

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

**October 16, 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 October 16, 2023.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Hal Blocksom		<b>X</b>
Emile Brown	<b>X</b>	
Mikkel Christie	<b>X</b>	
Wayne Cooper	<b>X</b>	
Nicole Huffner	<b>X</b>	
Kathleen Cheadle	<b>X</b>	
Ollie Johnson	<b>X</b>	
Ami Patel	<b>X</b>	
Roopa Sabesan		<b>X</b>

**THERE WAS A QUORUM OF THE BOARD**

**The following people were also present:**

- 1. Dr. Salome Thomas-EL**
- 2. Liz Yates**
- 3. John Shelton**
- 4. Logan Herring Sr.**

**Mr. Christie called the October 16, 2023, meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the September 18, 2023, minutes. The motion was made by Mrs. Huffner 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

**Riverside Revitalization Update** by Logan Herring Sr.

Mr. Logan Herring Sr., Chief Executive Officer, The WRK group, presented an overview of the revitalization of the Riverside neighborhood. Mr. Logan invited members to tour the community.

**School Report** by Dr. Salome Thomas-EL

Dr. EL reported 1<sup>st</sup> trimester progress reports will be distributed to parent the week of October 16<sup>th</sup>. The trimester ends on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Our school counselors are presenting to all classrooms on bullying prevention and distributing bracelets to support the message. Staff will wear orange on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Unity Day to unite for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying.

All teachers and staff will be participating in the statewide Professional Development Day this Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our coaches from CKLA and NCTM were onsite and conducted PLC's and classroom visits for teachers in K-8. This coaching and PD will be ongoing during the school year.

Our after-school program is up and running and we are making plans for Saturday School.

We have signed the contract for Boxx Modular and selected all color choice for carpet and tile. We will be meeting with Boxx biweekly to discuss the timeline and receive updates on the project.

Service Unlimited has been onsite for repairs and maintenance on our AC unit. We will be switching over to heat later this month.

Mr. Shelton gave a bus update: the additional bus company has been working well but several Advance busses are late every day.

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 M. Christie**

Mr. Christie reported for September 2023, revenues approximately \$1.6M and expenditures approximately \$1.5M. The forecast for June 2024, revenues \$14.1M and expenditures \$14M with a favorable variance.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the School Financials Report. A motion 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 September 2023. The Board Foundation ending balance \$107,613. The M&T Money Market ending balance \$602,301 and the PNC Money Market ending balance \$129,262.

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

#### **Operations Committee Report by E. Brown**

No Formal Report

#### **Executive Committee by M. Christie**

No Formal Report

Mr. Christie stated a future conversation will be centered around marketing.

He suggested thinking about the upcoming holiday so that plans could be finalized at the next meeting.

### **Board Member Comments**

### **New Business/Open Discussion**

Mrs. Patel suggested the Board enhance prizes for school-wide competitions such as door decorating. Prizes could include Edison merchandise for teachers.

Principal EL will coordinate the Riverside tour. Mr. Johnson would like to attend.

Mrs. Patel and Mr. Christie asked if the Board could support the Sunshine Club. Mr. Christie suggested having a membership match.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to contribute funds to the Sunshine Club. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

A motion to adjourn at 7:17 pm was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Johnson

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mrs. Amanda Morris May**

**November 07, 2023**