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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE COURIER NEWS.

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REGULAR MEETING

Date : January 31, 2024/ 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: 07:35 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)		P
Raquel Neri (Board Member)		E

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:

DECEMBER

Friday, December 1

HS Game Night, sponsored by PTO, 5-7pm

Saturday, December 2

HS Open house, 10am

Monday, December 4

General Music rehearsal grds 4-6, LC prds 1 & 2

Tuesday, December 5

Intrepid Museum-Johnson (10am-3pm)

Wednesday, December 6

Lockheed Martin Women in Engineering, Ozer grade 10 comp sci academy (6 students)

Thursday, December 7

General Music rehearsal grds 7-8, LC prds 8 & 9

Friday, December 8

General Music rehearsal LC grds K-3 prds 7 & 8

Monday, December 11

General Music rehearsal LC grds K-3 prds 3 & 4

Tuesday, December 12

Winter Concert (at school - bands) 6-7pm

Wednesday, December 13

Winter Concert/General Music (Demott Ln Temple) - 4-8pm (430 arrival, start at 445-7pm)

Wednesday, December 13 - Thursday, December 14

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Wednesday, December 13 - Friday, December 15

PTO Holiday Shop

Thursday, December 14

Maria makes staff holiday lunch (11-1pm)

Friday, December 15

- PTO Cookies with Santa, 6-8:30
- PTO Snow Ball Dance, 630-930

Tuesday, December 19

- PTO Meeting-canceled
- Green Day-world soil
- Spelling Bee grades 1-8 @ 945
- Math tournament, 7th-Alg 2 students & parents, 5pm
- Senior breakfast, Maschio food, cafeteria

Wednesday, December 20

- Sunshine breakfast
- Jeopardy grades 3-8, prd 8
- Alumni luncheon, Maschio food, cafeteria

Wednesday, December 20 - Friday, December 22

Holiday dress downs

Thursday, December 21

- ED/No Ext Care/Staff Development
- staff gift exchange/staff holiday party, 1-3pm

Friday, December 22

- Locker cleanout
- ED/No Ext Care
- class holiday parties, K-3 prd 6&7, 4-6 breakfast, 7-12 prd 5

Monday, December 25 - Friday, December 29

Winter Break

JANUARY**Monday, January 1 - Friday, January 5**

Winter Break

Monday, January 8

School resumes

Tuesday, January 9

In-person PTO meeting

Thursday, January 11
Staff PD/Early Dismissal

Monday, January 15
MLK holiday/school closed

Wednesday, January 17
Green Day - minimum waste

Thursday, January 18

- Seal of Biliteracy testing - Stephan
- 3-6 writing benchmark
- 7-12 writing benchmark

Friday, January 19

- 3-6 reading benchmark
- 7-12 - reading benchmark

Monday, January 22

- 3-6 math benchmark
- 7-12 math benchmark

Monday, January 22 - Friday, January 26
National School Choice week

Tuesday, January 23
3-6 math benchmark

Tuesday, January 23 - Wednesday, January 24

- 7-11 science benchmark
- elementary art fair, 4-6pm

Thursday, January 25 - Friday, January 26
MS/HS Art Show 4-6pm

Friday, January 26

- school choice dress down (red/yellow)
- Q2 Ends

Saturday, January 27
open house, 10am

Monday, January 29
Q3 Begins

VII. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

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

Motion# 240131.1 Motioned by: Mr. Eke Seconded by: Mr. Sahay Passed: Yes							
ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
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 November 30, 2023, to January 31, 2024. No unusual budgetary line-item account expenditure. (Attached)

FY24 Revised Budget:

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

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports: Motion to approve the Board Secretary's and the Treasurer's Reports for the months of September 2023 through November 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 months of September 2023 through November 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 November 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 November 2023, no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.


Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

01/31/2024
Date

b. Board Certification of Accounts:

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for months of September 2023 through November 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# 240131.2 Motioned by: Mr. Munisamy 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 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 FY25 Academic Calendar (emailed).

Motion# 240131.3 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. Human Resources

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

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School approves the following hirings

Ms. Ekta Goyal as a part-time Substitute Teacher (replacement for Mrs. Dutton's maternity leave) without benefits with a per diem salary of [REDACTED] per hour effective December 6, 2023, through June 30, 2024 (resume emailed)

Ms. Siriam Mullin as a full-time Art Teacher with benefits with an annual salary of [REDACTED] effective February 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024 (resume emailed)

Motion# 240131.4 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	

- b. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School accepts the following resignation

Mrs. Mona Abdala – Art Teacher – as of 1/29/2024

Motion# 240131.5 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	

- c. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School approves the following policy
- Full-time employees are eligible for 3 days of paid paternity leave for the birth and care of a newborn child or for adoption or foster care.

Motion# 240131.6 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	

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 Board meeting schedule for 2024 (emailed)

Motion# 240131.7 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	

XII. 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 school year.

Motion# 240131.8 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	

Adjournment

Time: 08:00 pm

Motion# 240131.9 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	

Attachments

Previous Meeting Minutes
Board Secretary's Report
FY24 Academic Calendar

Bill List
Treasurer's Report
2024 Board Meeting Schedule

FY24 Revised Budget
Resumes