

....Preparing our next generation of leaders.



## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

at the

**Edison Middle School**

**6:00 p.m.**

**January 11, 2021**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING**



**“What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal  
on what you bring to the New Year”**

**~Vern McLellan**

**Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President Pro Temp**  
**Mr. William J. Muthig, Member**  
**Mr. Jeffrey J. Whitacre, Member**  
**Mr. Matthew R. McClester, Member**  
**Mr. John A. Betts, 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•

TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD	6:00 p.m.
TBD	TBD	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
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 SCHOOLS**

**Organizational Meeting**

January 11, 2021

6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President Pro Tem
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President Pro Tem
3. **Organizational Meeting** – Board President

.....  
Regular Meeting

January 11, 2021

*Immediately following the Organizational Meeting*

4. **Call to Order and Roll Call** – Board President
5. **\*Public Comment** – Board President
6. **Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent
  - a) School Board Recognition Month
  - b) High School Transportation
  - c) Athletic Boosters Ice Cream Sale
  - d) COVID Update/Vaccine
7. **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent

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

  - a) **Personnel**
    - 1) *Resignation*
  - b) **Approval of Gifts/Contributions**
  - c) **Approval of Leave of Absence**
  - d) **Approval of Contract with Firelands Regional Medical Center for Strength and Conditioning Service Agreement**
8. **Superintendent Additional Recommendations** – Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent
  - a) **Approval of the Second Reading of Revised Board Policies**
  - b) **Approval of New Daily Bus Shuttle and Minimum Two Hour Pay For the Daily Shuttle**
  - c) **Approval to Resume Transportation for High School Students**
9. **Treasurer's Report/Recommendations** – Mrs. Anne Arnold, Treasurer
  - a) **Approval of the November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Notes, November 30, 2020 Special Meeting Notes and the December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**
  - b) **Approval of Monthly Financial Statements and Monthly Investment Statements**
  - c) **Approval of Annual Alternative Tax Budget**

10. **Other Business** – Board President
  - a) Board of Education Member's Remarks
  - b) The next regular meeting of the Edison Board of Education is scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:00 p.m. in the Edison Middle School.
11. **Adjournment** – Board President

\*Citizens wishing to address the Board shall be recognized by the President of the Board. The President shall determine the time frame and the manner. Groups wishing to speak are requested to designate one of their number as their official spokesperson. Every attempt by these citizens should be made to communicate with the Superintendent prior to the meeting.

3. **Organizational Meeting**

- I. Selection of Officers – Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President Pro Tem
  - a) Selection of President and Oath of Office
  - b) Selection of Vice President and Oath of Office
  
- II. Resolutions as Pertain to the Board - Board President
  - a) Approval of OSBA Membership
  - b) Establishment of Board of Education Service Fund
  - c) Affirmation of Negotiated Agreement Compliance
  - d) Approval of Extended Contract Certificate
  - e) Approval of Waiver of Reading of Minutes
  - f) Approval of Faithful Performance Bond
  - g) Authorization to Engage Legal Counsel
  - h) Authorization to Establish/Appoint Committees
  - i) Approval of Board Liaisons
  - j) Approval of Time and Place of Meetings
  - k) Appointment of Public Records Designees
  - l) Authorization of Board Members' Participation in Group Health and Dental Insurance
  - m) Reconfirmation of Records Retention Schedule
  
- III. Resolutions as Pertain to the Superintendent/Treasurer
  - a) Authorization to Conduct the District's Business
  - b) Authorization as the Board's Representative
  - c) Authorization to Attend Meetings
  - d) Authorization to Effect Loans
  - e) Authorizing Superintendent to Accept Resignations
  - f) Authorizing Superintendent to Hire Staff between Board Meetings

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**January 11, 2021**  
**Exhibit Documents**

**I. Selection of Officers – Mr. James Mark Suhanic, President Pro Tem**

**a) Selection of President and Oath of Office**

**The treasurer will receive nominations for the office of President for the year 2021.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Motion to close nominations for the office of President. (In the event there is only one nomination, the treasurer may be directed to cast a unanimous ballot when the nominations are closed.)**

\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts \_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig \_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester \_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

**Roll call election with each member responding with the name of the person for whom he/she desires vote.**

\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts \_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig \_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester \_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

**STATE OF OHIO**  
**ERIE COUNTY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as **President** in and for the said Edison Local School District – Erie County, Ohio, to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anne M. Arnold

**b) Selection of Vice President and Oath of Office**

**The treasurer will receive nominations for the office of Vice-President for the year 2021**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Motion to close nominations for the office of Vice-President. (In the event there is only one nomination, the treasurer may be directed to cast a unanimous ballot when the nominations are closed.)**

\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts \_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig \_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester \_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

**Roll call election with each member responding with the name of the person for whom he/she desires vote.**

\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts \_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig \_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester \_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

**STATE OF OHIO  
ERIE COUNTY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Ohio; and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge my duties as **Vice-President** in and for the said Edison Local School District – Erie County, Ohio, to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the laws now in effect and hereafter to be enacted, during my continuance in said office and until my successor is chosen and qualified.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Anne M. Arnold

**II. Resolutions as Pertain to the Board**

**a) Approval of OSBA Membership**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education authorize district membership in the Ohio School Board Association and the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund.



**b) Establishment of Board of Education Service Fund**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education establish a Service Fund in order to facilitate the operations of the district:

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education may, as prescribed in O.R.C. 3315.15, set aside each year from the General Fund a sum not to exceed two dollars per pupil, or \$20,000.00, whichever is greater, and,

WHEREAS, the amount set aside shall be placed in a fund known as the "Service Fund", and,

WHEREAS, the amount shall be used only in paying the expenses of members of such board of education annually incurred in the performance of their duties.

BE IT RESOLVED, now, that such "Service Fund" to be established in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

**c) Affirmation of Negotiated Agreement Compliance**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education affirm its intent to comply with the Negotiated Agreements it has with its employees.

**d) Approval of Extended Contract Certificate**

In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C. 5705.412), it is recommended that the Board approve an Extended Contract Certificate:

- It is hereby certified with respect to the contract, agreement, obligation, payment, wage or salary schedule, or order for the expenditure of funds that the Edison Local School District has in effect for the remainder of the current fiscal year (January 1 to June 30) and the succeeding fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) the authorization to levy taxes, including the renewal of existing levies, which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certifications, are sufficient to provide the operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all the days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year (January 1 to June 30) and for the number of days in the succeeding fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

**e) Approval of Waiver of Reading of Minutes**

It is recommended that the Board waive the reading of previous minutes provided that copies of said notes are given to Board members prior to its meeting.

**f) Approval of Faithful Performance Bond**

It is recommended that the Board purchase faithful performance bonds on the Treasurer in the amount of \$50,000, Board President \$25,000, Superintendent \$25,000 and faithful performance bonds on the Administrative Assistants (Treasurer's Office) and principals' secretaries with a blanket amount of \$20,000.

**g) Authorization to Engage Legal Counsel**

It is recommended that the Board authorize the Board President, Treasurer, and/or Superintendent to engage legal counsel when needed and that the Board continue its agreement with the firm of O'Toole, McLaughlin, Dooley, and Pecora Attorneys Co. LPA; Britton, Smith, Peters & Kalail; Squire, Sanders and Dempsey L.L.P; McGown and Markling; and Walter Haverfield, L.L.P. and Bricker & Eckler for legal services.

**h) Authorization to Establish/Appoint Committees**

It is recommended that the Board empower the President of the Board to establish committees as necessary.

**i) Approval of Board Liaisons**

Edison Local Board of Education policy BCE *Board Liaison Committees* provides for the establishment of liaisons from among its members. It is recommended that the following board member(s) be appointed to this committee. All other Board Liaison Committees will be established on an as needed basis per Board policy.

2021 Appointments

_____	<b>Legislative Liaison</b>
_____	<b>Alternative Legislative Liaison</b>

**j) Approval of Time and Place of Meetings**

In accordance with the O.R.C. 3313.15 it is recommended that the Regular Meetings of the Edison Board of Education be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the designated locations below. As recommended, this motion would establish the following dates for the 2021 calendar year:

Tuesday*	January 11th	Middle School	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	February 16th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	March 16th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	April 20th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	May 18th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 15th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	July 20th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	August 17th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	September 21st	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 19th	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	November 23rd	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	December 21st	TBD	6:00 p.m.

**k) Appointment of Public Records Designees**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education appoint the following two designees for fulfilling public records requests as required by new regulations:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**l) Authorization of Board Members' Participation in Group Health and Dental Insurance**

The Ohio Revised Code (Section 3313.202) permits Board of Education members to participate at their own expense in the district's health and dental insurance plans. It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education allow Board Members to participate at their own expense in Edison Local Schools' group health and dental insurance plan that is provided to employees of the district.

**m) Reconfirmation Records Retention Schedule**

The Ohio Revised Code 149.41 requires Boards of Educations to establish a district records commission to govern matters pertaining to the district records, their retention and disposal. It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education reconfirm the districts records retention schedule according to the state auditors suggested Records Retention Schedule for school districts.

**III. Resolutions as Pertain to the Superintendent/Treasurer**

**a) Authorization to Conduct the District's Business**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education authorize the Treasurer and the Superintendent to conduct the district's business:

WHEREAS, the Edison Board of Education places responsibility for the financial management of the district on the treasurer and superintendent, and,

WHEREAS, the Board is ever mindful of its obligation to the citizens and taxpayers of the District to exercise sound fiscal practices, and,

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that in order to meet its obligation to the community, achieve efficiency and maximize the return on its resources, the treasurer and superintendent must be able to make certain decisions in a timely and forthright manner within the constraints of applicable statutes and Board policy, and,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edison Board of Education hereby approves the following standing authorizations for the calendar year 2021 to be exercised by the Treasurer and Superintendent only when, in their judgment, such exercise meets the specifications so cited, herein:

- to secure advances from the Auditor when funds are available and payable to the Edison Local School District;
- to invest inactive funds at the most productive interest rate whenever such funds are available;
- to pay all bills within the limits of the appropriations resolution as bills are received and when the goods and/or services have been received as ordered, and provide a list of invoices paid to the Board regularly;
- to employ such temporary personnel as may be required with such employment to be submitted to the Board for action at its next regular meeting,
- to sign and certify, on behalf of the Board, proposal/funding required Statements of Assurances and Certification for all projects identified by administration as benefiting the recipients of educational offerings; and thereby certifying that all federal and state rules and regulations applicable to the use of said funds will be observed; and that information contained in all applications will be correct and complete; and that the Board authorizes its administrative representatives to file all applications on its behalf.
- to act as the authorized purchasing agents for the district for 2021.
- to travel and represent the district within the guidelines of the Superintendent and Treasurer's job descriptions.

**b) Authorization as the Board's Representative**

It is recommended that the Board designate the Superintendent and Treasurer as its official representative to act in their behalf in state and federal programs including, but not limited to: Title I, IDEA Part-B, Title IV (Drug Free Schools), EMIS, the Public Preschool Initiative, Early Childhood Special Education, Title II-A – Improving Teacher Qualify, and Network Connectivity.

It is further recommended that the Board name the Superintendent as its designee for appeals from suspensions imposed by principals (O.R.C. 3313.66).

**c) Authorization to Attend Meetings**

It is recommended that the Board authorize its members, the Superintendent, Treasurer, and the district's administrative and supervisory staff to attend meetings which will facilitate the district's operation. Said meetings shall include conferences, seminars, updates sponsored by:



Ohio Department of Education, Ohio School Boards Association, Buckeye Associations of School Administrators, Ohio Association of Local School Superintendents, Northwest Ohio Educational Research Council, Ohio Association of School Business Officials, Special Education Regional Resource Centers, Institution in Ohio Approved for Teacher Education, Educational Television Corporations, Ohio Education Computer Network, North Central Association, Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators, Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators, Ohio Association of Pupil Services Administrators, Ohio School Psychologists Association, and regional, county, and local associations, boards commissions and organizations.

The Superintendent has the authority to approve or disapprove administrators/supervisor's request to attend professional meetings. Approved expenses for said meetings shall include, but not be limited to, travel, room, meals, tax, and parking. For meetings held in the district refreshments are an authorized expenditure. Board of Education meetings and workshops may include meal and material costs.

It is further recommended that the Board authorize administrators and supervisors' membership in appropriate professional organizations as determined by the Superintendent.

**d) Authorization to Effect Loans (O.R.C. 133.30)**

WHEREAS, the Edison Local Schools' Board of Education places responsibility for the financial management of the district on the Treasurer and Superintendent and,

WHEREAS, the Board is ever mindful of its obligation to the citizens and taxpayers of the Berlin Heights and Milan school communities to exercise sound fiscal practices, and

WHEREAS, the Board acknowledges that in order to meet its obligation to the community, achieve efficiency and maximize the return on its resources, the Treasurer and Superintendent must be able to make certain decisions within the constraints of applicable statutes and Board policy,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Edison Board of Education hereby approves the following standing authorizations for the calendar year 2021 to be exercised by the Treasurer and Superintendent only when, in their judgment, such exercise meets the specifications so cited, herein:

...to borrow money and issue notes in anticipation of the collection of current revenues for the current fiscal year, if the financial situation of the school district should warrant such borrowing.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Edison Board of Education hereby mandates that the Treasurer and Superintendent advise the Board when the need arises to borrow funds, with said information being presented to the Board for its concurrence prior to action taking place.

**e) Authorizing Superintendent to Accept Resignations**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of said Board to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when said Board is not in session, subject to ratification by said Board; provided however, that upon ratification by said Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

This authorization provided by said resolution shall remain in effect for calendar year 2021.

**f) Authorizing Superintendent to Employ Staff between Board of Education Meetings**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education authorize the Superintendent, during periods when said Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of said Board, and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of said Board, subject to a subsequent vote of ratification by said Board; provided however, that upon ratification by said Board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.

Nothing in this resolution shall require the Edison Board of Education to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who has not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy. The authorization provided by this resolution shall remain in effect for calendar year 2021.

**ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

**Time adjourned \_\_\_\_\_**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
*Immediately following the Organizational Meeting*  
**January 11, 2021**

**6) Superintendent's Report – Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent**

*Special Recognitions*

**a) School Board Recognition Month**

Traditionally, the month of January has been set aside to recognize and thank school board members for their contribution to the school community. Boards of education are a uniquely American institution, implemented in an attempt to ensure that the education of children will remain under local control and be both flexible and responsive to the needs of each individual community.

Today, more is being demanded of schools than ever before. Yet, no nation has ever worked harder to provide all of its children with an equal opportunity for a quality education. Boards of education have been a driving force in this process.

Board members devote enormous amounts of time on behalf of their respective district. They attend school functions, board and committee meetings, and review material pertaining to district operations and the decision-making process. The board of education is responsible for setting salaries and budgets for classroom expenditures. Board members determine the millage for tax revenues in order to fund the budget. They assess their district's priorities by making decisions on teacher/student ratios, curricula, and capital improvements, including everything from the construction of new buildings and equipment to the purchase of technology. The board also makes decisions on disciplinary matters. It has the authority to expel a student, or terminate an employee. Serving on a board of education requires hard work, dedication, and commitment.

A board of education has awesome responsibilities and its actions affect every aspect of a school system. It adopts general policies, and makes policies when none exist. It also evaluates the educational programs of the district as based on its policies. Board members are personally responsible for ensuring that all state and federal laws pertaining to education are adhered to. They can be held liable for any infractions of law that relate to education, including labor relations, finance, equity, disability, and retirement.

Board members are their community's key advocates for education. They are charged with advancing their community's vision for its children, its progress toward attaining its goals, and the development of its children as individuals who can successfully take their places in society.

On behalf of the entire school community - students, staff, parents and community members - I would like to thank our Board of Education members for their hard work, dedication, commitment, and vision.

WHEREAS, it shall be the mission of the Edison Local Public School District to provide all students with the best possible education; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets the direction for our community's public schools by envisioning the community's education future; and

WHEREAS, the school board sets policies and procedures to govern all aspects of school district operation; and

WHEREAS, the school board keeps attention focused on progress toward the school district's goals and maintains a two-way communications loop with all segments of the community; and

WHEREAS, serving on a school board requires an unselfish devotion of time and service to carry on the mission and business of the school district; and

WHEREAS, the school board must respond on behalf of the community to the educational needs of students; and

WHEREAS, the school board voluntarily accepts the above-mentioned responsibilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Thomas C. Roth, do hereby proclaim January 2021 as School Board Recognition Month for Edison Local Schools. I encourage all citizens to publicly and privately thank the school board members from all school districts serving this community for their dedicated service to our children.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Consent Agenda** – Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent

a) **Personnel**

1. **Resignation**

**Jann Glann-EHS Musical Director**

b) **Gifts/Contributions**

- **Anonymous Donor**-a donation of royal blue sweatshirts valued at \$200 for any students who are in need.
- **Jason & Nicole Danner**-donation of \$2500.00 towards the Edison High School Science Wing.
- **Carolyn & Ron Cull**-a donation of \$1000.00 towards the Edison High School Science Wing Pledge.
- **GPD Group Employees Foundation, Inc.**-a donation of \$6080.00 towards the purchase of five Redcat Voice Sound Distribution Systems for Edison Middle School classroom use.



- **PPG Industries Foundation**-a donation of \$2997.00 to Edison Middle School for the following purchases: 16 photogate timers, an Ipad & Ipencil, and Ukuleles for classroom use.

c) Approval of Leave of Absence

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve the request for Tiffany Caponi-Teacher/EES for maternity leave from approximately March 17<sup>th</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. Tiffany Caponi will be using a combination of sick days, personnel days, and unpaid leave during this time period. Her dates may fluctuate depending on the actual delivery date.

d) Approval of Contract with Firelands Regional Medical Center for Strength and Conditioning Service Agreement

It was recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve a contract with Firelands Regional Medical Center for Strength and Conditioning Services from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$7,500 (\$3,750 to be reimbursed from the Edison Athletic Boosters).

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

8. **Additional Superintendent Recommendations**– Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent

a) Approval of the Second Reading of Revised Board Policies

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the second reading of the following revised board policies:

- **EDEA-Network Privacy and Acceptable Use Policy**
- **EDEA-E-Network Privacy and Acceptable Use Policy Agreement Form**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

8. **Additional Superintendent Recommendations**– Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent

b) Approval of New Daily Bus Shuttle and Minimum Two Hour Pay For the Daily Shuttle

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve a new daily bus shuttle route in order to transport Edison High School students for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. The board further approves to pay a minimum of two hours per day for this daily bus shuttle run.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

8. **Additional Superintendent Recommendations**– Mr. Thomas C. Roth, Superintendent

c) **Approval of the Recommendation to Resume Transportation for High School Students**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve the recommendation to resume the transportation of Edison High School students who live outside the one-mile radius to and from school for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. This recommendation requires the approval of hiring a substitute shuttle bus driver to drive a minimum of two hours per day.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

9. **Treasurer's Report/Recommendations** – Mrs. Anne M. Arnold, Treasurer

a) **Approval of the November 24, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes, November 30, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes and the December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 regular meeting, November 30, 2020 special meeting minutes and the December 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented.

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 December, 2020.

c) **Approval of Annual Alternative Tax Budget**

A proposed Annual Alternative Tax Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as prepared by the Treasurer.

The fiscal year for school districts in Ohio is July 1 through June 30. It is this period of time upon which the levying and collection of taxes are based and upon which the budget is built.

Sections 5705.27-5705.41 of the Ohio Revised Code details the provisions regarding budget preparation. In general, the budget process begins in January, six months prior to the beginning of that fiscal year for which the budget is intended, and culminates with the adoption of the annual appropriation resolution prior to October 1 of that year.

Once the budget is approved by the Board of Education, it is submitted to the County Auditor and the County Budget Commission. The Budget Commission meets in February to review the school district's tax budget and to estimate the anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year. The school district is then informed of its estimated resources for the budget year, and, depending on the results of this estimate, tax rates, and/or proposed expenditures are then revised.

Edison taxpayers have a number of built-in devices to assure their interests are protected in this process. Budget and appropriation procedures are open to public examination at any time during the year. In addition, the Board of Education continually reviews and monitors all financial actions of the district at every step. The most important protection though is the requirement that a school district must live within its budget. There is no such thing as deficit spending in school finance. To assure positive year-end fund balances, appropriations may be amended as needed at any time during the fiscal year.

It is recommended that the Edison Board of Education adopt the proposed Annual Alternative Tax Budget as presented.

#### **TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_, seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Betts, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Muthig, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. McClester,  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Suhanic, \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Whitacre

Time adjourned \_\_\_\_\_