

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

January 22, 2018

**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, 2018.

Directors	Present	Absent
Hal Blocksom		X
Emile Brown		X
Mikkel Christie	X	
Wayne Cooper	X	
Erica Dorsett	X	
Nicole Huffner	X	
Ron Pinkett		X
Joseph Till	X	
Jerry Velazquez	X	
Valarie Waters		X

THERE WAS A QUORUM OF THE BOARD

The following people were also present:

- 1. Principal EL**
- 2. Liz Yates**
- 3. Patricia Winder**
- 4. John Shelton**

5. **Meghan Johnson**
6. **Robyn Neal**
7. **Roopa Sabesan**
8. **Courtney Wynn**
9. **Candace Charles-Inniss**
10. **Amanda Morris May**

Mr. Christie called for a motion to call the Public Session to order at 6:15 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Velazquez and seconded by Mr. Cooper. The motion was approved by all and the Board went into Public Session.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the December 2017 minutes. The motion was made by Mrs. Dorsett and seconded by Mrs. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Public Comments –

- Parent – Mrs. Dorsett shared her son (a former Edison student) participated in the “I have a Dream MLK Pitch Competition” and won with his idea of a College Readiness after school program for Middle School Boys. When the program is ready Elijah would like to present his program to Edison students.
- Teacher – None
- General Public – None

School Report by Principal EL

On behalf of the staff, Principal EL thanked the board for the staff luncheon that was held on December 19th and catered by the Columbus Inn. The food was delicious and staff appreciated the Board’s generosity.

Principal EL reported the State Board of Education made their final decisions to renew the Charter with conditions. He thanked the board and staff for pushing through the process.

Saturday School will begin on February 3rd there are 6 sessions scheduled and there has been great response from parents. Over 100 students participate and 10 staff members. Advanced students who attend are placed one grade level higher this gives them exposure to advanced instruction.

Boys and Girls Basketball seasons are underway and the Drumline and Pep Band performed at the 87ers game on January 17th.

The 2nd trimester progress reports will be distributed during the week of January 20th.

Over the holiday break, the kitchen was painted and all hallway floors were buffed.

We had a successful fire alarm inspection.

The boiler is being repaired and we are getting quotes for the electric heaters for the kindergarten hall exit area.

Mrs. Dorsett requested a copy of the test results. Principal EL will get the information to her.

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

School Financials by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported on the December 31, 2018 financial update. So far 7.2 mil of revenue has been collected which leaves us at a 288,000 favorable variance. We received \$2,787,000 in district funds year to date. We are expecting \$81,000 more in district funds and they should be received this month.

Expenses are 4.6 mil and cash on hand 2.7 mil approximately. We are expected to end the school year with a \$124,000 positive excess, providing everything goes per the actual/forecast projection for June 30, 2018.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the School Financial Report. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Till. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Board Financials Report by M. Christie / W. Cooper

The Board has approved opening a Fund Raising account and has made a \$15,000 commitment.

Mr. Christie stated there were not many expenses, there was normal activity and he caught up on payments. Mr. Lamont Brown who assisted with the Charter Renewal was paid.

Mrs. Dorsett questioned items on the Statement of Account. She asked to see results from "School Survey." Mr. Christie stated it was a climate survey on the school that was partially completed. He will reach out to Mr. Pinkett for information.

Curriculum Committee Report by W. Cooper/M. Christie

Mr. Christie reported henceforth the Curriculum Committee will be changed to the more appropriate title of Achievement Committee. Mr. Cooper, Mrs. Dorsett, Principal EL and TECS Admin will work together to develop a meaningful committee.

Mr. Cooper reported on the Wellness Committee activities and stated by the next Board meeting he is hopeful to have a draft of the mission for the Achievement Committee.

Personnel Committee Report by R. Pinkett

No Report.

Operations Committee Report by J. Velazquez

No Report.

Mr. Velazquez stated that he will follow-up with Mr. Warnick regarding the boilers.

Mrs. Dorsett questioned the intent of Board members who do not attend Board meetings. Mr. Christie stated he will follow up with Mr. Pinkett and will reach out to Ms. Waters as well.

Executive Committee by M. Christie

Mr. Christie stated there are three vacancies on the Board and requests that resumes of Board candidates be emailed to him and he will submit to the rest of the Board. He stated resumes can also be emailed to Principal EL.

Mr. Christie presented Board candidate Roopa Sabesan. Principal EL stated Ms. Sabesan would be an asset to the Board bringing her area of expertise. She is entrenched in our community and would be a great role model for our students and staff. Mrs. Dorsett stated what she thinks is very important is someone's mindset about our children. After talking with Ms. Sabesan's she is impressed with her excitement and her outlook on achievement and the potential that our children have and the standard that she sees for them.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to bring Roopa Sabesan onto the Board. The motion was made by Mrs. Huffner and seconded by Mr. Cooper. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Submission of resume for board candidate Rebecca Harkin – it was decided and agreed upon to not vote on this candidate at this time.

It was suggested to consider candidates in areas where they can be of the most support which may be in an advisory or ad hoc capacity rather than as an actual Board member.

Mrs. Winder passed out Board Manuals. Mr. Christie stated the Board Bylaws will be updated to be consistent with state law.

Through DANA, there will be Board training, Financial training, and Board/Administration Team training.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Christie stated he would like to be more visible and present in the building by possibly working a day a month from the school. He would like it to be a priority to build trust and become an ally.

Mrs. Dorsett stated Mr. Christie is doing an awesome job. She thanked him for being a breath of fresh air sticking through the tough times and through the tough questions and handling it with poise and for his commitment.

Mr. Cooper requested a copy of the Charter Renewal approval report. Mr. Christie stated he will send to everyone.

New Business/Open Discussion

None

Mr. Christie called for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Dorsett. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amanda Morris May

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