

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Due to CA Safer at Home Orders, this meeting was held electronically.

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

March 27, 2020

1:00 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:

Craig Schneider, Board Chair	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
Michelle Nagelvoort, Vice Chair	Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Operations
Jessica Large, Secretary	Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent of Business
Tracey Vela, Board Director	Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent of Education
Ivo Caouette, Board Director	Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent of Program Improvement
Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Board Director	Doug House, Interim Asst. Superintendent, Personnel
	Natali South, Director of Executive Support

- 1. Call to Order**
 - Natali South Called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m., and established a quorum through roll call.
- 2. Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - None
- 3. Information: Superintendent Update**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer provided an update regarding Springs Charter Schools' transition to work and study from home during the COVID-19 crisis. We have gone to a 100% online model for instruction, which is optional for our families. Additionally, all staff have been provided the opportunity to remain employed, either by working from home or by fulfilling essential services at our sites in a safe manner.
- 4. Action: Approval of School Closure Resolution**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved for Approval of School Closure Resolution.
 - Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer explained that this resolution outlines the parameters of our school closure during the COVID-19 crisis.

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

5. **Action: Ratification of 10 Extra Sick Days**

- Ms. Nagelvoort moved for Ratification of 10 Extra Sick Days.
- Mr. Caouette seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that our staff members have been provided 10 additional sick days to use as needed as a result of COVID-19.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Schneider, Nagelvoort, Large, Vela, Caouette, Mendez-Cantu; 1 Absent: Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

6. **Board Comments**

- Ms. Nagelvoort: Our staff has done a great job during this transition!
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu: I want to thank our Senior Staff and Boards for working to be sure that our staff and students can continue during this time.

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

- Natali South adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.



Jessica Large, Secretary

4/16/2020

Date