Elementary School – 7 Sharp Road, Edison, NJ
Martin Luther King Elementary School – 285 Tingley Lane, Edison, NJ
James Madison Primary School – 840 New Dover Road, Edison, NJ
Lincoln Elementary School – 53 Brookville Road, Edison, NJ

** Summer Meetings Held at the Education Center

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED:

that the 2017-2018 Budget Hearing meeting of the Board of Education shall be conducted on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey; and

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RESOLVED:

that the Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Education shall be conducted on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, New Jersey; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED:

that all meetings of the Board of Education commence at 7:00 P.M. on the date set forth, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Education, but in no case, later than 8:00 P.M. and formal action may be taken by the Board at any and all meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED:

that pursuant to the Public Meetings Act, the Board Secretary is hereby directed to publish these dates in the official newspaper of the Board of Education and to post notices of the foregoing dates at the offices of the Board of Education, the Municipal Town Hall and in all schools of the district.

2. Designation of Depositories – 2016-2017 School Year (Revised)

BE IT

RESOLVED:

that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Edison Board of Education approves that all checks, notes, drafts and warrants be signed by all of the following: appointment of the following:

1. Frank Heelan, President
2. Daniel P. Michaud, Board Secretary

whose signatures shall be duly certified to said banks, and that all checks, drafts, notes and warrants issued by the Board of Education will not be honored unless so signed.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the Resolutions for Meeting Dates and Designation of Depositories 2016-2017 – Signatures (Revised). Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mr. Shi. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar,
Mr. Shi, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

XI. ADOPTION OF STATE MANDATED CODE OF ETHICS

Mr. Michaud read each of the ten provisions of the code of ethics to the board members and asked them to inquire about the meaning and intent of each, if they were not perfectly clear on their rationale. Mr. Silvestro Esq. and Mr. Michaud were available to clarify any concerns or questions. Each board member was given a copy of the code of ethics and asked to sign a document that they received them and understood their content.

1. Code of Ethics

Title 18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members requires that a board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information, and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to approve the Code of Ethics. Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar made the motion, seconded by Mr. Errico. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mr. Brescher, Mrs. Peng, Mr. Errico, Mrs. Prasad-Madhukar,
Mr. Shi, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Moroney, Dr. Heelan

NAYS: None

The motion was carried.

XII. BOARD MEMBERS – OPEN DISCUSSION

Dr. Heelan reported that there was a great opening of the newly constructed James Monroe Elementary School this week. He commended the staff and teachers for holding the school together the last two and one half years and also commended the Administration for all they did and for having the project completed at a reasonable cost.

Dr. Heelan also mentioned that the two new board members attended two excellent presentations, one with the New Jersey School Board Association and the other in the office of the Superintendent. He congratulated Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Peng and Mr. Brescher for being elected Board Members for 2017.

Dr. Heelan also mentioned that the next Caucus Meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. on January 18, 2017 at the Education Center and the Public Meeting will be held on January 23, 2017 at Menlo Park School.

Mr. Shi congratulated the newly elected Board members and also thanked Mrs. Bonderowitz and Mrs. Iyer for their service as Board members.

Mr. Errico congratulated the new Board members and also thanked Mrs. Bonderowitz and Mrs. Iyer for the time they spent on the Board. He also congratulated Dr. Heelan and Mrs. Moroney for being elected President and Vice President.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this time.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Dr. Heelan asked for a motion to adjourn this January 4, 2017 Reorganization Meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 7:35 P.M. Mrs. Moroney made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Ward and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel P. Michaud
Secretary
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