RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

43448 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

February 17, 2016

12:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Springs Event Center
43174 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:

Jennifer Mejares-Pham	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
Charlene Ponzio, Vice Chair	Natali South, Executive Assistant to the Board
Sheila Ryle, Secretary	Debbie Daniel, Assistant Supt – Pupil Services
Carl Burke, Treasurer	Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
Charles Vela, Director (left at 6:06 p.m.)	Empire Springs Board
Stephen Darrow, Director	Harbor Springs Board
Jessica Mercer, Director	

1. Action: Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance
   - Ms. Mejares-Pham called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda
   - Ms. Ryle moved to approve the agenda.
   - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
   - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

3. Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2015
   - Mr. Burke moved to approve the minutes with corrections.
   - Ms. Mercer seconded.
   - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

4. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda: Warrant Register & Personnel Action Report
   - Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Consent Agenda.
   - Mr. Vela seconded.
   - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

5. Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS
   - None

Empire Springs & Harbor Springs joined River Springs for lunch and a special presentation from Mandy Themm who reported on the donation of outdated curriculum materials to students in Belize

7. Information: Presentation of "4-2-Qs"
   - The following programs presented their program reviews to the combined boards:
     - Homeschool
     - KEYS
     - Venture

8. Information/Activity: WASC Final Report Review
   - Debbie Daniel reviewed the WASC Self Study report and reminded Board members that the WASC Visit will commence on Feb. 28 with a reception and welcomed Board members to attend.

9. Information/Board Training: Brown Act
   - Legal Counsel, Linda Rhoads-Parks provided training on the Brown Act.

Empire Springs and Harbor Springs adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

10. Information: Presentation of River Springs' "4-2-Qs"
    - The following programs presented their program reviews:
      - Riverside Student Center
      - Bear Creek Student Center
      - iShine Student Center
      - Magnolia/Renaissance Real World Academy
      - Flabob Airport Preparatory Academy
      - Hemet Quest/Renaissance
      - Palm Academy
      - Temecula Student Center
      - Corona Student Center
      - Murrieta Student Center

11. Information: Facility Project Update

- Phil Hermsmeyer reviewed the Facility Project Report
    - Carl Burke asked for facility reports to include completion-to-date information including budget.
        - Phil indicated that much of that information will be provided to the trustees through the reports that must be submitted to them, so the information can be duplicated for Board reporting.
    - Carl requested that this information be available at the March meeting.
    - Stephen Darrow asked if we are on budget with Tequesquite, considering the roof replacement and other repairs.
        - Phil indicated that we knew that this was a building in need of much repair, so we will have to determine whether the maintenance expenses are charged to the bond or regular budget. Regardless, we knew that these expenses were coming.

12. Information: Superintendent's Report – Verbal Presentation
    - Dr. Hermsmeyer provided an update regarding current charter legislation, Out-of-District-In-County concerns as well as enrollment and Springs' network activities.

13. Action: Second Reading and Approval of Educator Effectiveness Plan 2015-16
    - Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Educator Effective Plan 2015-16 upon Second Reading.
    - Mr. Darrow seconded.
    - Discussion: None
    - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

14. Action: Approval of Revised Contracts Policy BP 4001.1
    - Mr. Burke moved to approve the revised Contracts Policy BP 4001.1.
    - Ms. Ryle seconded.
    - Discussion: Board members discussed various potential revisions to the contract, including considering adding a "reviewed by staff" section, and/or "reviewed by legal" section. Staff may consider making these adjustments and bringing the policy back at a future meeting.
    - 5 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Mercer) 2 NOES (Ponzio, Darrow); 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

15. Action: Approval of Revised 2016-17 Attendance and 185 Credentialed Staff Calendar
    - Ms. Ryle moved to approve the revised 2016-17 Attendance and 185 Credentialed Staff Calendar.
    - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
    - Discussion: None
    - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

16. Action: Approval of Out-of-State Travel Request
    - Ms. Ryle moved to approve the Out-of-State Travel request for 6 employees to attend LRP's National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities.
    - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
    - Discussion: None
    - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

17. Action: Approval of Parent Representatives for RC SELPA Community Advisory Committee
    - Mr. Burke moved to approve Heather Cobb and Liz Johnson as the Parent Representatives for RC SELPA Community Advisory Committee.
    - Mr. Vela seconded.
    - Discussion: Kathy Cox explained the purpose of the SELPA Community Advisory Board.
    - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

18. Action: Ratification and Approval of Legacy Group Consultant Agreement – April 1, 2015 and Amendments One and Two
    - Mr. Vela requested clarification and moved to table this item until a future meeting.
    - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
    - Discussion: Board members asked questions related to this contract which will be clarified when it comes back at a future meeting.

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    - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
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20. Action: Ratification and Approval of Big Will's Security Services Contract for Tequesquite
    - Ms. Ponzio moved to ratify and approve the contract with Big Will's Security Services.
    - Ms. Ryle seconded.
    - Discussion: None
    - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted

21. Action: Ratification and approval of Miguel Jaime Contract For YMCA – Riverside
    - Ms. Ryle moved to ratify and approve the contract with Miguel Jaime
    - Mr. Burke seconded.
    - Discussion: None
    - 7 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Vela, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; Motion adopted.

22. **CLOSED SESSION – Entered into at 5:50 p.m.**
Action/Update: Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation
- Due Process for Student CL: #7188568896
- Due Process for Student RS: #5158263892

Action: Conference with Real Property Negotiator
- Property F-1400

23. **OPEN Session – Entered into at 6:15 p.m.**
Action: Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9
- Due Process for Student CL: #7188568896: The Board ratified the settlement agreement.
- Due Process for Student RS: #5158263892: No action to report.
- Conference with Real Property Negotiator:
  - Property F-1400: The Board authorized staff to enter into a lease/purchase agreement.

24. Information: BOARD COMMENTS
- Mr. Burke : I really appreciate the program presentations. I enjoyed that several of the directors addressed the need for an emphasis on math instruction and improvement.
- Ms. Mejares-Pham: It was nice to meet new staff members and principals. Our PR committee has attended events and expanded the visibility of our programs.
- Ms. Ponzio: I'm looking forward to groundbreaking and WASC.
- Ms. Mercer: I really enjoyed the principals' presentations.
- Ms. Ryle: Kathleen is amazing and has chosen the right people which is evident in how are our programs are blossoming! Learning & the Brain was the best conference I've ever been to. I'd like to get some of the speakers to do staff training. I'd like to provide 100 free tickets to the theater for our students this summer.
- Mr. Darrow: Listening to the principals gave me a better perspective of each of our programs. I also appreciated the conciseness of Phil's presentation.

25. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting
- Ms. Ryle moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m.
- Mr. Darrow seconded.
- Discussion: None
- 6 AYES (Mejares-Pham, Ponzio, Burke, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer) 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT (Vela); Motion adopted.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 2016 (Tentative) 12:00-4:00 p.m. 43448 Business Park Drive, Temecula, CA 92590
Thursday, May 12, 2016 12:00-4:00 p.m. 43448 Business Park Drive, Temecula, CA 92590

Sheila Ryle, Secretary — Date: 3-10-16