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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH MEETING
MARCH 24, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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Date : March 24, 2021/ 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: 7:36 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

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.

II. Report by Lead Person

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

Monday-Tuesday, March 1-2

- Science Benchmarks for Grade 7-12 (non-academy students)
- Benchmark Makeups for students with special services

Monday-Friday, March 1-5

- Read Across America/Dr Seuss Bday (no Therapy Dogs) - 1st: bring stuffed animal or wear animal print, 2nd: crazy sock day, 4th: dress in green & decorate reusable bags, 5h: wear favorite college shirt, all week: door decorating contest Grades K-8 (Dr. Seuss/Historic Authors/Women in Writing/Math/Science if that is your subject concentration) since it is not only Read Across America Week but also Women in History Month (the month of March), DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)

Monday-Sunday, March 1-14

- Virtual Spring Book Fair

Tuesday-Thursday, March 2-4

- 10th grade participated in mock trial of Andrew Jackson. Class was divided into prosecution and defense. Both teams presented arguments on whether or not Andrew Jackson was guilty of violating the Constitution. He was found not guilty!

Friday, March 5

- Annual NHSMUN Virtual Model UN Competition - TEECS' team (Ayesha, Pravalika, Ali, Sriya, Fahad, Xavier, Sneha, Yusra, Elizabeth, Arnav) won the Award of Merit - this makes TEECS first school-wide victory at the national level.

Monday, March 8

- Speech and Debate Team at Hunterdon Central Invitational Tournament - 11 individual speech events, 5 debate events, over 466 participants from 57 schools and 4 states across the tri-state area. Ayesha Amir placed 4th in Declamation (select speech delivered in public and performed excerpt of speech to audience), Sarang Patki placed 7th in Congressional Debate (mock legislative assembly competition where students draft bills/proposed laws and resolutions/position statements which they debate and vote to pass into law and then take action on by voting for or against the legislation), and Veer Guda advanced to the finals of the Lincoln Douglas Debate event (one-on-one competitive debate focused on values and criteria with emphasis on logic, ethical values, and philosophy).

Friday, March 11

- PTO meeting

Sunday, March 14

- Pi Day - classes recognize Friday/Monday (actual day is Sunday)

Monday, March 15

- Delayed Opening for Daylight Savings (9:20am)

Tuesday, March 16

- St Patrick's Day recognition with dress down & soda bread in cafeteria (17th all virtual)

Wednesday, March 17

- Full-day/Parent Conferences (students are asynchronous virtual)

Thursday, March 18

- Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences

Friday, March 19

- Early Dismissal/Parent Conferences

Saturday, March 20

- MS Basketball game at Metuchen SportsPlex against MSC Hawks Snow (Won: 54 to 19). MVP's were Chase Patel and Kayla Duncan.
- MS Basketball game at Metuchen SportsPlex against SI Strong (Won: 64 to 30). MVP's were Bryce Williams and Sean Duncan.

Sunday, March 21

- Step Challenge starts - ends April 17

Monday-Friday, March 22-26

- Science Fair all week

Tuesday, March 23

- Virtual hip hop assembly - grades K-6, Hip Hop Fundamentals (Civil Rights Movements: The Power of Youth Engagement through the Eyes of Dr. King), login for remote students

Friday, March 26

- SEL Day / Green Day

Saturday, March 27

- HS Basketball game at Metuchen SportsPlex against Go Up Strong HS Black

Monday-Wednesday, March 29-31

- 29-31 - Spring Break

III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of January, 2021 (Minute forwarded trustees via email)

Motion# 210324.1 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					

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from January 28, 2021 to March 24, 2021. No unusual budgetary line item account expenditure. (Attached)

FY22 Budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has approved the budget for 2021-2022 school year.

Motion# 210324.2 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					

V. Human Resources

- a. 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 has approved updated pay scale

Motion# 210324.3 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					

- b. 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 hiring Ms. Neelam Patel as a full time Substitute teacher with benefits with an annual salary of \$32,000 effective March 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Ms. Aindril Mukherjee as a full time Resource Room teacher with benefits with an annual salary of \$44,000 effective March 4, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Mr. Ahmet Cakir as a full time IT Assistant with benefits with an annual salary of \$60,303 effective February 10, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Ms. Shivangi Patel as a part time Business teacher without benefits with a salary of \$3,500 per semester effective January 15, 2021 through May 31, 2021

Motion# 210324.4 Motioned by: Mr. Eke				Seconded by: Dr. Neri		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 Annual SEMI Waiver for 2021-2022 school year

Motion# 210324.5 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	V
NO						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT		V				

VII. 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 has awarded *Barre & Company* as a school auditor firm for 2021-2022 School Year.

Motion# 210324.6 Motioned by: Mr. Eke 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				

Adjournment

Time: 8:22 PM

Motion# 210324.7 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				

Attachments

Previous Meeting Minutes

Bill List

FY22 Budget