

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

January 22, 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 January 22, 2024.

Directors	Present	Absent
Hal Blocksom		X
Emile Brown	X	
Mikkel Christie	X	
Wayne Cooper	X	
Nicole Huffner	X	
Kathleen Cheadle	X	
Ollie Johnson	X	
Ami Patel	X	
Roopa Sabesan		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. Christie called the January 22, 2024 meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the November 20, 2023 minutes. The motion was made by Mrs. Huffner and seconded by Mr. Cooper. 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 Progress reports will be distributed to parents during the week of January 29th.

Thanks to the Board for a wonderful holiday party. The staff would like to thank the Board for their generosity for the gathering, the raffle baskets/prizes and the holiday bonus.

We held our first Saturday Academy on January 6th. We had a record turnout—over 95 students! There are 5 remaining Saturday Academy sessions scheduled and we are getting a great response from students and parents, so we anticipate many more children will attend.

Boys and Girls Basketball Seasons are underway. Both teams are working hard and are excited to represent TECS on the court. The girls' team is currently undefeated and the boys are getting better.

The Chess Team competed in a tournament in Princeton, NJ on Saturday December 16th. The elementary team won first place and four of our players were in the top 5 of all the players.

We continue to meet with Boxx Modular biweekly to discuss the timeline and receive updates on the modular project. It is moving forward, and we should have a spring timeline very soon.

Union Wholesale was on site for the removal of the existing gym partition door. The project was completed, and the new gym partition will be installed over spring break.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the School Report. A motion was made by Mrs. Huffner and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved by all and carried.

School Financials by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported we have received all of our State Unit Count Funds and are at a positive variance, with approximately \$150,000 over budget. The same with Charter Transportation, we have a positive variance of approximately \$57,000. That is all that we should be getting for State Funds and Charter Transportation. We also received all the second Local Funds payments except for Christina School District who still owe us \$4,101. We are doing well with our state and local funds. For Federal funds we do have a negative variance of \$846,000 for COVID but most of that is for the modular units. I know we will be making a \$1.6M payment either this month or next month because we are at the 60% portion due prior to delivery or 30 days from manufacturer completion and we are there. Also, we are going to have other expenses due to the modular furniture and things of that nature. We have \$3,360,000 in ESSER funds and we are in a good place. We are planning to have a positive variance at the end of the year.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the School Financials Report. A motion 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 Accounts balances ending December 2023. The Board Foundation ending balance \$119,679.47. The M&T Money Market ending balance \$602,453.56, M&T checking ending balance \$143,665.33 and the PNC Money Market ending balance \$250,099.13.

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

Operations Committee Report by E. Brown

No Formal Report

Executive Committee by M. Christie

Mr. Christie proposed setting short goals to have by the end of the year one being the Billboard and another, planning the 25th Anniversary celebration. Mr. Johnson stated Edison has a great program and the news needs to get out to promote the students and the program. He stated the importance of 'making news' and taking advantage of opportunities to brag about the students. He also stated the value of providing a safe space to students after hours at school.

Mr. Christie made a motion to approve the Thomas Edison Charter School Annual Report so that it can be submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Huffner, approved by all and carried.

Board Member Comments

New Business/Open Discussion

Principal EL stated he was contacted by the family of an Edison graduate attending Norfolk State who was not able to pay her tuition. He immediately got the tuition paid so that she would not have to leave school. Another student needed to have his tuition paid, staff contributed, and enough money was raised to cover him as well as other TECS graduates attending University of Delaware and other colleges. Principal EL stated we have always had a great support staff providing a village for our students.

Mr. Christie said it was great to be able to spend time with staff at the holiday party. It was a good time, and he appreciates everyone who put it together.

A motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Johnson

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amanda Morris May

February 15, 2024