

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES**

**March 7, 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 Stephen Darrow, Board Chair	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 Natali South, Director of Executive Support Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
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- Action: Call to Order**
  - Ms. Ryle called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Action: Approval of Agenda**
  - Mr. Burke motioned to remove the Homeschool 42Q report from the agenda, which will be presented next month, and to add a Closed Session during the lunch recess to discuss potential litigation. The motion included approval of the remainder of the agenda.
  - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ryle; Ponzio, Burke, Wadlington, Vela, Mercer, Darrow; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted
- Action: Approval of Minutes from February 14, 2019**
  - Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Minutes from the February 14, 2019 meeting.
  - Mr. Vela seconded.
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ryle; Ponzio, Burke, Wadlington, Vela, Mercer, Darrow; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
  - Mr. Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants, PAR, and Completion of Form 700.
  - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ryle; Ponzio, Burke, Wadlington, Vela, Mercer, Darrow; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted
  
5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - None
  
6. **Presentation: Acknowledgement of High Scoring CAASPP Students:**
  - Liz Copeland and Dr. Hermsmeyer provided plaques and certificates to students who earned perfect scores on the Math and/or ELA CAASPP test.
  
7. **Closed Session in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9 entered into at 12:45 p.m.**
  - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation.
  
8. **Open Session in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9 entered into at 1:26 p.m.**
  - Public Report of Action Taken:
    - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding pending litigation
      - No Action to Report
  
9. **Presentation: Guidance Department Updates**
  - Tanya Gillick & Victor Yoshida reviewed the Guidance Department report and provided updates about the various responsibilities and activities of the Guidance Department. Specifically, they discussed a new initiative this year, the Love Languages, which is a focus on positive affirmation.
  
10. **Presentation: River Springs Homeschool Center 42Q Report**
  - This item was removed from the agenda and will presented at the April Board meeting.
  
11. **Presentation: Keys 42Q Report**
  - Chris Lemke reviewed the 42Q Report for the Keys Program and highlighted the opportunities that Keys offers our high school students through supportive instruction.
  
12. **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. Additionally, Dr. Price provided an update on educational items, and Dr. Hennings discussed transcript services.

13. **Information: First Reading: BP 5018 Graduation Requirements**
  - Debbie Daniel reviewed the policy that was presented for first reading, and explained the various graduation requirements that have changed. The policy will be brought back at a future meeting for second reading and approval.
  
14. **Information: AB 2601**
  - Debbie Daniel discussed the new requirements for AB2601 which is related to Sex Education, and how Springs will comply.
  
15. **Action: Approval of Second Interim Budget**
  - Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Second Interim Budget.
  - Mr. Burke seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the Second Interim Budget, and indicated that we the overall ADA was slightly lower than projected, and discussed the impact this has on the budget. Additionally, Tanya reviewed other adjustments that were made from the First Interim Budget in various other categories. The ending reserve balance is nearly 20% which is considered to be very healthy.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ryle; Ponzio, Burke, Wadlington, Vela, Mercer, Darrow; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted
  
16. **Action: Approval of Selection of Auditor**
  - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the hiring of CWDL as our auditor beginning July 1, 2019.
  - Ms. Mercer seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained the process involved in the selection of this audit firm.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ryle; Ponzio, Burke, Wadlington, Vela, Mercer, Darrow; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted
  
17. **Action: Approval of BP 3010.1 Volunteers & 3010.2 Visitors & Guest Policies**
  - Mr. Burke moved to approve the changes to BP 3010.1 Volunteers and the new addition of 3010.2 Visitors & Guests Policies.
  - Mr. Vela seconded.
  - Discussion: Debbie Daniel explained the need to update our Volunteers policy while establishing better protocols related to Visitors and Guests on our campuses.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ryle; Ponzio, Burke, Wadlington, Vela, Mercer, Darrow; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted
  
18. **Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel – ISTE Conference**
  - Mr. Burke moved to approve Long Distance Travel for Cole Lyall to attend the ISTE conference.
  - Ms. Mercer seconded.
  - Discussion: Kathleen Hermsmeyer indicated that the IT Dept would like to add Cole Lyall to the list of those attending the ISTE conference.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Ryle; Ponzio, Burke, Wadlington, Vela, Mercer, Darrow; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

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

- Mr. Vela: There has been a lot of anti-charter propaganda on social media and in the news recently. I'm deeply concerned about the efforts to misinform the public and blame charter schools for poverty and other issues in our communities.
- Mr. Burke: I really appreciate how Kathleen and the entire school supports the hope and expectation that our students will complete an a-g transcript and participate in CTE. I also appreciate the program-by-program attention on growth and enrollment.
- Ms. Ryle: I am impressed that we are able to focus on growth while maintaining our focus to continue to provide our special Springs' method educating our students. It's great to have a large crowd with us today. I'm looking forward to attending the CCSA conference next week.
- Ms. Ponzio: I always enjoy the student awards. I also really enjoyed attending the Learning and the Brain conference. It was really good, and I appreciate Pam registering us early. I would like to ask for a legislative update at our next meeting.
- Ms. Mercer: I also enjoyed the student achievement awards; what an amazing achievement to earn perfect scores on the CAASPP test! I enjoyed the counselor update because it highlighted what we're able to offer our students by comparison to a traditional school.
- Mr. Darrow: I really enjoy the new seating arrangements which allows us to see our senior staff more easily.
- Mr. Wadlington: I really appreciate that the recent attacks haven't detoured our vision. I also enjoyed the Love Language initiative, and would like to see it implemented throughout the network.

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

- Mr. Darrow moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 p.m.
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Ryle; Ponzio, Burke, Wadlington, Vela, Mercer, Darrow; 0 Noes; 0 Absent;  
Motion Adopted

  
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Jessica Mercer, Secretary

  
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