

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVENUE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 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:

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| 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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1. **Closed Session: Entered into at 12:09 p.m.:**
 1. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID: 1006497
 2. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID: 761922
 3. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID: 1004436
 4. Update Regarding Potential Litigation: Employee #193472
2. **Action: Call to Order**
 - Ms. Ryle called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Mr. Burke moved to approve the agenda.
 - Mr. Vela seconded.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted
4. **Action: Report of Action Taken in Closed Session in Accordance with Gov. Code Section 54957.1 & 54957.9**
 1. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID: 1006497
 - a. No Action to Report

2. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID: 761922
 - a. The Board authorized the Settlement Agreement
3. Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID: 1004436
 - a. The Board authorized the Settlement Agreement
4. Update Regarding Potential Litigation: Employee #193472
 - a. No Action to Report
5. **Action: Approval of Minutes from May 9, 2019**
 - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Minutes from the May 9, 2019 meeting.
 - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer; Motion Adopted
6. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Mr. Wadlington. moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants, PAR, and Contract Ratifications: Kelly Services, Raptor, Frontline, South Pacific, Stand Guard Security Team.
 - Mr. Burke seconded.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer; 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 including the assembly bills we've been watching closely.
9. **Action: Approval of the 2019-20 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Federal Addendum**
 - Mr. Burke moved to approve the 2019-20 LCAP & ESSA.
 - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
 - Discussion: Amy Podratz introduced Katherine Van Leeuwen who reviewed the LCAP & ESSA process.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer; Motion Adopted
10. **Action: Approval of the 2019-20 Budget**

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the 2019-20 Budget
- Mr. Vela seconded
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the budget for next year and highlighted specific areas, including staffing, student enrollment, staff development and sources of revenue.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

11. **Action: Approval of the 2018-19 EPA Plan Actuals**

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the 2018-19 EPA Plan Actuals.
- Mr. Burke seconded
- Discussion: Tanya explained that this document provides documentation for the expenditure of EPA funds.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

12. **Action: Approval of the EPA Multi-Year Plan**

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the EPA Multi-Year Plan
- Mr. Darrow seconded
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the plan for the 3-year plan for EPA funds.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

13. **Action: Approval of the Consolidated Application for Funding**

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Consolidated Application for Funding
- Ms. Ponzio seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that the Con App allows us to apply for various funding streams with a single application.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

14. **Action: Approval of CACFP Meal Contract with Preferred Meals**

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the CACFP Meal Contract with Preferred Meals.
- Ms. Ponzio seconded
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that the contract allows us to serve meals after school hours. The cost of the meals is reimbursed through government programs.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

15. **Action: Approval of Contract Renewals with Preferred Meals**

- Mr. Darrow moved to renew the contract with Preferred Meals.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: The contract allows us to add the remaining sites to our lunch service programs. The cost of the meals is reimbursed through government programs.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;

Motion Adopted

16. **Action: Approval of Superintendent's Contract for 2019-20**

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Superintendent's Contract for 2019-20.
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the Superintendent's Contract, which is brought forward every year for approval. Dr. Hermsmeyer will receive the same 3% increase as the rest of our staff.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

17. **Action: Approval of Special Education Contracts for Providers 2019-20**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve Special Education contracts for providers 2019-20.
- Mr. Darrow seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that this document outlines the expected providers and anticipated expenses for next year.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

18. **Action: Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Linda Rhoads Parks for 2019-20**

- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Legal Services Agreement with Linda Rhoads Parks for 2019-20
- Mr. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers presented the legal services contract with Linda Rhoads Parks.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

19. **Action: Approval of Key Charter Advisors, Inc. Contract for 2019-20**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the Key Charter Advisors, Inc. Contract for 2019-20.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that Karl Yoder is retiring from DMS and will continue to provide services through his own firm, Key Charter Advisors.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

20. **Action: Approval of Short Term Borrowing RANs Resolution**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the Short Term Borrowing RANs Resolution.
- Ms. Ponzio seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the need for short term borrowing. The resolution allows us to pursue the RAN.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer; Motion Adopted

21. **Action: Approval of Hatch & Cesario Contract for 2019-20**

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Hatch & Cesario Contract for 2019-20.
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that this contract will cover anticipated Special Education

legal services for next year.

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

22. **Action: Approval of Revised Board Policy 5022.1 – Math Placement**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the revised Board Policy 5022.1 – Math Placement.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Vivian Price indicated that this is an amendment to the existing policy in order to allow the use of additional curriculum.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

23. **Action: Approval of the Revised Board Policy 5002.1 - Immunizations**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the revised Board Policy 5002.1 – Immunizations.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that this policy reflects the current requirements of the law and the state. The Board asked various questions regarding exceptions. Staff will ensure that we are fully compliant.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

24. **Action: Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy 5018.1 – Graduation Requirements**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the revised Board Policy 5018.1 – Graduation Requirements – upon second reading.
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Discussion: Debbie Daniel provided the Board with information regarding our graduation requirements and provided comparison to other schools. Our goal is to provide our students with every opportunity to meet the College and Career Indicators.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

25. **Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel for Kelli Seawright to Attend National History Day**

- This item was removed; no action was taken.

26. **Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel for Jennifer Martin and Eric Ballard to attend the National Principal Conference**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve Long Distance Travel for Jennifer Martin and Eric Ballard to attend the National Principal Conference
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Vivian Price discussed the various topics that will be covered at this conference. The Board discussed the high cost of the lodging. If possible, staff is asked to seek a lower cost alternative. It was later discovered that the amount listed on the summary was the total lodging cost, not the per-night expense.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke; 1 No: Vela; 1 Abstention: Ryle; 1 Absent:

Mercer; Motion Adopted

27. **Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel for Tina Angle to attend the ITSE Conference**
- Mr. Vela moved to approve Long Distance Travel for Tina Angle to attend the ITSE Conference
 - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
 - Discussion: Vivian Price explained the nature of the conference, and also indicated that the staff member will incur some of the costs personally.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted
28. **Action: Approval of the Teacher Salary Schedules 2019-20**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Teacher Salary Schedules 2019-20.
 - Mr. Ponzio seconded.
 - Discussion: Diane Anvari explained that the salary schedules were adjusted in order to comply with upcoming changes to minimum wage and Exempt status thresholds.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted
29. **Action: Approval of the Kelly Services Contract**
- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Kelly Services Contract.
 - Mr. Burke seconded.
 - Discussion: Diane Anvari indicated that our dependence on Kelly Services has reduced somewhat due having an on-staff sub coordinator who works to place subs from our sub pool.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted
30. **Action: Approval of Contract with Konica Minolta**
- Mr. Burke moved to approve Konica Minolta contract.
 - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
 - Discussion: Leilani Weiss presented the contract with Konica Minolta and explained the products and services that are included for the copiers throughout the network.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted
31. **Action: Approval of the 2019-20 Contract with Parallel 40 Productions**
- Mr. Burke moved to approve the contract with Parallel 40 Productions.
 - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer discussed the importance of renewing our contract with Parallel 40 Productions in order to continue with our media and video production.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted
32. **Action: Approval of the Board Calendar 2019-20**
- Ms. Ponzio moved to approve the Board Calendar for 2019-20 Board meetings.

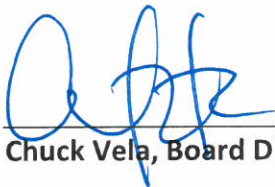
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Discussion: Natali South reviewed the calendar for next year's Board meetings.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted

33. Board Comments

- Mr. Burke: Considering that we will have multiple vacancies to fill, I think we should create a two-member committee in order to review the applications to select candidates to interview. Thanks to Makenna for being our student representative. Thanks to Charlene and Sheila for their service to our Board. Finally, I'd like to thank Diane for her faithful years to our school; wishing her the best in retirement.
- Mr. Wadlington: I'm looking forward to attending graduation.
- Mr. Vela: I want Kathleen and staff to know I appreciate the ability to disseminate information regarding the important legislative information. It is so crucial to our movement at this time.
- Ms. Ponzio: Today's agenda is so full and demonstrates how far we have come. I look forward to graduation. Diane, congratulations on retirement! Thanks for the opportunity to serve on this board for two terms. It's been an honor and privilege. I appreciate the focus on value on integrity and transparency, while pursuing growth and innovation. I'm sad to leave River Springs, and looking forward to being a part of Citrus Springs.
- Mr. Darrow: We will miss Sheila and Charlene. It's good to see a bigger audience at our Board meetings.
- Ms. Ryle: I echo the comments made by my colleagues. It's been great to be a part of the Board and family, and I will truly miss you all.

34. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Ms. Ryle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:14 p.m.
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Ryle, Burke, Wadlington, Darrow, Burke, Vela; 1 Absent: Mercer;
Motion Adopted



Chuck Vela, Board Director



Date

