

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

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**October 10, 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:**

Chuck Vela, Board Chair	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
Reginald Wadlington, Vice Chair	Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Operations
Rachel Couch, Board Secretary	Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent of Business
Jamie Thompson, Treasurer	Robert Hennings, Asst. Superintendent of Pupil Services
Carl Burke, Board Director	Doug House, Interim Asst. Superintendent, Personnel
Steffany Johnson, Board Director	Natali South, Director of Executive Support
Stephen Darrow, Board Director	Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
Julia Eggleston, Student Board Member	

1. **Call to Order and Closed Session – Entered into at 12:02 p.m.**
  - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation: Student ID 1005117
2. **Open Session: Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Entered into at 12:48 p.m.**
  - Mr. Vela called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Moment of Silence in Honor of Joel Mejares**
  - Mr. Vela invited the Board and audience to observe a moment of silence in honor of Joel Mejares.
4. **Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
  - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding existing litigation: Student ID #1005117
    - The Board approved the settlement agreement.

5. **Action: Approval of Agenda**
  - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the agenda.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Johnson, Burke, Darrow; 0 Noes;  
Motion Adopted
  
6. **Action: Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2019**
  - Mr. Burke moved to approve the Minutes from the September 12, 2019 meeting.
  - Ms. Couch seconded.
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Johnson, Burke, Darrow; 0 Noes;  
Motion Adopted
  
7. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
  - Mr. Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, PAR, and Contract Ratifications: South Pacific at Enterprise, Stand Guard at San Jacinto.
  - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Johnson, Burke, Darrow; 0 Noes;  
Motion Adopted
  
8. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - None
  
9. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
  - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report and provided updates on network-wide activities. Additionally, she provided an update on recent legislation including AB1505, AB1507 and other bills we've been watching closely. Additionally, Dr. Hermsmeyer discussed that another charter school, Inspire, is being investigated for improper fiscal management. This is something we have been aware of for quite some time, and have been watching the matter closely. Charter organizations such as CCSA and APlus+ have revoked Inspire's membership due to unethical practices. We will make ourselves available for families who need to seek an alternative for their education. Dr. Hermsmeyer concluded her remarks by reviewing last year's achievement results which were just released and inviting Board members to participate in our upcoming GetRealCon event. Karl Yoder addressed the Board and described how his role as our financial adviser has changed, and discussed the projects he'll be working on this year.
  
10. **Information: Donated Cars to CITE Program**
  - The Board reviewed the auto donation information.

**11. Action: Approval of South Pacific Contract - PLAZA**

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve of the South Pacific Contract for PLAZA.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Discussion: Dave Black described the work that will be completed as a result of this contract.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Johnson, Burke, Darrow; 0 Noes;  
Motion Adopted

**12. Action: Approval of ST Math Renewal Invoice**

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the ST Math Renewal Invoice.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Kathleen Hermsmeyer indicated that ST Math is an integral component of our math instruction.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Johnson, Burke, Darrow; 0 Noes;  
Motion Adopted

**13. Action: Approval of i-Ready Contract**

- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the i-Ready contract.
- Ms. Johnson seconded.
- Discussion: Kathleen Hermsmeyer indicated that we utilize i-Ready as a diagnostic tool to evaluate students' academic proficiency. Additionally, there is an instructional component that some students utilize as part of their instruction.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Johnson, Burke, Darrow; 0 Noes;  
Motion Adopted

**14. Board Comments**


- Julia Eggleston asked a question related to Inspire Charter Schools, and remarked that she has taken the i-Ready diagnostic tool.
- Steffany Johnson: I can attest to the effectiveness of ST Math in my daughter's math achievement.
- Mr. Darrow: I would be willing to participate in GetRealCon. I would like to see our auto shop expand to actually repairing cars.
- Mr. Burke: Our dear friend, Jen, has lost her husband. The outpouring of support immediately has been significant, but the need will continue.
- Mr. Wadlington: I agree. In serving as a pastor, I've noticed the greatest need comes in the weeks and months that follow. With regard to the GetRealCon, I will be asking some of my acquaintances in the space industry to participate.
- Mr. Vela: I would like an update on Indio.
  - Dr. Hermsmeyer indicated that we just received the much awaited use-permit, and construction can proceed soon. We hope to be open at that location for next year.

- Ms. Thompson: As a teacher, I am always interested in how much curriculum is implemented versus purchased and not being used. I like that our sites have great flexibility in using the curriculum that is proving to be beneficial; my own children are benefitting from ST Math.

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

- Mr. Burke moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Johnson, Burke, Darrow; 0 Noes;  
Motion Adopted

  
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**Rachel Couch, Secretary**

  
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**Date**