#### I. CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

The July 29, 2019 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, at 6:00 P.M. at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

#### II. ROLL CALL

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

Mr. Ralph Errico, Vice President, Mrs. Theresa E. Ward, Mrs. Shannon Peng, Mr. Richard Brescher, Mrs. Falguni N. Patel and Mrs. Elizabeth Conway. Mr. Jingwei (Jerry) Shi, President, arrived at 6:14 P.M. and Dr. Yunxia (Yuna) Chen arrived at 6:07 P.M. Mrs. Beth Moroney was absent.

Also in attendance were Mr. Daniel P. Michaud, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Christopher Conklin, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil/Special Services, Ms. Gail Pawlikowski, and Mr. Ramon Rivera, Board Attorney.

# III. OPENING STATEMENT

Mr. Errico 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

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

#### IV. ADJOURN TO PRIVILEGED SESSION

Mr. Michaud read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL 1975 permits the

exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: by the Board of Education of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State

of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter-

specified subject matters.

• SLEO Contract

- Personnel Matters
- Personnel -
  - 1. Resignations/Terminations
  - 2. Appointments
  - 3. Change of Status
  - 4. Reappointments
  - 5. Transfers
  - 6. Substitute Staff
  - 7. 2019 Summer Secretarial Support
  - 8. 2019 Extended School Year

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Erricoasked for a motion to approve the privileged session resolution at 6:03 P.M. Mrs. Conway made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Patel. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,

Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Errico

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

#### V. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to reconvene this July 29, 2019 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education to open session at 8:30 P.M. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Patel. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,

Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

#### VI. BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORTS (Exhibit A)

BE IT

RESOLVED: that the following reports as of June 30, 2019 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: 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 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Board Secretary's Report. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Patel. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,

Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (RESOLUTIONS ONLY)

There were no public comments at this time.

## VIII. RESOLUTIONS

#### A. PERSONNEL – LABOR RELATIONS

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. RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS

Bradley, Meghan – Long Term Substitute – School Counselor Effective: 07/24/19

Edison High School Reason: Declined Position

Mehta, Neera – Paraprofessional Effective: 08/08/19
Thomas Jefferson Middle School Reason: Personal

Vecchio, Alexandra – Music Teacher Effective: 07/25/19

John Marshall/Lincoln Schools Reason: Declined Position

Whitney, Alexis – Special Education Teacher Effective: 07/25/19
Edison High School Reason: Personal

#### 2. APPOINTMENT-employment verification pending (N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6, et. seq)

Administrative Staff	Step/Salary	Reason for Vacancy	Position/Location
Grimaldi, Samantha Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20	\$135,041 Rowan University	Non-renewal	Supervisor – Middle School Mathematics Education Center (for J. Martins)
Lad, Nirav Effective 08/12/19-06/30/20	\$135,041 Montclair State University	Retirement	Supervisor – World Language/ESI/Bilingual Education Center (for V. Santoro)

Certificated Staff Ballo, Lynn Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20	Step/Salary Step 4/BA \$52,000 TCNJ	Reason for Vacancy 19-20 Budget	Position/Location Teacher – Art John Marshall/Lincoln Schools (New Position)
Candella, Sonia Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20	Step 3/MA+30 \$58,282 Rutgers University	Transfer	Teacher – Spanish Washington School (K. Book)
Crincoli, Vincent Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20	Step 1/BA \$50,000 Monmouth University	Retirement	Teacher – Grade 2 Menlo Park School (for A. Price)
Crowley, Katherine Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20	Step 1/BA \$50,000 TCNJ	Retirement	Teacher – Grade 3 Benjamin Franklin School (for J. Kulyssa)
Drury, Catherine Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20	Step 1/BA \$50,000 TCNJ	19-20 Budget	Teacher – Grade 2 Lincoln School (New Position)
Zavistaski, Kimberly Effective 09/01/19-03/23/20	\$40,000 Rutgers University	Leave of Absence	Long Term Substitute School Counselor Edison High School (for R. Rotella)
Support Staff Perry, Heifa Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20	Step/Salary Step 1 \$32,806	Reason for Vacancy Retirement	Position/Location School Secretary IIIB Menlo Park School (for C. Constantinou)

# 3. <u>CHANGE OF STATUS</u>

Administrative Staff	<u>From</u>	Reason for	<u>To</u>
		<u>Change</u>	
Shallop, Anthony	Assistant Principal	Transfer	Principal
	John P. Stevens High School		John P. Stevens High
	Effective 07/01/19-06/30/20		School
			Salary \$186,505
			Effective TBD-06/30/20
			(for G. Pawlikowski)

**Assistant Principal** Zecchino, Nicholas Teacher – Science Transfer Edison High School Woodrow Wilson/Thomas Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20 Jefferson MS Salary \$148,323 Effective 08/01/19-06/30/20 (R. Mendiratta) Reason for Certified Staff From Change To Donner, William 18-19 **LDTC** Teacher – Special Education Edison High School Budget **Education Center** Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20 Salary \$112,479 Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20 (New Position) Hughes, Christina Teacher – English Transfer Teacher - Staff Herbert Hoover Middle School Development Trainer Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20 **Education Center** Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20 (for J. Fischer) Reason for Support Staff To From Change Campbell, Kohl Custodian Revised Custodian Edison High School Start Date Edison High School Effective 07/30/19-06/30/20 Effective 09/01/19-06/30/20 (for J. Tymon) Catalano, Anthony Maintenance-Grounds Retirement Maintenance-Plumber **Education Center Education Center** Salary \$66,548 Salary \$71,112 Effective 07/01/19-06/30/20 Effective 08/01/19-06/30/20 (for S. Sromovsky) Transfer Varga, Thomas Custodian Facility Manager James Monroe School James Monroe School Salary \$40,861 Salary \$ 76,297 Effective 07/01/19-06/30/20 Effective 07/01/19-06/30/20 (for W. Tanajauskas)

4. <u>REAPPOINTMENTS-</u> The following staff with tentative locations and assignments, as indicated for the 2019-2020 school year.

Last Name	First Name	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kempa	Lois	Bus Aide	Education Center	\$16,153
Kempa	Lois	Lunch Aide	John Marshall School	\$ 5,897

5. <u>TRANSFERS-</u> The following staff members with new locations and assignments, as indicated for the 2019-2020 school year.

Last Name Ahmed	<u>First Name</u> Ifrana	Previous Location John Marshall	19-20 Location James Madison Primary	Assignment Paraprofessional
Coppolla	Stephanie	John Marshall	FDR Building	Teacher – Special Ed
Dulina	Andrew	Herbert Hoover MS	Lindeneau	Paraprofessional
Jay	Cyndi	Washington	Thomas Jefferson MS	Paraprofessional
Kentsbeer	Meghan	John Marshall	FDR Building	Teacher – Special Ed
Khanna	Babita	Lincoln	Menlo Park	Paraprofessional
Kurani	Naina	Washington	Thomas Jefferson MS	Paraprofessional
Lefrak	Bonnie	John Marshall	FDR Building	Paraprofessional
Leshnower	Sabrina	Lincoln	FDR Building	Teacher – Special Ed
Lutz	Mary Lou	John Marshall	EELC	Paraprofessional
Mauro	Cara	Lindeneau	Lincoln	Teacher – Special Ed
Palomo	Hrisanthi	Lincoln	FDR Building	Teacher – Special Ed
Pychewicz	Francine	Lincoln	James Monroe	Paraprofessional
Wallace	Michelle	John Adams MS	Lindeneau	LPN/Para
Winik	Laura	Woodbrook	Lindeneau	Teacher – Special Ed

6. <u>Substitute Staff – As needed for the 2019-2020 School Year</u>

School Counselor \$110.00/Day

Gellman, Jennifer Jacobs, Kathryn

#### 7. 2019 SUMMER SECRETARIAL SUPPORT – at their per diem rate of pay

Edison High School – Counseling/AVID – 4 days each, effective 07/01/19-08/16/19 Curtin, Sherylann Jencsik, Josephine Tortajada, Nancy

J.P. Stevens High School – Counseling – 4 days each, effective 07/01/19-08/16/19 Androvich, Lynda Catalfamo, Jody Shutz, Kim

# 8. <u>2019 EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR – Effective 7/08/19 – 8/08/19 (EELC, BEN, WAS, JMP, JMI, MEN, MON, HHM, JPH, EHS)</u> \* Contingent upon enrollment/student need

<u>Teachers (\$50.00/hr. – per ETEA contract)</u> Schwartz, Russell

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Personnel Report. Dr. Chen made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Peng. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen (Except No on James DiVivo Only),

Mrs. Conway (Except No on James DiVivo, Nancy Banos & Marissa Freeman Only), Mrs. Patel (Except No on James DiVivo & Marissa Freeman Only), Mr. Brescher (Except No on James DiVivo & Marissa Freeman Only), Mrs. Peng (Except No on James DiVivo, Nancy Banos & Marissa Freeman Only), Mrs. Ward (Except No on Nancy Banos, Marissa Freeman & Cyndi Jay Only), Mr. Errico (Except No on Nancy Banos & Marissa

Freeman Only), Mr. Shi (Except No on James DiVivo Only)

NAYS: Dr. Chen – James DiVivo Only, Mrs. Conway – James DiVivo, Nancy

Banos & Marissa Freeman Only, Mrs. Patel – James DiVivo & Marissa Freeman Only, Mr. Brescher – James DiVivo & Marissa Freeman Only, Mrs. Ward – Nancy Banos, Marissa Freeman, and Cyndi Jay Only, Mr. Errico – Nancy Banos & Marissa Freeman Only, Mr. Shi – James DiVivo

Only

The motion was carried for all with the exception of the appointment of James DiVivo and the transfers of Nancy Banos and Marissa Freeman

#### B. ADMINISTRATION

#### 1. Evaluation Rubrics & Principal Practice Instrument

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-122 requires a school district to annually submit to the

Commissioner of Education ("Commissioner"), for review and approval, the evaluation rubrics that the district will use to assess the effectiveness of its teachers, principals, assistant principals, and vice-

principals and all other teaching staff members; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:6-123 requires the Commissioner to review and approve

rubrics submitted by school districts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-122, and requires the district board of education to adopt a rubric approved

by the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.1 provides that a district board of education shall

annually adopt evaluation rubrics for all teaching staff members which shall have four defined annual ratings of ineffective, partially

effective, effective, and highly effective; and

WHEREAS, the Board will implement the New Jersey Principal Evaluation for

Professional Learning Observation Instrument for principals, assistant principals and supervisors submitted to and approved by the Commissioner for the 2019-2020 school year, beginning on July 1,

2019.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: as follows:

The Board hereby adopts the evaluation rubric and principal practice instrument for principals, assistant principals and supervisors for the 2019-2020 school year, as submitted to and approved by the

Commissioner.

#### C. <u>CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION</u>

#### 1. Field Trip Approval

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the

Edison Board of Education approves the following field trip:

One-hundred three students and one advisor (no instructional days) from Edison High School's Marching Band will be attending the YMCA Camp Bernie in Port Murray, NJ from August 23<sup>rd</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There will be no cost to the Board of Education.

#### D. FINANCE

Ms. Lisa Gorab, Esquire, discussed the Bond Referendum Resolution.

#### 1. 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 June 30, 2019:

To:		
11-190-270-518	Transportation Jointures – ESC	225,000
11-402-200-500	Athletic Purchased Services-Officials	116,500
	Total	341,500
From:		
11-190-291-270	Health Benefits	225,000
11-402-100-101	Athletic Salaries	116,500
	Total	341,500

#### 2. Reimbursement of Homeless Children Tuition

BE IT

RESOLVED: that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the

Edison Board of Education accepts the State's reimbursement of Homeless Children Tuition in the amount of \$936,848 for the 2018-

2019 school year.

## 3. <u>December 10, 2019 Special Election</u>

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EDISON IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX ACCEPTING PRELIMINARY ELIGIBLE COSTS WITH RESPECT TO VARIOUS SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS; DETERMINING TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION ON DECEMBER 10, 2019, APPOINTING A FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Edison in the County of

Middlesex, New Jersey (the "Board"), seeks to submit school facilities projects to the voters consisting of the expansion, renovation and alteration of Edison High School, John P. Stevens High School, John Adams Middle School, Lincoln Elementary School, John Marshall Elementary School and James Madison Intermediate School (collectively, the "Projects") at a cost not to exceed \$189,500,000; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act,

the School District has applied for Debt Service Aid with respect to the

Projects to offset the cost to the taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Education (the "NJDOE") has

determined the "Preliminary Eligible Costs" of each of the Projects being proposed which determinations the NJDOE has communicated to

the Board in various letters (the "PEC Letters"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the PEC Letters, the Board seeks to (i) accept

the NJDOE's determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as the Final Eligible Costs and (ii) elect to receive the State aid set forth in the PEC

Letters in the form of debt service aid; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks to present the Projects to the voters for approval at a

bond referendum to be held at a special school district election on

December 10, 2019; and

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized financial advisory services in

connection with the undertaking of the issuance of obligations by the "Board, including the financial analysis of the Board's financing options, the tax impact implication of such options and other financial

services related to the issuance of the obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Board requested proposals for such services and received two

proposals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

#### BY THE BOARD THAT:

<u>Section 1</u>. The Board hereby (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the PEC Letters and as summarized below; (ii) elects to receive the State Share in the form of debt service aid; (iii) determines to construct the Projects; (iv) agrees to locally fund any excess costs and (v) delegates the supervision of the Projects to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

School	PEC
Lincoln Elementary	\$ 6,534,000
John Marshall Elementary	\$ 3,308,250
James Madison Intermediate	\$ 6,069,400
John Adams Middle	\$ 6,809,200
Edison High	\$ 23,798,200
JP Stevens High	\$ 31,190,400

<u>Section 2</u>. The Business Administrator/ Board Secretary is hereby authorized to communicate such elections to the NJDOE.

<u>Section 3</u>. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Architect and Bond Counsel, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., as applicable, to take all action required to preserve the opportunity to present the Projects to the voters via a bond referendum at a special School District Election to be held on December 10, 2019.

<u>Section 4</u>. The firm of Acacia Financial Group, Inc. is hereby determined to be the most advantageous proposal to the Board and is hereby retained to provide specialized financial advisory services in connection with the issuance of obligations by the Board.

<u>Section 5</u>. This resolution shall take effect immediately and all prior resolutions, to the extent inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

#### 4. Non-Public School Security Aid 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 Security Aid Services, Fiscal Year 2020, as annexed hereto:

Quote #	Nonpublic School	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Total</u>
052119	Rabbi Pesach Raymon	Allied Universal/	27,001.60
	Yeshiva	US Security Serv.	
062819	Wardlaw-Hartridge	Open Systems	3,238.00
070219	Wardlaw-Hartridge	Open Systems	9,891.90

#### 5. Non-Public School Technology Initiative Program

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 2020, as annexed hereto:

Quote No.<br/>KRBF693Nonpublic School<br/>MCC Kindergarten & Child CareVendor<br/>CDWGTotal<br/>322.07KSRL691Helping Hands NurseryCDWG131.62

#### 6. Bill List

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 June 30, 2019 payable by Cycle Checks No. 150922 through No. 152074 inclusive, totaling \$36,760,333.88 from the

Board of Education General Account in Investors Bank.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the Administration, the Curriculum & Instruction and Finance Resolutions. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Dr. Chen. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,

Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None

The motion was carried

#### IX. COMMITTEES

# 1. <u>Finance & Facilities Committee</u>

Mr. Brescher reported that the Finance & Facilities Committee met at 4:00 P.M. on July 9, 2019 at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

In attendance were: Paul J. Saxton, Richard Brescher, Ralph Errico, Theresa Ward, Dr. Yunxia (Yuna) Chen, Daniel P. Michaud, Rich Pepe and Ken Taylor

#### **Items Discussed:**

- David Blank, Esquire, from Scarinci & Hollenbeck, discussed the details regarding the bid for solar panels on James Monroe School. The bid will be advertised during July and be awarded at the August 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- Pete Campisano and Tara Dohoney, from USA Architects, provided a status report of the FD Roosevelt modular classroom addition. Permits have been issued but there has been some unsuitable soil discovered which is being remediated currently. The project is scheduled to be completed by 9/1/19.

- Dan Spanton, from SSP Architects, gave the Committee a status report for the Woodrow Wilson Middle School modular classroom project. The contractor had applied for the building permits. Being that these modular classrooms will be placed on the parking lot, there will be much less site work required. These classrooms are scheduled to be completed by 9/1/19.
- Perry and Robert DiPezzi, from Field Turf, presented a rendering of a plan for replacing Edison High School's baseball field with a turfing system. The plan would include field markings for soccer and lacrosse along with baseball. A cost proposal will be prepared and considered at a future meeting. The Committee will also discuss athletic fields at John P. Stevens High School.
- The Committee discussed the need to hire a construction manager for the capital projects
  that would be effective as soon as possible. The construction manager would review
  schematic drawings and specifications for completeness and compliance with district
  requirements and provide value engineering services as well as supervise ongoing capital
  projects. They also discussed the need to hire an assistant for the director of buildings and
  grounds.
- Ken Taylor provided a status report of the projects that are being completed during the summer of 2019. They include the bleacher replacement at Woodrow Wilson Middle School, boiler replacement at James Madison Primary School, classroom renovations at both high schools and districtwide concrete and paving repairs or replacements. We are also adding additional hallway lockers at John P. Stevens High School for the increase in enrollment.

## 2. <u>Transportation Committee</u>

Mr. Brescher reported that the Transportation Committee met at 10:00 A.M. on June 20, 2019 at the Education Center, 312 Pierson Avenue, Edison, NJ 08837.

In attendance were: Paul J. Saxton, Richard Brescher, Theresa Ward, Elizabeth Conway, Daniel P. Michaud, John Griffiths, Cheryl Roxlau, Kathy McKean and Jeffrey DiCocco

#### Items Discussed:

- Richard Benedict gave the Committee a status report on the Versa-Trans software conversion which will provide computerized routing and GPS tracking capabilities. The staff training has begun and the implementation date is scheduled for July 1, 2019.
- John Griffiths advised the Committee that all of the summer school and special education extended school year bus routes are in place for the summer of 2019.
- The Committee discussed the problem that the District has been experiencing with after school transportation, specifically regarding the athletic teams. The main issue is that the games begin before the buses complete their routes taking the students home from school. The State's shortage of CDL drivers is causing severe bus transportation problems. The Committee is seeking alternative solutions, such as starting the athletic games after 4:00 P.M. The high school athletic directors will be investigating the possibility of shifting the games to a later time.
- The Committee discussed the driver and aide vacancies and modified the newspaper advertisement for hiring these positions. The District's goal is to hire additional drivers and aides to help reduce the cost of contracted routes and provide more flexibility for our own personnel to handle the after school activity transportation. Committee members asked to see all of the resumes for driver and aide applicants in order to track the hiring of transportation staff.

- The Committee discussed the pilot program in which the District's buses will be equipped with GPS tracking equipment so that parents could check on the status of their children's ride home. The GPS pilot program is scheduled to begin in September.
- The Committee discussed a survey that they want to provide to the parents, who are not entitled to mandated transportation, to see how much interest there would be for an expanded subscription bussing program. The survey would be provided through the Parent Portal.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

## IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Shi reported the following upcoming meeting:

Event – Caucus/Public Meeting
Date – Monday, August 26, 2019
Location – Education Center (Caucus Room)
Time – 6:00 P.M.

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

Mr. Shi reported that Donna Romano, the wife of former board member Joseph Romano passed away. He discussed the FD Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson Middle School modular classrooms and school cameras. Mr. Shi also congratulated Dr. Anthony Shallop for his appointment as Principal at John P. Stevens High School and Nicholas Zecchino for his appointment as Assistant Principal of Woodrow Wilson and Thomas Jefferson Middle Schools and discussed the ballot of candidates for the November election.

Mrs. Conway congratulated Mr. Zecchino for his new appointment.

# XII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Samuel Marshall, resident, congratulated Mr. Zecchino and asked about the substitute teacher workshop date.

Carol Bodofsky, resident, asked questions about the upcoming Referendum.

Joseph Johnson, resident, discussed the Lena Harris Foundation.

A resident thanked the Board for M. Freeman remaining in position.

Rich Albatisa, resident, spoke about the turf field and buses to athletic events.

Matt Hrevnak, ETEA Vice-President, asked the Board to promote from within the District.

# IV. ADJOURN TO PRIVILEGED SESSION

Mr. Michaud read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

by the Board of Education of the Township of Edison, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafterspecified subject matters.

- Board Policies
- Litigation Brought By Former Employees
- Township Litigation
- Student Matters
- Edison Wetlands Association Contract
- ETEA Grievances/PERC/Unfair Labor Practices
- Personnel Matters

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Shi asked for a motion to approve the privileged session resolution at 9:28 P.M. Mr. Errico made the motion, seconded by Dr. Chen. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,

Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Errico, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

Mr. Errico left the meeting prior to returning to Open Session.

#### XII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to reconvene this July 29, 2019 Public Meeting of the Edison Board of Education to open session at 10:47 P.M. Mrs. Peng made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Conway. Mr. Michaud took a roll call vote, and the result was as follows:

AYES: Dr. Chen, Mrs. Conway, Mrs. Patel, Mr. Brescher,

Mrs. Peng, Mrs. Ward, Mr. Shi

NAYS: None The motion was carried.

# XIII. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Shi asked for a motion to adjourn this July 29, 2019 public meeting of the Edison Board of Education at 10:48 P.M. Mr. Brescher made the motion, seconded by Dr. Chen and approved by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel 9. Michaud

Daniel P. Michaud

 $\underset{\text{DPM:jmc}}{\textbf{Board Secretary}}$