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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2020

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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Date : November 25, 2020/ 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: 7:50 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)	E
Mehmet Eke (Board Member)	E
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:

Thursday, October 1

- PD-MAP Growth Assessment program (virtual) to analyze the data
- Saturday School, Tutoring, Clubs, Student Led Clubs all virtual until December
- Child Assault & Prevention (CAP) - virtual parent meeting

Monday, October 5

- CAP for grades 8, 9, 10
- World Day of Bullying Prevention / Week of Respect - student dress downs all week, Unity Tree for grades K-8 (compiled of leaves decorated by students), Kahoot Game for grades 3-8 titled: "Is It Rude, Mean, Or Bullying?" which focuses on the types of behaviors students would want to avoid in order to be respectful, & TED Talk for grades 9-12 about Self-Respect
- Student dress down - "Being a Friend is No Sweat!" - Students may wear their favorite sweatshirt or sweatpants

Tuesday, October 6

- CAP for grades 8, 9, 10
- PTO meeting via zoom
- Student dress down - "Let's Keep the Peace!" - Students may wear tie-dye or peace-inspired clothing

Tuesday, October 6 - Thursday, October 8

- 6-8 - Parent Conferences/ED (virtual)

Wednesday, October 7

- Student dress down - "Put Bullying to Bed" - Students may wear their favorite PJs while they work remotely from home

Thursday, October 8

- CAP for grades 8, 9, 10
- 6th grade virtual field trip to RVCC Planetarium
- Student dress down - "Bullying Makes us Blue" - Students may dress down in blue, the color to represent the Week of Respect

Friday, October 9

- Student dress down - "Show Respect from Head to Toe!" - Students may wear their "craziest" hat/hair and socks

Monday, October 12

- Closed for Columbus Day Holiday (meals will be distributed on Tuesday, 13th)

Tuesday, October 13

- CAP for grades 8, 9, 10
- Breast Cancer Awareness - \$5 dress down

Wednesday, October 14

- PSAT NMSQT exam for 10th & 11th graders

Thursday, October 15

- CAP for grades 8, 9, 10
- MAP training

Friday, October 16

- CAP for grades 8, 9, 10
- Senior Breakfast 9-10am

Monday, October 19

- K-12 ELA Benchmarks
- Virtual Fall Book Fair starts (ends Nov 1)

Tuesday, October 20

- K-12 Math Benchmarks

Wednesday, October 21

- Grades 5 & 11 Science Benchmarks & various makeups

Friday, October 23

- Grades 3-12 Writing Benchmarks & makeups
- Green Day

Tuesday, October 27

- PTO Movie Night

Thursday, October 29

- Renewal Site Visit

Friday, October 30

- PTO Movie Night rain date
- Halloween with Trunk or Treat (K-6 in-person students only)

Sunday, November 1

- Last day for virtual book fair

Tuesday, November 3

- Election Day/All Remote

Thursday, November 5

- PTO virtual college financial aid seminar

Monday, November 9 - Friday, November 20

- Holiday Food Drive

Tuesday, November 10

- Jeans for Troops/Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11

- PTO meeting

Friday, November 13

- Closed for Diwali Holiday

Wednesday, November 18

- 1st Quarter Awards - virtual ceremony

Friday, November 20

- Green Day (yoga, giving thanks to nature)
- Last day for food drive

Monday, November 23

- Staff Potluck - optional day to bring something & leave in lounge

Thursday, November 26 - Friday, November 27

- School Closed for Thanksgiving Break

III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

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

Motion# 201118.1 Motioned by: Mr. Alexis				Seconded by: Dr. Neri		Passed: Yes	
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V			V	
NO							
ABSTAIN		V					
ABSENT				V	V		

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from October 1, 2020 to November 18, 2020. 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 July 2020 through October 2020. (emailed)

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 for month of July 2020 through October 2020;

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 October 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 October, 2020, no major budgetary line item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.


Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

11/25/2020
Date

b. **Board Certification of Accounts:**

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for month of July 2020 through October 2020, 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# 201118.2 Motioned by: Dr. 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT				V	V		

V. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the Annual Charter School Fiscal Questionnaire

Motion# 201118.3 Motioned by: Mr. Alexis 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT				V	V		

VI. Human Resources

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 decided to pay one-time bonus of \$1500 for all full time employees and \$750 for part time employees at the last payroll of December 2020.

Motion# 201118.4 Motioned by: Mr. Sahay 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							
ABSENT				V	V		

Adjournment

Time: 8:06 PM

Motion# 201118.5 Motioned by: Dr. Rustamov 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT				V	V		

Attachments

Previous Meeting Minutes

Bill List

Board Secretary Report

Treasurers Report

Annual Fiscal Questionnaire