

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

March 18, 2019

**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 March 18, 2019.

Directors	Present	Absent
Hal Blocksom	X	
Emile Brown	X	
Mikkel Christie	X	
Wayne Cooper	X	
Nicole Huffner	X	
Ollie Johnson	X	
Roopa Sabesan	X (Phone)	
Joseph Till	X	
Christine Kirkland	X	

THERE WAS A QUORUM OF THE BOARD

The following people were also present:

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

8. Cecilia Noyes (Teacher observing)

9. Daniella DiMateo (Teacher observing)

10. Jamie Downes Jr. (Teacher)

Mr. Christie called the March 18, 2019 meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the February 25, 2018 minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Blocksom and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Public Comments –

- Parent – None
- Teacher – None
- General Public – None

School Report by Principal EL

Principal EL reported there is one remaining Saturday Academy session March 23, 2019.

Leadership Day will be held on Friday, April 12 from 9-11:30. Mr. Blocksom asked about the registration for Leadership Day. Registration information will be emailed to the Board by Mr. Andru Smith, who is coordinating the event. Ms. Sabesan asked about Leadership day and wanted to know if the Board could help in any way. Ms. Yates explained what Leadership day is about and what it does for the students. Mr. Christie talked about his past Leadership Day experiences, and how students are given the opportunity to highlight their talents.

The Chess Team competed for the Pennsylvania State Scholastic Chess Championship on March 2nd and 3rd in Gettysburg, PA. The Elementary Team tied for 2nd place in their section. The Middle School Team was unable to finish due to the snow but one player was undefeated during the entire tournament and finished third in the state!

The Hydration Station, a student self-service filtered water system is now completed.

Principal EL stated that the glass window in the main office has been upgraded as a security measure.

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

School Financials by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported that all unit formula funds have been received from the State. An additional amount of \$71,000 was submitted as an adjustment for the month of February, which puts us in a positive light.

All district funds have been received as well as settlement funds from Christina School District of approximately \$85,000. Mr. Christie commended the school on spending and staying within budget.

Mr. Christie made a motion to accept the School Financial Report. The motion was made by Mr. Till and seconded by Mrs. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Board Financials Report by W. Cooper

Mr. Cooper reported that the M&T Money Market account ending balance February 28, 2019 was \$600,540.65.

Mr. Cooper also reported on the Statement of Account of expenditures paid.

Mr. Christie made a motion to accept the Board Financial Report. The motion was made by Mr. Blocksom and seconded by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Cooper then asked for a pause to discuss Phase V with regards to open discussions about ownership of the school. Mr. Cooper also added that Ed Lucas will be back in April. Ms. Kirkland asked about the ownership of the building and Mr. Cooper gave a description of Phase V and Mr. Lucas' role.

Motion was made once again to accept the Board Financial Report. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Achievement Committee Report by W. Cooper

No Formal Report

Personnel Committee Report

Mr. Christie stated that the Head of School has a contract expiring this year. He will speak with Mrs. Winder and Principal EL to discuss moving further and his contract.

Mrs. Winder made a request to accept the Parental Leave Policy for birth or adoption of a child with updates recommended by Ms. Sabesan, and for it to be incorporated with the school's personnel manual. Mr. Christie made a motion to approve that the Parental Leave Policy be accepted and added to the personnel manual. Mr. Cooper made a motion to accept the Parental Leave Policy the motion was seconded by Blocksom approved by all and carried.

Operations Committee Report by H. Blocksom

Mr. Blocksom stated that he is in receipt of two bids for the repair of the wall. The approximate cost of repairs will be less than \$20,000. If a third bid does not come in, selections will be made from the two that were received.

Mr. Christie asked if any additional bids have come in from Facilities Management Companies. Mrs. Winder stated no one has requested a RFP except for Bravo.

Executive Committee by M. Christie

Mr. Christie discussed bringing in a potential new board member. Principal EL spoke to the Board on Ms. Ami Patel's background and the contribution she would make to the Board. Mr. Christie handed out her resume, talked about bringing diversity onto the board panel and stated that she would be a great role model for our children.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept Ms. Ami Patel onto the Board as a Community Member. The motion was made by Mrs. Huffner and seconded by Mr. Blocksom. The motion was approved by all and carried.

DANA make up session for new Board Members will be on March 20. Mr. Christie asked if Ms. Sabesan would be in attendance to the DANA session, Ms. Sabesan stated she would attend.

Principal EL took the opportunity to welcome Christina Kirkland as the new parent representative to the Board. He stated she is a long-term member of the community, a big supporter of the school and it is an honor to have her serve on the Board. Principal EL extended an appreciation to all Board members for the sacrifice they make in helping us continue the legacy of Thomas Edison Charter School.

Mr. Christie asked if anyone had any other questions or comments. Motion to accept the executive committee report. Motion to accept by Mrs. Huffner seconded by Mr. Blocksom. Approved and carried by all.

Board Member Comments

The Board extended an invitation to any teachers or staff that would like to attend the next Charter Conference to be held June 30-July 3, 2019 in Las Vegas.

New Business/Open Discussion

Mr. Brown took a moment to address the importance of teachers and the impact they have on children and people in general.

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:00pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blocksom, approved by all and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Angela Cortes

4/5/2019