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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH MEETING
MARCH 26, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN THE COURIER NEWS.

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REGULAR MEETING

Date : March 26, 2025/ 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: 7:45 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:

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 1 - Sunday, February 2

- Math Science Olympiad @ Harvard University with Mr. Xia

Monday, February 3

- Green Day/wetlands
- College students take Calculus final
- HS BB Game #15 @ 7pm @ Palisades Park High School, bus leaves @ 4:45pm

Tuesday, February 4

- Virtual PTO meeting
- HS BB Game #16 @ 5pm @ Wardlaw-Hartridge, bus leaves @ 3:45pm

Wednesday, February 5

- MS BB TEECS vs Union County Teams Charter School @ TEECS @ 5pm
- 100th day of school (K-6 dress down in school colors, K-2 celebration in cafeteria, grades 4-6 visits grades K-3 for World Read Aloud Day)
- Wetlands Institute in LC (10-11am, grd 8, Aquatic Adapts) & (11-12pm, grd 9, Saltwater Gene Pool)

Thursday, February 6

- Snow Day!
- HS BB Game #17 @ 4:30pm @ Paterson Arts & Science CS, bus leaves @ 2:45pm

Friday, February 7

- Q2 ends

Saturday, February 8

- Lottery

Monday February 10

- 3rd Q starts
- Delayed Opening for SuperBowl (9:20am)
- HS BB Game #18 @ 4:30pm @ Keyport High School

Tuesday, February 11

- NASA Live stream, program starts @ 1030am
- Thomas Edison's birthday
- HS BB Game #19 @ 7pm @ South Hunterdon Regional High School

Wednesday, February 12

- MS BB Game #5 @ 5pm vs. Cresthaven Academy at TEECS, players in gym @ 4pm
- HS BB Game #20 @ 5pm @ Asbury Park High School

Thursday, February 13

- HS BB Game #21 @ 5pm @ Belvidere High School

Friday, February 14

- art fair setup starts in Learning Center
- free Valentines Day dress down for K-8, red/pink/white

Friday, February 14 - Saturday, February 15

- MIT Math Competition-Xia

Saturday, February 15

- Math League competition for grades 5&6 @ 10am with Mrs. R Patel

Monday, February 17

- School Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 18

- art fair setup in the Learning Center continues
- NAEP testing

Tuesday, February 18 - Thursday, February 20

- K-2 benchmark testing

Wednesday, February 19

- HS BB Game #20 @ 4pm @ CJCP, bus leaves at 3pm
- MS BB Game #7 @ 5pm vs. Greater Brunswick CS @ TEECS, players in gym by 4pm

Wednesday, February 19 - Thursday, February 20

- Elementary Art Fair 4-5pm in the Learning Center

Thursday, February 20

- HS BB Game #21 @ 5pm @ Newark Vocational High School, bus leaves @ 3:30pm

Thursday, February 20 - Sunday, February 23

- Model UN Conference in Philly

Friday, February 21

- NASA metrics due (audience counts, VIPs, local media, social media)
- Q2 awards, parents invited
- Senior Breakfast 8-9am in Cafeteria
- PTO Ramadan event, 530-730pm in gym

Tuesday, February 25

- Wetlands Institute assembly in Learning Center, Sea Creatures with Amazing Features (K 10-1045am, grade 1 1145-1230pm, grade 2 1235-120pm, grade 3 125-210pm)
- Black History Month film festival, 6-7pm

Wednesday, February 26

- ED/Staff Development

Thursday, February 27

- World Language Day, periods 1-5 in Learning Center for MS/HS
- Grade 2 Living Wax Museum

Friday, February 28 - Thursday, March 6

- Book Fair

GREEN TEAM UPDATES

Accessible Communications: Communication is received from our parents on a regular basis. They like the methods with which we communicate most often – emails and newsletters. Our staff responds in a timely manner to all inquiries and issues. Overall our staff is helpful, friendly, professional, etc.

- We strive to make all our communication/expectations clearer. All faculty members are made aware of the suggestion and steps to be taken to make sure dates, times, requirements and expectations from parents, if any, are clear. In addition, answering email/voice mail in a timely fashion will be stressed to staff.
- TEECS' PTO has set up WhatsApp Groups for all grades. All parents/guardians are reminded of this as an additional way to receive communication about school activities and reach out to other parents in their child's grade.
- On a quarterly basis, Admin sends out a school update email to all parents on the status of any new projects and events that may be going on as well as any future plans that the school may have.

Green Team Events:

- Wellness Fair scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from 11am to 1pm. We are currently looking for vendors.
- Community Hike scheduled for Saturday, April 5
- Updating the Sustainable Jersey for Schools application, Bronze level

MARCH

Monday March 3

- Mathcon grades 4-6, 3-4pm
- SEL Day

Monday, March 3 - Thursday, March 6

- Book Fair / Read Across America week

Tuesday, March 4

- Virtual PTO meeting
- PSAT-10 exam for 10th grade, 8-12pm in classrooms
- HS Volleyball Tryouts 4-6 pm in the gym

Wednesday, March 5

- MS BB Game #9 @ 5pm vs. College Achieve Central @ TEECS, players gym @ 4pm

Wednesday, March 5 - Thursday, March 6

- Early Dismissal / Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, March 6

- HS Volleyball Tryouts 4-6 pm in the gym

Friday, March 7

- Door decorating contest for Read Across America Week
- Personal Financial Literacy class guest speaker prd 5 in LC, SK

Friday, March 7 - Monday, March 10

- Model UN Conference

Monday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 11

- MS BB Playoff Game #1 @ 7:00 pm at College Achieve Central, players in gym @ 5:00 pm
- Shakespeare Performance of Romeo & Juliet, Vendemia in gym, 12pm

Tuesday, March 11 - Friday, March 14

- NJGPA for grade 11, grds 9, 10 & 12 - delayed opening - nontesting students

Wednesday, March 12

- MS/HS Video Game night fundraiser for Senior class, 430-630pm, math quad

Friday, March 14

- Pi Day celebration in gym, grades 3-6, prd 7-8 / 9th prd MS event

Tuesday, March 18

- grades 3-6 parent activity: book bingo, 4-5pm in cafeteria

Wednesday, March 19

- Junior Info night for 11th grade, 5-6pm in LC
- Alumni event 9-12pm, Long in LC
- Grade 11 College night, 5-6pm Long in LC

Thursday, March 20 - Friday, March 28

- NJSLA practice tests

Friday, March 21

- Green Day - water day
- Senior fundraising Mix & Make event, 4-6pm, proceeds go towards Prom

Saturday, March 22 - Sunday, March 23

- HS Model UN North Brunswick

Wednesday, March 26

- HS volleyball home game @ 5pm

Thursday, March 27

- HS volleyball home game @ 430pm

Friday, March 28

- Early Dismissal / Staff development

Monday, March 31

- EID/no school

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Green Team Events:

- Working on updating the Sustainable Jersey for Schools application, Bronze level
- March 18 - World Recycling Day - flyers were put up and social media posts made as a reminder to be mindful of disposing items
- March 21 - World Water Day - focus on proper hydration and not wasting water
- March 30 - Zero Waste Day - focus on not making any trash on this day
- April 5 - Community Hike - started advertising
- April 26 - Wellness Fair - currently finalizing vendors

VII. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of January 2025 (Minutes forwarded to trustees via email)

Motion# 250326.1 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	
NO							
ABSTAIN					V		
ABSENT	V	V					

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

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from January 30, 2025, to March 26, 2025. No unusual budgetary line-item account expenditure. (Attached)

FY26 Budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has approved the projected budget for 2025-2026 school year.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports: Motion to approve the Board Secretary's and the Treasurer's Reports for the months of July 2024 through September 2024. (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 July through September 2024;

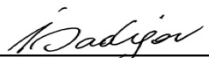
RESOLVED, that the Report of the Secretary and the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies be accepted.

Transfers: Motion to approve the list of Transfer of Funds resolution for the period ending March 2025.

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 2024-2025 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 March 2025, no major budgetary line-item account expenditure exceeds the amount appropriated by the charter Board of Trustees.


Mr. Ilgar Sadigov - Board Secretary

03/26/2025
Date

b. Board Certification of Accounts:

RESOLVED, that after review of the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for months of July through September 2024, 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.

c.

Motion# 250326.2 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. Human Resources

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

- Ms. Lefebvre Christine for teaching 3 credit College Course (prorated) in the amount of \$750
- Mr. Kurtulus Abdurrahim for Robotics State championship participation in the amount of \$2000
- Mr. Ozer Halil for Robotics State championship participation in the amount of \$2000
- Mr. Karaguduk Abdulgafur for Sound baffle installation in the amount of \$7,500
- Mr. Guliyev Ilkin for Sound baffle installation in the amount of \$7,500
- Mrs. Rooney Colleen for extra duties in classroom in the amount of \$960 (12 hrs/week x \$10/hr x 8 weeks)
- Mrs. Kon Magdalena for replacing Mrs. English for department chair in from 12/1/2024 in the amount of \$700 (prorated)

Motion# 250326.3 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					

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

1	Rhoden	Beverly	FT Substitute Teacher	FT
2	Cady	Elizabeth	ES Teacher (K)	FT

Motion# 250326.4 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					

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 acceptance of the following grant:

NJSIG safety Grant in the amount of \$2000.00

Motion# 250326.5 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					

XI. 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 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 school year.

Motion# 250326.6 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					

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 awarded the food service contract to Maschio's Food Service Inc. on a flat management fee basis. TEECS shall pay Maschio's Food Service Inc. an annual management fee in the amount of \$10,359.36. The management fee shall be payable in 10 monthly installments of \$1,035.94 per month commencing on September 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2026. The total cost of the program is \$180,769.95

Motion# 250326.7 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					

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 FY26 Academic Calendar (emailed).

Motion# 250326.8 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					

XIV. 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 following field trips.

Trip Name	Date (s)	Grades Attending	# of Students	# of Chaperones	Trip Location	Notes
CJCC - TEECS PAC Rehearsal	4/28, 4/29, 4/30, and 5/2	7-12	21	1	Cottontail Lane, Somerset, NJ	one way each day
L'Oreal Field Trip	4/9	11 (Business)	18	2	100 Commerce Drive, Somerset, NJ	
JA of NJ Education Center	4/9	6	50	15	360 Pear Blossom Dr., Edison, NJ	
Medieval Times	4/23	5-6	100	12	149 Polito Ave, Lyndhurst, NJ	
Intrepid Museum	4/24	7	50	5	Pier 86, W 46th St, New York, NY	

Iron Peak	6/4	8	50	10	137 Mountain View Rd Hillsborough, NJ	
RPM Raceway - Senior Trip Pt 1	5/27	12	34	3	600 West Avenue Stamford, CT	
Hershey Park - Senior Trip Pt. 2	5/30	12	34	3	100 W. Hersheypark Drive, Hershey, PA	
Long Branch Beach	6/1	12	34	2	Long Branch, NJ	
Crayola Experience	6/4	K	50	12	30 Centre Sq Cir, Easton, PA	
Sand Hook Beach Cleaning	4/15	10-12	20	2	Highlands, New Jersey	

Motion# 250326.9 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					

XV. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendations of Mr. Eke to appoint Mr. Latif Dolunay as a board member effective April 1, 2025

Motion# 250326.10 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					

Adjournment

Time: 8:15 pm

Motion# 250326.11 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
Board Secretary Report

Bill List
Treasurers Report

Projected Budget
FY26 Academic Calendar