GOVERNING BOARDS

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL
HARBOR SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL
RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL

43448 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2014

9:00a.m.–5:00p.m.

NEW ***Springs Event Center***

43174 Business Park Drive / Temecula 92591

I. PRELIMINARY

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.

1. *Action:* **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance:**
   a. Superintendent/Board President, Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, called the meeting to order at 9:07am.

PRESENT:

• Marlene Darrow, Board Chair (River) & Board Secretary (Empire) • Jennifer Mejares Pham, Board Vice Chair (River) & Board Treasurer (Harbor) • Robin Mammoth, Board Secretary (River) & Board Chair (Empire) • Pamela Ellard, Board Parliamentarian (River) & Board Chair (Harbor) • Charlene Ponzio, Board Treasurer (River) • Sheila Ryle, Board Director (River) • Steaven Chan, Board Vice Chair (Harbor) • Rachel Couch, Board Secretary (Harbor) • Louis Fetherolf, Board Director (Harbor) • Liz Johnson, Board Director (Harbor) • Heidi Chan, Board Vice Chair (Empire) • Beth Burt, Board Treasurer (Empire)	• Tracey Vela, Board Director (Empire) • Don Langille, Board Director (Empire) • Justin Moldenhauer, Board Director (Empire) • Teasa Phalen, Board Chair (Springs) • Timothy Trainor, Board Vice Chair (Springs) • Vondella McCombs, Board Secretary/Treasurer (Springs) • Linda Rhoads Parks, Esq., Legal Counsel (River & Springs) • Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent • Amy Podratz, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Administrative Operations • Kyla Shofner, Director of Charter Relations • Students, Staff, and Parents *(sign-in available upon request)*

2. *Action:* **Approval of Agenda**
   a. EMPIRE
      i. Mr. Langille moved to approve the Empire Springs Charter School board agenda. Ms. Vela seconded. (No discussion.) 7 AYES (Langille, Vela, Burt, Chan, Darrow, Mammoth, Moldenhauer); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

b. HARBOR

i. Ms. Couch moved to approve the Harbor Springs Charter School board agenda. Mr. Chan seconded. (No discussion.) 5 AYES (Couch, Chan, Ellard, Fetherolf, Johnson); 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (Mejares Pham). Motion adopted.

c. RIVER

i. Ms. Darrow moved to approve the River Springs Charter School board agenda. Ms. Ryle seconded. (No discussion.) 5 AYES (Darrow, Ryle, Ellard, Mammoth, Ponzio); 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (Mejares Pham). Motion adopted.

3. *Action:* **Approval of Consent Agenda**

a. EMPIRE

i. Ms. Chan moved to approve the Empire Springs Charter School consent agenda. Ms. Burt seconded. 7 AYES (Chan, Burt, Darrow, Langille, Mammoth, Moldenhauer, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

b. HARBOR

i. Mr. Chan moved to approve the Harbor Springs Charter School consent agenda. Ms. Ellard seconded. 5 AYES (Chan, Ellard, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson); 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (Mejares Pham). Motion adopted.

c. RIVER

i. Ms. Ryle moved to approve the River Springs Charter School consent agenda. Ms. Darrow seconded. 5 AYES (Ryle, Darrow, Ellard, Mammoth, Ponzio); 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (Mejares Pham). Motion adopted.

4. Special Performance by the Magnolia Student Center Choir

i. Directed by Katharine Bond

II. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

This is an opportunity for community members to speak to any item on the agenda or regarding subjects or concerns that do not appear on the agenda. Any person wishing to speak is requested to complete the "Request to Speak" form found at the entrance to the meeting and to bring it forward to the Board Secretary. Presentations are limited to three minutes. Government Code Section 54954.2 and Education Code Section 35145.5 prohibit the Board from discussing or acting upon matters not on the agenda.

5. *Information:* **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

a. None

6. *Information:* **BOARD COMMENTS**

a. EMPIRE

i. Each of the board members introduced themselves.

ii. Mr. Langille requested that any warrants greater than $10,000 be taken off the consent agenda and voted on for separate approval. Staff agreed to bring this to the Empire Springs Governing Board agenda on March 13, 2014 for an official vote.

b. HARBOR

i. Each of the board members introduced themselves.

c. RIVER

i. Each of the board members introduced themselves.

III. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

7. *Information:* **Superintendent Update – State of the Schools**

a. *See attached executive summary and presentation.*

b. Dr. Hermsmeyer presented her State of the Schools presentation.

8. *Presentations:* **Students of the Month**

a. Each of the following Students of the Month gave a short speech:

i. *November 2013:* **Kylie Canales (Temecula Student Center)**

ii. *December 2013:* **Nadya Dooley (Homeschool)**

iii. *January 2014:* **Paige Miller (Temecula Student Center)**

iv. *February 2014:* **Olivia Merkel (Homeschool)**

9. *Presentation:* **Robotics Team 3470 – Cyborg Zombies**

a. George Essel, CTE Teacher & Robotics Mentor

i. Cyborg Zombies Robotics Team (founded 2010)

Nimble	The Robot	Born January 4, 2014
Gwen Carney	IPT Lead & Board Vice President	12th grade
Kai Alayvilla	Multimedia Manager	9th grade
Keelan Winter	Board President	10th grade
Alex Nagelvoort	Board Secretary	10th grade
Megan Chan	Business Lead	10th grade

ii. The team urged members of the Springs community to support them at their upcoming competition on March 2 -3, 2014. Check their website for more information: www.cyborgzombies.org.

iii. It costs $5,000 to enter the first competition and $4,000 to enter the second competition. If you're interested in supporting the Cyborg Zombies team please visit http://www.gofundme.com/CyborgZombiesTeam3470.

10. *Presentations:* **Associated Student Bodies (ASBs)**

a. Hemet Quest Student Center

i. ASB Advisor: **Nicole Hollowell**

Justin Baez	ASB President	8th grade
Valerie Sanchez	ASB Vice President	7th grade
Angela Reyes	ASB Secretary	8th grade
Jazlyn Villabla	ASB Treasurer	6th grade

b. Hemet Student Center

i. ASB Advisor: **Theresa Rodriguez**

Tristan Palmer	ASB President	11th grade
Peyton Looman	ASB Vice President	12th grade
Braxton Robinson	ASB Secretary	11th grade
Marcus Littlewood	ASB Treasurer	10th grade
James Addison	11th Grade Representative	11th grade
Breanna Tronti	10th Grade Representative	10th grade

Ms. Mejares Pham arrived to the meeting at 10:55a.m.

c. Riverside Student Center

i. ASB Advisor: **Courtnie Wallace**

Savannah Webb	ASB President	8th grade
Morgan Roberts	ASB Vice President	7th grade
Madalyn Behney	ASB Secretary	6th grade
Ian Fisher	ASB Student Representative	8th grade

d. Lake Elsinore Student Center

i. ASB Mentor: **Lindsay Robson**

Kevyn Clemmer	ASB President	8th grade
Savannah Bonaventure	ASB Student	7th grade
Daniel Garate	ASB Student	4th grade
Faith Campas	ASB Student	8th grade
Joy Campas	ASB Student	8th grade

e. Murrieta Student Center

i. ASB Advisor: **Beth Whitehead**

Will Madigan	ASB President	8th grade
Kyle Whan	ASB Co-President	8th grade
Marja Crawford	ASB Co-President	8th grade
Lorena Aleman	ASB Vice President	7th grade
Matthew Villa	ASB Treasurer	7th grade
Bryenna Jimenez	ASB Treasurer	8th grade

IV. GOVERNANCE

11. *Keynote:* **Dain Blanton: Leadership – Aiming Higher & Getting to Gold**

a. Dain Blanton with Getting to Gold (www.getting-to-gold.org)

i. What DRIVES you? Find your passion!! Create your vision!

ii. Surround yourself with SUCCESS! Practice with THE BEST. If you're the best guy on the court, you're on the wrong court.

iii. PERSISTENCE – continuing in a course of action in spite of ANY difficulty or opposition

1. 11/259 (Dain won 4% of his matches.)
    a. You may fail MUCH more than you win, but you have to keep at it.
2. Don't be too quick to go to your backup plan…

iv. A GOAL is a SPECIFIC, MEASURABLE, TIME BOUND end toward which you direct specific effort until achieved.

v. OBSTACLES

1. You can't control them.
2. You can't prevent them.
3. YOU CAN CONTROL HOW TO RESPOND TO THEM.

vi. TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

1. Create and follow good HABITS that ensure your future successes. We can't rely on willpower alone.
2. A habit is an acquired behavior pattern regularly followed until it has become almost involuntary.

vii. EFFORT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TALENT.

viii. Help take the pressure away by PREPARING.

The Boards recessed for lunch from 12:30p.m.-1:30p.m.

V. PROGRAM REVIEWS & TRAININGS

12. Special Performance by the Temecula Student Center Theater Group: " I Hate Shakespeare" by Steph DeFerie

- **a.** Philip Parks, Assistant Director & Music/Theater Teacher of the Temecula Student Center
- **b.** The Temecula Student Center Theater Group performed several skits from the play, "I Hate Shakespeare."

Avalon Glen	Christian Andregg
Cosimo Satalino	Devin Robbins
Drake Robbins	Emanuelle Melo
Fuadie Valle	Jacqueline Mosher
Maria Caposio	Nelle Kaufman
Nicolas Wheeler	Olivia Lang

13. *Presentation:* **Homeschool**

- **a.** *See attached report and presentation.*
- **b.** Ms. Price, Ms. Dee, and Ms. Jacoby, presented an update on Springs Charter Schools' Homeschool Program.
- **c.** Ms. Burt: Are there any colleges in our area that don't participate? Now that we are moving into the San Bernardino area, who is our contact for reaching out to the schools in the area?
- **d.** Ms. Price: Our Guidance Department works with the colleges to continue to develop those relationships.
- **e.** Ms. Chan: Have we gathered our families' opinions about moving to textbook-less?
- **f.** Ms. Price: I think we will always offer the option of a textbook; both high tech and low tech.
- **g.** Dr. Hermsmeyer: We actually still own thousands of textbooks. If a family wants a textbook-based course, we have them. These new courses will meet the new Common Core standards and be as textbook-less as possible even though there will still be plenty of reading and novels. Plus, our students do prefer to use technology over hard copy books.
- **h.** Mr. Chan: My family is extremely pleased with the Homeschool Program.
- **i.** Ms. Ponzio: Can you explain why Homeschool enrollment dropped?
- **j.** Ms. Dee: With the implementation of Math Path and our key assignments we might have lost some families who did not want those additional accountability standards. In addition, we think the economic recession (and both members of the household having the return to the workforce) might have been a reason as well.
- **k.** Ms. Ponzio requested a list of the field trips for the school year.
- **l.** Ms. Mejares Pham: As we grow, what things have we implemented to help support our Education Specialists? What kind of outreach have we done?
- **m.** Ms. Dee: We have monthly Education Specialist meetings. We also do regional activities where our Education Specialists are asked to volunteer such as our Student Parent Regional Education Events (SPREEs).
- **n.** Ms. Jacoby: We also train all of our Education Specialists on Google Hangouts, and we do spend time doing direct connects (face-to-face meetings).

14. *Training:* **Common Core**

- **a.** *See attached presentation.*
- **b.** Ms. Parshall led a training and a series of interactive activities for the Boards.

15. *Presentation:* **Hemet Quest & Hemet Student Centers**

- **a.** *See attached report and presentation.*

b. Ms. Martin presented an update on River Springs Charter Schools' Hemet Quest and Hemet Student Centers.

16. *Presentation:* **Riverside Student Center**

a. *See attached report and presentation.*

b. Ms. Hart presented an update on River Springs Charter Schools' Riverside Student Center.

The Boards recessed for a break from 2:45p.m. – 3:00p.m.

17. *Presentation:* **Murrieta & Lake Elsinore Student Centers**

a. *See attached report and presentation.*

b. Ms. Johnston presented an update on River Springs Charter Schools' Murrieta and Lake Elsinore Student Centers.

18. *Presentation:* **Keys College & Career Prep**

a. *See attached report and presentation.*

b. Ms. Hanson presented an update on River Springs Charter Schools' Keys College and Career Prep Program.

19. *Training:* **High School Advisement – *Tabled***

20. *Training:* **FERPA – *Tabled***

21. *Training:* **504 – *Tabled***

22. *Action:* **Approval of 2014-2015 Attendance & 185 Staff Credentialed Calendar**

a. EMPIRE

i. Ms. Mammoth moved to approve the Empire Springs Charter School's 2014-2015 Attendance & 185 Staff Credentialed Calendar. Mr. Langille seconded. (No discussion.) 7 AYES (Mammoth, Langille, Burt, Chan, Darrow, Moldenhauer, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

b. HARBOR

i. Ms. Ellard moved to approve the Harbor Springs Charter School's 2014-2015 Attendance & 185 Staff Credentialed Calendar. Ms. Couch seconded. (No discussion.) 6 AYES (Ellard, Couch, Chan, Fetherolf, Johnson, Mejares Pham); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

c. RIVER

i. Ms. Mejares Pham moved to approve the River Springs Charter School's 2014-2015 Attendance & 185 Staff Credentialed Calendar. Ms. Ponzio seconded. (No discussion.) 6 AYES (Mejares Pham, Ponzio, Darrow, Ellard, Mammoth, Ryle); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

23. *Action:* **Approval of Board Resolution 201.6 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property**

a. RIVER

i. Ms. Darrow moved to approve the River Springs Charter School's Board Resolution 201.6 Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Property. Ms. Ponzio seconded.

ii. Discussion:

1. Dr. Hermsmeyer: We have not yet determined the non-profit to which we can donate the surplus property.
2. Ms. Mejares Pham: I am concerned that board does not know where this surplus property is going to be donated to. I just urge the staff to be careful when considering the charity to donate to.

3. Ms. Ponzio: What's the complication for donating a car?

iii. 6 AYES (Darrow, Ponzio, Ellard, Mammoth, Mejares Pham, Ryle); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

24. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 4005.1 – Disposal of Surplus Property**

a. RIVER

i. Ms. Mammoth moved to approve the River Springs Charter School's Revised Board Policy 4005.1 – Disposal of Surplus Property. Ms. Ryle seconded. (No discussion) 5 AYES (Mammoth, Ryle, Darrow, Ellard, Ponzio); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 1 ABSTENTION (Mejares Pham). Motion adopted.

25. *Action:* **Approval of Out-of-state Travel to Washington, D.C. via World Strides**

a. RIVER

i. Ms. Mejares Pham moved to approve the River Springs Charter School's Out-of-state Travel to Washington, D.C. via World Strides as an information item. Ms. Ellard seconded.

ii. Discussion:

1. The board questioned why they would be approving out-of-state travel for a non-school event.
2. Ms. Parks clarified that this out-of-state travel does NOT require board approval per the Board Policy 3006.1: Out-of-state Travel since the school is not paying for the trip, not paying the teachers to go on the trip, and not covering any liability for the trip because the trip is occurring in the summer on the students' and staff's own time and at their own personal decision. Ms. Parks did suggest this is still good information to report to the board as an information item. *(The same is all true for action item #26.)*

iii. 6 AYES (Mejares Pham, Ellard, Darrow, Mammoth, Ponzio, Ryle); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

26. *Action:* **Approval of Out-of-state Travel to France & England Via EF Tours**

a. RIVER

i. Ms. Mejares Pham moved to approve the River Springs Charter School's Out-of-state Travel to France & England Via EF Tours as an information item. Ms. Ellard seconded. (No discussion) 6 AYES (Mejares Pham, Ellard, Darrow, Mammoth, Ponzio, Ryle); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

27. *Action:* **Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

a. EMPIRE

i. Ms. Burt moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:41p.m. Ms. Chan seconded. (No discussion) 7 AYES (Burt, Chan, Darrow, Langille, Mammoth, Moldenhauer, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

b. HARBOR

i. Mr. Fetherolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:41p.m. Mr. Chan seconded. No discussion: 6 AYES (Fetherolf, Chan, Couch, Ellard, Johnson, Mejares Pham); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

The River Springs Board recessed for a break from 4:42p.m. – 5:00p.m.

VII. CLOSED SESSION – RIVER ONLY – *Called to order at 5:00p.m.*

28. *Action:* **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Case # INC 1301820

29. *Action:* **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

- **a.** Property: Magnolia Student Center Replacement
- **b.** Property: iShine Student Center Replacement
- **c.** Property: Palm Street Student Center Replacement

VIII. OPEN SESSION – RIVER ONLY – *Reconvened at 6:00p.m.*

30. *Action:* **Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9**

28. Action: **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION** (Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9) Case # INC 1301820

a. No action to report

29. Action: **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR**

a. Property: Magnolia Student Center Replacement
   i. No action to report
b. Property: iShine Student Center Replacement
   i. No action to report
c. Property: Palm Street Student Center Replacement
   i. No action to report

IX. ADJOURNMENT

31. *Action:* **Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

- **a.** RIVER
  - **i.** Ms. Ryle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05p.m. Ms. Darrow seconded. (No discussion) 6 AYES (Ryle, Darrow, Ellard, Mammoth, Mejares Pham, Ponzio); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

X. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, March 13, 2014

- **EMPIRE 9:30 – 11:30am**
- **RIVER 12:00 – 3:00pm**
- **HARBOR 3:30 – 5:30pm**

Temecula Administration Offices – 43448 Business Park Drive – Temecula, CA 92592

Marlene Darrow, Empire Springs Charter School Board Secretary — Date: 3/13/14

Rachel Couch, Harbor Springs Charter School Board Secretary — Date: 3/13/14

Robin Mammoth, River Springs Charter School Board Secretary — Date: 3/13/14

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XI. UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

Event	Date	Time	Location
Robotics – Inland Empire Regional Competition	3/1/2014 – 3/2/2014		Grand Terrace High School 21810 Main Street Grand Terrace, CA 92313
SPREE	3/26/2014	9AM – 12:30PM	Orange County (Trinity Presbyterian) 13922 Prospect Ave. Santa Ana
Talent Show / Inspired Learner Expo	5/23/2014	1PM - 4PM	Riverside (Mt Rubidoux) 5320 Victoria Ave,
Graduation Ceremony	6/14/14	4PM	Murrieta Mesa High School 24801 Monroe Ave Murrieta, CA 92562