

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

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

February 14, 2019
12:00 p.m.

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, Chair Chuck Vela, Vice Chair Jessica Mercer, Secretary Reginald Wadlington, Treasurer Carl Burke, Board Director Charlene Ponzio, Board Director Makenna Blackman, Student Representative	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent of Business Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Ops Robert Hennings, Asst. Superintendent Pupil Services Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Diane Anvari, Asst. Superintendent, Personnel Phil Hermsmeyer, Asst. Superintendent, IT/Facilities Leilani Weiss, Financial Analyst Natali South, Director of Executive Support Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
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1. **Closed Session – Entered into at 12:00 p.m.**
 - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation: Student ID: 423975
2. **Action: Call to Order – Open Session**
 - Ms. Ryle called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the agenda.
 - Mr. Burke seconded.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow;
Motion Adopted
4. **Action: Report of Action Taken in Closed Session in Accordance with Gov. Code Section 54957.1 & 54957.9**
 - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation: Student ID: 423975
 - The Board authorized the settlement agreement.

5. **Action: Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2018**
 - Mr. Burke moved to approve the Minutes from the December 13, 2018 meeting.
 - Ms. Mercer seconded.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow; Motion Adopted

6. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Mr. Burke moved to pull the Lawn Works Contracts for clarification and approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants, PAR, Revised Attendance Calendar 2019-20, and Contract Ratifications: OPR, Smart Solutions, Advance Office.
 - Mr. Vela seconded.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow; Motion Adopted

 - Mr. Burke motioned to approve the Lawn Works contracts for Bear River, Magnolia, Temecula.
 - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
 - Discussion: Mr. Burke asked if this bid is competitive and/or if other bids were obtained prior to hiring Lawn Works.
 - Leilani Weiss indicated that other companies were contacted, and that Lawn Works was selected based on price and on the basis that they have been a trusted vendor.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow; Motion Adopted

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

8. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report and provided updates on network-wide activities. Additionally, Dr. Hermsmeyer provided information regarding charter issues in California.

9. **Information: School Accountability Report Card**
 - Amy Podratz indicated that we have complied with the requirement to have our SARC posted on the website.

10. **Action: Approval of BP 5005.1 Medications for Students**
 - Ms. Ponzio moved to approve BP 5005.1 Medications for Students upon Second Reading.
 - Mr. Burke seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Hennings indicated that the Board's recommended changes to the policy upon first reading were made, and presented the final version of the policy for approval.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow; Motion Adopted

11. Action: Approval of Low Performing Students Block Grant Plan

- Ms. Mercer moved to approve the Low Performing Students Block Grant Plan.
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Vivian Price indicated this is one-time funding which is designated to assist students who are indicated as low performing, and are not also receiving additional funding through other special funding blocks.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow; Motion Adopted

12. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel to ISTE Conference

- Ms. Mercer moved to approve long distance travel for Dammon Copely and an IT Tech to attend the ISTE Conference.
- Ms. Poznio seconded.
- Discussion: Phil Hermsmeyer explained the content that will be covered at the conference.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow; Motion Adopted

13. Action: Approval of Disposal of Surplus Property – IT/Facilities

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Disposal of Surplus Property as indicated on the IT/Facilities report.
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Phil Hermsmeyer discussed that the majority of the items on this list are unsupported and obsolete chromebooks.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow; Motion Adopted

14. Action: Approval of Disposal/Donations of Materials

- M. Burke moved to approve the disposal or donation of materials as indicated on the report.
- Ms. Mercer seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz indicated that the items on this are no longer being used by Bookmart for our families. Board members asked why it is allowed to donate books and other materials, while computers must be disposed of. Staff agreed to look into the requirements for donation vs. disposal of unusable items.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Vela, Wadlington, Ponzio, Mercer, Burke; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Darrow; Motion Adopted

15. Information: BOARD COMMENTS and FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Makenna Blackman: Many of my college applications were delayed because they were considered incomplete due to the process that Springs uses to send transcripts. The transcripts that are sent through Parchment and other services are accepted immediately.
 - Robert Hennings indicated that we are already looking into Parchment or other services that might be able to provide a smoother and faster submission of transcripts. The Board asked Robert to provide an update at an upcoming meeting.

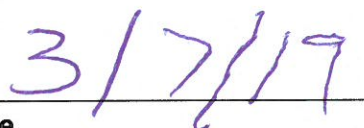
- Mr. Wadlington: Have we considered an electronic voting system for Board meetings?
 - Natali South indicated that this is a feature that can be part of the Board Docs program, but it comes at an additional cost and includes other features that we really do not need.
- Mr. Vela: I'm looking forward to attending the Learning & the Brain conference.
- Ms. Ponzio: I was glad to attend the court hearing last month regarding our due process case. I found it informational. I also am looking forward to attending the Learning and the Brain conference. I agree with Kathleen's comments on the importance of being knowledgeable about charter schools and to be able to advocate.
- Ms. Ryle: Thank you to staff for working so hard on the many issues we discussed today.
- Mr. Burke: Thanks to Kathleen and staff for their help and guidance on our ongoing issues. I hope everyone stays safe in this weather.
- Ms. Mercer: I'd like to reiterate my frustration with the public perception that charter schools are somehow harmful to students. I really believe that as Board members, we need to join the advocacy efforts to overturn this perception.

16. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

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



Jessica Mercer, Secretary



Date