

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

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

June 10, 2021

9:00 a.m.

This 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
Jessica Large, Secretary
Jason Rodriguez, Board Treasurer (arrived at 9:53)
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. 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 9:02 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

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

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2021

- Ms. Vela moved to approve the Minutes from the May 13, 2021 meeting.
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants, Personnel Action Report, and EMS Linq, School Ability, and Kelly Services Contract Ratifications.
 - Ms. Large seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - None

6. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided an update regarding AB1316 and other legislation that impacts charter schools.

7. **Action: Approval of the 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
 - Ms. Large moved to approve the 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the LCAP and explained that the report outlines our eight state priorities that are tied to our funding.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

8. **Action: Approval of Reporting of State Priority Local Indicators to CDE Dashboard**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Reporting of State Priority Local Indicators to CDE
 - Ms. Vela seconded.
 - Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the Local Indicators that must be reported to the CA Dept. of Education. These are our self-selected priorities, and each goal was met for the year.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

9. **Action: Approval of 2021-22 Budget**
 - Mr. Schneider moved to approve the 2021-22 Budget.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the proposed budget for 2021-22. The budget reflects a growth in ADA due to the lottery and ability to enroll additional students.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Schneider, Rodriguez, Vela; 0 Absent; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

10. Action: Approval of Revenue Anticipation Note

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Revenue Anticipation Note
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that the initial funding for the year is based on prior years' enrollment. Therefore, the funding will be lower than our anticipated upcoming needs based upon expected enrollment at the beginning of the year. The RAN will bridge the gap between the start of the school year and when we are funded for those students.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

11. Action: Approval of the 2020-21 Education Protection Account (EPA) plan Actuals

- Ms. Vela moved to approve the 2020-21 Education Protection Account (EPA) plan Actuals.
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that Empire's EPA actuals provided funding for 4.1 teachers' salaries.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

12. Action: Approval of 2021-22 Education Protection Account (EPA) Plan

- Ms. Large moved to approve the 2021-22 Education Protection Account (EPA) Plan.
- Mr. Schneider seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that additional expected enrollment will fund 4.96 teachers' salaries.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

13. Action: Approval of Approval of Legal Services Agreement - Hatch & Cesario

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Legal Services Agreement - Hatch & Cesario.
- Ms. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that this is the annual renewal of the contract for Special Education legal services.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

- 14. Action: Approval of Anticipated Special Education Contracts**
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Anticipated Special Education Contracts.
 - Ms. Large seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that the anticipated expenditure on Special Education contracts was determined by calculating previous years' contracts and adding a percentage based upon anticipated enrollment growth.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 15. Action: Second Reading and Approval of BP 8006.1 - Certification**
- Ms. Large moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval of BP 8006.1 - Certification.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Discussion: This item was presented for First Reading at the previous meeting, and no changes were requested.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 16. Action: Approval of Committee on Assignment - Certification**
- Ms. Large moved to approve the Committee on Assignment - Certification.
 - Mr. Schneider seconded.
 - Discussion: Doug House explained that a committee must be established to authorize a fully credentialed educator to serve in an assignment outside of the area authorized by their credential, if specified criteria are met.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 17. Action: Approval of Position Control System and Salary Schedules**
- Mr. Schneider moved to approve the Position Control System and Salary Schedules
 - Ms. Large seconded.
 - Discussion: Doug House explained that the Position Control System and Salary Schedules are presented each year, and provide the framework for determining the salary for each position within the network.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Nagelvoort, Rodriguez; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 18. Action: Approval of Superintendent's Contract 2021-22**
- Mr. Schneider moved to approve the Superintendent's Contract 2021-22
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.

- Discussion: Doug House presented the Superintendent's contract which reflects the same 3% salary increase that was provided to all staff.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Rodriguez, Vela; 1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

19. Action: Approval of Sonwest Contract

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Sonwest Contract.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Discussion: Dave Black review reviewed the scope of the contract.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Rodriguez, Vela; 1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

20. Action: Approval of 2021-2022 Board Calendar

- Ms. Vela moved to approve the 2021-2022 Board Calendar
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
- Discussion: Natali South reviewed the calendar for next year's Board meetings.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Rodriguez, Vela; 1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

21. Board Comments

- None

22. Closed Session - In Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9

- Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Litigation: Student ID: 511948

23. Action: Open Session: Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

- Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Litigation: Student ID: 511948
 - No Action to Report

24. Action: Adjournment

- Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Schneider, Rodriguez, Vela; 1 Absent: Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted



Jessica Large, Secretary

07/13/2021

Date