

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

**February 27, 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 February 27, 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>	
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. Principal EL**
- 2. Liz Yates**
- 3. Patricia Winder**
- 4. John Shelton**
- 5. Robyn Neal**

**Mr. Christie called the February 27, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the January 23, 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

**School Report by Principal EL**

Principal EL congratulated all students for completing the READBowl and earning some state titles! READBowl is a National Reading Competition to promote students reading. TECS won three out of the four conferences for the READBowl State Championship!

Primary Conference: TECS 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Big 3 Conference: TECS 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Middle Conference: TECS 8<sup>th</sup> grade

As part of the DDOE required school improvement planning process, we will be receiving a very large grant. The plan is required based on our SBAC test data. We are completing the plan and will submit the final version to the state by the end of March.

All teachers and staff are participating in our last professional development on the Delaware Teacher Growth and Support System (DTOSS.) This is the state's new teacher evaluation system. The PD provided by Research for Better Teaching (RBT) was held on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and is extremely beneficial to the teaching and learning happening at TECS.

The chess team will be going to the finals.

Sobieski performed a test of all of our fire and smoke alarms and we passed with no issues at all.

Jesse replaced the counter in the girls' bathroom. New water heater being installed in kindergarten.

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

**School Financials by P. Winder**

Mrs. Winder reported the state of Delaware has given additional money in the amount of \$177,000. Therefore, we are no longer projecting being at a deficit. There is an extra pay this year which happens every 10 years or so. We budgeted for that but they did not give us money for that. Fortunately, we are projecting in March we will get that additional money and will look good the rest of the year. There are no more funds coming in and we are using our grant funds to the best of our ability.

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

**Operations Committee Report** by E. Brown

No Formal Report

**Executive Committee** by M. Christie

Mr. Christie reported to ensure we end the year strongly and get back to a fully staffed and functioning Board the Executive Committee met and discussed a few short term and long term items with goals where appropriate.

Short Term Tasks

1. Full Strength Board

- a. Actively leveraging our networks for Board candidates to create a pool for current and future succession
- b. Re-engage/replace inactive Board Members.
- c. Recruit an additional Teacher Board Member.
- d. Recruit 2 Parent Board Members.

**GOAL:** To be at full Board strength by close of the school year.

Once goal is achieved, we will restaff and establish appropriate committees.

2. Billboard

- a. Move forward with billboard planning.

**GOAL:** Have a billboard displayed by the end of the school year.

3. National Charter Conference in Austin, TX

- a. 3 registered Board Members.

Medium Term

4. Phase 5
5. Board/Leadership Planning Session/Conference

Long Term

6. 25 Year Anniversary Celebration

A motion to accept the Executive Committee was made by Mrs. Huffner and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved by all and carried.

**Board Member Comments**

**New Business/Open Discussion**

Principal EL was invited to be a Keynote speaker at the National Charter Conference.

A motion to approve \$500 for teacher incentives was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mrs. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

A motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mrs. Amanda Morris May**

**March 14, 2023**