

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

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**June 10, 2021**

**12:00 p.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:**

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 (arrived at 12:12 p.m.)	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**
  - Mr. Wadlington called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
  - Ms. Johnson moved to approve the agenda.
  - Ms. Couch seconded.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington;  
1 Absent: Vela; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 3. Action: Approval of Minutes from May 13, 2021 Meeting**
  - Ms. Couch moved to approve the Minutes from the May 13, 2021 meeting.
  - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
  - Discussion: None
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington;  
1 Absent: Vela; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
  - Ms. Couch moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, and Vector Solutions, OrangeHRM, HUSD, and Frontline Contract Ratifications.
  - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Vela; 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 on AB1316 and other charter related legislation. AB1316 has been moved to the inactive file for this legislative session. This is good news as the bill would negatively impact charter schools if ever approved.
  
7. **Action: Approval of the 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
  - Mr. Burke moved to approve the 2021-22 Local Control Accountability Plan.
  - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
  - Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the LCAP and explained that the report outlines our eight state priorities that are tied to our funding.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
8. **Action: Approval of Reporting of State Priority Local Indicators to CDE Dashboard**
  - Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Reporting of State Priority Local Indicators to CDE.
  - Ms. Couch 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: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
9. **Action: Approval of Multi-School Agreement for CIF**
  - Ms. Couch moved to approve the Multi-School Agreement for CIF Sports.
  - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
  - Discussion: Amy Podratz explained our goal to add to our CIF sports programs, and this agreement will be submitted to CIF for approval.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington;

0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**10. Action: Second Reading and Approval of BP 5006.2 - Independent Study for Seat Based Programs**

- Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval of BP 5006.2 - Independent Study for Seat Based Programs.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that many of our programs will be switching to Seat-Based, and therefore this policy is necessary. It was presented at the previous meeting for First Reading, and no changes were requested.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**11. Action: Approval of 2021-22 Budget**

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the 2021-22 Budget.
- Mr. Fetherolf 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: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**12. Action: Approval of Revenue Anticipation Note**

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Revenue Anticipation Note
- Ms. Couch 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: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

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

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the 2020-21 Education Protection Account (EPA) plan Actuals.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that River's EPA actuals provided funding for 212.8 teachers' salaries.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington;

0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

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

  - Ms. Thompson moved to approve the 2021-22 Education Protection Account (EPA) Plan.
  - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that additional expected enrollment will fund 236.75 teachers' salaries for 2021-22.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
- 15. Action: Approval of Anticipated Special Education Contracts**

  - Ms. Couch moved to approve the Anticipated Special Education Contracts.
  - Mr. Fetherolf 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: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
- 16. Action: Approval of Approval of Legal Services Agreement - Hatch & Cesario**

  - Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Legal Services Agreement - Hatch & Cesario
  - Mr. Burke seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that this is the annual renewal of the contract for Special Education legal services.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
- 17. Action: Approval of Legal Services Agreement - Linda Rhoads Parks**

  - Ms. Couch moved to approve the Legal Services Agreement - Linda Rhoads Parks.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that this is the annual renewal for legal services with Linda Rhoads Parks, and that no changes had been made.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
- 18. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel to Campus Safety Conference**

  - Mr. Burke moved to approve the Long Distance Travel to Campus Safety Conference.

- Ms. Johnson seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that she and Jeanne Schaffner from our Safety and Risk Management department will attend the conference.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**19. Action: Approval of VocoVision Contract**

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the VocoVision Contract.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that services from VocoVision have already been utilized, and approval of the contract will allow for payment. Any additional services will come for pre-approval if in excess of the pre-approval limit.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**20. Action: Second Reading and Approval of BP 8006.1 - Certification**

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval of BP 8006.1 - Certification.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: This item was presented for First Reading at the previous meeting, and no changes were requested.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**21. Action: Approval of Committee on Assignment - Certification**

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Committee on Assignment – Certification.
- Ms. Thompson 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: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**22. Action: Approval of Position Control System and Salary Schedules**

- Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Position Control System and Salary Schedules
- Mr. Fetherolf 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: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**23. Action: Approval of Superintendent's Contract 2021-22**

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Superintendent's Contract 2021-22
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Doug House presented the Superintendent's contract which reflects the same 3% salary increase that was provided to all staff.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**24. Action: Approval of Kelly Services Contract**

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Kelly Services Contract.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Discussion: Doug House explained that we utilize Kelly Services when none of our own approved substitutes are available.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**25. Action: Approval of ST Math Contract**

- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the ST Math Contract.
- Ms. Johnson seconded.
- Discussion: Vivian Price explained that ST Math is a significant component of our Math instruction.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**26. Action: Approval of Video Services Contract with Parallel 40**

- Mr. Burke moved to approve the Video Services Contract with Parallel 40
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer indicated that Parallel 40 produces all of our marketing videos.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**27. Action: Approval of 2021-2022 Board Calendar**

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the 2021-2022 Board Calendar.
- Ms. Couch seconded.

- Discussion: Natali South reviewed the calendar for next year's Board meetings.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 1 Abstention: Burke; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**25. Board Comments**

- Ms. Couch: I will miss Carl and Chuck as they are terming out on this Board. It's good to see everyone's faces.
- Mr. Burke: I will miss you all. This has been a truly enlightening experience for me.
- Mr. Fetherolf: I was hopeful to spend more time with both Carl and Chuck, and am sad to see them go. Their comments and insight have always been substantive, and I thank them for their service. Who would have ever thought our school would have grown to being nearly a \$100M organization? That is an outstanding achievement and a testimony to great leadership.
- Mr. Vela: I'll miss you Carl and hope that we cross paths; it's bittersweet to think this is my last Board meeting. I remember my first meeting was in a small classroom in Corona, and another meeting was in the old YMCA in Riverside. This great program has grown from such humble beginnings. I hope to continue on in some manner, and I know that I'm passing the baton to capable hands.
- Ms. Johnson: I wish I could have attended the meeting in person. Chuck and Carl, thank you for your dedication and for your welcoming support when I was a brand new board member. I appreciate you both. I look forward to seeing you all again in person.
- Ms. Thompson: I had hoped to attend in person today but unfortunately, my children are sick. I'd like to thank Carl and Chuck for providing a comfortable introduction into how our meetings function. It's been great to be surrounded by dedicated professionals. I look forward to seeing you all at Pechanga!
- Mr. Wadlington: I've been on many commissions and boards. Carl and Chuck, you taught me how to think like a board member, and I think that will have a profound effect on future endeavors; you've raised my game!

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

- Mr. Burke moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:22 p.m.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Vela, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

  
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**Jamie Thompson, Secretary**

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**Date**