



SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Combined Meeting of:
Citrus Springs, Empire Springs, Harbor Springs, Pacific Springs, Vista Springs,
and Springs Inc. Boards of Directors
August 9, 2021
2:00 p.m.

Present:

Board: Tim Trainor, Board Chair Pamela Ellard, Board Secretary Beth Burt, Board Director (left at 5:00 p.m.) Cathy Hanson, Board Director	Staff: Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Debbie Daniel, Asst. Supt. of Program Improvement Doug House, Asst. Supt. of Personnel Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations
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1. Call to Order

- Natali South called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. and established a quorum via roll call. Mr. Fetherolf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Mr. Trainor moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Burt seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Trainor, Burt, Ellard, Hanson; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Phalen;
Motion Adopted

3. Information: Annual Board Training

- Linda Rhoads-Parks provided annual training on the subjects of The Ralph M. Brown Act, Conflict of Interest, GC1090 and other mandated training.

4. Information: New Program Information

- Dr. Vivian Price reviewed information related to new educational programs offered at Springs this year, including the Virtual Academy, H.E.L.L.O., and Montessori Village. In addition, Dr. Price provided the Board with an update regarding programs that we offered to students and teachers over the summer months.

5. Information: Springs Charter School COVID-19 Prevention and Safety Plan and School Reopening Plans

- Debbie Daniel reviewed the requirements related to opening school under current guidelines as developed by the California Department of Education as well as the County Department of Public Health. At the present time, masks must be worn by all individuals while on school campuses, while students are present, regardless of vaccination status. Additionally, Sarah Kollman with Young, Minney & Corr addressed the legal requirements and answered questions.

6. Public Comments

- The public comment portion of this meeting was extended to 1 hour total in an effort to hear from as many individuals as possible wishing to address the Board on the issue of masks or any other item. Ultimately eight individuals spoke.

7. Board Comments

- Ms. Ellard: I want to thank staff and everyone for coming today. Today's training from the attorney was so informative. It was a great reminder that our authorizers allow our schools to remain open. Without our authorizers' support, there would be one less school choice for our families.
- Mr. Trainor: I am a rule-follower and law-abiding citizen. Having said that, this is a piece of legislation that came from a governor exercising power that he doesn't actually have. Despite that fact, the purpose of us as a Board is to protect our kids and our school, and it is our responsibility to act in a way that ensures we can remain open to fulfill that purpose. I look forward to digesting the legal opinion when our attorneys can provide it. I also would like to thank our staff for working through all of the logistics to make sure our schools are open.
- Ms. Hanson: Thank you for allowing me to be on the Board. Today was my first meeting, and it was, well, interesting! I want to thank staff for all of their time and effort to make this such a fabulous school.

8. Action: Adjournment

- Mr. Trainor moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.
- Ms. Burt seconded.
- Vote: 3 Ayes: Trainor, Ellard, Hanson; 0 Noes; 2 Absent: Burt, Phalen;
- Motion Adopted



Pamela Ellard, Secretary

Sept. 21, 2021
Date