

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

March 18, 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 March 18, 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 March 18, 2024 meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the February 26, 2024 minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Brown 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 Spring Break begins on Thursday, March 28th and school resumes on Monday, April 8th.

Our Math Instructional Team hosted Family Math Night on Thursday, March 14th. It was amazing! The theme of the night was “March Mathness”. There was lots of fun math themed events such as: a math mascot competition and favorite numbered jersey artwork.

Smarter Balance (SBAC) Math and ELA state testing for grades 3-8 will begin on April 22nd. Science (Grades 5 and 8) and Social Studies (Grades 4, 6, and 8) state testing will happen in May.

We are in the beginning stages of planning for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, which will be held Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 10th.

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.

Piping was replaced in the ceiling of one of our first floor classrooms and several classroom doorframes have been repaired.

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

School Financials by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported for the month of February we received revenues in the amount of \$248,000. This brought our year to date up to \$12.9M in revenues. We are at a favorable variance and anticipate year end to be the same.

For expenses for the month we are at \$788,000 and for the year \$9.6M and we are anticipating ending the year with a net excess of \$150,000.

We have received all of the state and local funds except for \$4,101 owed by Christina which we should receive soon.

For the rest of the year for revenues we will be living off of federal funds. We are anticipating a good year end.

There was a discussion on tuition tax and FY 2023-2024 6% increase stipend for teachers from State.

A motion to accept the School Financials Report was made by Mr. Cooper 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 March 2024. The Board Foundation ending balance \$79,166.16. The M&T Money Market ending balance \$602,552.50, M&T checking ending balance \$100,970.93 and the PNC Money Market ending balance \$250,105.86.

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

Operations Committee Report by E. Brown

Mr. Brown reported a selection of colors and logos is in process for the gym floor. Next month they will be doing the switch over from heat to AC and big clean up stripping and waxing floors during spring break.

Additional charges of \$120,000 to 175,000 for modular because they have to go down 4-5 feet deeper than originally planned for.

Mr. Christie made a motion to authorize the school to move forward with Boxx Modulares. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown approved by all and carried.

Executive Committee by M Christie

Mr. Christie thanked Mrs. Winder, Ms. Yates and Ms. Sudler for starting the 25th anniversary celebration planning. Particulars of the event were discussed.

Mr. Christie stated he would like to have an ongoing Zoom link for Board meetings. He also stated there is a potential Board candidate who is very familiar with how foundations run.

Board Member Comments

New Business/Open Discussion

Mr. Brown asked if any teachers would be attending the conference. Principal EL stated there is a need to reach out and help teachers understand how important the conferences are.

Principal EL stated he was contacted from someone from the actor Dennis Quaid's team interested in creating material highlighting Thomas Edison. Principal EL will send the link to Board Members. Principal EL will also send out the Go Fund Me link. Principal EL stated during the State Superintendent's visit we received many favorable comments. Principal EL thanked the Team, Leads, Coaches and everyone for all that they do.

A motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amanda Morris May

April 9, 2024