

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

February 13, 2020

9:00 a.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:

Craig Schneider, Board Chair	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
Jessica Large, Secretary	Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent of Operations
Jason Rodriguez, Treasurer	Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent of Business
Tracey Vela, Board Director	Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education
Ivo Cauoette, Board Director	Doug House, Interim Asst. Superintendent, Personnel
Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Board Director	Natali South, Director of Executive Support

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mr. Schneider called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Schneider, Large, Rodriguez, Vela, Cauoette, Mendez-Cantu;
1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2019

- Ms. Large moved to approve the Minutes from the December 12, 2019 meeting.
- Mr. Cauoette seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Schneider, Large, Rodriguez, Vela, Cauoette, Mendez-Cantu;
1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

4. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Ms. Vela moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, PAR, and ratification of contract with Kelly Services.

- Ms. Large seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Schneider, Large, Rodriguez, Vela, Cauoette, Mendez-Cantu;
1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

6. **Information: Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report and provided network-wide updates. In addition, she mentioned that we just held a make-up training day for new employees who did not attend the summertime orientation.

7. **Information: LCAP Mid-Year Update**

- Amy Podratz reviewed the mid-year LCAP update. She indicated that the LCAP template has changed, but this will not generally impact the outcome. We will still focus on our six main goals and track the outcome.

8. **Information: 2018-19 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) Update**

- Amy Podratz explained that SARC data is a compliance requirement and is posted on our website, per legal requirement.

9. **Information: National School Lunch Program Update**

- Tanya Rogers explained that Empire has participated in NSLP for two years now, and all of our students are eligible for free breakfast and lunch on a daily basis. Our program has been reviewed by the CDE and received a perfect review, and our Director of Nutrition has been asked by the CDE to provide training to other schools.

10. **Action: Approval of Third Amendment to Lease with Alas**

- Ms. Vela moved to approve the amendment to the lease.
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
- Discussion: Staff explained this suite holds our FabLab, which is primarily used by our Education department for educational projects. Each of the charters shares in the cost of the lease.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Schneider, Large, Rodriguez, Vela, Cauoette, Mendez-Cantu;
1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

11. **Action: Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 4015.1 – Post-Employment Medical Coverage**

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve policy 4015.1 upon second reading.
- Ms. Large seconded.

- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that the policy was reviewed at the previous meeting with no changes requested, and is being brought forward for second reading and approval.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Schneider, Large, Rodriguez, Vela, Cauoette, Mendez-Cantu;
1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

12. Action: Approval of Special Ed Contract Extensions

- Mr. Caouette moved to approve extensions of Special Ed service provider contracts.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that a review of existing contracts relative to services needed was conducted, and the changes are presented for approval. The Board asked for an update in a few months
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Schneider, Large, Rodriguez, Vela, Cauoette, Mendez-Cantu;
1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

13. Board Comments

- Ms. Large: My sons attend the Murrieta Student Center, and last night they really enjoyed the "drive-in" movie night.

14. Closed Session – Entered into at 9:50. a.m.


- Employee Dismissal/Release

15. Open Session - Entered into at 10:48 a.m.

- **Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
 - Employee Dismissal/Release
 - The Board received the information. No action was taken.

16. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Ms. Vela Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Schneider, Large, Rodriguez, Vela, Cauoette, Mendez-Cantu;
1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted



Jessica Large, Secretary

3/19/2020

Date