

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

April 17, 2023

**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 April 17, 2023.

Directors	Present	Absent
Hal Blocksom		X
Emile Brown	X	
Mikkel Christie	X	
Wayne Cooper	X	
Nicole Huffner		X
Ollie Johnson	X	
Ami Patel	X	
Roopa Sabesan		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**

Mr. Christie called the April 17, 2023 meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the March 20, 2023 minutes. The motion was made by Mrs. Patel and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Public Comments –

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

School Report by Principal EL

Principal EL reported The Chess Team competed at the High School National Chess Championship in Washington, DC from March 30th to April 2nd. We came in 14th place in the nation in one section and 23rd place in another section. Each division had almost 100 teams. Thanks so much for all of your support—we are so proud of our students.

Spring Break began Thursday, April 7th and school will resume on Monday, April 17th.

Smarter Balance (SBAC) Math and ELA state testing for grades 3-8 will begin on April 25th. Science (Grades 5 and 8) state testing will be held on April 19th and Social Studies (grades 4, 6, and 8) state testing will happen May 9th.

Our school improvement plan was approved by DDOE and we have begun implementing some big initiatives to improve teaching and learning at TECS.

We received the results from DDOE regarding our lead testing. We are glad to report that no lead was found in the water in our school and our water is safe.

The installation of LED lighting for our entire school has begun in our kindergarten classrooms.

Additional cameras were installed to increase security and safety in our school.

Delcollo has completed the wiring of the hot water heater in the kindergarten wing.

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

School Financials by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported as of March we have received a one-time salary supplement of \$111,317 from the State for the 27th pay in June and the remainder of the Unit Count Formula funds of \$65,821. Mrs. Winder stated the ESSER funds have not been used as much as budgeted, so she lowered the forecast numbers closer to what we have actually been using. This projects a deficit

at the end of the year. Right now, we have \$1.7Mil in cash but we have three more months to go, and we are going to use up that. We are exploring ways that we can reduce or eliminate the forecasted deficit.

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 Foundation account, PNC Money Market account and M&T Money Market account.

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

Operations Committee Report by E. Brown

No Formal Report

Mr. Brown stated he will have information following the meeting regarding the busses.

Executive Committee by M. Christie

Mr. Christie stated he would like to make a personal donation of \$1,000 and asked that the Board match the amount. The funds would be used for a Board Award to be presented at graduation to one or two students and to a teacher. He will discuss this further with the Board.

Board Member Comments

New Business/Open Discussion

Principal EL stated there is a teacher interested in the open Board position. Their information will be submitted to the Board. Also, Ms. Yates established an Employee of the Month award. Staff are nominated by their peers. The employee gets to enjoy their own parking spot and other perks during their month. In April Mr. Till and Mrs. Clark were recognized. In March Ms. Barber and Ms. Taylor were recognized. Principal EL stated, we appreciate our teachers and staff and we show them that they are appreciated.

Principal EL stated that Mr. Till's class won an essay contest that was open to all of Delaware and set up by a Federal Judge. The class wrote on the importance of voting and won. They were invited to go down to the courthouse on March 1st to read the essay.

Principal EL stated that United Way along with a sponsor will come to the school to award the 1st, 3rd and 8th grades State Champions of the Read Bowl.

A motion to adjourn at 6:51 pm was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amanda Morris May

May 19, 2023