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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH MEETING
MARCH 30, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES **REGULAR MEETING**

Date : March 30, 2022/ 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: 7:35 PM

II. Meeting Notice Announcement

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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)	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:

February Black History Month

Tuesday, February 1

- 1 - Chinese New Year - student dress down

Friday, February 4

- 2nd Quarter Ends

Saturday, February 5

- Lottery

Saturday, February 5 - Monday, February 7

- Speech & Debate, Pennsbury Falcon Invitational, Ayesha Amir won Informative Speech Tournament & placed 4th for Original Oratory

Sunday, February 6

- TEECS HS BB Team played Voorhees, Omar Ahmed scored first point as TEECS Tiger

Monday, February 7

- 3rd Q Begins

Tuesday, February 8 - Thursday, February 10

- Student Council selling candy grams (sold 700 = \$700)

Wednesday, February 9

- Charity Dress Down for COVID to the World Health Organization (raised \$750)

Thursday, February 10

- Virtual PTO meeting
- J. Patel chemistry class visitors - Ibby & Somer volunteering for teaching & hands-on activity with 11G, periods 4 & 5

Friday, February 11

- Thomas Edison's Birthday - luncheon, K-1 100-piece puzzle of Thomas Edison, 3-12 hats
- 100th day of school - K-2 dress as old people
- MLK Foundation Lunch - Sean Hebbon, Alex Kharazi, Tabanli, Safety Officer

Saturday, February 12

- FTC Robotics, Central Jersey League FIRST Tournament, TEECS ended up first in 5 matches, TEECS won the semi-final match, TEECS broke NJ's highest record with 275 points, TEECS earned first place and qualified to NJ State Finals in March.

Monday, February 14

- Valentine's Day parties/dress down

Tuesday, February 15

- ED/Staff Development
- Grades 9-12 friendship party (4-6pm)

Thursday, February 17

- 2nd Quarter Awards for Elementary & MS
- Virtual Info Parent Session for NJ Graduation Proficiency Assessment

Friday, February 18

- J. Patel Chemistry Class field trip to Sonovva Analytical lab

Monday, February 21

- Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 22

- ELA Benchmark grades K-6, Writing Benchmark grades 7-12

Wednesday, February 23

- 7-12th grade Career Fair (8am-1230pm)
- Writing Benchmark grades K-6, Reading Benchmark grades 7-12

Thursday, February 24

- Math Benchmark grades K-12
- 2nd Quarter Awards for HS with refreshments

Friday, February 25

- Green Day
- Science Benchmark grade 5, 8 & 11

Monday, February 28

- Read Across America week begins

March Women's History Month**Tuesday, March 1 to Friday, March 4**

- Read Across America Week continues

Tuesday, March 1

- due date for AP Exam payments

Wednesday, March 2

- K-2 Book Tasting - cookies from Maschio's, no juice

- Dr Seuss Birthday

Thursday, March 3

- Grades 3-6 Book Tasting - cookies from Maschio's, no juice

Saturday, March 5 to Saturday, March 12

- RVCC Spring Break

Sunday, March 6

- FTC HS Robotics won the grand finalist award at the State Finals. Made up to the top 6 teams over all of New Jersey.

Monday, March 7

- Mask Mandate dropped
- Ukrainian dress down donation (collected about \$2400)

Monday, March 7 to Friday, March 11

- Spring Book Fair

Tuesday, March 8

- 8th grade on field trip to The Franklin Institute Science Museum

Thursday, March 10

- Virtual PTO meeting
- Junior Achievement 2022 Inspire Virtual Career Fair!

Saturday, March 12

- SATs

Monday, March 14

- Pi Day (math classes celebrate this)
- Delayed Opening for Daylight Savings (9:20am)
- Elementary students won 2nd place! NJIT STEM Competition (Dey/Patil) - 2nd Annual Elementary STEM challenge for elementary school students (3-5 grade) focusing on engineering & design. 2022 challenge features a renewable energy theme that teams will have to solve using the Engineering Design Process. Student teams will design, build, and demonstrate their working models.

Tuesday, March 15 to Wednesday, March 16

- ED/Virtual PT Conferences

Tuesday, March 15 to Friday, March 18

- NJ Graduation Proficiency Assessment grade 11 (830-10am)

Thursday, March 17

- Allison Mulch attends Green Team meeting
- St Patrick's Day recognition with dress down & soda bread in cafeteria

Thursday, March 17 to Friday, March 18

- Ramadan/Spring shop (9am-130pm)

Friday, March 18

- Speech & Debate Conference (Krouse)

Friday, March 18 - Monday, March 21

- 18-21 - Model UN Conference (Krouse) - National High School Model United Nations (NHSMUN) - This is a Model UN Conference with thousands of students from around the world in the heart of NYC. Students in TEECS' Model UN Club, competed, discussed, and pursued diplomacy on issues from a variety of topics from UNHRC (UN Human Rights Council), Crisis: Arctic Council, ICC (International Criminal Court), ICJ (International Court of Justice), UNSC (UN Security Council), to UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund). The following students, Arnav Lakhia, Sneha Shinde, Saarah AbdulMaajid, Sonia Khan, Kris Chaudhary, and Rishi Kumar Evany put in countless hours over the four days of the conference to push their intellectual potential and diplomacy skills to their limits. Each and every student did an amazing job and have all really improved over the course of the year! Special Mention: Arnav Lakhia, who earned the National High School Model United Nations 2022 Security Council Award of Excellence for his phenomenal work in committee as the delegate of India!

Monday, March 21

- HS Boys Volleyball against Millburn High School (Soars) - scrimmage only
- 2nd & 9th grade poetry share

Tuesday, March 22

- MS Science Fair (J. Patel)

Wednesday, March 23 to Thursday, March 24

- Art Fair K-6 (parents 415-515pm)

Thursday, March 24

- MS/HS Book Sharing with cookies

Friday, March 25

- HS Boys Volleyball against Roselle High (Soars) - scrimmage only
- SEL Day / Green Day
- Elementary Science/Maker Faire
- PTO Talent Show 7-9pm

Monday, March 28

- Food Service Meeting
- HS Boys Volleyball against Paterson Charter School for Science & Technology (Soars) - scrimmage only

Monday, March 28 to Friday, April 1

- Autism Acceptance Week

Tuesday, March 29

- HS Boys Volleyball against College Achieve North Plainfield (Soars) - scrimmage only

Wednesday, March 30

- Inhouse college fair (9/10am)

Wednesday, March 30 to Thursday, March 31

- NJSLA ELA grades 3-9

III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of January 2022 (Minute forwarded trustees via email)

Motion# 220330.1 Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy 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 January 27, 2022, to March 30, 2022. No unusual budgetary line-item account expenditure. (Attached)

FY23 Budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has approved the budget for 2022-2023 school year.

FY21 Audit Report:

RESOLVED, that the Audit Report based on 2020-2021 school year is accepted. No findings have been reported.

Transfers: Motion to approve the list of Transfer of Funds resolution for the period ending February 28, 2022.

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 2021-2022 budget be affirmed and approved.

Motion# 220330.2 Motioned by: Dr. 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V			V		

V. Human Resources

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

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School approves the following hiring

Ms. Berenise Mendez Ramirez as a part-time Recess Aide without benefits with per diem salary of \$20 per hour effective January 31, 2022, through June 30, 2022 (resume emailed)

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has decided to pay one-time bonus for following employees

Mr. Abdurrahman Kurtulus - \$3000 as a merit bonus

Mr. Halil Ozer - \$2500 as a merit bonus

Ms. Kristen Johnson - \$400 for obtaining her standard certificate as of 03/01/2022

Ms. Namrata Patil- \$500 for her effort to organize NJSTEM competition

Ms. Heather Dey- \$500 for her effort to organize NJSTEM competition

Mrs. Jeannette Allison- \$1000 for her effort and participation in the Green Team

Motion# 220330.3 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V			V		

VI. 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 2022-2023 School Year.

Motion# 220330.4 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		

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 approved the acceptance of following grant:

- NJSIG safety Grant in the amount of \$3022.00

Motion# 220330.5 Motioned by: Dr. Neri **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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V			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 approved FY23 Calendar.

Motion# 220330.6 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V			V		

Adjournment

Time: 8:05 PM

Motion# 220330.7 Motioned by: Dr. Neri 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V			V		

Attachments

Previous Meeting Minutes
Budget Transfer
FY23 Calendar

Bill List
FY21 Audit

FY23 Budget
Resumes