

# M I N U T E S



THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Date** : February 26, 2020/ 7:30 pm  
**Place** : 150 Pierce St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Somerset, NJ 08873

#### **I. Call To Order**

The Regular Board Meeting of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is called to order. Time: 7:40 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**

<b>BOARD MEMBERS</b>	<b>P/A</b>
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

#### **Also Present:**

Oguz Yildiz (Lead Person)	E
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.*

## **II. Report by Lead Person**

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

### ***Friday, January 31***

- AMC-10 & AMC-12
- Yellow dress down for National School Choice week, 2 assemblies (K-8 & 9-11) where students can read their letters & perform dance
- Speech & Debate team competition at Pennsbury High School

### ***Saturday, February 1***

- Sci Olympiad Teams A & B go to Harvard Univ Sci Olymp, ranked 6<sup>th</sup> out of 32 teams winning: six 1<sup>st</sup> place gold medals, 2 silver medals, 4 bronze medals & 8 honorable mentions
- 2020-2021 Lottery
- Mathcounts @ Mercer County Community College, Latif won for Best School
- HS BB Winter MJBL game vs Splashers at CJB Main, won 48 to 44
- MS Boys BB Winter MJBL game vs SSH Lancers 67 at MSC Red, won 54 to 51

### ***Tuesday, February 4***

- 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

### ***Thursday, February 6***

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Q @ awards ceremony for K-6

### ***Friday, February 7***

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Q @ awards ceremony for 7&8

### ***Saturday, February 8***

- Winter Uniform Sale: fleece jackets, v-neck sweaters and long sleeve polos
- HS BB vs Green Lights at CJB Main in Morganville, Lost 31 to 45
- MS Girls BB vs Woodbridge Wizards G56 at Fords MS in Fords, Lost 35-39
- Model UN competition at North Brunswick HS. Team included Jaap, Arnav, Alyssa, Honiyah, Maheen, and Saladin. Arnav won "Honorable Mention" in his Security Council Committee. He is the first TEECS' student to win an award in a HS conference for Model UN
- The last regional VEX IQ Robotics competition ended with TEECS teams victory. Congratulations to teams RoboTeecs with Teamwork and Design award, Xstream team (elementary school), and Smart Potatoes (middle school) with driver skills award.
- Speech & Debate event

### ***Sunday, February 9***

- MS Girls BB vs Red Raiders G5 at CJB Main in Morganville, Lost 13 to 20
- HS BB Monroe Falcons STP at CJB Main in Morganville, Won 44 to 37
- Hackathon - Viruse Control (9am)

***Monday, February 10-Friday, February 14***

- Candy Grams will be sold during Homeroom each day from February 11th to February 13th. Candy Grams are 2 pieces of candy for \$1 and include a personalized to/from the message. Candy Grams will be distributed on February 14th. Proceeds from this sale will benefit the TEECS Student Council.

***Tuesday, February 11***

- Thomas Edison Celebration, Sheriff Russo attended, visited Kindergarten classes where he was presented with a student made thank you card, our 5th and 6th grade students prepared a skit and presentation about Thomas Edison's achievements, Sheriff Russo presented Honor Roll and High Honor Roll certificates to our HS students, and students on the robotics teams prepared a robot presentation. To end the day, Sheriff Russo and two of our students, who are 7th generation descendants of Thomas Edison, cut the cake for all to enjoy!
- PTO meeting 6pm, Naviance Presentation

***Thursday, February 13***

- \$5 dress down Wildlife (raise money for the wildlife that was greatly affected by the Australian brushfires. wear a shirt with their favorite animal/animal print, or bring in their favorite stuffed animal to show their support. All proceeds will be sent to the WIRES foundation.) \$530
- College application process webinar for 11th-grade parents

***Friday, February 14***

- Early Dismissal
- Staff Development – Pizza & Paint
- Valentine's Day Dance for MS&HS students

***Sunday, February 16***

- Girls team Fembot Robotics wins the FTC with the best team award: Inspire Award and advances to NJ State FTC Robotics competition. This formally judged award is given to the team that truly embodied the 'challenge' of the FTC program. The team that receives this award is chosen by the judges as having best represented a role model FTC Team.
- 46th Harvard University National Forensics Tournament - Speech and Debate Team Semi Final Success. Over the President's day weekend, the Speech and Debate team Yusra, Sarang, Akshat, Ayesha, Anika, Arnav, and Sudip participated in the Harvard National Forensics Tournament held at Harvard University. Anika went entered Double Octa Finals in Oratory event. Akshat was a semifinalist and was ranked 16th out of 574 students in Congressional Debate. The tournament offered 11 individual speech events and 5 different debate events. 3800 participants from 431 schools and 37 states across the nation participated in this tournament.

***Monday, February 17***

- President's Day Holiday - School Closed

***Tuesday, February 18***

- HS Black History Month Assembly, speaker Yvette Long and she will speak about her book - African American History: The Untold Stories. students about her book, African American History: The Untold Stories

***Wednesday, February 19***

- Black History Month special assembly performance for Grades K-8, special guest TAHIRA from "Young Audiences Arts for Learning" for her program entitled "Freedom Stories." In her performance, she tells stories of freedom fighters while giving a compelling look at the people who took extraordinary risks for

freedom. Some of her call and response songs included "John the Rabbit," which contained coded messages used by enslaved Africans to devise a plan of escape. Students were active and engaged as she included them in the story-telling and shared the importance of showing courage and kindness.

**Friday, February 21**

- Green Day – steps challenge begins, Award Best Cleaned Classroom
- 2nd grade hosts their Living Wax Museum to celebrate Black History Month

**Friday, February 28**

- National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) Conference

**Saturday, February 29**

- PTO Talent Show (5pm at St. Peter & Paul Church, 285 Hamilton St, Somerset)

**III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of January, 2020 (Minute forwarded trustees via email)

<b>Motion# 200226.1 Motioned by: Mr. Eke</b>				<b>Seconded by: Mr. Alexis</b>		<b>Passed: Yes</b>	
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V		V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN				V			
ABSENT		V					

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

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve the Bill List from January 29, 2020 to February 26, 2020. 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, 2020. 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 2019-2020 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 January, 2020, no major budgetary line item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.

  
Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

02/26/2020  
Date

<b>Motion# 200226.2 Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy</b>				<b>Seconded by: Dr. Neri</b>		<b>Passed: Yes</b>	
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V	V	V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V					

## V. Action Items

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

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School approves the following policies

- Electronic surveillance policy
- 4111.1, 4211.1 Nondiscrimination, Affirmative Action Breastfeeding Regulation - Employee
- 4111.1, 4211.1 Nondiscrimination, Affirmative Action – Employee
- 5134 Married, Pregnant, Lactating, Pupils Regulation
- 5134 Married, Pregnant, Lactating, Pupils

**Motion# 200226.3** Motioned by: Dr. 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					

## VI. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) 2020–2021 transportation interlocal agreement

**Motion# 200226.4** Motioned by: Mr. Eke      Seconded by: Mr. Ashok      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					

## VII. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the Annual SEMI Waiver for 2020-2021 school year.

**Motion# 200226.5** 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					

## VIII. Action Items

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

**RESOLVED**, that board of trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has increased the tuition reimbursement rate from \$662 to \$718.

**Motion# 200226.6** Motioned by:      Seconded by:      Passed:

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

## IX. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead person to approve following field trips.

Date	Group	Destination	# of Students	# of Adults
Recurring	Grade 11	RVCC	13	0
2/8/20	Middle School Girl's Basketball Team	Fords Middle School	11	1
2/9/20	Basketball Team (MS Girl's & HS)	Central Jersey Basketball	29	1
2/28/20 - 3/2/20	High School Model UN	New York Hilton, NYC	12	2
3/1/20	Basketball Team (MS Boy's & Girl's)	Indian Hill School	27	1
3/6/20	Grades 10 & 11	L'Oreal	30	5
3/7/20	Basketball Team (MS Boy's & Girl's)	Monroe Sports Center	26	1
3/8/20	High School Basketball Team	Central Jersey Basketball	18	1
3/10/20	Science Olympiad	Middlesex Community College	30	5
3/14/20	Middle School Girl's Basketball Team	Central Jersey Basketball	11	1
3/14/20	High School Basketball Team	Monroe Sports Center	18	1
3/15/20	Middle School Boy's Basketball Team	Monroe Sports Center	16	1
3/15/20	Middle School Girl's Basketball Team	Arthur L Johnson High School	11	1
3/23/20	Grades 3 & 4	Liberty Hall at Kean University	100	10
3/24/20	Grades 8 & 9	State Theatre of NJ	76	4
5/18/20	Grades 1 & 2	Turtleback Zoo	100	16

**Motion# 200226.7** Motioned by: Mr. Eke

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					

## Adjournment

**Time: 8:38 pm**

**Motion# 200226.8** Motioned by: Mr. Neri

Seconded by: Dr. 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					

## Attachments

Previous Meeting Minutes

Bill List