EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

43466 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

March 9, 2017

9:00 a.m.

43448 Business Park Drive

Temecula, CA 92590

Our mission is to empower students by fostering their innate curiosity, engaging their parents, and promoting optimum learning by collaboratively developing a personalized learning program for each student.

Present:

Beth Burt, Board Chair	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
Tracey Vela, Vice Chair	Amy Podratz, Asst. Supt. of Administrative Operations
Justin Moldenhauer, Board Director	Tanya Rogers, Asst. Supt. of Business
Craig Schneider, Board Director	Phil Hermsmeyer, Interim Asst. Supt. of IT/Facilities
Marlene Darrow, Board Director	Natali South, Director of Executive Support

1. Action: Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
   - Ms. Burt called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda
   - Mr. Schneider moved to approve the agenda.
   - Mr. Moldenhauer seconded.
   - Vote: 5 Ayes: Burt, Vela, Moldenhauer, Schneider, Darrow; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Chan, Mammoth. Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2017 Meeting
   - Ms. Darrow moved to approve the Minutes from the February 16, 2017 meeting.
   - Mr. Schneider seconded.
   - Vote: 3 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Schneider; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Chan, Mammoth; 2 Abstain: Burt, Moldenhauer. Motion Adopted

4. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda:
    - Ms. Vela moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
    - Ms. Darrow seconded.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Burt, Vela, Moldenhauer, Schneider, Darrow; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Chan, Mammoth. Motion Adopted

5. Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS
    - None

6. Information: Superintendent's Report
    - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report and indicated that we will be making marketing efforts for the Rancho Cucamonga site. Dr. Hermsmeyer explained our plans to submit a year early for renewal with Helendale Elementary School District to include the Rancho site as the one property exemption allowed by law.

7. Information: E-Rate Application
    - Phil Hermsmeyer provided an information regarding the E-Rate program and required application.

8. Information/Activity: Form 700 – Conflict of Interest Reporting
    - Board members were provided an opportunity to complete their Conflict of Interest – Form 700.

9. Action: Approval of Second Interim Budget
    - Ms. Vela moved to approve the Second Interim Budget.
    - Ms. Darrow seconded.
    - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the Second Interim Budget and answered Board members' questions.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Burt, Vela, Moldenhauer, Schneider, Darrow; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Chan, Mammoth. Motion Adopted

10. Action: Selection of New Auditor
    - Mr. Schneider moved to approve Christy White and Associates as the auditor for the 2016-2017 school year.
    - Ms. Vela seconded.
    - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that our current auditor provided notice that they will not be able to conduct our audit this year, thus the need to select another firm.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Burt, Vela, Moldenhauer, Schneider, Darrow; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Chan, Mammoth. Motion Adopted

11. Action: Approval of Contract with Sonwest Air Conditioning
    - Ms. Darrow moved to approve the contract with Sonwest Air Conditioning for air conditioning installation at the Santa Ana Student Center.
    - Ms. Vela seconded.
    - Discussion: Phil Hermsmeyer led a discussion regarding this contract.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Burt, Vela, Moldenhauer, Schneider, Darrow; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Chan, Mammoth. Motion Adopted

12. Information: BOARD COMMENTS
    - Mr. Schneider asked to be provided with Board dates for the remainder of the year.
    - Ms. Vela: I attended the Learning and the Brain conference. The conference was great, but I got sick, so it was a little challenging. The workshops I did see, I thoroughly enjoyed.
    - Ms. Darrow: This will be a busy year for me, especially planning my daughter's wedding. I've scheduled a vacation for the week after the wedding; I think I'll need it!
    - Ms. Burt: I met with an assembly member for the Rancho Cucamonga area. He was supportive of charter schools, and commented that charters do a good job of policing themselves and each other.

13. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting
    - Ms. Vela moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
    - Mr. Schneider seconded.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Burt, Vela, Moldenhauer, Schneider, Darrow; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Chan, Mammoth. Motion Adopted

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

May 11, 2017 9:00 a.m. | 43448 Business Park Drive, Temecula, CA 92590

Heidi Chan, Secretary — **Date** 5/11/17