

VISTA SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES

September 30, 2021

11:30 a.m.

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:

Jennifer Mejares Pham, Board Chair	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent
Yuan Hawkes, Vice Chair	Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business
Jennifer Araiza, Secretary	Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Program Improvement
Justin Moldenhauer, Treasurer	Doug House, Asst. Superintendent, Personnel
Marlene Darrow, Board Director	Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations
Collin Harrison, Board Director	Karl Yoder, Chief Financial Officer
Andrea Bundy, Board Director	

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Ms. Mejares-Pham called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Ms. Darrow moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Araiza seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 0 Absent, 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Minutes September 9, 2021

- Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the Minutes from September 9, 2021.
- Mr. Harrison seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 0 Absent, 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

4. Public Comments

- None

5. Action: Approval of ESSER III Funds

- Mr. Harrison moved to approve the ESSER III Funds.
- Mr. Moldenhauer seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the ESSER III expenditure plan.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 0 Absent, 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

6. Action: Approval of RANs Temporary Borrowing Resolution

- Ms. Hawkes moved to approve the RANs Temporary Borrowing Resolution.
- Mr. Moldenhauer seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers and Karl Yoder explained the need to secure RAN financing and the terms of the agreement.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 0 Absent, 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

7. Action: Approval of the Revised Board Policy 5007.1 - Adequate Progress

- Ms. Darrow moved to approve the Revised Board Policy 5007.1 - Adequate Progress.
- Mr. Harrison seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the changes in the law which required an update to our Adequate Progress policy.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 0 Absent, 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

8. Action: Approval of Resolution regarding Mask Guidance


- Mr. Harrison moved to approve the Resolution regarding Mask Guidance.
- Ms. Hawkes seconded.
- Discussion: Ms. Hawkes requested this item to be placed on the agenda, and explained the purpose of the Resolution. Board members discussed the item at length prior to calling for a vote.
- Vote: 1 Aye: Hawkes; 6 Noes: Araiza, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, Bundy, Moldenhauer; 0 Absent; Motion Failed

9. Board Comments

- Ms. Bundy: I am wondering if there is a way that we could express a desire for mask freedom that would not result in negative attention for our school. Obviously, we need to follow the laws, and I support that, yet I would like to find an acceptable way for people to advocate for their personal beliefs.
 - Board members engaged in conversation regarding the duties as Board members versus advocating for any particular cause on a personal level.

10. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m.
- Ms. Araiza seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Hawkes, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 0 Absent, 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Jennifer Araiza, Secretary

December 9, 2021
Date