

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
27740 JEFFERSON AVENUE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

June 7, 2018

11:45 a.m. Closed Session

12:30 p.m. Open Session

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:

Sheila Ryle, Vice Chair Stephen Darrow, Secretary Chuck Vela, Treasurer Jessica Mercer, Board Director Charlene Ponzio, Board Director Reginald Wadlington, Board Director Makenna Blackman, Student Representative	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Supt. of Business Operations Tanya Rogers, Asst. Supt. of Business Phil Hermsmeyer, Asst. Supt. of IT/Facilities Diane Anvari, Asst. Supt. Personnel Vivian Price, Asst. Supt. of Education Debbie Daniels, Asst. Supt. of Special Projects Natali South, Director of Executive Support Linda Parks, Legal Counsel Debbie Cessario, Legal Counsel
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1. Action: Call to Order – Closed Session

- Ms. Ryle called the Closed Session portion of the meeting to order at 11:47 a.m.
 - Conference with Real Property Negotiator A46-81846
 - Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Litigation Issues
 - Conference with Legal Counsel: Approval of Settlement Agreement Student #735231

2. Action: Call to Order – Open Session

- Ms. Ryle called the Open Session portion of the meeting to order at 12:52 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Action: Public Report of Action Taken Closed Session

- Conference with Real Property Negotiator A45-81846
 - No Action to Report
- Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Litigation Issues
 - The Board authorized to proceed per staff recommendation
- Conference with Legal Counsel: Approval of Settlement Agreement Student #735231
 - The Board authorized approval of the Settlement Agreement

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

5. **Action: Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2018**
 - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Minutes from the May 17, 2018 meeting
 - Ms. Mercer seconded.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

6. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Mr. Vela moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the Warrant Registers, MOU between Charters, Donation of Materials, and Contract Ratifications: Gaggle.Net, LOS Engineering.
 - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

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

8. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report and reviewed recent activities throughout the network. She indicated that Program Reviews have been completed where Kathleen and other staff visit each campus and review their program, facility, and data. Dr. Hermsmeyer explained that the parent-day for Ignite! Conference will be changing this year. Rather than having parent-day at Pechanga, we will host two regional events, one in the Inland Empire and one in Riverside.

9. **Information/Presentation: FAPA Presentation – Class of 2018 Challenge Coins**
 - Robin Davis and Shawna Lewis spoke to the Board about presenting the FAPA seniors with Challenge Coins which will remind the students about the challenges they have overcome, and encouragement to overcome challenges in the future.

10. **Information: National School Lunch Program Activity**
 - Tanya Rogers presented an update on our school lunch program. In the fall, we plan to open three additional sites.

11. **Information: Conference Options for Board Members**
 - The Board was presented the list of conference options, and encouraged to select a conference to attend.

12. **Action: Approval of 2018 LCAP**

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the 2018 LCAP.
- Ms. Mercer seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the LCAP report which was compiled from the responses to the LCAP surveys taken by stakeholders.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

13. **Action: Approval Budget 2018-2019**

- Ms. Ryle moved to approve the budget for 2018-2019.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the budget including the vision for the upcoming year, increased medical and STRS & PERS contributions, and other projected expenses. She indicated that River Springs continues to operate from a healthy financial perspective.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

14. **Action: Approval 2018-2019 Consolidated Application for Funding**

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the 2018-2019 Consolidated Application for Funding.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained the purpose of the Con-App and indicated that it requires annual Board approval.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

15. **Action: Approval of Superintendent's Contract: 2018-2019**

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Superintendent's Contract for 2018-2019.
- Ms. Mercer seconded.
- Discussion: Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that this is the same contract that is brought forward each year for approval with adjustments made for the revised percentage splits among the charters.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

16. **Action: Approval of 2017-2018 Actuals**

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the 2017-2018 Actuals Report.
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the 2017-18 projections and indicated that the projections were met.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

17. **Action: Approval of 2018-2019 EPA Plan**

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the 2018-2019 EPA Plan.
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that the attached report establishes the plan for the upcoming

EPA.

- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

18. Action: Approval of Hemet USD Meal Service Contract Extension

- Ms. Mercer moved to approve the extension of the contract with Hemet USD for Meal Service.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that we want to continue to partner with Hemet USD to provide meal service to our Hemet Girard students.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

19. Action: Approval of MOU between RCOE & RSCS

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the MOU between RCOE & RSCS.
- Mr. Darrow seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that the MOU is required due to the renewal of our petition with RCOE. The MOU will have technical amendments to be made by legal counsel and staff.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

20. Action: Approval of Uniform Complaint Process Policy

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Uniform Complaint Process Policy.
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that this policy is a requirement by the California Department of Education.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

21. Action: Approval of Board Policy 4014.1 Title I, Part A

- Mr. Vela moved to approve Board Policy 4014.1 Title I, Part A.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that this policy is required by the California Department of Education and indicated that the school site council is responsible for ensuring that the Title I monies are used as indicated.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

22. Action: Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Linda Parks

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the legal services agreement with Linda Parks.
- Mr. Darrow seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers presented the contract with Linda Parks for Board approval.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke

23. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel – National School Safety Symposium

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve Long Distance Travel for Sydelle Allington, Darlene Blackman and

Lindsay Robson to attend the National School Safety Symposium.

- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Doug House and Diane Anvari indicated that this conference provides valuable school safety information.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

24. **Action: Approval of RSCS Employee Handbook**

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the revised Employee Handbook.
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Diane Anvari reviewed the changes to the handbook which was updated to reflect new legal requirements.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

25. **Action: Approval of 2018-2019 Board Calendar**

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the 2018-2019 Board Calendar.
- Ms. Ponzio seconded.
- Discussion: Natali South presented the calendar for next year's Board meetings.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted

26. **Information: BOARD COMMENTS and FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Ms. Ponzio: I went to the Santa Ana Open House and really enjoyed it. I encourage my fellow Board member to try to attend Open Houses as they can. It seems like this has been a great year for us and for our Board; we've accomplished much.
- Thanks to our staff for working so hard.
- Mr. Darrow: I like how the agenda is laid out and how we can see ahead all of the things that need to be approved.
- Mr. Vela: Without endorsing any candidate or side, I think it's very important to be involved in local elections, and I am hopeful that people will take charter schools into consideration as they vote.
- Mr. Wadlington: I appreciate our staff and how we maintain who we are, despite current issues.
- Makenna Blackman: Thank you for allowing me to serve as the student rep this year, and I hope that I'll be able to do it again next year.

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

- Ms. Mercer moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m.
- Ms. Ponzio seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Darrow, Vela, Ponzio, Mercer, Wadlington; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Burke
Motion Adopted



Stephen Darrow, Secretary



Date

