EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

43466 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

August 19, 2013

10:00 – 12:00p.m.

43448 Business Park Drive / Temecula, CA 92590

Conference Line (218) 844-3366* / Code: 020100#

I. PRELIMINARY

1. *Action*: **Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
   a. Board Chairman, Ms. Mammoth, called the meeting to order at 10:02a.m.

PRESENT:

Robin Mammoth, Board Chairman Heidi Chan, Board Vice Chairman Marlene Darrow, Board Secretary Beth Burt, Board Treasurer Tracey Vela, Board Director Andrea Sexton, Esq., Young, Minney & Corr *(c.c.)* Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Executive Director Kyla Shofner, Director of Charter Relations	Amy Podratz, Chief Business Officer Diane Anvari, Chief Human Resources Officer Michael Hayhurst, Helendale School District Independent Study Coordinator Sarah Coleman, Esq., Young, Minney & Corr *(c.c.)*

2. *Action*: **Approval of Agenda**
   a. Ms. Burt moved to approve the agenda.
   b. Ms. Vela seconded.
   c. Discussion:
      i. Ms. Chan requested to remove agenda items 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14 from the consent agenda.
   d. **Ms. Chan moved to approve the agenda as amended.**
   e. **Ms. Burt seconded.**
   f. **5 AYES (Chan, Burt, Vela, Darrow, Mammoth); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

3. *Action*: **Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2013**
   a. **Ms. Darrow moved to approve the May 24, 2013 meeting minutes.**
   b. **Ms. Chan seconded.**
   c. Discussion:
      i. Ms. Burt requested to change the word "tricky" on agenda item 7 with "challenging."
      ii. Ms. Vela seconded.
   d. **5 AYES (Darrow, Chan, Burt, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

4. *Action*: **Election of Corporate Officers & Board Officers**
   a. **Ms. Mammoth moved to appoint Ms. Mammoth as the Chairman.**
   b. **Ms. Burt seconded.**

c. Discussion:
    i. The Board discussed briefly nominating Ms. Chan as Chairman, but Ms. Chan declined the nomination.
d. **5 AYES (Mammoth, Burt, Chan, Darrow, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

e. **Ms. Mammoth moved to appoint Ms. Chan as the Vice Chairman.**
f. **Ms. Burt seconded.**
g. Discussion: None
h. **5 AYES (Mammoth, Burt, Chan, Darrow, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

i. **Ms. Mammoth moved to appoint Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer as the President.**
j. **Ms. Chan seconded.**
k. Discussion:
    i. Ms. Shofner reminded the Board this is per the Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 9).
l. **5 AYES (Mammoth, Chan, Burt, Darrow, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

m. **Ms. Mammoth moved to appoint Ms. Darrow as the Secretary.**
n. **Ms. Burt seconded.**
o. Discussion: None
p. **5 AYES (Mammoth, Burt, Chan, Darrow, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

q. **Ms. Darrow moved to appoint Ms. Burt as the Treasurer.**
r. **Ms. Chan seconded.**
s. Discussion:
    i. Ms. Burt inquired about her roles as Treasurer.
t. **5 AYES (Darrow, Chan, Burt, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda items are considered routine and may be enacted by a single motion. Any Director of the Board may request removal of any item from the consent agenda for consideration under the regular agenda if discussion of the item is desired. Items not removed from the consent agenda will stand approved upon motion of a Board Director, followed by a second and majority vote.

5. *Action*: **Ratification of Contract – Innovative School Solutions, Inc. (O.A.S.I.S.) – *Pulled from the consent agenda***

a. Ms. Chan moved to ratify the contract.
b. Ms. Burt seconded.
c. Discussion:
    i. Ms. Chan: Does each charter contract directly with OASIS, and is OASIS part of the IT service offering? (Ms. Chan wanted clarification if each charter has a separate direct contract with ISS for OASIS, or if Empire will subcontract OASIS out to the other charter as part of our IT offering.)
    ii. Ms. Podratz: OASIS is out of our IT infrastructure and is an open architecture system, so it is actually their system that we are using. We can ask them to change and develop things for us as we need new reports (which we do constantly). Each school contracts separately due to FERPA regulations.
    iii. Ms. Chan inquired about the conflicting language on pages 5 and 8.

1. Article V (Payment Schedule) on page 5 states: "Upon expiry of this contract and without a follow-up contract in place, CLIENT agrees to pay $1000.00/month OR $1.50/student record stored (regardless of status) per month, whichever is greater."

2. Article XVII (Return of Property) on page 8 states: "Upon the expiry or termination of this Agreement and without the existence of a support contract for a new term, CLIENT will return to ISS all OASIS software and property, documentation, records and/or confidential information which is the property of the ISS."

iv. Ms. Podratz clarified that without written notification of termination, the contract automatically renews and added that Innovative School Solutions is a fantastic company. They want to make sure we are still getting our data reports and able to input student attendance even if our contract isn't fully in place.

v. Ms. Chan also requested clarification of Article XII (Non-compete) on page 7 in regards to Client being required after terminating the agreement to refrain from doing business with any company that is in direct competition with ISS.

vi. Ms. Sexton: They don't have the ability to restrict your right to do business with a competitor after the termination of the agreement. I would suggest striking "and therafter" from Article XII

d. Ms. Chan moved to ratify the contract with Innovative School Solutions, Inc. with amending Article XII (Non-compete) by striking "and thereafter."

e. Ms. Burt seconded.

f. Discussion:

i. Ms. Podratz agreed to follow up with Innovative School Solutions, Inc. to get an amended copy of the contract.

g. 5 AYES (Chan, Burt, Darrow, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

6. *Action*: **Ratification of Contract – N. Harris Computer Corporation (AptaFund)**

7. *Action*: **Ratification Of Contract – Online Purchasing System – *Pulled from the consent agenda***

a. Ms. Burt moved to ratify the contract with Online Purchasing System.

b. Ms. Vela seconded.

c. Discussion:

i. Ms. Chan pointed out a minor typo on page 3 ("made" inactive) and on page 4 where the date is incorrect.

ii. Ms. Chan: The total annual subscription fee on page 4 doesn't match with the project costs.

iii. Ms. Podratz: The project costs are correct. Because we had to change our enrollment numbers, I asked OPS to amend the contract very quickly. Unfortunately, these two sections didn't amended correctly.

d. Ms. Chan moved to approve the contract with Online Purchasing System with the understanding that staff will work with OPS to amend the total annual subscription costs and monthly subscription fee so that both correspond to the accurate project costs (page 4).

e. Ms. Burt seconded.

i. Discussion: Ms. Podratz agreed to follow up with Online Purchasing System to get an amended copy of the contract.

f. 5 AYES (Chan, Burt, Darrow, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

8. *Action*: **Approval of 2013-2014 Attendance Calendar**

9. *Action:* **Approval of Lease Agreement with Santa Ana United Methodist Church (2121 N Grand Ave) – *Pulled from the consent agenda***
    a. Ms. Burt moved to approve the lease agreement with the Santa Ana Methodist Church (2121 N Grand Avenue).
    b. Ms. Darrow seconded.
    c. Discussion:
        i. Ms. Chan: This is a standard gross lease, but I notice there is a section in the Real Property Tax requiring us to pay an escalation in their real property taxes – Section 10.2(a) Payment of Taxes. I would have assumed that the regular rent increases would take care of this.
        ii. Ms. Podratz: We don't pay property taxes, so I think this is a moot point.
        iii. Ms. Chan: In regards to Section 8.1(a) Insurance Cost Increase, if we were to do substantial tenant improvement to the property which would increase the property value which would then increase insurance costs leading to an increase in the landlord's premium, this section indicates they could then send us a bill for the rent adjustment. Do we really want to risk this?
        iv. Ms. Sexton suggested that their facilities expert, Sarah Coleman, Esq., take another look at this lease.
        v. Ms. Podratz: The board can request staff to work with legal counsel in regards to this lease. I will then ensure that any amendments come back through to the board.
        vi. Ms. Burt: I notice that we're not allowed to bring any animals to this facility. Is this something our programs are okay with not doing?
        vii. Ms. Podratz: Due to allergies of students, we tend not to do a lot with animals.
        viii. Ms. Mammoth (to Ms. Sexton): Anytime we have to review a lease, I think it would be helpful to have someone available from your office to help us answer facility-related questions.
        ix. Ms. Podratz: Please keep in mind that will have a fiscal impact.
        x. Dr. Hermsmeyer: Please remember that the board can always email us in advance of the board meeting so that we can look into any questions/concerns.
    d. **Ms. Darrow moved to approve lease agreement with the Santa Ana Methodist Church (2121 N Grand Avenue) pending legal review of Sections 8.1(a) and 10.2(a).**
    e. **Ms. Chan seconded.**
    f. Discussion:
        i. Sarah Coleman, Esq. with Young, Minney & Corr (facilities expert) joined the board meeting.
        ii. Ms. Coleman: Section 8.1(a) is quite standard; I've never actually heard of a client having to pay additional insurance costs. It is certainly something you can challenge the landlord on, but this is standard language.
        iii. Ms. Chan: This is a standard industrial single tenant gross lease which is why I brought up this question.
        iv. Ms. Chan: If the church has not been diligent about filing their taxes, can they stick us with their bill per Section 10.2 (a)?
        v. Ms. Coleman. In regards to Section10.2 (a), the church already has a tax exemption.
        vi. Ms. Coleman: Have you addressed the CUP and zoning issues with this property?
        vii. Dr. Hermsmeyer: Yes, we are working with the city.
        viii. Ms. Chan: As long as we go into this lease with our eyes open, I am okay with the lease. Just know that we might be presented with a bill at some point during our five year lease. However, given what legal counsel has said, we might never see that bill.

ix. Ms. Coleman: I'd also like to point out so that the board is aware that all maintenance and operations obligations fall under your purview according to this lease.
x. Ms. Podratz: We are absolutely aware of that; that was months in the works.
xi. Dr. Hermsmeyer: Keep in mind this lease is replacing a former lease that was $12k per month for only eight days of use per month. (Dr. Hermsmeyer proceeded to point out that we now have full access to the facility with more classrooms, except for a few common areas.)
xii. Ms. Coleman: All uses are Monday through Friday with this lease.
xiii. Ms. Coleman: If there is an opportunity to revise mention of the school in Section 1.1 to clarify that we are both a California public benefit corporation and a public school that will aid in our tax exemption.
xiv. Ms. Podratz thanked Ms. Coleman for that and agreed to follow up with the landlord.

g. 5 AYES (Darrow, Chan, Burt, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

10. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 5006.1 – Independent Study – *Pulled from the consent agenda***

a. Ms. Chan moved to approve revised Board Policy 5006.1 – Independent Study.
b. Ms. Burt seconded.
c. Discussion:
i. Ms. Chan: Aren't the parents the ones entering attendance?
ii. Ms. Podratz: The Education Specialist (ES) must verify the attendance. The parents may enter attendance, but until the ES verifies it, it is considered a draft.
iii. Dr. Hermsmeyer: The parent can enter attendance, but the ES must verify. Also, many parents don't enter their own attendance.
d. 5 AYES (Chan, Burt, Darrow, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

11. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 7002.1 – Board-Staff Communications – *Pulled from the consent agenda***

a. Ms. Burt moved to approve Board Policy 7002.1 – Board-Staff Communications.
b. Ms. Vela seconded.
c. Discussion:
i. Ms. Darrow: What is the protocol if a staff member has a complaint with the Executive Director?
ii. Dr. Hermsmeyer: Although any disgruntled staff member could come to the board, we would hope they would go to their direct supervisor first.
iii. Ms. Mammoth: If a staff member has a complaint, they should be going through the Chief Human Resources Officer.
iv. Ms. Chan: Make sure to revise mention of Board President to Board Chairman.
v. Ms. Chan: I think we need to revise the following statement to be more guidelines and less pedantic: "It is very damaging to discuss rumors which may prove to be unfounded and which may damage morale, or which may be used by one faction against another, or by one staff person against another." I suggest language like, "Board members should refrain from discussing damaging rumors…."
d. Ms. Darrow moved to approve the revised Board Policy 7002.1 – Board-Staff Communications with the understanding that staff will make amendments to the last paragraph.
e. Ms. Chan seconded.
f. 5 AYES (Darrow, Chan, Burt, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

12. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 8001.1-8001.3 – Hiring – *Pulled from the consent agenda***

- **a. Ms. Darrow moved to approve revised Board Policy 8001.1-8001.3 – Hiring.**
- **b. Ms. Burt seconded.**
- **c.** Discussion:
  - i. Ms. Chan: Does the board have to approve each new hire?
  - ii. Ms. Anvari: The board does approve the new hires as a package as part of the Personnel Action Report on each month's board agenda. It is standard operating procedure; the staff is given permission to hire by the board.
  - iii. Dr. Hermsmeyer: And the board would not be viewing individual hiring decisions.
- **d. 5 AYES (Darrow, Burt, Chan, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

13. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 8002.1-8002.4 – Compensation**

14. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 8003.1-8003.3 – Termination – *Pulled from the consent agenda***

- **a.** Ms. Burt moved to approve Board Policy 8003.1-8003.3 – Termination.
- **b.** Ms. Vela seconded.
- **c.** Discussion:
  - i. Ms. Chan requested clarification of the sentence under 8003.2 DISCIPLINE, "The School does not have a required progressive disciplinary policy, and disciplinary action may not follow a specific set of steps."
  - ii. Ms. Anvari: Because we are an at-will employer, we do not have to give reason for termination. The idea of a progressive discipline policy is contrary to at-will employment.
  - iii. Ms. Chan: What confused me was the verbage "required."
  - iv. Ms. Sexton: We like this language because many times employees think they have the right to a progressive discipline policy. This verbage is correct because we do not have a required progressive discipline policy.
- **d. 5 AYES (Burt, Vela, Chan, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT.**

15. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 8004.1 – Harassment-Free Workplace**
16. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 8005.1 – Employee Complaints**
17. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 8006.1 – Certification**
18. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Board Policy 8007.1 – Social Media Guidelines for Staff**

- **a. Ms. Chan moved to approve the consent agenda as amended.**
- **b. Ms. Darrow seconded.**
- **c. 5 AYES (Chan, Darrow, Burt, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

III. 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 five 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.

19. *Information:* **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- **a.** None

20. *Information:* **BOARD COMMENTS**

a. Ms. Burt: I would just like to compliment Dr. Hermsmeyer and her staff for a wonderful conference last week at Pechanga. I thought it was an incredible week all around. I really liked the Monday board dinner; it was a great opportunity to get to know staff informally.

IV. BUSINESS

21. *Information*: **Board Receipt & Review of Compensation & Comparability Data for Executive Director**

- **a.** The Board of Directors received and reviewed compensation and comparability data prepared by the Law Offices of Young, Minney & Corr in May 2013 for the Executive Director.
- **b.** Ms. Sexton provided background information which can also be found in the executive summary.

22. *Action:* **Approval of Resolution 100.1 – Determining Reasonable Executive Compensation**

- **a. Ms. Darrow moved to approve the Resolution 100.1 – Determining Reasonable Executive Compensation.**
- **b. Ms. Chan seconded.**
- **c.** Discussion:
  - i. Ms. Sexton provided background information which is also contained in the executive summary. She also verified to the board that the Executive Director's total combined salary (for Empire, Harbor, and River Springs) is well within the reasonable limits.
  - ii. Ms. Chan: If our enrollment goes up and down, will each charter's share in the Executive Director's salary correspond and change accordingly?
  - iii. Ms. Sexton: It is my understanding that it does.
  - iv. Dr. Hermsmeyer: We will look at projected enrollments in June and will determine the salary splits at that time. The board will see this contract each year along with a compensation study.
  - v. Ms. Darrow: So this is based on projections?
  - vi. Dr. Hermsmeyer: Yes.
  - vii. Ms. Chan: Empire is at 13% of the enrollment, but we're taking on 20% of the cost. Is that how it is budgeted, and how do you explain that difference?
  - viii. Ms. Podratz: We are not just considering enrollment as part of the contract, it is the amount of time spent on the school. Because Empire is a new charter, it does take more time. It is budgeted this way.
- **d. 5 AYES (Darrow, Chan, Burt, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

23. *Action:* **Approval of Executive Director's Fixed Term Employment Agreement**

- **a. Ms. Chan moved to approve the Executive Director's Fixed Term Employment Agreement.**
- **b. Ms. Burt seconded.**
- **c.** Discussion: None
- **d. 5 AYES (Chan, Burt, Darrow, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.**

24. *Action:* **Approval of MOU with Springs Charter Schools**

- **a. Ms. Vela moved to approve the MOU with Springs Charter Schools.**
- **b. Ms. Chan seconded.**
- **c.** Discussion:

i. Ms. Burt: Some of the training done by Springs Charter Schools seems like it should be done by the education system. Are there any issues with a nonprofit providing services that should be provided by an education entity?
ii. Ms. Podratz: No; as long as they're provided, that's what matters.
iii. Ms. Burt: If we are spending $40 per student, does that mean we are taking money away from students to provide board gifts (as a perception issue)?
iv. Ms. Podratz: These are not additional dollars; these expenditures would be coming from the charters' budgets anyways. Because the three schools have shared staff members, combining the staff development under an umbrella organization ensures a cost effective means of delivering vital staff development.
v. Dr. Hermsmeyer: This also ensures that our three charters maintain a unified mission and vision. If each school started to do their own staff development trainings, the mission and vision could become fragmented.
vi. Ms. Burt: How will this be reported to the board?
vii. Ms. Podratz: You will see a warrant listing to Springs Charter Schools with each month's board packet.
viii. Dr. Hermsmeyer: I will also have a monthly report to the board.
ix. Ms. Chan: There are several references to RSCS where it should be ESCS.
x. Ms. Podratz: I'll make sure to get those corrected to ESCS.

d. 5 AYES (Vela, Chan, Burt, Darrow, Mammoth); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

25. *Action:* **Approval of MOU with River Springs Charter School (for Finance & Special Education)**

a. Ms. Burt moved to approve the MOU with River Springs Charter School.
b. Ms. Darrow seconded.
c. Discussion: None
d. 5 AYES (Burt, Darrow, Chan, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

26. *Information:* **Application for LEA Status in the Riverside Special Education Region**

a. The Board of Directors received and reviewed the application for LEA Status in the Riverside Special Education Region.
b. Ms. Chan noted that this will not cap us at an enrollment of 500 students.
c. Ms. Burt requested clarification about the Non-severely Disabled Learners having access, if necessary, to other professionals like an Occupational Therapist or speech therapist (rather than just an assistant).
d. Dr. Hermsmeyer: We absolutely provide all resources necessary.

27. *Action:* **Approval of Revised MOU with Helendale School District**

a. Ms. Chan moved to approve the MOU with Helendale School District.
b. Ms. Burt seconded.
c. Discussion:
i. Ms. Darrow: Can you explain Section VI. B. which states, "Should the Charter School enroll a District resident or residents, …the Charter School has agreed to pay fees to the District equal to the amount of funding received by the Charter School…"
ii. Ms. Podratz: Our sponsor, the Helendale School District wanted some assurances that we would not pilfer their students. Our agreement with them is that if we take any students within their district, their School District will continue to receive the revenue of that student even though we would be serving that student.
iii. Dr. Hermsmeyer: That is because we cannot deny enrollment to any student.

d. 5 AYES (Chan, Burt, Darrow, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

28. *Action:* **Approval of Revised Bylaws**

a. Ms. Burt moved to approve the revised Bylaws.
b. Ms. Chan seconded.
c. Discussion:

i. Ms. Darrow: Article VI, Section 1 – Why is it that Springs Charter Schools can make a decision to remove a board member when they're not involved with the day-to-day operations of the Board of Directors. It's like they have an ax hanging over our head.
ii. Ms. Sexton provided some background on the Sole Statutory Member structure. Nonprofits have the ability to have members just like for-profits have stakeholders. In this case, we have one member who is a nonprofit – the Springs Charter Schools Board of Directors. Springs assists with indirect control over certain decisions. According to the nonprofit law, the member has certain rights (nominate, appoint, and remove board members and sign off on any decision to give away most of charter school's assets like with a merger or bankruptcy). This is not meant to chill or quiet your freedom of speech as an Empire Springs Charter School board member. It is meant to make sure no one rogue board member could throw off the vision and mission of the schools.
iii. Ms. Burt: If we were witnessing something we had concerns about, who would we report this to?
iv. Ms. Sexton: First, you would seek to resolve that internally through your Board Chairman – much like the Uniform Complaint Procedures – before going to the Sole Statutory Member.
v. Ms. Sexton (in response to a question from Ms. Darrow): The Sole Statutory Member is not overseeing the day-top-day governing operations. It is only meant as a level of indirect control, especially of overall operations.
vi. Ms. Burt inquired about the board calendaring, specifically in terms of the Annual Report.
vii. Ms. Shofner told the board she would resend the Board Calendar of Reports which clarifies the annual reporting requirements, including the Annual Audit (which is the same as the Annual Report).

d. 5 AYES (Burt, Chan, Darrow, Mammoth, Vela); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

29. *Action:* **Approval of Resolution 100.2 for State Disability Insurance**

a. Ms. Burt moved to approve Resolution 100.2 – State Disability Insurance.
b. Ms. Vela seconded.
c. Discussion: None
d. 5 AYES (Burt, Vela, Chan, Darrow, Mammoth); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

V. GOVERNANCE

30. *Action:* **Approval of Executive Director's 2013-2014 Goals**

a. Ms. Burt moved to approve the Executive Director's 2013-2014 Goals.
b. Ms. Vela seconded.
c. Discussion:

i. Dr. Hermsmeyer: We will be using this first year of operations to establish baseline data.
ii. Ms. Chan asked about the status of WASC accreditation.
iii. Dr. Hermsmeyer: We have requested a substantial change since we were already fully accredited under River Springs. We are still waiting to hear from WASC if they will grant us

a substantial change (and, therefore, grant us accreditation) or if we will need to seek a brand new WASC accreditation.

iv. Dr. Hermsmeyer: We have learned from the Law Offices of Young, Minney & Corr that we were interpreting AB 1994 incorrectly. The correct way to interpret the law is that we must have the majority of our students in the county we are serving (50% +1); otherwise, we can't have a center outside of that county.

v. Ms. Chan: Why is your goal only focused on San Bernardino County?

vi. Dr. Hermsmeyer: The more students we have with San Bernardino County, the more we can focus on other counties. Plus, we are sponsored out of San Bernardino County.

vii. Ms. Burt: Are we planning to enroll with our niches (parents who are disenfranchised but who still have resources, including the ability for one parent to stay home with the child)?

viii. Ms. Podratz: Right now we are only serving South San Bernardino County.

d. 5 AYES (Burt, Vela, Chan, Darrow, Mammoth); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

a. Ms. Darrow moved and Ms. Vela seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:16p.m.

b. 5 AYES (Darrow, Vela, Burt, Chan, Mammoth); 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT. Motion adopted.

VII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, September 12, 2013, 10:00 – 11:00a.m.
Temecula Administrative Offices – 43448 Business Park Drive – Temecula, CA 92590

Marlene Darrow, Board Secretary — Date: 8/26/13

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