

# M I N U T E S



THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL MEETING  
APRIL 24, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE COURIER NEWS.

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**Date** : April 24, 2024/ 7:30 pm  
**Place** : 150 Pierce St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Somerset, NJ 08873

**I. Call To Order**

The Regular Board Meeting of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is called to order. Time: 7:40 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)		E
Stephen Alexis (Board Member)		P
Ashok Munisamy (Board Member)		P
Mehmet Eke (Board Member)		P
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**

#### **Monday, April 1**

- Spring Break continues

#### **Tuesday, April 2**

- Autism Acceptance Week (dress down in blue)
- School resumes

#### **Friday, April 5**

- MS (grades 7&8) Science Fair - w/parents & judging

#### **Monday, April 8**

- HS (grades 9&10) Science Fair - w/parents & Prosecutor & Mike Rodgers, Executive Chief Assistant Prosecutor (9am breakfast, tour and judging)
- Solar eclipse grades 7-12 on soccer field from 3-4pm, organized by Mrs. J Patel

#### **Tuesday, April 9**

- Closed for EID

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

- College Fair for HS, organized by Ms. Long
- Poetry with Parents, grades 7-12, organized by Mr. Gross & Ms. Johnson

#### **Thursday, April 11**

- MS/HS Science Fair awards
- Therapy dog visit for National Therapy Dog Day, visited by Archer & his handler

#### **Friday, April 12**

- parents provided food for staff to celebrate an EID dinner in cafeteria at 3pm
- 3rd Quarter Ends
- Home Volleyball Game in Gym @ 430pm

#### **Saturday, April 13**

- Science Olympiad Interschool Competition, organized by Mrs. Govindaraju
- Beach Clean-up for grades 7-12, organized by Mrs. J Patel

#### **Monday, April 15**

- Oya Tukul, Dean from NJIT visited the 11th grade, organized by Mrs. J Patel
- 4th Q Begins

**Tuesday, April 16**

- Virtual PTO meeting

**Thursday, April 18**

- ED/Staff Development - teacher painting PD in cafeteria, organized by Ms. Mullin
- K Orientation for new students @ 1:30pm
- Hackathon for grades 7-10 in the gym

**Friday, April 19 - Saturday, April 20**

- MS/HS Drama play in gym - 12 Angry Jurors

**Saturday, April 20**

- Wellness Fair from 11am-1pm & Blood Drive from 8am-1pm

**Monday, April 22**

- Green Day / Arbor Day - free dress down for wellness fair attendees

**Monday, April 22 - Wednesday, April 24**

- Spring Concerts
  - 22nd: Ensemble Showcase (6-7pm in the Gym)
  - 23rd: General Music (grds 4-6/8:30-9:30am, grds 7-8/10:00-11:00am)
  - 24th: General Music (grds K-3/9:00-10am)

**Wednesday, April 24**

- Hackathon culmination, parents & 10th graders in LC

**Thursday, April 25**

- National Take Your Kid to Work Day

**Friday, April 26**

- 3rd Q awards
- Home Volleyball Game in gym @ 5:15pm

**Sunday, April 28**

- Tour de Franklin

**Monday, April 29**

- Home Volleyball Game in gym @ 4:30pm

**VII. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

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

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of March 2024 (Minute forwarded to trustees via email)

<b>Motion# 240424.1</b>	<b>Motioned by:</b>	Mr. Alexis			<b>Seconded by:</b>	Mr. Eke		<b>Passed:</b>	Yes
ROLL CALL	<b>R Rustamov</b>	<b>K Sahay</b>	<b>S Alexis</b>	<b>A Munisamy</b>	<b>M Eke</b>	<b>R Neri</b>			
YES			V		V				
NO									
ABSTAIN				V		V			
ABSENT	V	V							

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

**Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve the Bill List from March 21, 2024, to April 24, 2024. 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 the month of December 2023. (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 the month of December 2023;

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 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 the 2023-2024 budget be affirmed and approved.

**a. Board Secretary's Cert of Accounts:**

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11, I certify that as of December 2023, no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.

  
Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

04/24/2024  
Date

**b. Board Certification of Accounts:**

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for month of December 2023, 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# 240424.2** 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					

**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 awarded *Barre & Company* as a school auditor firm for the 2024-2025 School Year.

**Motion# 240424.3** 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					

## **X. 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. Latha Krishnamoorthy for teaching Math (replacement for Mr. Altayli) in the amount of [REDACTED] and for teaching Personal Financial Literacy in the amount of [REDACTED]
- Ms. Beverly Rhoden for the extra work that she put in for the science classes from January 21st to April 15th in the amount of [REDACTED]
- Mr. Samuel Obeng for obtaining his PhD as of 03/12/2024 in the amount of [REDACTED]
- Ms. Heather Dey for NJIT eSTEM competition involvement in the amount of [REDACTED]
- Ms. Namrata Patil for NJIT eSTEM competition involvement in the amount of [REDACTED]

**Motion# 240424.4 Motioned by:** Mr. Eke **Seconded by:** Mr. Ashok **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 recommendations of the Lead Person to engage a vendor to provide School Cleaning Services 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# 240424.5 Motioned by:** Dr. Neri **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: 8:08 pm**

**Motion# 240424.6 Motioned by:** Mr. Eke **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  
Treasurer's Report

Bill List

Board Secretary's Report