

CITRUS SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2021

2:00 p.m.

43174 Business Park Dr, Temecula, CA 92590

and via live video feed at 2121 N. Grand Ave, Santa Ana, CA

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:

Cheryl LaCount, Board Director Charlene Ponzio, Board Secretary Pam Rivas, Board Director Lauren Rugge, Chair Mike Shurance, Board Director Michael Solomon, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Doug House, Asst. Superintendent, Personnel Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Program Improvement Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- 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. Shurance moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Ponzio seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: LaCount, Ponzio, Rivas, Rugge, Shurance, Solomon;
0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

- Mr. Shurance moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.
- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: LaCount, Ponzio, Rivas, Rugge, Shurance, Solomon;
0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Public Comments

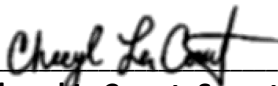
- The public comment portion of this meeting was extended to 1 hour total in an effort to hear from as many individuals as possible wishing to address the Board on the issue of masks or any other item. Ultimately eight individuals spoke.

8. Board Comments

- Ms. Ponzio: I am pleased to hear about the Virtual Academy. I appreciate how Springs is always looking out for the best opportunities for our students, and I think this is a great solution so that our classroom teachers can focus on kids in the classroom, and virtual teachers can work with those online.
- Ms. Rugge: I really appreciate the hard work that our staff has taken on during this difficult time.
- Ms. Rivas: Thank you for all of the hard work you do!
- Mr. Shurance: I have a clarifying question for the lawyer. I don't need an answer now, but can you please provide a legal opinion on the "guidelines" as to whether they are, in fact, law, or just suggested recommendations. I would prefer that the Board vote on a matter such as this.
- Mr. Solomon: I would also appreciate clarification regarding the law vs. recommendation. If it's a law, then we must follow it.

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

- Mr. Shurance moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.
- Ms. Rugge seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: LaCount, Ponzio, Rivas, Rugge, Shurance, Solomon;
0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted



Cheryl LaCount, Secretary

Sept. 14, 2021

Date