

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2020

9:00 a.m.

Due to CA safer at home order, meeting was held electronically.

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:

Ivo Caouette, Board Chair Michelle Nagelvoort, Vice Chair Jessica Large, Secretary (arrived at 9:28 a.m.) Tracey Vela, Board Director Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Board Director Craig Schneider, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Operations Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent of Business Doug House, Asst. Superintendent, Personnel Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent of Education Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Program Improvement Natali South, Director of Executive Support
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- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Mr. Caouette called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Mr. Schneider moved to approve the agenda.
 - Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela;
2 Absent: Large, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 3. Action: Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2020**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Minutes with corrections from the September 10, 2020 meeting.
 - Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela;
2 Absent: Large, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Ms. Vela moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants and Personnel Action Report.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Large, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - None
6. **Superintendent's Report**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided updates regarding plans for reopening school. Additionally, Dr. Hermsmeyer indicated that she has been selected to be a part of the CCSA Member Council.
7. **Information: Annual Board Training**
 - Natali South reviewed information that was provided by our legal counsel for annual training on the topics of The Brown Act, GC1090, Conflict of Interest Code and other Board responsibilities and requirements.
8. **Information: Cares Act Funding**
 - Tanya Rogers reviewed the Cares Act Funding report which provided Empire Springs with \$152,000 in Federal relief funds.
9. **Information: 1st Reading of Revised BP 5024.1 Suicide Prevention Policy**
 - Kristin Turner reviewed changes to Board Policy 5024.1. The policy was updated to reflect current requirements for Suicide Prevention policies. No changes were requested, and the policy will be brought forward at a future meeting for Second Reading and approval.
10. **Action: Approval of 2020-2021 First Interim Budget**
 - Mr. Schneider moved to approve the 2020-2021 First Interim Budget.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the First Interim Budget report.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela; 1 Absent: Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
11. **Action: Approval of Audit**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Audit for 2019-20.
 - Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the Audit report and indicated that due to the pandemic, this year's audit was conducted electronically and with virtual meetings. Empire Springs earned a clean audit report with zero findings.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela; 1 Absent: Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

12. **Action: Approval of Student Plan for Student Achievement**
- Ms. Nagelvoort moved to approve the Student Plan for Student Achievement.
 - Ms. Large seconded.
 - Discussion: Kim Bagby explained that the SPSA is required for schools receiving Title I and Title III funding.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela; 1 Absent: Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
13. **Action: Approval of Second Reading and Approval of BP 8006.1 - Certification**
- Mr. Schneider moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval BP 8006.1.
 - Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
 - Discussion: Doug House reviewed the policy and reminded the Board that it was presented for first reading at the previous meeting, and no changes were requested.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela; 1 Absent: Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
14. **Action: Approval of Second Reading and Approval of Covid-Related Policies 3010.2, 3012.1, 8008.1**
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval of Covid-Related Policies 3010.2, 3012.1, 8008.1 with a clerical correction.
 - Ms. Vela seconded.
 - Discussion: Debbie Daniel reminded the Board that these policies were previously presented for First Reading.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela; 1 Absent: Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
15. **Board Comments**
- Ms. Large: I apologize for joining the meeting late today.
16. **Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
- Ms. Large moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
 - Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela; 1 Absent: Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted



Jessica Large, Secretary

02/11/2021

Date