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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY MEETING
FEBRUARY 28TH, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING

Date : February 28, 2018/ 7:30 pm
Place : 150 Pierce St. 2nd Floor, Somerset, NJ 08873

I. Call To Order

The Regular Board Meeting of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is called to order. Time: 7:37 PM

II. Meeting Notice Announcement

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the rights 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, Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has caused this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in 'The Courier News'. The Board reserves the right to act on any and all agenda items.

III. Flag Salute

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

IV. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS	P/A
Raif Rustamov (Board President)	P
Keshaw Sahay (Vice President)	E
Stephen Alexis (Board Member)	P
Ashok Munisamy (Board Member)	P
Mehmet Eke (Board Member)	P
Raquel Neri (Board Member)	P

Arrived at 7:50 pm

Also Present:

Oguz Yildiz (Lead Person)	P
Ilgar Sadigov (Board Secretary)	P

I. Executive Session

Motion to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution: Executive Session

Whereas, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-2 authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the Board discusses topics falling within certain specified exceptions to the requirement for open public meetings, and

Whereas, the matters to be discussed fall within one or more of those exceptions,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board of Education of the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School now adjourns from public session to executive session for the purpose of discussing matters within the attorney-client privilege.

Motion# 180228.1 Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy Seconded by: Mr. Rustamov Passed: Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V	V	V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V					

Executive Session Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Executive Session

Motion# 180228.2 Motioned by: Mr. Eke Seconded by: Mr. Alexis Passed: Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V	V	V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V					

II. Public Comment

Board President or designee opens the public comment session on any topic. Each person is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes and will be asked to give their full name, spell their last name and provide their address. During this portion of the meeting, the public is invited to address the Board with questions or comments on agenda items. While all comments will be considered and a response will be made if and when appropriate, the Board will not respond to speakers at the time of their appearance. Board President or designee closes the public comment session on any topic.

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13 Alerica Ln
Somerset, NJ 08873

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5 Gaugin Way
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6 Scaletti Ct.
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III. Report by Lead Person

Below is a schedule of the activities that have taken place since the last Board meeting:

Friday, February 2 - Library presentation for grades 7-9

Sunday, February 4 – Robotics team, EnergySmart, won Champion Alliance award and qualified to the States

Wednesday, February 7 – AMC 10/12 Competition, Algebra 2 & Geometry 8th/9th grades (1st comp to International Math Olympiad)

Wednesday, February 7 – Cyberbullying Assembly K-9

Friday, February 9 – 100th day of school (K-2 dressed up as 100 year olds, 3-6 created structures with 100 solo cups & dress in green, 7-9 wore house color shirts & voted on cup structures)

Monday, February 12 – Thomas Edison Assembly (Leann Ernest & Shaun Ernest, students in our school, are descendants of Thomas Edison)

Monday, February 12 – Math Assembly Grades 6-9

Wednesday, February 14 – Valentine's Day (Grades K-6 dress down & all classes have parties)

Thursday, February 15 – Half-Day, staff Professional Development Day

Thursday, February 15 – AMC 10/12 Competition, Algebra 2 & Geometry 8th/9th grades (1st comp to International Math Olympiad)

Thursday, February 15 – PTO/Robotics Movie Aftercare

Friday, February 16 – Parent to celebrate/explain Chinese New Year to 3rd (Zhang)

Saturday, February 17 – 2018-2019 Lottery

Monday, February 19 – NO SCHOOL - President's Day

Wednesday, February 21 – 6T field trip to Thomas Edison National Historical Park (JPatel)

Wednesday, February 21 – 8th grade field trip to Buehler Challenger & Science Center (Harrington)

Thursday, February 22 – Green Day (K-5 wear green), no printing

Friday, February 23 – Elementary Science Olympiad Field Trip (West Amwell Township Elementary School) - won 2 awards: Cool it for Today (4th place) & Marshmallow Tower (3rd place)

Sunday, February 25 - high school robotics teams, EnergySmart & RoboSmart, competed at NJ State Championship among 48 other teams, both won Finalist Alliance Award & advanced to FTC East Super-Regional Championship where they will be representing State of New Jersey

Monday, February 26 – Black History Month Assembly (Azuka Zuke author & speaker)

Wednesday, February 28 - Raritan Valley Community College President, Michael McDonough, visit with grades 7-9 classes

IV. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the following minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting:

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of January, 2018 (Minute forwarded trustees via email)

Motion# 180228.3 Motioned by: Mr. Alexis Seconded by: Mr. Munisamy Passed: Yes						
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri
YES	V		V	V	V	
NO						
ABSTAIN						V
ABSENT		V				

V. Financial Section: Mr. Ilgar Sadigov, Board Secretary

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from February 1, 2018 to February 28, 2018. No unusual budgetary line item account expenditure. (Attached)

Transfers: Motion to approve the list of Transfer of Funds resolution for the period ending January 31, 2018.

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School that the attached inter appropriation transfer made on the financial records of the Board affecting 2017-2018 budget be affirmed and approved.

Motion# 180228.4 Motioned by: Mrs. Neri Seconded by: Mr. Eke Passed: Yes						
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri
YES	V		V	V	V	V
NO						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT		V				

VI. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of Lead Person to approve the following resolution

RESOLVED that board of trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has approved carrying concealed weapon for school security officers.

Motion# 180228.5 Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy Seconded by: Mr. Alexis Passed: Yes						
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri
YES			V	V	V	V
NO						
ABSTAIN	V					
ABSENT		V				

VII. Action Items

Motion to approve recommendation of Mr. Munisamy to approve following resolution

RESOLVED that board of trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has approved following one time bonuses for Robotics team coaches for their outstanding performances and achievements.

Mr. Amanov - \$2000

Mr. Kurtulus - \$1000

Motion# 180228.6 Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy Seconded by: Mr. Eke Passed: Yes						
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri
YES	V		V	V	V	V
NO						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT		V				

VIII. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of Lead Person to approve the following overnight field trip
Model UN – 11 Students – 3 Chaperones from 03/21/2018 to 03/24/2018

Motion# 180228.7 Motioned by: Mr. Eke **Seconded by:** Mr. Rustamov **Passed:** Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V	V	V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V					

Adjournment

Time: 9:11 pm

Motion# 180228.8 Motioned by: Mrs. Neri **Seconded by:** Mr. Alexis **Passed:** Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V	V	V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V					

Attachments

Bill List
Budget Transfers
Previous Meeting Minutes