

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVENUE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2020

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	Doug House, Interim Asst. Superintendent, Personnel
Carl Burke, Board Director	Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Program Improvement
Stephen Darrow, Board Director	Natali South, Director of Executive Support
Julia Eggleston, Student Board Member	Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
	Dave Black, Senior Director of Facilities
	Leilani Weiss, Financial Analyst, Facilities
	Kelly Ouellette, School Nurse,
	Ibys Castilla, Controller

- 1. Call to Order and Closed Session – entered into at 12:07 p.m.**
 - Closed Session in accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9
 - Employee Dismissal/Release
- 2. Open Session and Call to Order – Entered into at 1:25 p.m.**
 - Mr. Vela Called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
 - Employee Dismissal/Release
 - The Board received the information and ratified a severance agreement for employee ID# 207917

4. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the agenda.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

5. Action: Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2020

- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Minutes from the February 13, 2020 meeting.
- Mr. Darrow seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

6. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, PAR, and contract ratifications: Konica Minolta, iHeart Radio
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

7. Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

8. Information: Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report and provided network-wide events including our upcoming GetRealCon event which highlights college and career opportunities for our high school students. Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the steps we are taking to prevent the spread of viruses. Additionally, Dr. Hermsmeyer described a new initiative that we have going on for our students called "Strive for 45", which encourages students to participate in engaging assignments designed to help with CAASPP testing.

9. Information: Health Services Report

- School Nurse, Kelly Ouellete presented a report that highlighted the efforts of our school-wide health department.

10. Information/Activity: Form 700 Completion

- Natali South led the Board through the completion of annual Conflict of Interest Form 700.

11. Information: Discussion of Revenue Anticipation Note

- Tanya Rogers explained the reasons for considering a Revenue Anticipation Note. One reason for this is to meet bondholder threshold requirements. Tanya answered additional Board members' questions. The actual document will be brought forward for approval at a future meeting.

12. Action: Approval of Gaggle.net Contract

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the contract with Gaggle.net
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Discussion: Leilani Weiss explained that Gaggle monitors our student emails for issues of concern related to bullying, self-harm or other concerns.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

13. Action: Approval of Second Amendment to Lease with Lang Construction

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the second amendment to the lease with Lang Construction for the site in Indio.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Dave Black reviewed the items that would be covered by the amendment to the lease.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

14. Approval of Extension of Board Member's Term

- Mr. Vela moved to amend this item to extend the selected Board member's term by 12, rather than 6 months, to end June 30, 2021.
- Mr. Darrow seconded.
- Discussion: Slips of paper with Stephen Darrow's and Carl Burke's names were placed in cup. In a blind drawing, Linda Rhoads-Parks drew Carl Burke's name, and therefore his term was extended to June 30, 2021. The Board requested that staff open the Board application in April in order to fill Stephen's seat. Carl Burke and Rachel Couch both volunteered to assist in the applicant screening process. The Board would like to interview potential candidates in May.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

15. Approval of Contract with Innovative School Solutions – OASIS

- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the contract with Innovative School Solutions for OASIS.
- Ms. Couch seconded.

- Discussion: Amy Podratz indicated that OASIS is our school information system, and this is a routine renewal of their contract.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

16. Action: Approval of 2020-2021 School Calendar

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the updated school calendar for 2020-21.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the changes to the upcoming school calendar, and explained that the main adjustment provides two complete months of summer break for our teaching staff.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

17. Action: Approval of Second Interim Budget

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the second interim budget.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the second interim budget which reflects a slight decline in ADA which impacted our revenue stream. Tanya highlighted various things listed in the report and answered Board members' questions.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

18. Action: Approval of Auditor Selection for 2019-20

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the selection of auditor for 2019-20.
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Discussion: Ibys Castilla explained that staff was pleased with the audit services provided by CWDL's firm last year and recommended them for performing this year's audit.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

19. Action: Approval of Superintendent Succession Plan

- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Superintendent's Succession Plan.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Debbie Daniel explained that the Succession Plan outlines the steps that would be taken in the event that the Superintendent were to take a leave of absence for any reason or duration.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

20. Action: Approval of Revised Board Policy 5004.1 – Infectious Diseases

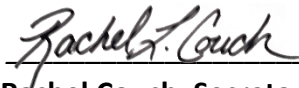
- Mr. Darrow moved to approve the revised Board Policy 5004.1 – Infectious Diseases.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Debbie Daniel explained that recent changes to laws as well as recent national health concerns resulted in the need to update our Board policy on Infectious Diseases. The policy was entirely updated, and therefore a red-lined version was not provided. Additionally, for this reason, we elected to seek approval at this meeting as opposed to our typical two-meeting approval process.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

21. Board Comments and Agenda Requests

- Julia Eggleston: I am excited about the new calendar. Even though I won't be here to enjoy it, I think the new schedule is better.
- Ms. Couch: I am thankful for all of the information at today's meeting.
- Ms. Thompson: I appreciate how proactive our school is in staying ahead of issues.

22. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Vela moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m.
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Darrow, Wadlington, Burke, Thompson, Couch; 1 Absent: Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted



Rachel Couch, Secretary

4/16/2020

Date