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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES **REGULAR MEETING**

Date : January 25, 2023/ 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: 7:42 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)	E
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:

Thursday, December 1

- K-2 Fall in Love with Reading event

Thursday, December 1 - Friday, December 16

- NJGPA for 12th graders, as needed

Monday, December 5

- Green Day
- Freshman Academy Presentation to current 8th grade

Monday, December 5 - Monday, December 12

- NJSLA Practice Testing

Tuesday, December 6

- Spelling Bee for grades 1-8
- Computer Science guest speakers - Mrs. Munshi and Mr. Voona for 8th and 10th graders

Wednesday, December 7

- Computer Science guest speakers - Mr. Cavuto and Mr. Ashok for 9th and 11th graders
- Jeopardy for grades 3-8
- Winter Concert for grades K-2

Thursday, December 8

- Winter Concert @ 2pm for grades 3-6 & @ 5pm for grades 7-12

Friday, December 9

- Senior Role Model Assembly - parents come in for senior students to read about those that have influenced them
- PTO Cookies with Santa in the Learning Center & dance in gym for grades 6-12

Saturday, December 10

- VEX IQ tournament in Virginia against 21 teams, TEECS placed 2nd & MS placed 3rd

Monday, December 12

- last day for RVCC classes

Tuesday, December 13

- Parent Academy #4 HS Presentation-HESAA Student Loan Overview with Lynell James
- Virtual PTO Meeting

Tuesday, December 13 - Friday, December 16

- PTO Holiday Shop

Wednesday, December 14

- Entrepreneurship day - HS business class
- Locker cleanout organized by Green Team before break

Wednesday, December 14 - Tuesday, December 20

- RVCC final exams

Thursday, December 15

- Faculty provided breakfast by Maschio's
- Faculty gift exchange - Mocktail Party

Friday, December 16

- ED/No Ext Care/holiday dress down
- Grades 4-6 holiday breakfast party in cafeteria
- MS/HS holiday party

Monday, December 19 - Friday, December 30

- Winter Break

Sunday, January 1 - Sunday, January 15

- College Application Deadlines, Regular Decision

Sunday, January 1 - Tuesday, January 17

- RVCC winter break continues

Monday, January 2

- School resumes

Tuesday, January 3 - Friday, January 6

- Portfolio Appeals for 12th graders

Wednesday, January 4 - Wednesday, January 11

- 8th Grade Academy Interviews

Thursday, January 5

- NHS ceremony with parents

Monday, January 9 - Friday, January 27

- K-2 winter MAP testing

Tuesday, January 10

- Staff PD/Early Dismissal
- Alumni Panel - former graduates came back to talk to current students about their TEECS experience and how TEECS prepared them for college - alumni included Akshat Parthiban and Moiez Qamar (Class of 2021) as well as Brandon Gilpin, Nicasio Pichardo, Jessica Joseph, and Robert Jones (Class of 2022)
- MS/HS Regional Science Olympiad Competition in Camden - TEECS won 22 medals and a 5th place trophy (Division B - Middle School: Bio-Process Lab - 1st Place, Bridge - 2nd Place, Experimental Design - 5th Place, Road Scholar - 5th Place, Roller Coaster - 1st Place, Solar System - 5th Place, Wheeled Vehicle - 3rd Place, Write it Do it - 4th Place. Division C - High School: Green Generation - 5th Place, Disease Detective - 6th Place).

Wednesday, January 11

- EAC club had guest speaker - Mrs. Tara Kanyon from the Franklin Twp Land Mgmt Dept

Thursday, January 12

- Hosted Middlesex County College visitors - Dr. Mark McCormick, President, Dr. Linda Scherr, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. José Laureano, Executive Dean, Student and Enrollment Services, Kimberlee Hooper, Director, K-12 Partnerships, and Lisa Rodriguez-Gregory, Acting Assistant Dean of Enrollment Management, and Director of Admissions and Recruitment

Saturday, January 14

- Open House
- Hosted VEX IQ competition - TEECS won first place

Monday, January 16

- Closed for MLK Holiday
- MLK breakfast for Admin at the Doubletree Hotel with the MLK Foundation

Tuesday, January 17

- Virtual PTO meeting
- Nat'l Kids Inventors Day for grades K-8 - researched and presented on kid inventors, enjoyed popsicles (invented by 11 year old Frank Epperson) and Mr. Kallu from Sannova Analytical, Inc. did a virtual presentation and tour of his lab

Wednesday, January 18

- RVCC spring classes start

Friday, January 20

- Green Day
- Lunar New Year presentation - older grades to younger grades

Saturday, January 21

- Hosted VEX IQ Competition - MS Vex IQ ranked first place at the Skills Challenge Tournament which is hosted by us. Other team coaches helped referee and judge at the tournament, currently VexIQ E-Smart team ranked 4th place in VexIQ league out of 80 teams.
- TEECS FTC High School Robotics Team received a Motivate Award @ Upper-Central League at Chatham High School, NJ

Monday, January 23

- Celebrated Lunar New Year with free student dress down
- Lunar New Year presentation - older grades to younger grades

Monday, January 23 - Friday, January 27

- School Choice Week - suggested activities: all grades have access to printables that can be completed expressing why they love their school, grades 3-12 essay contest, on Friday grades K-8 will gather in gym for the School Choice Dance and essay readings from the contest winners

Wednesday, January 25 - Thursday, January 26

- MS/HS art fair from 4-6pm for parents

Friday, January 27

- Ms. Shek's 9th & 10th grade students host virtual visit from Author of Patron Saints of Nothing, Randy Ribay
- Senior movie night
- Academy decision day!

Tuesday, January 31

- Ms. Shek's Public Speaking students give their Ted Talks

III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

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

Motion# 230125.1	Motioned by:	Dr. Neri	Seconded by:	Mr. Eke	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 December 1, 2022, to January 25, 2023. 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 months of July through September 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 months of July through September 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 December 31, 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 September 2022, no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.


Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

01/25/2023
Date

b. **Board Certification of Accounts:**

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for months of July through September 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# 230125.2	Motioned by:	Mr. Alexis	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
NO						
ABSTAIN						
ABSENT		V		V		

V. 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 approves the one-time payment to

- Ms. Durmus Zeliha and Ms. Marmolejos Elisabeth for helping students with ESL in the amount of \$1000
- Mrs. Ricks Shanta and Mrs. Sasikala Santhanakrishnan for helping Special Ed. students in the amount of \$1000
- Mr. Ilkin Guliyev for helping with budget preparation and bank reconciliations in the amount of \$5000
- Mr. Halil Ozer for obtaining his ESL Certification in the amount of \$1000

Motion# 230125.3 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			

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School approves the following hiring

Ms. Kupsy Paige as an Elementary School Teacher with benefits with annual salary of \$53,000 effective February 5, 2023, through June 30, 2023 (resume emailed)

Motion# 230125.4 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

VI. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the Home Instruction Plan for Howard Christina

Motion# 230125.6 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	
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 Board meeting schedule for 2023

Motion# 230125.7 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

VIII. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the waiver of requirements for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program:

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2023-2024 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School hereby authorizes the Lead Person to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Somerset an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion# 230125.8 Motioned by: Dr. Rustamov 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

IX. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendations of the Lead Person to engage a vendor to construct new stairwell for the gym and the School Business Administrator has recommended that TEECS solicit sealed bids from qualified firms interested in providing such services and has recommended that the Board of Trustees select such a vendor through a bid process; and the Board of Trustees finds that it is in the best interest of TEECS to accept such recommendations.

Motion# 230125.10 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

X. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the following field trips.

Trip Date	Trip Times	Grades Attending	Trip Location	Student	Chap.	Cost
02/03/23	Starts @ 8 pm	MS Basketball Team	Sportika-Court 1 - 150 Woodward Rd, Manalapan, NJ	12	2	
02/07/23	Starts @ 6 pm	MS Basketball Team	240 14th Ave Newark NJ	12	2	
02/09/23	Starts @ 5:05 pm	MS Basketball Team	MSC Red - 4 Farrington Blvd Monroe, NJ	12	2	
02/16/23	Starts @ 6 pm	MS Basketball Team	283 Sussex Ave Newark NJ	12	2	
02/17/23	Starts @ 8:05 pm	MS Basketball Team	Sportika-Court 1 - 150 Woodward Rd, Manalapan, NJ	12	2	
02/28/23	Starts @ 6 pm	MS Basketball Team	85 Custer Ave Newark NJ	12	2	

Motion# 230125.9 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			

Adjournment

Time: 8:21 PM

Motion# 230125.11 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

Attachments

Previous Meeting Minutes

Bill List

Board Secretary Report

Treasurer's report

Resume

Board Meeting Schedule