

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

**June 15, 2020**

**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 June 15, 2020.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Hal Blocksom		<b>X</b>
Emile Brown	<b>X</b>	
Richard Burruss	<b>X</b>	
Mikkel Christie	<b>X</b>	
Wayne Cooper	<b>X</b>	
Nicole Huffner	<b>X</b>	
Ollie Johnson	<b>X</b>	
Christine Kirkland		<b>X</b>
Ami Patel	<b>X</b>	
Roopa Sabesan		<b>X</b>
Joseph Till		<b>X</b>

**THERE WAS A QUORUM OF THE BOARD**

**The following people were also present:**

- 1. Principal EL**
- 2. Vice Principal Yates**
- 3. Patricia Winder**
- 4. John Shelton**
- 5. Andrue Smith**
- 6. Robyn Neal**

## **7. Amanda Morris May**

**Mr. Christie called the June 15, 2020 meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the May 18, 2020 minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Cooper 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 SY 19/20 ended on June 5<sup>th</sup> and the Zoom 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation went very well. A short outdoor graduation ceremony is being planned for some time in the summer and everyone will be invited to attend. All report cards have been mailed. Mr. Warnick and his team are cleaning and preparing the building for the summer. All contracts have been signed and returned and at this point, we have a 100% retention rate. The new school year tentatively begins Aug 12 for staff and Aug 20 for students. That may be returning to the building, or remote learning we will be presenting what those alternative learning programs will be for the school. We know this will be a challenge and are waiting for the State on what their directive is. We will ensure that we are supporting students over the summer in getting ready for whatever school will look like in the fall.

Principal EL stated teachers and staff were appreciative to being able to go through this experience and feel supported by the school and the Board and to be a part of a team that they know really cares about their students and staff. Mrs. Winder stated when signing contracts many expressed being grateful to have a job in the environment that we are in now and very appreciative for the sign on bonus and even surprised to receive one.

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

**School Financials** by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported on the actuals through the end of May. Revenues at \$9.6 mil, expenditures are approximately \$8.6 mil and cash flow at approximately \$1mil. We had expected to end with a small deficit of \$10,000 but we are to the good, approximately \$238,000. The reasons for the surplus are we are not using as many services for the students, the expenses are lower, fixed costs lower, and projecting that this is what the end will be. We are working hard to use money so that at the end of the year funds will not be lost.

We are looking into replacing the clock system due to the current one being old and impossible to support.

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

**Board Financials Report** by Mr. Cooper

Mr. Christie reviewed the Foundation spreadsheet and stated the mortgage in the amount of \$24,410.18 will run its course in January.

The Charter conference has officially been cancelled.

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

**Achievement Committee Report** by W. Cooper

No Formal Report.

**Personnel Committee Report** by R. Sabesan

No Formal Report.

**Operations Committee Report** by E. Brown

No Formal Report.

Mr. Brown stated Mr. Warnick is getting bids on trying to get a lift so that they can do maintenance and replace pipe work that needs to be done.

**Executive Committee** by M. Christie

No Formal Report.

**Board Member Comments**

Mr. Brown gave highlights of the State meeting that he attended: the State will be sending PPE equipment i.e., face shields, disposable gowns, masks, and N95 gloves to different schools based on the population. The State will send ambient thermometers, and goggles to school nurses.

Also covered in the meeting: Verification of funding; National Board Certification – Bill 347; all Steps were frozen and; Delaware Walk for Teachers will be on October 9 (For Teachers by Teachers).

Mrs. Patel stated students were excited about receiving their camp packages. Mrs. Winder stated summer camp began with 85 students via Zoom.

**New Business/Open Discussion**

Mr. Brown asked if there is anything that teachers need or something out of the ordinary that needs to be purchased such as supplies or support prior to next year funding available. Principal EL stated that he and his Team would work on a communication to find out what is needed.

Mrs. Patel has online teacher training resources that she will pass on to the Administrative Team.

Mr. Christie adjourned the Board Meeting at 6:43pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mrs. Amanda Morris May**

**July 1, 2020**