

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE THOMAS A. EDISON CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON, INC.**

February 26, 2024

**THOMAS A. EDISON CHARTER SCHOOL
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

Upon notice to all directors and posting of public notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Thomas A. Edison Charter School of Wilmington, Inc. (the “School”) was held on February 26, 2024.

Directors	Present	Absent
Emile Brown	X	
Mikkel Christie		X
Wayne Cooper	X	
Nicole Huffner		X
Kathleen Cheadle		X
Ollie Johnson	X	
Ami Patel	X	

THERE WAS A QUORUM OF THE BOARD

The following people were also present:

- 1. Dr. Principal EL**
- 2. Liz Yates**
- 3. Patricia Winder**
- 4. John Shelton**
- 5. Robyn Neal**

Mr. Brown called the February 26, 2024 meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the January 22, 2024 minutes. The motion was made by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Public Comments –

- Parent – No Comments
- Teacher – No Comments
- General Public – No Comments

School Report by Dr. Principal EL

Dr. Principal EL reported the 2nd Trimester ends on Thursday, March 7th. Report cards will be distributed to parents during the week of March 25th.

Our Math Instructional Team will be hosting Family Math Night on Thursday, March 14th. The theme of the night is “March Mathness” – and there will be lots of fun math themed events such as a math mascot competition and favorite numbered jersey artwork.

Saturday Academy continues with a great turnout each session. We have 170 students registered – an all-time high! There are 4 remaining Saturday Academy sessions scheduled.

The Boys and Girls Basketball seasons ended last week. Both teams worked hard to represent TECS very well on and off the court. The cheerleading team had a great season as well and will host a cheer camp this spring for younger students.

The Chess Team will compete at the National Middle School Championship in Atlanta, GA in May. We will be taking 12-15 students and will be raising money to help fund the trip.

We continue to meet with Boxx Modular biweekly to discuss the timeline and receive updates on the modular project. It is moving forward, and they will be delivering the modular (and storing in the playground area) by the end of February or early March.

New window shades were installed in the kindergarten wing, selected classrooms, and the main office.

A motion to accept the School Report was made by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion was approved by all and carried.

School Financials by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported all State and Local funds have been received. In the month of January, a payment of \$1.6M was made to Boxx Modular. There is approximately \$500,000 remaining to

fully pay for the modulars and there may be additional costs. That was the largest expense this year and there are still ESSER funds left to be used.

A motion to accept the School Financials Report was made by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Board Financials Report by W. Cooper

Mr. Cooper reviewed the Board Financial Account balances ending February 2024. The Board Foundation ending balance \$70,341.18. The M&T Money Market ending balance \$602,504.73, and the PNC Money Market ending balance \$250,108.66.

A motion to accept the Board Financials Report was made by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Operations Committee Report by E. Brown

Mr. Brown reported Sobieski did a full fire inspection and Thomas Edison passed. New shades were installed in various classrooms and offices. Moisture testing for the existing concrete floor in the gym will be done in March or April. For the modulars, temporary fencing will be set up in the playground and the area will be leveled with footings and a crane pad. There is a major leaking pipe in the first grade that is scheduled to be repaired. Principal EL stated most of the pipes are as old as the school and will need to be replaced. Mr. Brown stated we are getting estimates for new lettering for the front of the building.

Mr. Shelton gave a transportation updated stating overall it is better than before but there were a few hiccups here and there due to poor communication.

A motion to accept the Operations Committee Report was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Patel. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Executive Committee

Mrs. Patel stated the Executive Committee toured the Teen Warehouse and discussed the possibility of a partnership with TECS. Mr. Brown stated there are open Board positions to be filled. Mr. Brown questioned if more teachers would be available to attend the National Conference in Boston. The 25-year Anniversary celebration was briefly discussed and will be

tabled for the next meeting. Ms. Winder suggested hiring a professional Event Planner. She will look into securing a date and location. Mr. Brown will look into advertising.

Board Member Comments

New Business/Open Discussion

A motion to adjourn at 6:41 pm was made by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Mr. Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amanda Morris May

March 14, 2024