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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

at the
Edison High School
5:30 p.m.
September 15, 2021

WORK SESSION



**“Autumn leaves don’t fall, they fly.
They take their time and wander on
this, their only chance to soar.”**

-Delia Owens

Mr. Matthew R. McClester, President
Mr. John A. Betts, Vice President
Mr. Jeffrey J. Whitacre, Member
Mr. William Muthig, Member
Mr. James Mark Suhanic, Member

Mr. Thomas C. Roth,
Superintendent
Mrs. Anne M. Arnold,
Treasurer



•Welcome•

The Edison Board of Education encourages and appreciates the attendance of parents, students, staff members, and other interested citizens at meetings of the Board. Decisions of your Board affect our children's education and future, and in the long run, the well-being of the community. Thank you for coming to this meeting.

•The Board of Education•

The Board of Education is a policy-making body and, within the framework of State law, exercises complete control over the educational and financial affairs of the school district. Among its numerous duties, the Board adopts an annual budget and approves all expenditures; employs personnel; hires and evaluates a Superintendent of Schools; approves curriculum, textbooks and courses of study; and makes decisions on building plans.

The Board of Education is elected by qualified voters who reside within Edison School District. The Board is made up of five members, each elected for a four-year term. These terms are staggered to ensure that there will always be experienced individuals serving on the Board.

Board members elect a president and vice-president for one-year terms at their Organizational Meeting in January.

•Superintendent of Schools•

The superintendent is appointed by the Board as its chief administrative officer. The Board delegates to the superintendent the authority, and charges him with the responsibility, to implement its policies; to establish necessary procedures and regulations to carry out its policies; and conduct the active administration of the schools and the educational program. The superintendent also acts as advisor to the Board and keeps board members informed of the needs and progress of the schools.

•Board Meetings•

Regular and special meetings of the Board of Education are open to the public and the news media. The Board of Education can act officially only at a public meeting when there are three or more members present. No member of the Board has the authority to act in the name of the Board outside of a legally constituted meeting.

The Board of Education may recess a regular or special meeting to meet privately in executive session to discuss only those matters permitted by (Sunshine Law) statute. No official action may be taken in executive session.

•The Order of Business•

The order of business for all official meetings of the Board of Education shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Recognition of Guests
4. *Public Comment
5. Superintendent's Reports
6. Superintendent's Recommendations/Consent Agenda
7. Treasurer's Reports/Recommendations
8. Other Business
9. Executive Session
10. Anticipated Recommendations and/or Courses of Action
11. Adjournment

*•Audience/Community Participation•

All regular and special meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. Because the Board recognizes the right of citizens to be heard and wishes to hear their views on issues that affect their schools, the Board shall provide an opportunity for citizens to address the Board at its meetings.

Citizens wishing to address the Board shall be recognized by the President of the Board. The President shall determine the time frame and manner for topic discussion. Groups wishing to make presentations to the Board are requested to designate one of their number as official spokesperson; though other members may also speak with the Board's permission.

Citizens wishing to address the Board should make every attempt to communicate with the Superintendent of Schools prior to the meeting in order to ensure discussion placement on the agenda.

•Presentation Before the Board•

The President of the Board will recognize persons requesting to be heard during that part of the agenda devoted to public comment. Individuals wishing to speak are asked to adhere to the following procedures:

1. Individuals must be recognized by the President of the Board of Education.
2. The speaker is asked to state name and address. Remarks must be addressed to the Board as a group.
3. It shall be in order for Board members to ask the speaker questions or to make comments in order to clarify the discussion.
4. Generally speaking, individuals will be recognized to speak once on a given topic.
5. Specific time limits will be imposed by the Board President, but will vary depending on the nature of the topic and the number of speakers.

•Questions and Concerns•

Questions regarding individual students should usually be taken up initially with the teacher involved, and later, if necessary, with the principal or administrator who is closest to the situation. If still further discussion seems necessary, the questions can be referred to the Superintendent who may consider the matter himself or assign a staff member to resolve it.

This procedure has been effective for most people because it secures for the questioner a direct response and, at the same time, frees the Board to consider the matters that affect the entire district. It is the posture of the board to give first consideration to the good of all children in the schools and the total educational program when evaluating requests, complaints or suggestions.

•The Sunshine Law•

The Sunshine Law has again been amended with an effective date of June 29, 1988. The legislation which modified the Sunshine Law is Amended Substitute Senate Bill #150. This statutory amendment contains several significant items. First, it requires that an executive session may be held only upon a roll call vote. Second, the motion to go into executive session must state which one or more of the approved reasons listed in the statute are the purposes for which the executive session is to be held. The statute provides that the motion need not include the name of any person to be considered at the executive session. Third, any person may bring an action to enforce the statute, and the new amendment provides for injunctive relief and attorney's fees, plus a civil forfeiture of \$100. Should the Court determine that the action seeking to enforce the Sunshine Law was frivolous, it may award costs and attorney's fees to the public body.

The reasons for an executive session are outlined as follows: (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. The motion and vote to hold an executive session shall state which one or more of the approved purposes previously listed are the purposes for which the executive session is to be held, but need not include the name of any person to be considered at the meeting; (2) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest; (3) conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject to pending or imminent court action; (4) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining session with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment; (5) matters required to be kept confidential by federal law, rules, or state statutes; (6) specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be

used for the purpose of committing or avoiding prosecution for a violation of the law; and (7) conferences called by a member of the Office of the State Auditor or the appointed certified public accountant for the purposes of an audit.

If a public body holds an executive session to consider any of the matters listed in numbers 2 through 6 above, the motion and vote to hold that executive session shall state which one or more of the approved matters listed in these sections are to be considered at the executive session.

•Schedule of 2021 Board Meetings•

Monday*	January 13th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 16 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 16 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 20 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 18 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	June 24 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 20 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 17 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 21 st	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 19 th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 23 rd	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 14 th	TBD	6:00 p.m.

•District Leadership Team•

Anne Arnold.....	Treasurer
Hope Barker.....	EMIS Coordinator
Stephanie Bradley.....	Director of Student Services
Ashley Forche.....	Psychologist
Shelly Geason.....	Food Service Supervisor
Jeffrey Goodwin.....	Principal, Edison High School
David Hermes.....	Principal, Edison Elementary School
Rita Harpring.....	Transportation Supervisor
Nick Wenzel.....	Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Edison High School
Jason LaCivita.....	Dean of Students, Edison Middle School/Instructional Technology Specialist/District
Robert Laconis.....	Technology Coordinator
Robert Langenfelder.....	Supervisor, Buildings & Facilities
Thomas Roth	Superintendent
Joseph Ryan.....	Asst. Transportation Supervisor/Head Mechanic
Cory Smith	Principal, Edison Middle School
Dean Stanfield.....	Director of Curriculum

•Leadership•

"A public leader needs to know when to bend like bamboo and when to stand erect like a tree. The challenge that comes with public leadership is to be deep-rooted in a sense of purpose and vision, but flexible like bamboo so that you can bend and then return to lead. Sometimes a public leader must be the maestro leading the orchestra, sometimes the soloist carrying the group, sometimes the percussionist offering the radical beat, and sometimes the fourth chair violin blending in and letting others take the lead and the credit."

—James K. Zahara

EDISON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Work Session
September 15, 2021
5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** - Mr. Matthew McClester, President
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. Matthew McClester, President
3. ***Public Comment** - Mr. Matthew McClester, President
4. **Discussion**
 - a. GPD/Facilities Update (5:30-6:30 p.m.)-1 hour
 - b. COVID-19 Procedures (6:30-7:00 p.m.)-30 minutes
 - c. Negotiation Updates (7:00 p.m.-7:15 p.m.) 15 minutes
 - d. School Safety/SRO (7:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.) 30 minutes
 - e. Evaluation-Superintendent (7:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.) 30 minutes
 - f. Evaluation-Treasurer (8:15 p.m.-8:45 p.m.) 30 minutes
5. **Other Business** – Mr. Matthew McClester, President
 - a) Board of Education Member's Remarks
 - b) The next regular meeting of the Edison Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Edison High School multi-purpose room.
6. **Adjournment** – Mr. Matthew McClester, President

ADJOURNMENT

Motion _____, seconded _____

Vote: _____ Mr. Betts, _____ Mr. Muthig, _____ Mr. McClester,

_____ Mr. Suhanic, _____ Mr. Whitacre

Time adjourned _____

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