

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2021

12:00 p.m.

43174 Business Park Dr, Temecula, CA 92590

**Meeting available via two-way communication at all
River Springs Student Centers**

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 Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Ops Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Doug House, Asst. Superintendent, Personnel Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Program Improvement Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Jared McLeod, Senior Director, Special Assignment Dave Black, Senior Director, Facilities Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
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1. **Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum**
 - Mr. Wadlington called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. and Natali South established a quorum.
2. **Closed Session in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9**
 - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Existing Litigation: Student ID #1006373
3. **Open Session: Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
 - Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Existing Litigation: Student ID #1006373
 - No Action Taken

4. Action: Call to Order

- Mr. Wadlington called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and Mr. Fetherolf led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Open Session: Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

- Conference with Legal Counsel regarding Existing Litigation: Student ID #1006373
 - No Action Taken

6. Action: Election of Officers and Appointment of Subcommittees

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to elect Ms. Couch as Board Chair.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- Mr. Wadlington moved to elect Jamie Thompson as Vice Chair.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- Ms. Thompson moved to elect Stephanie Johnson as Board Secretary.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- Ms. Couch moved to elect Louis Fetherolf as Board Treasurer.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- Mr. Wadlington moved to appoint Mr. Wadlington, Ms. Heiliger and Ms. Adamo to the Superintendent's Evaluation Subcommittee.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- Mr. Wadlington moved to appoint Mr. Fetherolf and Ms. Thompson as River Springs' representatives on the Succession Plan Subcommittee.
- Ms. Johnson seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

7. **Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Ms. Johnson moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to remove the ESSER III Funds item.
 - Ms. Thompson Seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

8. **Action: Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2021**
 - Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve minutes from August 18, 2021.
 - Ms. Couch seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

9. **ACTION: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants; Personnel Action Report; Certification of Signatures; IT Obsolete Equipment Disposal; Contract Ratifications: Diversified Contracting (Perris); Ross Fence Ratification #1 (Indio); Ross Fence Ratication #2 (Indio); Triple E (Enterprise); Sonwest (Murrieta); Sonwest (Enterprise); Language & Literacy; Yup Tutoring; Technology Services - TJ Krause.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

10. **Public Comments**
 - None

11. **Information/Activity: Facilities Update**
 - Dave Black provided a comprehensive facilities update, reviewing each of the sites in River Springs.

12. **Information/Activity: Superintendent's Report**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided updates regarding the first few weeks of school. Additionally, she discussed new legislation related to tracking daily synchronous instruction.

13. **Information/Activity: Covid 19 Update**
 - Jared McLeod provided an update regarding Covid-19 and our safety plans. There are protocols in place for testing, quarantining and keeping our staff and students safe.

- 14. ACTION: Approval of EPA Actuals**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the EPA Actuals.
 - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that EPA Actuals have been updated.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 15. ACTION: Approval of Unaudited Actuals**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Unaudited Actuals.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers provided an update regarding our Unaudited Actuals and explained adjustments in funding.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 16. ACTION: Approval of ESSER III Funds**
- This item was removed from the agenda.
- 17. ACTION: Approval of Special Education Contracts**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Special Education Contracts.
 - Ms. Thompson seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers provided information about Special Education contracts that River Springs has entered into for the year in order to provide Special Education services.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 18. ACTION: Approval of Concur Contract**
- Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Concur Contract.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that the school uses Concur for paperless mileage and other reimbursements.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 19. ACTION: Approval of Long-Distance Travel - Learning and the Brain Conference**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Long-Distance Travel - Learning and the Brain Conference.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Vivian Price provided a review of the Learning and the Brain conference and indicated that it will be beneficial for the indicated staff members to attend.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

20. **ACTION: Approval of Updated Position Control System**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Updated Position Control System.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Discussion: Doug House explained that a few updates were necessary in the Position Control System due to some new positions and salary comparison studies.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
21. **ACTION: Approval of Superintendent's Goals 2021-2022**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Superintendent's Goals 2021-2022.
 - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the proposed goals for the upcoming year.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
22. **Board Comments**
- Ms. Thompson: I am thankful for the updates regarding what is on the legislative horizon. There is so much to keep our eye on.
 - Ms. Adamo: I enjoyed the facilities updates; it was great to learn about all of the sites. I hope someday to be able to visit them.
 - Ms. Heiliger: Thank you for the informative Covid updates. It helps to know that there are protocols in place and all of the measures that are being taken.
 - Mr. Wadlington: I enjoyed being the Chair last year, and wanted to thank you all for that opportunity. I gladly pass the gavel to Rachel.
 - Mr. Fetherolf: It's gratifying to be associated with an organization that is so competent. These circumstances have highlighted how efficient Springs is.
 - Ms. Couch: I agree with all of these comments. It's dizzying to think of all of the requirements that have been added on top of the goal of educating our students. Springs is unparalleled in how we have been able to rise to the challenges imposed upon us and still focus on the individual students' needs.
 - Ms. Johnson: I am so thankful to be back in person and thankful for all the work our staff has been doing.
23. **Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Steffany Johnson, Secretary

October 7, 2021

Date