

**RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**March 11, 2021**

**12:00 p.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:**

Reginald Wadlington, Board Chair Rachel Couch, Vice Chair Jamie Thompson, Secretary Steffany Johnson, Board Treasurer Carl Burke, Board Director Louis Fetherolf, Board Director Chuck Vela, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Operations Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent of Business Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Doug House, Asst. Superintendent, Personnel Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Program Improvement Natali South, Director of Executive Support Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
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- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Ms. Couch called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
  - Mr. Vela moved to approve the agenda.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
- 3. Action: Approval of Minutes from February 11th, 2021 Meeting**
  - Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Minutes from the February 11, 2021 meeting.
  - Ms. Johnson seconded.
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
  - Mr. Burke moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, and Contract Ratifications: Mr. D Math, Jim Graves.
  - Mr. Vela seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - None
  
6. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
  - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and discussed our reopening plan. At this point, we've submitted multiple versions of our reopening plan to the County Health Department for approval. We anticipate approval of our most recent application, and if so, we will reopen our sites on or around March 22, at 25% capacity.
  
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. **Action: Vended Meals Contract**
  - Mr. Burke moved to approve the Vended Meals contract.
  - Ms. Johnson seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the contract and explained that the contract has been written in River's name, but our other charters will be participating in the consortium to provide meals to their students and share proportionally in the cost. The majority of the cost of providing meals is offset by reimbursements.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
10. **Action: Approval of Second Interim Report**
  - Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Second Interim Report.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the Second Interim Report and indicated during the pandemic, adjustments were made to offset the fact that we

enrolled students for whom we did not receive funding, and also had expenses related to operating in a virtual environment. Overall, River's financial status is healthy. Budget Assumptions for the following year will be presented at the May meeting.

- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

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

- Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Waived First Reading and Approval of Revised Policy 5017.1 - Enrollment Lottery.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that due to the fact that we had to cap enrollment, we will need to conduct a lottery to determine who will be enrolled for the 2021-22 school year. The lottery process is defined in our charter and gives priority to homeless and foster youth, as well as returning students and siblings.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**12. Action: Approval of Spectrum Contract**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the Spectrum contract.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Discussion: Leilani Weiss explained that Spectrum provides our broadband internet services.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**13. Action: Approval of Gaggle contract**

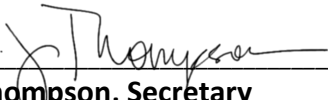
- Mr. Vela moved to approve the Gaggle contract.
- Mr. Burke seconded.
- Discussion: Leilani Weiss reviewed the contract and indicated that the service provided by Gaggle assists the school with monitoring students' postings on social media and internal chat platforms for inappropriate content as well as concern for harm to self or others.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**14. Board Comments**

- Mr. Fetherolf asked questions about the CCSA virtual conference as well as graduation.

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

- Mr. Vela moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 p.m.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington;  
0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

  
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**Jamie Thompson, Secretary**

**May 13, 2021**  
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**Date**