

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 Jefferson Avenue

Temecula, CA 92590

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 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:

Chuck Vela, Board Chair Reginald Wadlington, Vice Chair Rachel Couch, Secretary Jamie Thompson, Treasurer Carl Burke, Board Director Steffany Johnson, Board Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent of Operations Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent of Business Doug House, Interim Asst. Superintendent, Personnel Natali South, Director of Executive Support Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
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1. **Call to Order**
 - Mr. Vela called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the agenda.
 - Ms. Thompson seconded.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Burke, Johnson, 0 Noes,
Motion Adopted

3. **Action: Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2020**
 - Ms. Thompson moved to approve Minutes from the June 11, 2020 meeting.
 - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Burke, Johnson, 0 Noes,
Motion Adopted

4. **Information: Public Comments**

- None

5. **Interviews for Board Director:**

- The Board conducted interviews for vacant Board Director position. The following candidates were interviewed:
 - Louis Fetherolf
 - Laura Zamora
 - Stacy Bushong

6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- A Public Hearing was opened at 1:52 p.m. regarding the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan. No public comments were made and the hearing was closed at 1:54 p.m. The response window will remain open until Sept. 11, 2020, and the plan will be brought forward for approval at the September 14, 2020 Board meeting.

7. **Action: Approval of Provisional Permit for Monica McFee**

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the PIP for Monica McFee.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Doug House explained that Ms. McFee is in a credential program and that a provisional permit is required until her program is completed.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Burke, Johnson, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

8. **CLOSED SESSION: ENTERED INTO AT 2:15 p.m.**

- Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation
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- Discussion regarding Public Employee Appointment (Board Director)

9. **OPEN SESSION: ENTERED INTO AT 3:30 p.m.**

- Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
 - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation
 - The Board authorized River Springs staff to pursue litigation by joining the lawsuit discussed.
 - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Potential Litigation
 - The Board authorized staff to determine if River Springs will participate in the lawsuit after determining certain details.
 - Discussion regarding Public Employee Appointment (Board Director)
 - The Board appointed Louis Fetherolf as their newest Board Director. Mr. Fetherolf's first term will be three years, expiring on June 30, 2023.

10. **Board Comments**

- Ms. Johnson: I appreciate the flexibility regarding being able to join meetings remotely during this time. My daughter expresses how much she misses seeing her friends and going to school every day.
- Ms. Couch: I really appreciate the Ignite! Box. It was filled with such thoughtful items. I am impressed with the leadership and vision that our organization is demonstrating, and I am excited about the new school year even though it will not be typical.
- Ms. Thompson: Kathleen's article in the Union Tribune was fantastic, and opened dialogue for me with others who mentioned it to me. My kids are missing going to school and look so forward to seeing their teachers online.
- Mr. Wadlington: I am honored to be on this Board and look forward to seeing us accomplish great things as we go through these challenging times.
- Mr. Burke: This was a great meeting today. I thought the Ignite! Conference was fantastic.
- Mr. Vela: My daughter was supposed to start TK this year and is so sad that she can't go to school. I have enjoyed being the Chair of the Board this past year.

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

- Mr. Burke moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Vela, Wadlington, Couch, Thompson, Burke, Johnson, 0 Noes,
Motion Adopted


Secretary

9/10/2020
Date