RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

43466 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

October 20, 2016

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 Carl Burke, Vice Chair Chuck Vela, Secretary (left at 2:20) Stephen Darrow, Treasurer Jessica Mercer, Director Jennifer Mejares-Pham, Director Sheila Ryle, Director (arrived at 12:09)	Tanya Rogers, Asst. Supt. of Business Natali South, Director of Executive Support Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel 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 12:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Action: Approval of Agenda**
   - Mr. Burke moved to approve the agenda.
   - Ms. Mejares-Pham seconded.
   - Discussion: None
   - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Darrow, Mercer, Mejares-Pham; 0 Noes; 1 Absent (Ryle); Motion Adopted

3. **Action: Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2016**
   - Mr. Vela moved to approve the Minutes from the September 15, 2016 meeting as corrected.
   - Ms. Mejares-Pham seconded.
   - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Mejares-Pham; 0 Noes; 0 Absent (Ryle); Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda:** (1. Warrant Register: September; 2. Herron and Rumansoff Contract Ratification)
   - Mr. Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

- Ms. Mejares-Pham seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Mejares-Pham; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**
   - None

6. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
   - In Dr. Hermsmeyer's absence, the Board reviewed the Superintendent's Report and questions were answered by staff.

7. **Information: Bond Update**
   - Tanya Rogers and Phil Hermsmeyer provided an update on our Bond and related facility projects.

8. **Information:** Alternative Governing Board Fall Update
   - Tanya Rogers explained the Alternative Governing Board process and reviewed the report provided in the Board packet. The Board requested an update from Amy Podratz at the next meeting regarding the progress of exiting Program Improvement.

9. **Action: Travel Request for Shane Wickwire – Learning and the Brain**
   - Ms. Mejares-Pham moved to approve the travel request for Shane Wickwire to attend the Learning and the Brain Conference.
   - Ms. Ryle seconded.
   - Discussion: Shane Wickwire was in attendance and discussed the benefits of the conference.
   - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Mejares-Pham; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

10. **Action: Travel Request for Gina Wickwire – Learning and the Brain**
    - Ms. Mejares Pham moved to approve the travel request for Gina Wickwire to attend the Learning and the Brain Conference.
    - Mr. Burke seconded.
    - Discussion: None
    - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Mejares-Pham; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

11. **Action: Approval of Selling/Donation/Disposal of Material**
    - Ms. Mejares Pham moved to approve the selling/donation/disposal of material.
    - Ms. Mercer seconded.
    - Discussion: Linda Rhoads-Parks explained the reason for needing Board approval for the selling, donation and disposal of material.
    - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Mejares-Pham; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

12. **Action: Approval of Release of Lease – Santa Ana Student Center**
    - Ms. Mejares Pham moved to approve the release of River's lease on 2121 N. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, to Empire Springs.
    - Mr. Burke seconded.
    - Discussion: Phil Hermsmeyer provided a history on the lease of this building and the plan to transfer the lease to Empire. Tanya Rogers explained the financial structure of this arrangement and indicated that Citrus Springs will sublease the facility from Empire Springs.
    - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Vela, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Mejares-Pham; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

13. **CLOSED SESSION**: Entered into at 12:45 p.m.

    Action: Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation:
    - Student RS-5158263892

    Action: Conference with Real Property Negotiator
    - Property: A46-81840
    - Property: WE-1909
    - Property: N-26800

14. **OPEN SESSION**: Entered into at: 2:12 p.m.

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

    Action: Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation:
    - Student RS-5158263892: The Board approved the settlement agreement.

    Action: Conference with Real Property Negotiator
    - Property: A46-81840: The Board authorized staff to continue discussions regarding this property.
    - Property: WE-1909: The Board requested that staff explore options regarding this property.
    - Property: N-26800: The Board authorized staff to continue exploring the possibility of purchasing this location.

15. **Information: BOARD COMMENTS & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**
    - Mr. Burke: We nearly completed Dr. Hermsmeyer's evaluation for 2015-16, and the final evaluation will be presented at a future meeting.
    - Ms. Ryle: I would like to compliment Charlene for how well she has taken on the responsibility of Board Chair.
    - Ms. Mercer: I am disturbed to hear about this Shasta Charter School lawsuit, and even though it doesn't currently affect us, I really think this could be problematic for us in the future.
    - Ms. Ponzio I'm glad I was able to attend this meeting as I originally had other plans.

16. **Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
    - Mr. Burke moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 p.m.
    - Ms. Ryle seconded.
    - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Mejares-Pham; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Vela ; Motion Adopted

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

December 8, 2016 | 12:00 p.m. | 43448 Business Park Drive, Temecula, CA 92590

Chuck Vela, Secretary

Dec. 8, 2016

Date