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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MAY MEETING
MAY 25, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES **REGULAR MEETING**

Date : May 25, 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)	E
Keshaw Sahay (Vice President)	P
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

V. 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.

VI. Report by Lead Person

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

April - Autism Awareness Month / National Poetry Month

Friday, April

- End of Autism Acceptance Week (sensory friendly Friday wear pjs)
- NJSLA Math grades 3-12

Sunday, April 3

- Ayesha Amir & Aashay Sankhe's essays award ceremony at Seton Hall, they were selected to present their essays promoting tolerance and understanding this Sunday at Seton Hall.

Monday, April 4

- MS Volleyball game against Passaic Arts & Science - Lost 2-1
- JV Boys Volleyball game against Voorhees (Soars) - win!
- NJSLA Math grades 3-12

Tuesday, April 5

- HS Boys Volleyball against East Orange (Soars)

Tuesday, April 5 - Wednesday, April 6

- NJSLA Science grade 5, 8 & 11

Wednesday, April 6

- ED/Staff Development
- HS New Brunswick Theater to see Great Gatsby & Museum (Shek/Gross)

Wednesday, April 6 - Thursday, April 7

- Art Fair MS/HS (415-515pm)

Thursday, April 7

- HS Boys Volleyball against College Achieve North Plainfield
- Virtual Middlesex CC meeting for parents (8th grade parents)

Monday, April 11

- HS Boys Volleyball against Roselle High

Monday, April 11 - Monday, April 18

- Spring Break

Wednesday, April 13

- HS Boys Volleyball against Hillside High

Tuesday, April 19

- Shakespeare Theatre Group of NJ coming for MS/HS (Gross)
- 5th & 6th grade in Learning Ctr 2nd period for concert practice, K-2 grades period 3
- 3rd & 4th grade planetarium - Dey, Chu, R. Patel, Donahue

Wednesday, April 20

- Virtual PTO meeting
- Counselors taking HS students to Northern NJ National College Fair sponsored by National Association of College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) (9am-12pm) @ Meadowlands Exposition Center at Harmon Meadows
- HS Boys Volleyball against Mastery High School of Camden (Soars)
- 5th & 6th grade planetarium – N. Patil, Kon, Callahan, Caudle

Thursday, April 21

- Allison Mulch attends Green Team meeting
- 3rd & 4th grade in the Learning Ctr 2nd period for concert practice, K-2 grades 6th period

Friday, April 22

- 7th and 8th-grade students will meet in the Learning Center 9th period for concert practice, K-2 grades 4th period
- Callahan using Learning Ctr periods 1 & 2 & 8
- HS Boys Volleyball against Lakewood High
- 3rd Quarter Ends
- Green Day / Earth Day

Saturday, April 23

- Wellness Fair

Sunday, April 24

- Wellness Fair rain date
- Tour de Franklin

Monday, April 25

- MS Soccer game against College Achieve Central
- K-2 period 2 practice for concert on soccer field with risers
- MSA 1 day Chair visit
- HS Boys Volleyball against Hillside High School (Soars)
- 4th Q Begins
- PSAT 8/9 and PSAT 10 in Learning Ctr from 830-12
- HS Guest Speaker for Woman's History Month (gym, 9th period) – J. Patel

Tuesday, April 26 - Thursday, April 28

- Spring Concert, all on soccer field - 26: K-2/Keyboard Club (5-6pm), 27: 3-6/Glee Club (5-6pm), 28: Grades 7-12, all grades for String Ensemble, Rock Band, Concert Band (5-630pm) - full stage, all risers, dividers - staff park in Pharmscript lot

Wednesday, April 27

- HS Boys Volleyball against College Achieve North Plainfield (Soars)
- MS Soccer game against Bergen Arts & Science

Thursday, April 28

- HS Boys Volleyball against Iselin-Kennedy (Soars)
- MS Volleyball game against College Achieve Central
- National Take Your Kid to Work Day

Friday, April 29

- Free dress down for students that attended the Wellness Fair

May - Teacher Appreciation / Charter Schools Week

Monday, May 2

- MS Volleyball game against Pride Academy
- EID - school closed

Monday, May 2 - Friday, May 13

- AP exam window

Tuesday, May 3 - Thursday, May 5

- MSA review

Tuesday, May 3 - Friday, May 6

- Teacher Appreciation, PTO supplying goodies & massages for week

Tuesday, May 3

- HS Boys Volleyball against Summit High School (Soars)

Thursday, May 5

- Cinco de Mayo
- HS Boys Volleyball against Hillside High (Soars)

Friday, May 6

- Nurse Appreciation Day
- Last day for portfolio appeals grade 12

Sunday, May 8

- Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8 - Saturday, May 14

- Charter Schools Week

Monday, May 9

- HS Boys Volleyball against Mastery High School of Camden (Soars)
- Elementary Green Team going to Amrit Farm at dismissal

Tuesday, May 10

- MS Soccer game against TEAM Academy - win 6-0
- Virtual Freshman Orientation for current 8th grade students 4-6pm (Counselors)

Wednesday, May 11

- HS Boys Volleyball against Passaic Charter (Soars)

Thursday, May 12

- Virtual K Orientation (915am)
- HS Boys Volleyball against Voorhees HS
- Virtual RVCC Graduation (11am-12pm)
- MS Volleyball games against Pride and then Bold Academy, double header: Won both games. First game against Pride Academy, the sets were 25-11 & 25-11, TEECS won 2-0. Second game against BOLD Academy, set scores were 25-16 & 25-12, TEECS won 2-0.
- Virtual PTO Meeting

Friday, May 13

- 3rd Q awards
- NJSLA Pep rally - staff/student volleyball game - Staff won!

Saturday, May 15

- PTO scholarship due with essay for \$1000

Monday, May 16

- MS Soccer game against BOLD Academy
- HS Boys Volleyball against McNair Academy Jersey City (Soars)

Monday, May 16 - Tuesday, May 17

- NJSLA ELA grades 3-9

Monday, May 16 - Wednesday, May 18

- 16-18 - Reading, Writing, Math Benchmark grades K-2

Tuesday, May 17

- HS Boys Volleyball against Lakewood High (Soars)

Wednesday, May 18

- MS Volleyball game against Phillips Academy
- NJSLA Math grades 3-12
- Virtual AP Capstone presentation to incoming 11th graders, period 9

- Teacher of the Year Nominations due

Thursday, May 19

- MS Soccer game against Rise Academy
- Allison Mulch staff PD @ 1pm (11:30am-11:50am: read to K, 11:50am-12:15pm: tour school, 12:30pm - school dismissed, 1:15pm - PD, books for staff)
- HS Boys Volleyball against Roselle High School (Soars)
- Staff PD/Early Dismissal
- PTO meeting dress down
- NJSLA 1 section of math grades 3-7

Friday, May 20

- NJSLA Math grades 3-12

Saturday, May 21

- PTO Patriot's Game @ 6pm

Monday, May 23

- MS Volleyball game against Bergen Arts & Science CS
- HS Boys Volleyball against Voorhees High (Soars)

Monday, May 23 - Tuesday, May 24

- NJSLA Science grade 5, 8 & 11

Monday, May 23 - Friday, May 27

- NJSLA ELA & Math Makeups grades 3-12

Tuesday, May 24

- 7th grade to museum of American revolution in Philly
- MS Soccer game against North Star Academy

Wednesday, May 25

- HS Boys Volleyball against BelovED Community Charter School (Soars)
- K-2 Crayola trip
- NJSLA Science Makeups grade 5, 8 & 11

Wednesday, May 25 - Friday, May 27

- Senior Trip Bushkill/Williamsburg Trip (Gross/Vetere)

Thursday, May 26

- Great Adventure, 9-10 graders, Bhattad & Yeung
- HS Boys Volleyball against College Achieve North Plainfield (Soars)
- Jeans for Troops \$5 dress down

Thursday, May 26 - Friday, June 3

- K-2 MAP Testing

Friday, May 27

- Green Day \$3 dress down
- NJSLA Science Makeups grade 5, 8 & 11

Monday, May 30

- Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

- 8th grade Great Adventure
- Last day for yearbook orders

Tuesday, May 31 - Friday, June 3

- Math Fair in math classes

VII. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

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

Motion# 220525.1							
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		

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from March 31, 2022, to May 25, 2022. No unusual budgetary line-item account expenditure. (Attached)

Transfers: Motion to approve the list of Transfer of Funds resolution for the period ending April 30, 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# 220525.2							
Motioned by: Mr. Sahay				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		

IX. 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 approves the following hiring

Ms. Latha Krishnamoorthy as a full-time High School Math teacher with benefits with annual salary of \$56,200 effective April 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022 (resume emailed)

Mr. Bunyamin Yanbul as a full-time IT Coordinator with benefits with annual salary of \$82,000 effective July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 (resume emailed)

- c. 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 contract renewals

Elementary School Teachers				
1	Allafi	Sally	2nd Grade	FT
2	Araujo	Robbyn-Sue	Smart Tech and Theater Arts	FT
3	Callahan	Melissa	Elementary School Math	FT
4	Caudle	Indiana	ES LA & SS Teacher	FT
5	Dey	Heather	Elementary School Math and Science	FT
6	English	Jeanne-Marie	4th Grade	FT
7	Gedik	Sahabettin	Turkish & Computer	FT
8	Hannon Dutton	Kimberly	Kindergarten	FT
9	Kon	Magdalena	LA & SS Teacher	FT
10	Lindenbaum	Courtney	1st Grade	FT
11	Patel	Riddhi	Elementary School Math Teacher	FT
12	Patil	Namrata	Elementary School Science Teacher	FT
13	Romano	Justin	Elem. School Music and Art	FT
14	Soares	Victoria	Elem. School PE	FT
15	Taberna	Stephanie	3 rd Grade	FT
16	Walters	Laura	2nd Grade	FT
17	Winar	Elizabeth	1st Grade	FT
Middle School Teachers				
18	Micale	Kyle	SS Teacher	FT
19	Obeng	Samuel	Computer Teacher	FT
20	Shek	Jessica	LA Teacher	FT
High School Teachers				
21	Abdala	Mona	Art Teacher	FT
22	Altayli	Kursad	High School Math	FT
23	Bhattad	Shrijaya	High School Math	FT
24	Gross	Colin	LA Teacher	FT
25	Johnson	Kristen	LA Teacher	FT

26	Kniaziewicz	Kristine	Math Teacher	FT
27	Kong	Rebecca	Math Teacher	FT
28	Krouse	Daniel	High School SS	FT
29	Ostefan	Caroline	French Teacher	FT
30	Ozer	Halil	Computer Teacher	FT
31	Patel	Jignasha	High School Science	FT
32	Rey	Frances	Spanish teacher	FT
33	Robinson	Judi	Business Teacher	FT
34	Suarez	Julissa	Science	FT
35	Taylor	Elena	Music Teacher	FT
36	Vendemia	Victoria	High School LA	FT
37	Vetere	Anthony	PE Teacher	FT
Substitute Teachers				
38	Chu	Dennis	Substitute Teacher	FT
39	Durmus	Zeliha	Substitute Teacher	FT
40	Hasani	Ada	Substitute Teacher	FT
41	Latha	Krishnamoorthy	Substitute Teacher	FT
42	Kurt	Tiffany	Substitute Teacher	FT
43	Marmolejos	Elizabeth	Substitute Teacher	FT
44	Ozatalay	Aysenur	Substitute Teacher	FT
45	Patel	Neelam	Substitute Teacher	FT
46	Ricks	Shanta	Substitute Teacher	FT
47	Santhanakrishnan	Sasikala	Substitute Teacher	FT
Special Ed. Teacher				
48	Khomyak	Romana	Resource Room	FT
49	Mukherjee	Aindrila	Resource Room	FT
Teacher's Aide				
50	Alkan	Zenfira	Teacher's Aide	FT
51	Bektas	Birsan	Teacher's Aide	FT
Principal				
52	Yildiz	Oguz	Lead Person	FT
Professional Staff				
53	Aydos	Yucel	Project Coordinator	FT
54	Ghosh	Maya	Curriculum Supervisor	FT
55	Govindaraju	Rajasri	Academic Supervisor for Curriculum and Special Education	FT
56	Hascup	Diana	Activity Coordinator	FT
Business Office				
57	Guliyev	Ilkin	Assistant to BA/HR	FT
58	Sadigov	Ilgar	SBA	FT
IT				
59	Kurtulus	Abdurrahman	IT Manager	FT
Secretarial Clerical				
60	Allison	Jeannette	Administrative Assistant	FT
61	Graf	Jessica	Main Office Sec. / Enrollment Coord.	FT

Custodial				
62	Chang	Vicky	Recess Aide	FT
63	Karaguduk	Abdulgafur	Custodian	FT
64	Kelly	Kathleen	Lunch Aide	PT
65	Kochan	Medine	Custodian	FT
66	Mendez	Berenise	Recess Aide	FT
67	Parveen	Tabassum	Recess Aide	PT
68	Rooney	Colleen	Lunch Aide/Recess Aide	PT
69	Sanchez	Mario	Custodian/Hallway Monitor	FT
Security				
70	Bailly	Mathew	Security	PT
71	Bauman	Damian	Security	FT
72	Gargas	Nicolas	Safety & Security Coordinator	FT
73	Texas	William	Security	PT
Nurse				
74	Thompson	Jennifer	Nurse	FT
Guidance				
75	Conti	Corrienne	School Counselor/ College Guidance	FT
76	Long	Gretchen	School Counselor/ College Guidance	FT

- c. 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 approve the following resignations as of June 30, 2022

Cakir	Ahmet	IT Assistant	FT
Tong	Huseyin	Math Instructional Coordinator	FT
Yeung	Gabriel	High School Science	FT

- d. 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 one-time payment to

- Ms. Patel Neelam for teaching 2nd grade (replacement for Mrs. Walters for maternity leave) in the amount of \$2880 (\$15 x 24 hours/week x 8 weeks)
- Ms. Sasikala Santhanakrishnan for teaching HS Math (replacement for Mrs. Kong for maternity leave) in the amount of \$1350 (\$15 x 18 hours/week x 5 weeks)

Motion# 220525.3		Motioned by: Dr. Neri		Seconded by: Mr. Sahay		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		

X. 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 2022-2023 salary scale. (attached)

Motion# 220525.4 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		

XI. 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 grants:

- Preschool and Charter Security Grant in the amount of \$31,265
- ESEA Consolidated Title I-A in the amount of \$89,050
- ESEA Consolidated Title II-A in the amount of \$15,356
- ESEA Consolidated Title IV Part A in the amount of \$10,000

RESOLVED, that the Board of trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has approved the rejection of following grants:

- ESEA Consolidated Title III in the amount of \$4,506
- ESEA Consolidated Title III Immigrant in the amount of \$2,995
- ARP Homeless II in the amount of \$949

Motion# 220525.5 Motioned by: Mr. Alexis Seconded by: Mr. Sahay 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		

XII. Adjournment

Time: 8:24 PM

Motion# 220525.6 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		V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT	V				V		

Attachments

Previous Meeting Minutes

Bill List

Budget Transfer

Budget Transfer

FY23 Salary Scale

Resume