EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

43466 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

September 15, 2016

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:

Tracey Vela, Vice Chair	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
Heidi Chan, Secretary	Amy Podratz, Asst. Supt. of Administrative Operations
Justin Moldenhauer, Treasurer	Tanya Rogers, Asst. Supt. of Business
Craig Schneider, Board Director	Diane Anvari, Asst. Supt. of Personnel
Robin Mammoth, Board Director	Dr. Peter Alvino, Interim Asst. Supt. of Pupil Services
Marlene Darrow, Board Director	Natali South, Director of Executive Support

1. Action: Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
   - Ms. Darrow called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda
   - Mr. Schneider moved to approve the agenda.
   - Mr. Moldenhauer seconded.
   - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from September 6, 2016
   - Ms. Vela moved to approve the Minutes from the September 6, 2016 meeting.
   - Ms. Chan seconded
   - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

4. Action: Election of Officers and Appointment of Subcommittee Members
    - Ms. Mammoth moved to elect Beth Burt as Board Chair.
    - Ms. Chan seconded.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

    - Ms. Chan moved to elect Tracey Vela as Vice Chair.
    - Ms. Mammoth seconded.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

    - Ms. Vela moved to elect Heidi Chan as Secretary.
    - Ms. Mammoth seconded.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

    - Ms. Mammoth moved to elect Justin Moldenhauer as Treasurer.
    - Ms. Vela seconded
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

    - Ms. Mammoth moved to appoint Marlene Darrow and Heidi Chan to the Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee.
    - Ms. Vela seconded.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

5. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda:
    1. Personnel Action Report: June, July, and August 2016
    2. Warrant Registers - June, July, and August
    3. Second Reading and Approval of Board Stipend Policy
    4. Second Reading and Approval of High School Math Placement Policy
    5. Organizational Chart
    6. Wall Craft, Inc. Contract Ratification
    7. South Pacific Contract Ratification
    8. Sonwest Contract Ratification
    - Ms. Vela moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
    - Mr. Moldenhauer seconded.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

6. Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS
    - None

7. Information: Superintendent's Report
    - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided network-wide updates.

8. Information: Employee Survey Results
    - Diane Anvari reviewed the Employee Satisfaction Survey results which reflected growth in staff satisfaction.

9. Information: Empire Springs Graduation Report 2015-16
    - Dr. Alvino reviewed the Graduation Report and addressed Board member questions.

10. Action: Unaudited Actuals
    - Ms. Mammoth moved to approve the Unaudited Actuals.
    - Mr. Schneider seconded.
    - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the Unaudited Actuals Report and answered questions raised by Board members.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

11. Action: Approval of Superintendent's Goals 2016-17
    - Ms. Vela moved to approve the Superintendent's Goals for 2016-17 with a revision to Goal #4 to read, "Increase overall financial reserve by 1%".
    - Ms. Chan seconded.
    - Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed her proposed goals and explained the criteria that will be used to measure each goal.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

12. Information: BOARD COMMENTS
    - Ms. Mammoth: Does our technology provision apply to our Academy students as well? Do they have a chromebook to take home? I'm asking because large school districts often have surplus auctions where you can buy pallets of computers and other supplies for pennies on the dollar.
        - Amy Podratz indicated that the Rancho Cucamonga site is a 1:1 site meaning that each student has a chromebook assigned to them for their use for the year. Additionally, due to technology needs and ability to support specific programs and platforms, we typically cannot buy outdated equipment, even though it might be very affordable.
    - Mr. Moldenhauer: Do we promote our grad rate in our marketing events?
        - Dr. Hermsmeyer agreed that would be good information to include in our marketing pieces.

- Ms. Vela: Can we schedule a tour to visit the Rancho Cucamonga site?
    - Dr. Hermsmeyer: Yes, we can try to schedule that for November.
- Ms. Darrow: Next month will begin my first year of not having to facilitate the meetings as Chair, since prior to being on Empire, I was the Chair for River. It will be nice to just participate.

13. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting
    - Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m.
    - Ms. Moldenhauer seconded.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Darrow, Vela, Moldenhauer, Chan, Mammoth, Schneider; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burt; Motion Adopted

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 8, 2016 9:00 a.m. | 43448 Business Park Drive, Temecula, CA 92590

Heidi Chan

10/20/16
Date