

**Thomas Edison Charter Schools  
Governing Board Meeting  
February 4, 2015**

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In attendance: Tirzah Anderson, Emma Bullock, Sonny Tuft Late: Adam Burris, Estee Wilson

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*Welcome/Conducting: Tirzah Anderson*

*Pledge: Sonny Tuft*

*Charter Highlight - Emma Bullock:* Student Assessment - All state testing requirements of UPASS will be met. Other assessments will be given. Spalding tests are incorporated. Scott talked about the in-house CRT that was previously given at the beginning and ending of the year.

*Adam Burris is present.*

*Adoption of Agenda - Tirzah Anderson:*

**Motion to adopt the agenda as written: Tirzah Anderson**

**Second: Sonny Tuft**

**Unanimous**

*Board Development:*

*Policy Highlight - Tirzah Anderson:* Tirzah highlighted the administrator development plan in light of the training last night. She talked about performance standards and indicators and recognizing the importance of ongoing evaluations.

*Training Objective - UAPCS Regional Training Recap:* Tirzah asked for thoughts. Adam stated that they did a good job of presenting, but did not think anything they presented was new. The thought process of establishing it was informative and there are some things that the school could change.

*Estee Wilson is in attendance.*

*Public Comment: None*

*Approval of Minutes*

**Motion to approve the January 2015 minutes as currently written: Tirzah Anderson**

**Second: Emma Bullock**

**Unanimous**

*Personnel Requests - Scott/Melani:*

*Scott Jackson:*

Recommends Hailey Trauntvein to replace one of the aides that has left.

*Melani Kirk:*

One of the special education aides left. They are readjusting the schedule.

There is need for a full time aide for one 3rd grade student with challenging behavior and academics.

Interviews will begin soon.

**Motion to approve per requests as stated: Tirzah Anderson**

**Second: Adam Burris**

**Unanimous**

*Explore Test Report - Jamin Bingham/Shalese Bruya:* There is a three year history with an 8th grade national average. The highest composite score on this test is 25. A couple of areas have dropped at Edison North, but it is still almost one full point above national average. The test is administered right at the end of first term, which is quite early in the 8th grade year. The fall window goes through December 4th.

This test will change next year to be called ACT Aspire. They want to be more aligned with "college and career ready" and common core. There is more rigidity and a writing portion that has been added.

Explore has been a paper and pencil test. Aspire will allow either. It is unknown if the state will still pay for the tests.

*Finance Report - Jim Peterson:* Jim discussed the charts showing expenses and revenues from a different perspective, showing combined, South and North. Expenses show in order of percentage of budget. There is a similar sheet for revenues with table and charts. A noteworthy expense between campuses is facility. It is 15% at Edison South and just under 6% at Edison North.

In the monthly expenditures graph Edison South is running way below expectations. Edison North is slightly below.

Edison South's part time employee category is showing \$58,000 in the black, \$15,600 for salaried, \$22,000 for benefits. Some of this may be because some employees are paid before they work. The campuses have two different ways to do time sheets. Edison South uses an online program and it shows to the minute. Edison North is using paper timesheets, so there is rounding.

*Principal Reports - Melani/Scott:*

*Melani Kirk:*

- There are some openings after the lottery. There are nine in kindergarten that will fill. There are usually opening in middle school. Hopefully, with the USU group we will be able to fill completely.
- The sound boards look great and are making a huge difference.
- The school purchased rebar to block doors in case of a lockdown for an intruder. Since the doors open out, stacking desks in front of door didn't work.

- Subs coming in would not be familiar with our plan. Procedures have been added to the substitute employment packet so they can become familiar with it before subbing.
- The conference room was mostly done from eagle scout projects from our own students.
- AAE sent out a survey. The response from the school was overwhelming. AAE provided a luncheon with a disco ball and prizes. They took pictures of everyone.

*Scott Jackson:*

- Charter day on the hill was successful. Shem went with the student council. Tirzah also attended. Some of the students were able to take selfies with the governor and some met their representative. The students represented themselves well. Jim Dabakis and Carter Fielding were spotted debating on the Guantanamo Bay History Day project.
- Brooke Shultz' husband is a major marketer who has done work for the Olympics and Disney. He now teaches at USU.
- Enrollment - This year is the lowest number of students on the waiting list for quite a few years.
- Needed summer projects are revising the parking lot, purchasing a new copier and working on the infrastructure for the internet.

Legislative Update - Jim Peterson:

Jim handed out a sheet showing bills relating to charter schools and where they were in the process as of 2:00 today.

- The increase in tax for education failed. (HB54)
- Base budget bill leaving everything the same as last year has yet to enter the legislature (SB1)
- An unnumbered bill regarding charter school funding, introduced by Howard Stephenson, might be important.
- A grant for LEAs to apply for funding for digital learning. (HB67)
- A proposal to increase the teacher salary supplement program, first to \$5,100, then to \$6,100 instead of the \$4,200. This would also amend the definition of eligible teachers. (HB203)
- A change to the formula for class size reduction. (HP106)
- October 1st count vs. ADM plus growth. The state auditor stated that all schools should be funded the same. It is being debated very hotly in the legislature. Some opponents of charters feel they are being unfairly funded. There is still much animosity toward charters by some on the committee. They are starting to gain some supporters. Again they are arguing that charters are retaining students until October 1st, then send them to the district schools.
- LRF - The same arguments.

*Consideration of motion to adjourn to executive/closed session:*

**Motion that we move into a closed session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation:**

**Tirzah Anderson**

**Second: Adam Burris**

**Tirzah Anderson - Yes, Emma Bullock - Yes, Sonny Tuft - Yes, Estee Wilson - Yes**