

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

February 26, 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 February 26, 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. **Courtney Wynn**
8. **Amanda Morris May**

Mr. Christie called for a motion to call the Public Session to order at 6:13 p.m. The motion was made and seconded. 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 January 2017 minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Blocksom and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Public Comments –

- Parent – None
- Teacher – Ms. Wynn expressed that with the weather getting nicer students have been able to utilize the playground.
- General Public – None

School Report by Principal EL

Principal EL stated there was a great meeting with Mrs. Dorsett and Mr. Cooper to discuss ways to improve the school.

There has been great attendance at Saturday Academy sessions and there are four remaining sessions.

The Delaware Department of Education will be visiting TECS on Tuesday, March 6th for a voluntary Standards Implementation Site Visit.

STEP Testing is taking place in grades K-5 and will be finished by the end of February.

Leadership Day will be held Friday, April 27, 2018 from 8-12 noon and planning is underway. He encouraged Board members to invite their colleagues and stated this could be a great opportunity for fund raising.

Students in grades 5-8 competed in the Arthur J. Turner Spelling Bee, held at Salesianum on Friday, February 23rd. One of our 7th graders finished in 4th place and a 5th grader in the top 10.

The Chess Team is preparing to compete for the National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia in April.

Some of our 8th graders have been accepted into the following private schools on scholarships: St. Elizabeth's, St. Mark's, Ursuline, Tatnall, Wilmington Friends and Salesianum. We are still waiting on notification from Charter School of Wilmington, Magnet and the Vo-Tech schools.

Our "Girls on the Run" Club begins in March. We have over 30 girls participating and the program will culminate with a 5K at the University of Delaware in May.

The carpet in the main office needs to be replaced and we are obtaining quotes. Air quality issues have been attributed to the carpet.

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

School Financials by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported almost all unit funds have been received. Approximately \$40,000 that is supposed to be received should be in by the end of the month.

All District funds have been received and have a positive variance of \$121,000. This is partially due to Christiana School District funds accuracy corrections. The CSD settlement received was approximately \$84,000 for the school year. We had budgeted for \$150,000, but some came in the form of district funding. Going forward this is around the amount that we will be receiving strictly as settlement funds and it is based on property taxes.

Mr. Blocksom asked if the cost of the boiler had been included in the budget and Mr. Pinkett asked if there were estimates. Mrs. Winder stated it had not been included in the budget and Mr. Warnick is getting estimates.

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

Board Financials Report by M. Christie / W. Cooper

No Formal Report.

Mr. Christie stated a copy of Board Financials will be sent to the full Board.

Mr. Christie stated the \$68,000 payment made in January for the Playground has cleared.

Mrs. Dorsett called for a motion to accept the December 2017 Board Financial Report. A motion was made by Mr. Pinkett and seconded by Mr. Till. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Achievement Committee Report by W. Cooper/E. Dorsett

No Formal Report.

Mr. Cooper stated there were several meetings with Principal EL to define the role of the Achievement Committee. Key factors to focus on would be the By-laws. In support of the school Board members are being asked come up with 10 individuals to invite to Leadership Day.

Mr. Christie stated it is the Boards' role to use their resources to make leadership day bigger and better.

Mr. Cooper asked about DANA Fundraising workshops. Mr. Christie stated that he, Principal EL and Ms. Yates attend monthly meetings with DANA. Mr. Christie signed a contract DANA and survey/training around the Mission is forthcoming a four hour strategic planning meeting then the next session should be on fund raising.

Principal EL stated the Board Alignment Training actually sets you up for fund raising.

Personnel Committee Report by R. Pinkett

No Formal Report.

Mr. Christie distributed the review of conditions and stated the Personnel Policy is being reviewed by the attorney.

Operations Committee Report by H. Blocksom

Mr. Blocksom reported he met with Mr. Warnick and there is a plan in place to remove the clutter. Mr. Blocksom stated he works with a group of men who are available to do the clean-up

and he is also working to secure the required clearances needed in order to get rid of State Property.

Mr. Brown stated he knows players at Dickenson looking for volunteer hours who may be willing to help and that he is willing to donate the use of his truck.

Mr. Blocksom reported the Kindergarten wing has been having problems with the heaters and Service Unlimited is to come in to do the work. The job is estimated to cost \$6,000+.

Mr. Pinkett stated if a dumpster is needed for the clutter clean up to let him know.

Mr. Blocksom stated he will email a copy of the Operations Committee Report.

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

Executive Committee by M. Christie

Mr. Christie distributed a copy of the conditions from CSAC and requested feedback be emailed to him.

Outstanding Board Member Training: Mrs. Huffner completed her training. March 28 online Board Finance training.

Board Member Comments

None

New Business/Open Discussion

Mrs. Winder stated if anyone is interested in attending the Charter School Conference to contact her. Principal EL stated the National School Board Association Conference offers a unique experience and would be a great conference to attend.

Principal EL shared that he co-wrote an article along with the Assistant Superintendent at Appo about recruitment and teacher retention in the Principal Leadership Magazine. They were approached by an educational publisher to expand the article into a book.

Principal EL and Mr. Brown shared some of the achievements being made by TECS graduates (former student, Bones is #23 in the nation, Cramer top 10 in Delaware, Mikey Dickson #1 in

Delaware, Braxton-Young scored 1,000 points in a game, Cornish is State track champion in 100 and 200.) Principal EL suggested setting up an Alumni page.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion was made by Mr. Pinkett and seconded by Mr. Blocksom. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amanda Morris May

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