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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY MEETING
JANUARY 31ST, 2018

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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Date : January 31, 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: 7:44 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)	P
Stephen Alexis (Board Member)	P
Ashok Munisamy (Board Member)	P
Mehmet Eke (Board Member)	P
Raquel Neri (Board Member)	E

Also Present:

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

V. 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.

VI. Report by Lead Person

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

12/02/17 - Central Region FTC Cougar Winter Meet at CJCP, out of 30 teams RoboSmart came in 9th & EnergySmart came in 1st

12/05/17 - HS Robotics Team was at the Franklin Twp Public Library for robotics presentation

12/08/17 – Cookies with Santa PTO Event

12/12/17 – Winter Concert Grades K-5 & Glee

12/13/17 – Winter Concert Grades 6-9 & Band

12/14/17 – Staff Holiday Party; Jeopardy; Geography Bee; Hello to 9th Grade for 8th grade students with Mr. Robert & Brenda Fisher from RVCC discuss two HS programs: College Prep & Academy Model

12/15/17 – Green Day; Class Parties with buddies; Spelling Bee K-8; free holiday dress down; Polar Express party for K-2

12/18/17-12/29/17 – NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY BREAK

01/01/18 – NO SCHOOL – HOLIDAY BREAK

01/03/18 - 6G field trip to the Thomas Edison National Historical Park

01/06/17 - TEECS Robotics Team, Robosmart, won Championship Award among 30 teams at FTC event in Liberty Science Ctr. Also won Innovative Design Award & secured our place at State Championship.

01/08/18 – Parent Breakfasts have begun

01/11/18 – PTO Meeting; NJ Camden Cty Regional Science Olympiad Comp (6th place over all and qualified for states)

01/13/18 - In a competition held at McManus school in Linden, NJ this past Saturday, our middle school VEX IQ team ranked 3rd out of 37 teams.

01/15/18 – NO SCHOOL - MLK

01/16/18 – MLK Assembly

01/22/18 – Green Day; Half Day

01/22/18-01/26/18 – School Choice Week

01/23/18 – 2nd Quarter Awards Grades K-5

01/24/18 – 2nd Quarter Awards Grades 6-8; 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip to Planetarium

01/26/18 - School Choice Assembly - "yellow/red" dress down and school dance

VII. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of November, 2017 (Minute forwarded trustees via email)

Motion# 180131.1 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		
NO						
ABSTAIN		V			V	
ABSENT						V

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from November 30, 2017 to January 31, 2018. No unusual budgetary line item account expenditure. (Attached)

Approval of FY18 Revised Budget

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# 180131.2 Motioned by: Mr. Rustamov 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

IX. Human Resources

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the following changes in human resources.

Hiring

Mrs. Harford Jennifer – on call sub without benefits effective January 23, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Dr. Tabanlı Mustafa – part time Physics teacher without benefits effective January 23, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Mr. Damian Bauman – part time security without benefits effective January 29, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Motion# 180131.3 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay 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	V	
NO						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						V

X. Action Item

WHEREAS, Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children; and;

WHEREAS, the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School Board seeks to support and work with school staff and administrators, students and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly and cost-effective solutions.

WHEREAS, the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School Board is participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program is to provide resources to school districts to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program;

THEREFORE, the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School Board has determined that Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School should apply for the aforementioned grant program. The Grant will be for TEECS Raised Bed Garden. With this grant, the TEECS would like to obtain and maintain a raised garden bed on our property. The school Green Team will lead this effort. The garden will produce flowers as well as vegetables to be used for various events at the school including parent breakfasts, class parties, staff/parent events, etc. The students will be responsible for preparing the soil, planting, taking care of the plants and harvesting the crops. This program will help the students understand what it takes to get food to their table.;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that of the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School Board, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant.

Motion# 180131.4 Motioned by: Mr. Alexis 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

XI. Action Item

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the Annual SEMI Waiver for 2018-2019 school year.

Motion# 180131.5 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	V	
NO						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT						V

XII. Action Item

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve FY17 Audit

Motion# 180131.6 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay 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	

XIII. Action Item

Motion to approve the recommendation of Mr. Munisamy to approve extension of Mr. Rustamov's term as a board member and president effective 10/1/2017 through 9/30/2020

Motion# 180131.6 Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy **Seconded by:** Mr. Sahay **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: 9:30 PM

Motion# 180131.7 Motioned by: Mr. Rustamov **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	

Attachments