

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

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

December 9, 2021

12:00 p.m.

27740 Jefferson Ave, 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:

Rachel Couch, Board Chair Jamie Thompson, Vice Chair Steffany Johnson, Secretary Louis Fetherolf, Treasurer Reginald Wadlington, Board Chair Stevie Heiliger, Board Director Jenny Adamo, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Ops Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business 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**
 - Ms. Couch called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Mr. Fetherolf 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 November 9, 2021**
 - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve Minutes from November 9, 2021.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

4. Public Comments

- None

5. Guest Speaker - Presentation

- Dr. Corey Loomis from the Riverside County Office of Education presented to our Board on the topic of Governing for Greatness.

6. Closed Session in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9 - Entered into at 12:33 p.m.

- Conference Regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID #1014067
- Conference Regarding Existing Litigation - Student ID #1996067

7. Open Session - Report of Action Taken in Closed Session: Entered into at - 1:35 p.m.

- Conference Regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID #1014067
 - No Action to Report
- Conference Regarding Existing Litigation - Student ID #1996067
 - The Board ratified the settlement agreement.

8. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants; Personnel Action Report; Certification of Signatures; Recycling of Electronics; Donation of Materials; Contract Ratifications: Smart Network, Jazmin Fencing TSC, Sonwest A/C, Zoom, Zendesk, Stand Guard, LinkedIn Learning.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

9. Information: Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided the Board with updates regarding current charter related items including funding and grants. Additionally, she spoke about mental and behavioral health as related to learning through the pandemic.

10. Information: Local Control and Accountability Plan

- Katherine VanLeeuwen provided a mid-year update regarding our LCAP. This plan communicates our plan for addressing the eight state priorities.

- 11. Information: Presentation of Educator Effectiveness Plan**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Educator Effectiveness Plan and explained how the funds will be used. We will seek approval of this plan at a subsequent meeting.

- 12. Action: Approval of Approval of OASIS Contract**
 - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the OASIS Contract.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that this is the annual renewal of our OASIS contract.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 13. Action: Approval of First Interim Budget**
 - Ms. Johnson moved to approve the First Interim Budget.
 - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers provided a review of the First Interim Budget and explained that River Springs is in a healthy financial situation.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 14. Action: Approval of Lease Amendment for Bookmart Building**
 - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Lease Amendment for the Bookmart building.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Dave Black explained that the amendment extends our lease on the Bookmart building.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 15. Action: Approval of Approval of Parsec Contract**
 - Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Parsec Contract.
 - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
 - Discussion: Vivian Price explained that Parsec Education will analyze our achievement data and provide feedback on areas that we could focus on for improvement.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 16. Action: Approval of Declaration of Need**
 - Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Declaration of Need.

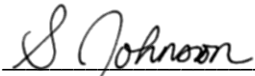
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Discussion: Doug House explained that the Board approved this item at a Special Called meeting, which was outside the approved process. Therefore, the item had to be returned for approval at a Regular Board meeting. The Declaration of Need allows the school to temporarily assign a teaching position to a credentialed teacher outside the area of their credential if needed.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

17. Board Comments

- Mr. Wadlington: Will graduation be live this year?
 - Staff: As of now, we are planning for a live graduation at Pechanga, but will have alternative plans in place if necessary.
- Ms. Adamo: I want to say that I was very impressed by Courtney Cook today.
- Ms. Heiliger: The cushion week after Thanksgiving was helpful because we traveled and my children returned sick. It was helpful to have that week to school from home.

18. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Steffany Johnson, Secretary

12/16/2021

Date