

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

July 24, 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 May 22, 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**
- 5. Robyn Neal**

Mr. Christie called the July 24, 2023 meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the May 22, 2023 minutes. The motion was made by Mrs. Huffner 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 2022-2023 school year officially ended on Friday, June 9th. Teachers and staff have completed all records to close the school year and mailed report cards to students.

Our Class of 2023 8th grade graduation was held outside on Friday, June 2nd. A large number of graduates will be attending some of the top public and private schools in DE. Thanks to the board members for attending.

Summer School was held for four (4) weeks beginning Tuesday, June 20th and ending on Friday, July 14th. We have over 100 students enrolled in the program.

We are in the final states of interviewing and hiring teachers and interventionists for next school year.

The first day of school for staff for the 2023-2024 school year is Thursday, August 17th. Students will begin on Monday, August 28th.

The modular project is moving along and in RFP status.

Jesse and his team are working to clean, paint and prepare the building for the opening school year.

We are celebrating some of our recent retirees at Harry's on Saturday, July 22, 2023.

The National Charter Conference was a success. Thanks for the board's support.

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 for June all that income received was predominantly from Federal funds. We still have funds the State is giving us for substitute teachers used when paraprofessionals took the place of teachers. We used a lot of ESSER funds, over \$100,000. The Board gave funds to ensure bonuses would be paid and to stay in the black in the amount of \$250,000. The deficit for last month was high \$200,000 to low \$300,000. With the \$250,000 received from the Board we still had revenue in excess of \$100,000. We ended the year at approximately \$110,000 in the black.

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

Board Financials Report by W. Cooper

No Formal Report

Operations Committee Report by E. Brown

Principal EL, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Brown will be meeting with representatives of Advance Transportation to discuss a firm commitment to meet expectations for the upcoming school year. Mr. Shelton stated he has been in communication with Ebony.

Mr. Brown stated the seal coating was done and it looks very nice. Principal EL stated Service Unlimited worked in the gym on the condensation so that the work on the floor can get started.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to approve the RFP for Modular Units. A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Executive Committee by M. Christie

Mr. Christie discussed Kathleen Cheadle's resume that was submitted by Principal EL for the open Board position.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept Kathleen Cheadle as the Teacher Representative to fill the open Board position. A motion was made by Mrs. Huffner and seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Mr. Blocksom attended and was honored at the 8th grade graduation. Mr. Blocksom was thrilled to be recognized. Principal EL thanked Mr. Johnson for being instrumental in Mr. Blocksom being honored.

Mr. Christie stated that he, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Brown attended the Retirement Celebration. The Board presented the honorees with \$50 gift cards.

The Charter Summit will be held on Thursday, August 3rd from 12:00 to 4:00 at the Del State Early College High School in Dover. Mrs. Patel is available to attend any virtual component. Mr. Johnson will attend. Mr. Shelton will also attend. Mr. Christie will contact Mr. Cooper to see if he is available to attend.

Mr. Christie discussed Board members going on a tour of The Warehouse, which is a community center serving teens in the Northeast area.

Board Member Comments

New Business/Open Discussion

Mrs. Winder stated the audit has begun.

Mr. Brown stated he would like to establish a 25-year Anniversary Committee.

Principal EL stated the organization Cradle to Crayons will be donating 650 backpacks loaded with school supplies to Edison students.

A motion to adjourn at 6:50 pm was made by Mr. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amanda Morris May

August 14, 2023