

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

**August 16, 2021**

**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 August 16, 2021.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Hal Blocksom		<b>X</b>
Emile Brown	<b>X</b>	
Richard Burruss		<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. Patricia Winder**
- 3. John Shelton**
- 4. Amanda Morris May**

**Mr. Christie called the August 16, 2021 meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the July 19, minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Cooper. 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 first day of school for staff for the 2021-2022 school year is August 26, 2021. Students will begin on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Special thanks to Mrs. Ransom, her team, and the teachers for all of their hard work during the summer program this year! Shout out to the office team as well.

Our Kindergarten enrollment numbers are steadily increasing. We currently have 65 students who have applied and been accepted. We are awaiting documentation to finalize enrollment. We anticipate this number increasing to at least 80 students.

We are planning a full in-person opening at the start of the school year but the Delta Variant may impact our plans. A 94K surge in COVID-19 cases among kids has overwhelmed hospitals and is causing alarm at the CDC and around the nation. We will keep you posted.

We have officially contracted with a new building maintenance company, Interstate Premier Services. Things have started great and we are impressed with what we have seen so far.

Jesse and his new team continue to work to prep the building to be cleaned for next year.

Nah'Shon "Bones" Hyland, our 2015 graduate, was selected in the first round of the NBA Draft by the Denver Nuggets! We are excited to watch his success! Thanks to all who support our kids!

The nurse's office is near completion.

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 we just finished the first month of the year and revenues are at \$4.1mil for July. The majority of that is the first portion of the Unit Count formula. The 75% that we are supposed to get the first month was received. We thought we would get \$3.495mil and we got

\$205,000 over that so our variance is positive. We will not start receiving local funds until October that is when the first 35% is due. We started to use the federal funds for the year and are starting to see some of the small grants come in. We have the MCI Opps, \$112,000 and we are going to use those funds to complete the roof.

For expenses, we have approximately \$1mil that is also a positive variance of \$61,000. We were over budget in salaries approximately \$36,000. That is primarily because of summer camp and summer enrichment program and it is offset by contracted services because we are not spending as much since the students are not there. We have not purchased any computer equipment as of yet.

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

**Board Financials Report by Mr. Cooper**

Mr. Cooper reviewed the Statements of Account. There has been very little activity.

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

**Grant Writing:** Mr. Cooper reviewed the weekly status report from Robert J Miller and associates, grant writers. The need to hire a part-time person to assist with the grant writing effort was discussed.

**Achievement Committee Report by W. Cooper**

No Formal Report.

**Personnel Committee Report by R. Sabesan**

No Formal Report

**Operations Committee Report by E. Brown**

No Formal Report

Mr. Brown asked if there are any problems with transportation and asked for an update on the roof. Mrs. Winder stated there is a delay with the roof due to the lack of supplies and materials. The expected date to begin work is February 2022. Mr. Shelton stated Advance is feeling the effects of driver shortages and they are trying to work that out.

**Executive Committee by M. Christie**

Mr. Christie stated a part-time grant assist is something we should continue to look into. He stated planning of the Board Retreat maybe assigned to a small group. Mr. Christie asked everyone to think about ways to celebrate Mr. Blocksom and to present him as Board emeritus. He stated Mr. Blocksom has fulfilled an important role at Thomas Edison and mentored him his first few years on the Board. Principal EL suggested making a video as our token of appreciation. Charter renewal, which is due, next year was discussed. There are open Board positions. Resumes of potential candidates should be emailed to Mr. Christie.

#### **Board Member Comments**

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

Principal EL thanked Mr. Christie for his leadership.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mrs. Amanda Morris May**

**September 1, 2021**