

VISTA 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:

Jennifer Araiza, Board Director Marlene Darrow, Board Chair Collin Harrison, Board Director Yuan Hawkes, Vice Chair Jennifer Mejares Pham, Board Treasurer	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

- Ms. Mejares Pham moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Hawkes seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, and Mejares-Pham; 2 Absent: Bundy and Moldenhauer; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

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

- Ms. Darrow to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.
- Ms. Mejares-Pham seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, and Mejares-Pham; 2 Absent: Bundy and Moldenhauer; 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

- Ms. Hawkes: I would like to request that this be placed on the next agenda for a vote.
- Mr. Harrison: It seems to me that it is not our place as Board members to decide whether or not children should wear masks at school if the guidance has indicated that the schools must require them to do so, or comment on whether schools should protest against state law. This does not seem to me like something we should vote on.
- Ms. Darrow: I wish our community members had not left yet, because I wanted to let them know that their comments have not fallen on deaf ears. We all have an obligation for what is best for our children, and we do thank them for speaking today.
- Ms. Araiza: I would like to get clarification regarding whether the governor has adopted this mandate and made it into law. I think that might help guide our decisions.
- Ms. Mejares-Pham: Thank you to the staff who have been working so hard to get school going under all of these challenges. I love the format of having the Boards

together. I'd like to welcome our newest members to the group, and offer a reminder to all of us that our primary role as Board members is to support the school, apart from our own opinions.

9. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Harrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 p.m.
- Ms. Mejares-Pham seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, and Mejares-Pham; 2 Absent: Bundy and Moldenhauer; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Jennifer Araiza, Secretary

Sept. 9, 2021

Date