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THOMAS EDISON ENERGYSMART CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SEPTEMBER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

THE MEETING NOTICE HAS BEEN ADVERTISED IN COURIER NEWS.

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REGULAR MEETING

Date : September 27, 2017/ 7:30 pm
Place : 150 Pierce St. 2nd Floor, Somerset, NJ 08873

I. Call To Order

The Regular Board Meeting of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is called to order. Time: 7:45 pm

II. Meeting Notice Announcement

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has caused this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in 'The Courier News. The Board reserves the right to act on any and all agenda items.

III. Flag Salute

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

IV. Roll Call

BOARD MEMBERS	P/A
Raif Rustamov (Board President)	P
Keshaw Sahay (Vice President)	E
Stephen Alexis (Board Member)	P
Ashok Munisamy (Board Member)	E
Mehmet Eke (Board Member)	P
Raquel Neri (Board Member)	P

Also Present:

Oguz Yildiz (Lead Person)	P
Ilgar Sadigov (Board Secretary)	P

V. Public Comment

Board President or designee opens the public comment session on any topic. Each person is limited to speak for a period of three (3) minutes and will be asked to give their full name, spell their last name and provide their address. During this portion of the meeting, the public is invited to address the Board with questions or comments on agenda items. While all comments will be considered and a response will be made if and when appropriate, the Board will not respond to speakers at the time of their appearance. Board President or designee closes the public comment session on any topic.

VI. Report by Lead Person

Below is a schedule of the activities that have taken place since the last Board meeting:

Monday, September 4 – School closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5 – Friday, September 8 - \$5 dress down all week for Hurricane Harvey.

Total raised: \$2,198

Monday, September 11 – Clubs started

Thursday, September 14 – Grandparents night, good turn out with refreshments, games and a craft

Tuesday, September 19 – Back to School Night for Grades K-2

Wednesday, September 20 – Half day, Back to School Night for Grades 3-5

Thursday, September 21 – Back to School Night for Grades 6-9

Friday, September 22 – Green Day (one day a month will be dedicated to our “Green” school mission).

This first one was dedicated to light conservation. The school used less lights between the hours of 8am and 12pm. Students in grades K-5 were able to dress down in green.

Monday, September 25 – Picture Day

VII. Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the following minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting:

- ❖ Regular Meeting Minutes of August, 2017 (Minute forwarded trustees via email)

Motion# 170927.1 Motioned by: Dr. Rustamov **Seconded by:** Mr. Alexis **Passed:** Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V				
NO							
ABSTAIN					V	V	
ABSENT		V		V			

VIII. Financial Section: Mr. Ilgar Sadigov, Board Secretary

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the Bill List from August 31, 2017 to September 27, 2017. No unusual budgetary line item account expenditure. (Attached)

Motion# 170927.2 Motioned by: Dr. Rustamov **Seconded by:** Mrs. Neri **Passed:** Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V		V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

IX. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendation of Lead Person to approve following resolution

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and
 WHEREAS, Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School strives to save tax dollars, assure clean land, air and water, improve working and living environments as steps to building a sustainable community that will thrive well into the new century; and
 WHEREAS, Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School hereby acknowledges that the residents of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School desire a stable, sustainable future for themselves and future generations; and
 WHEREAS, Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School wishes to support a model of government which benefits our residents now and far into the future by exploring and adopting sustainable, economically-sound, local government practices; and
 WHEREAS, by endorsing a sustainable path Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School is pledging to educate itself and community members further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives supporting sustainable local government practices; and
 WHEREAS, as elected representatives of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School, we have a significant responsibility to provide leadership which will seek community-based sustainable solutions to strengthen our community:
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to focus attention and effort within Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School on matters of sustainability, the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School wishes to pursue local initiatives and actions that will lead to Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School that we do hereby authorize Mrs. Jignasha Patel to serve as Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School’s agent for the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification process and authorize her to complete the Municipal Registration on behalf of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School

Motion# 170927.3 Motioned by: Mr. Rustamov Seconded by: Mr. Eke Passed: Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V		V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

X. Human Resources

Motion to approve the recommendation of the Lead Person to approve the following changes in human resources.

Hiring

Mrs. Umran Kurtulus as a full time Substitute teacher with benefit effective September 20, 2017 through June 30, 2018

Resignations

Ms. Mollie Dunnigan – ESL teacher

Motion# 170927.4 Motioned by: Mr. Eke Seconded by: Mrs. Neri Passed: Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V		V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

XI. Action Items

Motion to approve the recommendations of the Lead Person to approve following resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School has decided to pay \$1000 to Health (Medical) benefit waivers. Payment is going to be in two settlements one being in January (\$500) and the second one at the end of the year (\$500). If employee decides to waive his/her benefits after he/she enrolled in benefit plan or if an employee hired after the school year started than payment is going to be prorated.

Motion# 170927.5 Motioned by: Mr. Eke Seconded by: Mr. Alexis Passed: Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V		V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

Adjournment

Time: 08:03 PM

Motion# 170927.6 Motioned by: Mr. Alexis Seconded by: Mr. Eke Passed: Yes

ROLL CALL	R Rustamov	K Sahay	S Alexis	A Munisamy	M Eke	R Neri	
YES	V		V		V	V	
NO							
ABSTAIN							
ABSENT		V		V			

Attachments

- Bill List
- Previous Meeting Minutes