

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2021

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
Jason Rodriguez, Board Treasurer (arrived at 9:43 a.m.)
Tracey Vela, Board Director (arrived at 9:16 a.m.)
Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Board Director
Michelle Nagelvoort, 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. Supt., Program Improvement
Natali South, Director of Executive Support

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mr. Caouette called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Ms. Large moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider;
2 Absent: Rodriguez, Vela; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2020

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider;
2 Absent: Rodriguez, Vela; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Ms. Large moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants, Personnel Action Report, and Contract Ratifications: Spectrum Rancho Cucamonga, Spectrum Cherry Valley, Gaggle.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider; 2 Absent: Rodriguez, Vela; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - None
6. **Superintendent's Report**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided updates on new and proposed non-classroom based legislation. Additionally, she provided network-wide updates regarding our return to school plans.
7. **Information: High School Opts and Mods Information**
 - Debbie Thurston reviewed a new initiative we will be implementing next school year for our high school students. This has been designed to provide our high schoolers with choices and options for courses they would like to take. The courses are a-g approved and will meet the state standards.
8. **Information: Annual Form 700 Filing**
 - Natali South indicated that the annual forms have been sent to Board members' homes, along with return envelopes.
9. **Information: Vended Meals Contract Information**
 - Tanya Rogers reviewed the Vended Meals contract, and indicated that Empire is not a signer of the contract, but is able to participate as a recipient of the services in order to provide meals to Empire students.
10. **Action: Approval of Second Interim Report**
 - Ms. Large moved to approve the Second Interim Report.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the Second Interim report and indicated that budget adjustments made earlier in the year have allowed us to meet expected obligations.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Vela; 1 Absent: Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

11. Action: Approval of Waived First Reading and Approval of Revised Policy 5017.1 Enrollment Lottery

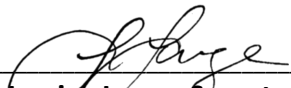
- Ms. Vela moved to approve the Approval of Waived First Reading and Approval of Revised Policy 5017.1 Enrollment Lottery.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that for the first time in Springs' history, we will need to conduct an enrollment lottery in order to determine order of placement for our students. This is due to the number of students on our waiting list. The lottery will be live-streamed on YouTube for transparency.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 0 Absent; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

12. Board Comments

- None

13. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.
- Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Vela, Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Rodriguez, Large; 0 Absent; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted



Jessica Large, Secretary

May 13, 2021

Date