

# EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## ***SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES***

**April 16, 2020**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Due to Shelter in Place Orders, this meeting was held virtually.**

*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:**

Michelle Nagelvoort, Vice Chair Jessica Large, Secretary Tracey Vela, Board Director Ivo Caouette, Board Director Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent of Operations Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent of Business Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Doug House, Interim Asst. Superintendent, Personnel Natali South, Director of Executive Support
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- 1. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**
  - Natali South performed the roll call to establish a quorum, and called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
  - Mr. Caouette moved to approve the agenda with one change: changing Item #7 from an Action to an Informational item.
  - Ms. Vela seconded.
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Nagelvoort, Large, Vela, Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, 2 Absent: Schneider, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 3. Action: Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2020**
  - Ms. Large moved for Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2020.
  - Mr. Caouette seconded.
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Nagelvoort, Large, Vela, Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, 2 Absent: Schneider, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2020**

- Ms. Large moved for Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2020
- Mr. Caouette seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Nagelvoort, Large, Vela, Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, 2 Absent: Schneider, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

6. **Information: Superintendent Report**

- Dr. Hermsmeyer provided an update regarding the ways in which we've adjusted to distance learning and working from home. Additionally, she reviewed revised grading expectations, particularly for our high school students.

7. **Information: Revenue Anticipation Note**

- Tanya Rogers reviewed the Revenue Anticipation Note and indicated that the language will be adjusted slightly before being brought forward next month for approval.

8. **Board Comments**

- Ms. Large: I am so thankful for what Springs is doing for our students. Half of my children are Springs' students and the other half attend a local public school, and my Springs' kids are receiving so much more from their school. This situation is really highlighting our strengths.

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

- Ms. Large moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a..m.
- Mr. Caouette seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Nagelvoort, Large, Vela, Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, 2 Absent: Schneider, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

  
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Jessica Large, Secretary

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