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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH MEETING
MARCH 29, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE COURIER NEWS.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES **REGULAR MEETING**

Date : March 29, 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: 7:35 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)	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, February 2

- Green Day "Wetlands" - Wetlands Institute presented *Aquatic Adaptations* for grade 8 and *Salt Water Gene Pools* for grade 9

Friday, February 3

- Q2 Ends
- Senior Portrait Retakes
- Sterling Hill Mining Museum field trip for grades 4-6

Friday, February 3 - Wednesday, February 8

- Student Council selling candy grams for Valentine's Day fundraiser.

Saturday, February 4

- Lottery
- HS Science Olympiad heads to Princeton University Science Olympiad Competition

Saturday, February 4 - Sunday, February 5

- Elementary Science Olympiad Competition

Sunday, February 5

- MS Science Olympiad Team heads to Harvard University Science Olympiad Competition

Monday, February 6

- 9th grade mental health/stress management assembly
- Q3 Begins

Tuesday, February 7 - Thursday, February 9

- 12th grade selling paper flowers/notes for Valentine's Day fundraiser

Wednesday, February 8

- JA Finance Park field trip for grades 6-8 & 10

Thursday, February 9

- 100th day of school - food bank came for a presentation and to collect money raised by grades K-2, K-2 dressed as old people

Friday, February 10

- Thomas Edison's Birthday celebration/National Inventors Day cut the birthday cake with the Ernests, MS/HS students put on skits about famous inventors for the elementary students

Saturday, February 11

- Math Counts Competition

Monday, February 13

- Delayed Opening for SuperBowl

Monday, February 13 - Thursday, February 16

- Benchmark Testing

Tuesday, February 14

- Valentine's Day parties/dress down
- MPAC field trip for grades 4-6

Wednesday, February 15

- Early Dismissal/Staff Development

Thursday, February 16

- Bright Star theater group assembly for Black History Month for Grades K-6

Friday, February 17

- Q2 Awards Ceremonies
- TapInto Media Partnership call - connecting students with TapInto for article submissions
- Funding the Future movie night for grades K-8 to collect money for a Well

Monday, February 20

- Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 21

- Virtual PTO Meeting
- Benchmark makeups

Wednesday, February 22

- Career Day run by Guidance in LC
- NJGPA Zoom Info Session for 11th graders @ 4pm
- PTO meeting attendance dress down

Thursday, February 23

- Grade 10 PSAT in LC
- HS Black History Month Film Festival for grades 7-12 in LC from 5-6pm for grades 7-12

Friday, February 24

- 2nd grade Wax Museum for Black History Month with parents
- Senior Breakfast with parents in cafeteria
- Black History Month dress down

Monday, February 27 - Tuesday, February 28

- Read Across America starts
- Elementary Art Fair from 4-6pm (grades 3-6 on 27th, grades K-2 on 28th)

Wednesday, March 1 - Friday, March 3

- Read Across America (dress downs/door decorating to be completed on 2nd)

Wednesday, March 1

- Early Dismissal / Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, March 2

- Parent-Teacher Conferences (full day of school, but no clubs/aftercare)

Friday, March 3

- Robotics outreach with school in England

Monday, March 6 - Friday, March 10

- Grades K-8 Book Fair in Learning Center

Monday, March 6

- Grades 4-6 MathCON Testing, 3-4pm, Room #227 & #229
- Middle School Co-Ed Volleyball Tryouts, 4-530pm
- Kerby Shakespeare Theater field trip, 12th grade, Ms. Shek

Tuesday, March 7

- Virtual PTO meeting
- Sannova Lab field trip, Mrs. J Patel, grade 11G

Wednesday, March 8

- Middle School Co-Ed Volleyball Tryouts, 3-430pm

Thursday, March 9

- Middle School BB game against Team The Chosen, W 71-50

Friday, March 10

- Senior Class fundraiser game night, 5-8 pm, open to all grades
- SEL Day/Robotics awareness dress down

Friday, March 10 - Monday, March 13

- High School Model UN Conference in New York City

Monday, March 13

- Delayed Opening for Daylight Savings (9:20 am)

Tuesday, March 14

- Pi Day events, Grades 3-6 in the gym, 1:30-2:30 pm, Ms. Callahan, each student donated \$1 to vote for their teacher to get pied in the face (money donated was sent to Turkey earthquake victims), pie eating contest for students where the winner gets free dress down & free homework pass
- Pi Day events, Middle & High School students had pie with their parents, 4-5 pm
- NJGPA testing for grade 11
- Virtual author visits grades 2&3 at 1 pm
- SEL Family Wellness Webinar for elementary & Middle School, Ms. Shek, 630-730pm

Tuesday, March 14 - Wednesday, March 15

- PTO Spring Holiday Shop in LC
- High School Book Share in the cafeteria, Ms. Shek

Thursday, March 16

- World Languages Day, grades 9-11 in the learning center, Ms. Rey & Stephan
- NJGPA testing for grade 11
- Princeton University girl students to Women's Conference (couple girls from grades 7-10)
- Science Olympiad Comp
- Middle School BB semi-final game against Exit 98 8 Red at Monroe Sports Center

Friday, March 17

- St Patrick's Day - free dress down
- Funding the Future Movie Night 430-7 pm

Monday, March 20 - Wednesday, March 22

- Elementary Maker Faire/Sci Fair (3/20 - K-2; 3/21 - 3&4; 3/22 - 5&6, 3/22 - Period 8 and 9 Awards Ceremony (parents invited)

Tuesday, March 21

- NJGPA testing for grade 11

Wednesday, March 22

- Green Day - water day

Monday, March 20 - Thursday, April 20

- Funding the Future Club running the Eyes of the World fundraiser - provides cataract surgery for people living in poverty

Thursday, March 23

- NJGPA testing for grade 11
- Middle School / High School NJSLA parent info session, 4-5pm
- AP Practice test - 12T AP GOV-T, Room 249

Thursday, March 23 - Friday, March 24

- NJSLA practice test ELA, grades 3-6

Friday, March 24

- Grd 9-10 Physics & Music Night 6 pm
- Imagine That field trip K-2
- NJIT eStem Team
- AP Practice Test - 12G AP GOV-G, Room 249
- NJSLA practice test ELA, grades 7-11

Saturday, March 25

- High School MUN Conference at NBTHS

Monday, March 27

- NJSLA practice test ELA, grades 7-11

Monday, March 27 - Wednesday, March 29

- NJSLA practice test Math, grades 3-6

Monday, March 27 - Friday, March 31

- Autism Acceptance Week

Tuesday, March 28

- AP Practice Test - English language, Room 254

Tuesday, March 28 - Wednesday, March 29

- NJSLA practice test Math, grades 7-11

Wednesday, March 29

- Guidance Career Fair in Learning Center
- Elementary grades 3-6 NJSLA parent info night, 4-5 pm

Thursday, March 30

- AP Practice Test - SEMINAR, Room 256

Thursday, March 30 - Friday, March 31

- NJSLA practice test science, grades 5, 8 & 11

Friday, March 31

- Last day for sanitary pad collection

III. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of January 2023 (Minute forwarded to trustees via email)

Motion# 230329.1							
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			

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from January 26, 2023, to March 29, 2023. No unusual budgetary line-item account expenditure. (Attached)

FY23 Revised Budget:

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

FY24 Budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has approved the budget for 2023-2024 school year.

FY22 Audit Report:

RESOLVED, that the Audit Report based on 2021-2022 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, 2023.

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


Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

03/29/2023
Date

Motion# 230329.2	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			

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 stipends to

- Mrs. Maya Ghosh for her active role in planning and implementing the Middlesex College Courses in the amount of \$3000
- Ms. Gretchen Long for her active role in planning and implementing the Middlesex College Courses in the amount of \$1000
- Mr. Ozer Halil for his active role in the implementation of the Middlesex College Courses in the amount of \$1000
- Mr. Anthony Vetere for his active role in the implementation of the Middlesex College Courses in the amount of \$1000
- Mr. Anthony Vetere for teaching 3 credit College Course in the amount of the \$1500
- Mr. Ozer Halil for his active involvement and extra efforts in Robotics in the amount of \$3000
- Mr. Abdurrahman Kurtulus for his active involvement and extra efforts in Robotics in the amount of \$3000
- Mr. Bunyamin Yanbul for his active involvement and extra involvement in Robotics in the amount of \$6000
- Ms. Heather Dey for NJIT eSTEM competition involvement in the amount of \$500
- Ms. Namrata Patil for NJIT eSTEM competition involvement in the amount of \$500

Motion# 230329.3 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. Rodriguez Anabel as HR/Administrative Assistant with benefits with an annual salary of \$60,000 effective February 5, 2023, through June 30, 2023 (resume emailed)

Motion# 230329.4 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			

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School accepts the following resignation

Ms. Rakossy Alyssa – Elementary School Teacher – as of 3/2/2023

Motion# 230329.5 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	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 the 2023-2024 School Year.

Motion# 230329.6 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			

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 the following grant:

- NJSIG safety Grant in the amount of \$1305.00

Motion# 230329.7 Motioned by: Mr. Eke 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			

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 FY24 Calendar.

Motion# 230329.8 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			

IX. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendations of the Lead Person to engage a vendor for K-13 spray-on acoustic insulation 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# 230329.9 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			

Adjournment

Time: 8:25 pm

Motion# 230329.10 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
FY23 Revised Budget

FY24 Original Budget
Resume
FY24 Calendar