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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

at the

Edison Middle School

6:00 p.m.

September 15, 2020

REGULAR MEETING



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

Mr. Thomas 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 2020 Board Meetings•

Tuesday	January 13	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 18 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 17 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 28 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 19 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	June 24 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 21 st	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 18 th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 15 th	Elementary	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 20 th	Elementary	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 24 th	Elementary	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 15 th	Middle School	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
Thomas Jeffrey.....	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

Regular Meeting
September 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.
Edison Middle School

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** - Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President
3. ***Public Comment** - Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President
4. **Superintendent's Report** - Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent
 - a) *Update on the start of the 2020-2021 School Year*
 - b) *Facility usage by outside organizations*
5. **Consent Agenda** - Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve the following consent agenda:

- a) **Personnel**
 1. *Resignations*
 2. *Employments*
 3. *Supplementals*
 4. *Approval of School Bus/Van Drivers*
 5. *Classified Substitutes*
 6. *Recognize School Volunteers*
 - b) **Approval of Gifts/Contributions**
 - c) **Approval of School Facilities Usage**
 - d) **Approval of School Fundraisers**
 - e) **Approval of Leave of Absence**
 - f) **Approval of Special Services Contract with Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities**
 - g) **Approval of the Preschool Handbook for the 2020-2021 School**
 - h) **Approval of the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Agreement for Braille Services**
 - i) **Approval of the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Agreement for Services in the Areas of Orientation and Mobility**
 - j) **Approval of the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Agreement for Visually Impaired Services**
6. **Additional Superintendent's Recommendations** - Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent
 - a) **Approval of the Easement Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation**
 7. **Treasurer's Report/Recommendations** - Mrs. Anne Arnold, Treasurer
 - a) **Approval of the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Notes**

- b) Approval of Monthly Financial Statements and Monthly Investment Statement
 - c) Acceptance of Bus Bids and Approval of Purchase of a School Bus
8. **Executive Session**- Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President
9. **Other Business** – Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President
- a) Board of Education Member's Remarks
 - b) The next regular meeting of the Edison Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Edison Middle School.
10. **Adjournment** - Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President

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5. **Consent Agenda** - Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent

a) **Personnel**

1) **Resignations**

Kerry Parker-Teacher Mentor/EHS (Alison Flowers)

Von Yingling-ELA/Social Studies Teacher/EMS

2) **Employments**

Ethan Caskey-6th Grade ELA/Social Studies Teacher/EMS

Sheila Ott-Morning Care Aide (1.0 Hours Per Day)

Tammy Anderson-Morning Care Aide (1.0 Hours Per Day)

Nick Arnold-Grounds Crew/Maintenance

(Effective until 11/1/2020, or when outside work is complete)

3) **Supplementals** (Effective 2020-2021 School Year)

Amy Litteral-Teacher Mentor/EMS

Sarah Roan-Teacher Mentor/EHS (Alison Flowers)

Ryan Kurt-MS Volleyball Scorekeeper/EMS

Rhonda Fisher-6th Grade Academic Challenge Advisor

Colleen Hansen-8th Grade Academic Challenge Advisor

Shannon Mills-Teacher Mentor/EES

Jim Hall-Faculty Manager/EHS

Dean Shelley-Faculty Manager/EHS

Kyle Hammond-Faculty Manager/EHS

Ryan Kurt-Faculty Manager/EHS

4) **Approval Applications of School Bus/Van Drivers**

Included below is a list of school bus/van drivers for the 2019 - 2020 school year. The individuals have been checked and approved in accordance with Ohio Revised Code and administrative guidelines (i.e., submission of employment data, compliance with rules concerning physical/mental condition and adherence to state rules with regard to eligibility). It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve said individuals below pending completion of Ohio Revised Code and administrative guidelines:

Brenda Downing	Fred Leimeister	Dennis Rasnick
Kathy Pocock	Paul Smith	Vicki Robles
Rick Austin	Danielle Wellman	Jarrett Shoup
Debra Campbell	Lisa Rasnick	Rebekah Patterson
Don Opfer	Rita Harpring	Barb Neidler
Marcia Smith	Chuck Weilanu	Ken Keller
Bernie Yoder	Kriss Fisher	Tom Roth
Lisa Kelble	Christian Yoder	Marco Caponi
Kim Scott	Kerry Parker	David Hermes
Dean Stanfield		

5) **Classified Substitutes**

Please see attached list.

6) Recognize School Volunteers

Please see attached list.

b) Approval of Gifts/Contributions

- **Lacey Barnett and Kristy Rodecker**-a donation of 110 homemade face masks to the Edison High School for students who arrive at school without a face mask or are in need of a face mask.
- **The Dorn Foundation**-a donation of \$10,000.00 to go towards the district's needs in the area of technology for remote learning and the purchase of supplies for personal protective gear as outlined by the Erie County Health Department.
- **Anonymous**-a donation of \$150.00 to go towards the Edison Local Schools Science Lab Pledge.

c) Approval of School Facilities Usage

- **Cub Scout Pack #3110** requests the use of the Edison High School Field House on January 16, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for a Winter Sports Day for area Cub Scout Packs.

d) Approval of School Fundraisers

- **Edison Music Boosters** (Cookie Dough & Butterbraid Sales-September 9, 2020). The profits will be used towards music operation expenses for all grades.
- **Edison Music Boosters** (Membership Drive-September 13, 2020) The profits will be used towards music operation expenses for all grades.
- **Edison Music Boosters** (Reverse Raffle-March 20, 2021) The profits will be used towards music operation expenses for all grades.
- **Edison Music Boosters** (Popcorn Sales-March 9, 2021-April 12, 2021) The profits will be used towards music operation expenses for all grades.
- **Edison Music Boosters** (Spring Flower Sales-April 19, 2021-May 8, 2021) The profits will be used towards music operation expenses for all grades.
- **Edison Music Boosters** (Rummage Sale-May 27, 2021-May 29, 2021) The profits will be used towards music operation expenses for all grades

e) Approval of Leave of Absence

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve the request below for unpaid leave of absence under Family Medical Leave Act from August 25, 2020 to November 25, 2020 for the following classified staff member:

- **Thomas Hillman** – Bus Driver/Transportation

f) Approval of Special Services Contract with Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Attached to each Board member's agenda is a communiqué from Kari Smith, Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the 2020-2021 school year. Her agency provides special education programs and ensures that related services are available according to the plan and priorities of those eligible children whose parents have requested that our school district place their child at Huron County Board of Developmental Disabilities. These services are provided on an as-needed basis.

g) Approval of the Preschool Handbook for the 2020-2021 School Year

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached Preschool Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.

h) Approval of the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Agreement for Braille Services

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Agreement with the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Agreement for Braille Services for the period beginning August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021.

i) Approval of the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Agreement for Services in the Areas of Orientation and Mobility

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the attached agreement with North Central Ohio Educational Service Center for services to Edison Local Schools during the 2020-2021 school year to provide special education services in the areas of orientation and mobility services.

j) Approval of the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Agreement for Visually Impaired Services

It was recommended that the Board of Education approve the Agreement with the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center Agreement for Services for the Visually Impaired for the period beginning August 1, 2020 through July 31, 2021

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion _____, seconded _____

Vote _____ Mr. Betts, _____ Mr. McClester, _____ Mr. Muthig
_____ Mr. Suhanic, _____ Mr. Whitacre

6. **Additional Superintendent's Recommendations** - Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent

a) Approval of the Easement Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation

It is recommended that the Edison Local Schools Board of Education approve the Easement Agreement with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation. The terms of the agreement will provide the State of Ohio Department of Transportation to obtain the specified property from the Edison Local School District for the stated sum of \$2,290. This land will be used by the Department of Transportation to extend the proposed bike lane from Milan to Edison High School.

ADDITIONAL SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion _____, seconded _____

Vote _____ Mr. Betts, _____ Mr. McClester, _____ Mr. Muthig
_____ Mr. Suhanic, _____ Mr. Whitacre

7. **Treasurer's Report/Recommendations** - Mrs. Anne M. Arnold, Treasurer

a) **Approval of the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes.

b) **Approval of Monthly Financial Statements and Monthly Investment Statements**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve the financial statements and investment statement for the month of August 2020.

c) **Acceptance of Bus Bids and Approval of Purchase of School Bus**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education accept the following bus bids for the purchase of one (1) 2020 diesel 77-passenger conventional bus out of improvement funds:

COMPANY	BASE BID	TRADE-INS
Truck Sales & Service- (Stock Unit 1)	\$89,503.00	\$800.00
Truck Sales & Service (Stock Unit 2)	\$90,455.00	\$800.00
Truck Sales & Service	\$90,756.00	\$800.00
Cardinal Bus Sales	\$92,384.00	\$1500.00

The Edison Transportation Department has made a recommendation for the purchase of one (1) 2020 diesel 77-passenger conventional bus from **Truck Sales & Service**.

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve the purchase from **Truck Sales and Service** of one new 77-passenger bus for the total net purchase price of **\$89,503.00**. This figure includes all discounts, options and trade-in. Bus #6 will be traded in with this purchase for a trade-in value of **\$800.00**.

TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Motion _____, seconded _____

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

8. **Executive Session-** Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President

X	a. Consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of public employee or official, or to consider the investigations of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee or "regulated individual"; unless the person investigated of charges or complaints requests a public hearing;
	b. Consider the purchase or sale of public property if the public interest would be hurt by the premature disclosure of the information;
	c. Confer with the public body's attorney for the purpose of consideration disputes if a court action concerning the dispute is either pending or imminent;
	d. Prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees;
	f. Consider specialized details of security arrangements if the information could be used for criminal purposes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion _____, seconded _____

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

_____ Mr. Suhanic, _____ Mr. Whitacre

Time In: _____ Time Out: _____

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion _____, seconded _____

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

_____ Mr. Suhanic, _____ Mr. Whitacre

Time adjourned _____