

# RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

## SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2021

**11:00 a.m.**

43174 Business Park Dr, Temecula, CA 92590

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 Steffany Johnson, Board Treasurer Jamie Thompson, Secretary Louis Fetherolf, Board Director Stevie Heiliger, Board Director Jenny Adamo, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Dave Black, Senior Director of Facilities Leilani Weiss, Financial Analyst Paul Minney, Legal Counsel: Young, Minney & Corr
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- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Ms. Couch called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
  - Ms. Thompson moved to approve the agenda.
  - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 3. Action: Approval of minutes from July 28, 2021**
  - Ms. Johnson moved to approve minutes from July 28, 2021.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Couch, Fetherolf, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 2 Abstentions: Adamo, Heiliger, 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

4. **ACTION: Approval of minutes from August 9, 2021**
  - Ms. Thompson moved to approve minutes from August 9, 2021.
  - Ms. Johnson seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
5. **Public Comments**
  - None
  
6. **ACTION: Approval of Lease Amendment at Renaissance Valley Academy**
  - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Lease Amendment at RVA.
  - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
  - Discussion: Dave Black reviewed the project and provided an update regarding the lease amendment.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
7. **ACTION: Approval of Diversified Contracting Contract**
  - Ms. Thompson moved to approve the contract with Diversified Contracting.
  - Ms. Johnson seconded.
  - Discussion: Dave Black provided an update regarding the services provided by Diversified Contracting.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  
8. **Closed Session in Accordance with Gov Code Section (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) – Entered into at 11:14 a.m.**
  - Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Reyes v. State of CA (Case No. 340202080003489)
  
9. **Open Session: Report of Action Taken in Closed Session – Entered into at 11:52 a.m.**
  - Conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: Reyes v. State of CA (Case No. 340202080003489):
  - The Board voted to seek appellate review of the trial court decision in the matter of Reyes v. State of California (Case No. 340202080003489). This lawsuit seeks to compel the State, Governor, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Controller, and the California Department of Education to recognize its obligation to fund the education of each student enrolled in River Springs for the 2020-21 school year.
  - The Board voted as follows: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**10. Board Comments**

- Ms. Thompson: I'd like to thank Kathleen for fighting the noble battle for our students to receive the funding to continue with our phenomenal programs.
- Ms. Couch: Welcome to Stevie and Jenny to our first River-only meeting. We're glad to have you. I was able to participate in the virtual Ignite! Conference, and as always, was impressed with the ability of our staff's flexibility. I also enjoyed hearing that financial literacy education is a focus of our authorizer's superintendent, Dr. Gomez.
- Ms. Adamo: I really enjoyed the virtual Parent Ignite! It was a great event filled with valuable content, and it was seamless and easy to manage the breakout rooms and group sessions. Great job!

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

- Ms. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:09 p.m.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

  
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**Steffany Johnson, Secretary**

Sept. 9, 2021  
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**Date**