RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

43466 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

February 16, 2017

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:

Charlene Ponzio, Chair	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
Carl Burke, Vice Chair	Amy Podratz, Asst. Supt. of Operations
Chuck Vela, Secretary	Tanya Rogers, Asst. Supt. of Business
Stephen Darrow, Treasurer	Natali South, Director of Executive Support
Jessica Mercer, Director	Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
Sheila Ryle, Director arrived at 12:11	Phil Hermsmeyer, Asst. Supt. of IT/Facilities
	Dr. Peter Alvino, Interim Asst. Supt. of Pupil Services

1. Action: Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
   - Ms. Ponzio called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda
   - Mr. Vela moved to approve the agenda.
   - Mr. Burke seconded.
   - Vote: 5 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Mercer, 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Mejares-Pham, Ryle. Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2016
   - Mr. Vela moved to approve the Minutes from the December 8, 2016 meeting.
   - Mr. Darrow seconded
   - Vote: 5 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Mercer, 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Mejares-Pham, Ryle. Motion Adopted

4. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda:
    1. Personnel Action Report: Dec. 2016 & Jan. 2017
    2. Warrant Registers - Dec. 2016 & Jan. 2017
    3. Revised Attendance Calendar – 2017-18
    4. Ratification of Instructure - Bridge Contract
    5. Ratification of Demo Plus Contract
    6. Ratification of Palm Pointe Contract
    7. Ratification of Vehicle Disposal

    - Mr. Burke moved to pull the warrant register from the Consent Agenda, and to approve the remainder of the items.
    - Ms. Mercer seconded.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Mercer, 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Mejares-Pham, Ryle. Motion Adopted

    - Mr. Burke moved to approve warrants register.
    - Mr. Darrow seconded.
      Discussion: Questions about specific warrants were asked and answered.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Mercer, 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Mejares-Pham, Ryle. Motion Adopted

5. Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS
    - None

    The Board Recessed from 12:35-1:00 p.m. for Lunch

6. Presentation: Acknowledgement of High Scoring CAASPP Students
    - Dr. Hermsmeyer and Liz Copeland awarded certificates to the following students who earned perfect scores on the CAASPP test:

      Anais Park, Benjamin Strong, Brandon Veron, Cayden Hubbard, Caylin McLain, Dalton Adcock, Daniel Salazar, Gabriel Lemos, Grace Calerson, Hunter Wegner, Jeffrey MacMullin, Katherine Cordaro, Lauren Thornburg, Madeline Cordaro, Maxwell Chan, Reagan Laux, Rylea Laux, Savanna Zayas, Shivantika, Wesley Pole, Zoe Collins

7. Information: Superintendent's Report
    - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report. Additionally, Dr. Hermsmeyer reported that she will be doing a video series, called "Kickin it with Kathleen", which will allow her to provide updates to our staff. It is being recorded by a Temecula Student Center student.

8. Information: Bond Update
    - Tanya Rogers reviewed the Bond Update report.

9. Information: School Accountability Report Card
    - Amy Podratz reviewed the SARC report and answered Board questions.

10. Discussion: Board Member Travel Request
    - Charlene Ponzio led a discussion regarding sending Board member representative(s) to attend the National Charter School Conference. The Board agreed that this would be beneficial, and directed staff to agendize a long distance travel request at an upcoming meeting.

11. Information: Update on Enterprise Fleet Vehicle Program
    - Phil Hermsmeyer provided an update on the Enterprise Fleet Vehicle program. The report provided the costs and benefits of the program.

12. Information: Update of Jefferson YMCA Construction Project
    - Phil Hermsmeyer updated the Board on the construction progress at the Jefferson YMCA project. Dave Black has been overseeing the project as general contractor which has brought a tremendous cost savings to the school. Regardless, the costs have exceeded projections, and future adjustments may need to be made to prevent an impact on the budget.

13. Action: Approval of Donation of Materials
    - Ms. Mercer moved to approve the donation of materials as presented.
    - Mr. Burke seconded.
    - Discussion: Amy Podratz explained what types of items are on the donation list, and the plans for distributing them.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Ryle, Mercer, 0 Noes;
      1 Absent: Mejares-Pham. Motion Adopted

14. Action: Approval of College Readiness Block Grant Spending Plan
    - Ms. Ryle moved to approve the College Readiness Block Grant Spending Plan.
    - Mr. Darrow seconded.
    - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the spending plan which will be used to purchase new Chromebooks for our students.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Ryle, Mercer, 0 Noes;
      1 Absent: Mejares-Pham. Motion Adopted

15. Action: Approval of Opening Bank Account
    - Mr. Burke moved to approve opening of a bank account.
    - Mr. Vela seconded.
    - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that opening this bank account is for the purpose of collecting funds for our school lunch program.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Ryle, Mercer, 0 Noes;

1 Absent: Mejares-Pham. Motion Adopted

16. Action: Approval of Superintendent's Travel to National Charter School Conference
    - Ms. Ryle moved to approve the Superintendent's travel request to the National Charter School Conference.
    - Ms. Mercer seconded.
    - Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer discussed the benefits of attending the National Conference.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Ryle, Mercer, 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Mejares-Pham. Motion Adopted

17. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel Request to National Summit Conference
    - Ms. Mercer moved to approve the long distance travel request for Debbie Essel, George Essel and Maureen Wilson to attend the National Summit conference.
    - Ms. Ryle seconded.
    - Discussion: The purpose of this event was explained to the Board.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Ryle, Mercer, 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Mejares-Pham. Motion Adopted

18. Action: Approval of CTE Nominations
    - Mr. Burke moved to approve the CTE Nominations as presented.
    - Mr. Vela seconded.
    - Discussion: George Essel explained the CTE Nomination process and why these particular nominees were selected.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Ryle, Mercer, 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Mejares-Pham. Motion Adopted

19. Action: Approval of Guardian Eagle Security Contract Addendum
    - Ms. Ryle moved to approve the addendum to the Guardian Eagle Security contract.
    - Mr. Burke seconded.
    - Discussion: Phil Hermsmeyer explained that we need to extend the duration of the security contract in order to continue to provide security at our construction site at Jefferson YMCA.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Ryle, Mercer, 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Mejares-Pham. Motion Adopted

20. **CLOSED SESSION**: Entered into at 2:54 p.m.

    Action: Conference with Real Property Negotiator
    - Property: N-26800

21. **OPEN SESSION**: Entered into at: 3:20 p.m.
Action: Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9

Action: Conference with Real Property Negotiator

- Property: N-26800: The Board directed Phil Hermsmeyer to proceed with negotiations and to secure appraisals.

22. **Information: BOARD COMMENTS & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

- Ms. Ryle: I enjoyed seeing the students recognized today.
- Ms. Mercer: I am going to the Learning and the Brain conference, and have heard great things about it.
- Mr. Vela: I also enjoyed seeing the students, and how diverse and different they all are.
- Mr. Darrow: Good to see everyone after the holidays. We have a lot going on!
- Mr. Burke: I always enjoy student recognition at our meetings.
- Ms. Ponzio: I want to thank the Board for agreeing to support my going to the National Conference. Due to the change in the political landscape, I think this is a good year to attend. I would like to request regular updates from facilities, especially when we are waiting to hear back on offers and appraisals, etc. I wish that we could have had a combined Board meeting like we typically have in February because I enjoy connecting with our fellow Board members and hearing the updates from the other charters in the network.
    - Dr. Hermsmeyer indicated that we could provide property updates after our Coordinating Council meetings because we always have a property update portion in the meeting.

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

- Ms. Ryle moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 p.m.
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Ryle, Mercer, 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Mejares-Pham. Motion Adopted

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

March 9, 2017 | 43448 Business Park Drive, Temecula, CA 92590

Chuck Vela, Secretary **Date** 3/9/17