

# VISTA SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

## REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2021

**4:30 p.m.**

**27740 Jefferson Ave., Temecula, CA 92590**

**Otay Student Center:**

**1615 Mater Dei Dr. - Seton Hall, Chula Vista CA 91913**

**Vista Student Center:**

**700 E. Bobier Ave. Vista, CA 92084**

*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 Jennifer Araiza, Secretary Justin Moldenhauer, Treasurer, arrived at 4:44 Collin Harrison, Board Director Andrea Bundy, Board Director Marlene Darrow, 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
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- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Ms. Mejares-Pham called the meeting to order at 4:33p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
  - Mr. Harrison moved to approve the agenda.
  - Ms. Araiza seconded.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, 2 Absent: Hawkes, Moldenhauer; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 3. Action: Approval of Virtual Board Meeting**
  - Ms. Araiza moved to approve the agenda.
  - Ms. Darrow seconded.

- Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, 2 Absent: Hawkes, Moldenhauer; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
4. **Action: Approval of Minutes from September 30, 2021**
    - Mr. Harrison moved to approve Minutes from September 30, 2021.
    - Ms. Darrow seconded.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, 2 Absent: Hawkes, Moldenhauer; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  5. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
    - Ms. Darrow moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants and Personnel Action Report.
    - Ms. Araiza seconded.
    - Vote: 5 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, 2 Absent: Hawkes, Moldenhauer; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
  6. **Public Comments**
    - None
  7. **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.
  8. **Information: First Reading of Revised BP 5012.1 Title IX**
    - Doug House and Debbie Thurston explained that the policy required significant changes in order to be compliant with legal requirements. No amendments were requested by the Board and will be brought forward for second reading and approval at an upcoming meeting.
  9. **Information: First Reading of Revised BP 2001.1 Uniform Complaint Policy**
    - Doug House explained that the policy required significant changes in order to be compliant with legal requirements. No amendments were requested by the Board and will be brought forward for second reading and approval at an upcoming meeting.
  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 OASIS Contract**

- Ms. Darrow moved to approve the OASIS Contract.
- Ms. Araiza seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that this is the annual renewal of our OASIS student information contract.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 1 Absent: Hawkes; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**13. Action: Approval of First Interim Budget**

- Mr. Harrison moved to approve the First Interim Budget.
- Ms. Araiza seconded.
- Discussion: Brenda Betson reviewed the First Interim Budget and provided an update regarding updated revenue streams and obligations.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 1 Absent: Hawkes; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**14. Action: Approval of Declaration of Need**

- Mr. Harrison moved to approve the Declaration of Need.
- Ms. Darrow 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: 6 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer; 1 Absent: Hawkes; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**15. Board Comments**

- Ms. Darrow: Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all! The Board dinner was great; the video was hilarious.
- Ms. Bundy: Merry Christmas!
- Mr. Harrison: The virtual meetings work well for me.
- Ms. Mejares-Pham: Thank you for the holiday peanut butter cup!

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

- Ms. Darrow moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.
- Mr. Harrison seconded.

- Vote: 6 Ayes: Araiza, Bundy, Darrow, Harrison, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer;  
1 Absent: Hawkes; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

  
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**Jennifer Araiza, Secretary**

12/16/2021  
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**Date**