

# EMPIRE 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**

*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 Michelle Nagelvoort, Vice Chair Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent 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**

- Natali South called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and Mr. Fetherolf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Action: Approval of Agenda**

- Ms. Nagelvoort moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, 3 Absent: Rodriguez, Schneider, and Vela 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

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

- Mr. Caouette moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.
- Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, 3 Absent: Rodriguez, Schneider, and Vela 0 Noes, 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**

- Mr. Caouette: Thank you, staff, for your time and effort, and to the attorneys for weighing in. We must take our guidance from the legal and medical experts.

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

- Ms. Large moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m.
- Mr. Caouette seconded.
- Vote: 4 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, 3 Absent: Rodriguez, Schneider, and Vela 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

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**Jessica Large, Secretary**

**Date**