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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES **REGULAR MEETING**

Date : September 28, 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: 7:36 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:

Tuesday, August 2

- School Office Opened

Monday, August 22 - Wednesday, August 31

- Staff Orientation

Monday, August 29

- K-6 Student Orientation/uniform/K testing/5th math placement/MS&HS proficiency exam
- Virtual RVCC Junior Orientation

Tuesday, August 30

- Student Orientation (grades 7-12)/uniform comp

Thursday, September 1 - Friday, September 30

- K-6 MAP testing

Thursday, September 1

- First day of school - face painting, balloons, petting zoo

Thursday, September 1 - Friday, September 9

- early dismissal days

Sunday, September 4 - Saturday, September 10

- Suicide Prevention week (Counselors hang posters, provide info to staff)

Monday, September 5

- Labor Day holiday

Tuesday, September 6

- Grades 4-12 HIB training

Thursday, September 8

- Start Strong Turnkey Training for staff @ 3pm (Hascup)

Friday, September 9

- 9/11 remembrance

- PTO ice cream Social, 5-7pm

Monday, September 12 - Wednesday, September 14

- Start Strong Assessments

Wednesday, September 14 - Thursday, September 15

- Back to school nights (14: K-2, 9-12, 15: 3-6, 7-8)

Tuesday, September 20

- Picture day

Wednesday, September 21

- Green Day - Zero Emissions Day
- HS College Fair at TEECS @ 9am-12pm (Long)

Tuesday, September 27

- PTO virtual meeting

Wednesday, September 28 - Thursday, September 29

- PTO chocolate sale assembly

III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

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

Motion# 220928.1							
Motioned by:			Seconded by:			Passed:	
Mr. Alexis			Dr. Neri			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 June 16, 2022, to September 28, 2022. 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 November 2021 through May 2022. (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 November 2021 through May 2022;

RESOLVED, that the Report of the Secretary and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies be accepted.

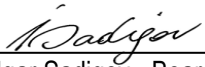
Transfers: Motion to approve the list of Transfer of Funds resolution for the period ending August 30, 2022.

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 2022-2023 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 August, 2022, no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.


Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

09/28/2022
Date

b. **Board Certification of Accounts:**

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for month of November 2021 through May 2022, 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# 220928.2		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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V			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 approves the following hiring

Mr. Dole Christopher as a full-time Science teacher with benefits effective August 22, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (resume emailed)

Ms. Lefebre Christine as a full-time Math teacher with benefits effective August 22, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (resume emailed)

Mr. Macchia Anthony as a full-time PE teacher with benefits effective August 22, 2022 through June 30, 2023 (resume emailed)

- 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 approve the following resignations as of June 30, 2022

Kurt	Tiffany	Substitute Teacher	FT
Soares	Victoria	PE Teacher	FT

Motion# 220928.3 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		

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 decided to pay \$1000 to Health (Medical) benefit waivers. Payment is going to be in two settlements one being in January (\$500) and the second one at the end of the year (\$500). If employee decides to waive his/her benefits after he/she enrolled in benefit plan or if an employee hired after the school year started than payment is going to be prorated.

Motion# 220928.4 Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy 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		

VII. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of Dr. Rustamov to approve the following resolution:

- **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has decided to extend Mr. Keshaw Sahay's term effective 11/01/2022 through 10/31/2025
- **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has decided to extend Mr. Mehmet Eke's term effective 11/01/2022 through 10/31/2025

Motion# 220928.5	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		

VIII. Action Items

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

RESOLVED, The Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School (TEECS) Board of Trustees recognizes that responsible environmental stewardship is an integral part of its mission in ensuring that schools are well run. The board strongly supports a sustainability program that fosters respect and responsibility for the preservation of our planet's resources, health, and ecosystems. The sustainability program shall include conservation and sustainable planning, sustainable practices in operations and maintenance, and impact of sustainable practices on global climate change and the mitigation of global climate change. The board shall endeavor to implement green initiatives in all day-to-day district operations. Sustainability is defined as meeting the needs of the present while not compromising the future. The board recognizes that sustainability through the adoption of green initiatives in all day-to-day district operations will only succeed with the cooperation and support of the board, the students, the parents/guardians, and the community. The district shall endeavor to engage all members of the school community in all aspects of the sustainability program and conservation and green initiatives of the district. The board directs the chief school administrator or his or her designee(s) and other key stakeholders to contribute to and oversee the district's programs for conservation and green initiatives including but not limited to energy efficient practices, recycling, sustainable programs and business practices within the district, environmental assessments, green construction within school facilities, and education and training programs for students, staff, and the community. The board will consider sustainability goals and objectives as part of the strategic planning process. Sustainability goals and objectives shall be reviewed and adjusted as part of the regular strategic planning process.

Whereas—TEECS' Board of Trustees seeks to have Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School recognized as a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School for high achievement in the three ED-GRS Pillars described below, as measured by a wide variety of green benchmarks and practices to lower operating costs while improving student achievement:
Pillar I: Reduce environmental impact and cost.
Pillar II: Improve the health and wellness of students and staff.
Pillar III: Provide environmental, sustainability, and climate change education, incorporating STEM, civic skills, and green career pathways.

Whereas—TEECS' Board of Trustees and Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to complete actions in pursuit of this recognition.

We hereby appoint Mrs. Rajasri Govindaraju to be the school's liaison to ED-GRS and we do hereby recognize Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School as the agent to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school community. We agree to complete and submit an EDGRS application and support the school in completing their actions.

Motion# 220928.6 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		

IX. 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 Memorandum of Understanding between Middlesex College and TEECS regarding Dual Enrollment Program (attached).

Motion# 220928.7 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		

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 TEECS Gifted and Talented Program (attached).

Motion# 220928.8 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 revised TEECS Mission Statement.

Revised Mission:

TEECS' mission is to offer a safe, structured, and stimulating educational environment for students to develop the academic, technical, financial, critical thinking, and social-emotional skills that will enable them to meet the standards and succeed in a sustainable future predicated on knowledge and innovations in renewable energy and beyond within a green global community.

Old Version:

TEECS' mission is to offer a safe, secure, structured, and stimulating educational environment to develop student's academic, technical, social-emotional, financial, and critical thinking skills necessary to focus on green, renewable energy and to meet the standards that will enable them to succeed in a sustainable future predicated on knowledge and innovation.

Motion# 220928.9 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V			V		

XII. 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 Coordinated Transportation Services Agreement between Somerset County Educational Services Commission and TEECS (attached).

Motion# 220928.10 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		

XIII. 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 FY23 Remote or Virtual Learning Plan (attached).

Motion# 220928.11 Motioned by: Mr. Alexis **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		

Adjournment

Time: 8:27 PM

Motion# 220928.12 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
Bill List
Board Secretary Reports
Treasurer's reports
Resumes

Memorandum of Understanding
TEECs Gifted and Talented Program
Coordinated Transportation Services Agreement