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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2015

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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REGULAR MEETING

Date : September 24, 2015/ 6:30 pm
Place : 92 Cortelyous Ln. Somerset, NJ 08873

I. Call To Order

The Regular Board Meeting of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is called to order. Time: 7:03 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 |
|------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Ferit Ucar (Board President) | | P |
| Keshaw Sahay (Vice President) | | P |
| Hanin Taysir Nashif (Board Member) | | E |
| Naif Tiryaki (Board Member) | | E |
| Raif Rustamov (Board Member) | | P |
| Ferhat Ture (Board Member) | | E |
| Stephen Alexis | | P |

Also Present:

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

I. 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.

Mrs. Christina Duncan talked about handwriting and locker problems.
Mrs. Tejal Chitnis talked about bus issue with North Brunswick BOE

II. Report by Lead Person:

- **Wednesday, September 2** school opening.
- **Wednesday, September 8** staff/student picture day.
- **Wednesday/Thursday, September 8/9/10** back to school night.
- **Thursday, September 9** all staff gathered at the home of a student's family for a BBQ.
- **Friday, September 10** the PTO provided breakfast for all staff.

III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of August, 2015 (Minutes forwarded to Trustees via email)

Motion# 150924.1 **Motioned by:** Mr. Rustamov **Seconded by:** Mr. Sahay **Passed:** Yes

| ROLL CALL | F Ucar | K Sahay | H Nashif | N Tiryaki | R Rustamov | F Ture | S Alexis |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| YES | | V | | | V | | |
| NO | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | V | | | | | | V |
| ABSENT | | | V | V | | V | |

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from August 28, 2015 to September 24, 2015. No unusual budgetary line item account expenditure. (Attached)

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports: Motion to approve the Board Secretary's and the Treasurer's Reports for month of May, June, July and August 2015. (Reports forwarded to Trustees via email) (Attached)

WHEREAS, both the Report of the Secretary and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies are in agreement with the cash balance in the Governmental Funds of as of May, June, July and August 2015;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Report of the Secretary and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies be accepted.

Transfers: Motion to approve the list of Transfer of Funds resolution for the period ending August 31, 2015.

BE IT 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 2015-2016 budget be affirmed and approved.

Certification of accounts:

a. Board Secretary's Cert of Accounts:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, I certify that as of August 2015, no major budgetary line item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.


Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

09/24/2015
Date

b. Board Certification of Accounts:

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for May, June, July and August 2015, and based upon consultation with and representations of the appropriate officials (Secretary, Treasurer, Business Administrator and Lead Person), the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has ascertained, to the best of our knowledge and ability, with the information provided, that no major account (Current Expense, Capital Outlay, Debt Service) has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the charter's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year, and hereby certifies the charter's financial plan (the budget) as approved is being followed as revealed in the financial reports.

Motion# 150924.2 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay **Seconded by:** Mr. Rustamov **Passed:** Yes

| ROLL CALL | F Ucar | K Sahay | H Nashif | N Tiryaki | R Rustamov | F Ture | S Alexis |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| YES | V | V | | | V | | V |
| NO | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | V | V | | V | |

V. Action Items

No HIB case has been reported

VI. Human Resources

No Changes

VII. Action Items

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has decided to pay \$1000 to Health (Medical) benefit waivers. Payment is going to be in two settlements one being in January (\$500) and the second one at the end of the year (\$500). If employee decides to waive his/her benefits after he/she enrolled in benefit plan or if an employee hired after the school year started than payment is going to be prorated.

Motion# 150924.3 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay **Seconded by:** Mr. Alexis **Passed:** Yes

| ROLL CALL | F Ucar | K Sahay | H Nashif | N Tiryaki | R Rustamov | F Ture | S Alexis |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| YES | V | V | | | V | | V |
| NO | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | V | V | | V | |

VIII. Action Items

Motion to approve the Annual Charter School Fiscal Questionnaire (Attached)

Motion# 150924.4 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay **Seconded by:** Mr. Rustamov **Passed:** Yes

| ROLL CALL | F Ucar | K Sahay | H Nashif | N Tiryaki | R Rustamov | F Ture | S Alexis |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| YES | V | V | | | V | | V |
| NO | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | V | V | | V | |

IX. Action Items

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

WHEREAS Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School Application (its Charter) was granted by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education in 2010; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has determined that an amendment to its Charter, to authorize expanding the grade levels served from k-8 to k-12 and expanding student enrollment from 42 students per grade to 60 students per grade, would be beneficial; and

WHEREAS the proposed charter amendment would not change the mission, goals or objectives of the school; and

WHEREAS a charter amendment requires approval of the Commissioner of Education after an opportunity for comment has been provided to the board of education of the charter school's district of residence and the Executive County Superintendent;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lead Person is hereby authorized and directed to submit a request for approval of the proposed amendment of the school's Charter to the Commissioner of Education, and to forward a copy of the request to the Superintendent of the Franklin Township Board of Education, Superintendent of the North Brunswick Township Board of Education, Superintendent of the South Brunswick Board of Education and Executive County Superintendent of Somerset County

Motion# 150924.4 Motioned by: Mr. Rustamov **Seconded by:** Mr. Alexis **Passed:** Yes

| ROLL CALL | F Ucar | K Sahay | H Nashif | N Tiryaki | R Rustamov | F Ture | S Alexis |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| YES | V | V | | | V | | V |
| NO | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | V | V | | V | |

X. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the following field trips;

10/05/15 – Brooklyn Nets Preseason Game (School dance club will do opening show)

10/9/15 through 10/12/15 – Robotics team Camp (overnight)

10/15/15 – Pumpkin Picking on Oasis Family Farm for K-2 graders

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of TEECS approve the recommendations of the Lead Person to approve the field trips.

Motion# 150924.6 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay Seconded by: Mr. Ucar Passed: Yes

| ROLL CALL | F Ucar | K Sahay | H Nashif | N Tiryaki | R Rustamov | F Ture | S Alexis |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| YES | V | V | | | V | | V |
| NO | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | V | V | | V | |

XI. Action Items

Motion to approve the Board Self Evaluation

Motion# 150924.7 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay Seconded by: Mr. Rustamov Passed: Yes

| ROLL CALL | F Ucar | K Sahay | H Nashif | N Tiryaki | R Rustamov | F Ture | S Alexis |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| YES | V | V | | | V | | V |
| NO | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | V | V | | V | |

Adjournment

Time: 7:58 PM

Motion# 150924.7 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay Seconded by: Mr. Rustamov Passed: Yes

| ROLL CALL | F Ucar | K Sahay | H Nashif | N Tiryaki | R Rustamov | F Ture | S Alexis |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| YES | V | V | | | V | | V |
| NO | | | | | | | |
| ABSTAIN | | | | | | | |
| ABSENT | | | V | V | | V | |

Attachments

Bill List
Board Secretary Report
Treasurers Report
Annual Charter School Fiscal Questionnaire