

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 10, 2022

9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be 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:

Ivo Caouette, Board Chair Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Vice Chair Jessica Large, Secretary (arrived at 9:30) Jason Rodriguez, Board Chair Craig Schneider, Board Chair Tracey Vela, Board Director (left at 9:30)	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Ops Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Education Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Katherine Van Leeuwen, Senior Director, Admin Ops Cheryl Smallman, Director of Enrollment
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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Mr. Caouette called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the agenda with the removal of the Closed Session item regarding litigation with Student ID: 2356606991.
- Mr. Rodriguez seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Large, Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

3. Approval of Declaration of Virtual Board Meeting

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Declaration of Virtual Meeting.
- Mr. Rodriguez seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Large, Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Minutes December 13, 2021**
 - Mr. Schneider moved to approve the minutes on December 13, 2021.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Large, Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

5. **Action: Approval of Special Called Minutes December 13, 2021**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Special Called minutes on December 13, 2021.
 - Ms. Vela seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Large, Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Warrants, Personnel Action Report, and Pac West Bank Signers.
 - Mr. Schneider seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Large, Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

5. **Public Comments**
 - None

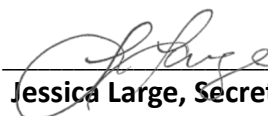
6. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report and provided information about upcoming and recent events. Additionally, she indicated that new mask guidance is expected from the governor on February 28, 2022. We will be watching that guidance closely and communicating with our families accordingly.

9. **Information: COVID Update**
 - Debbie Daniel provided an update regarding Covid protocols and accommodations.

10. **Information: School Accountability Report Card**
 - Katherine Van Leeuwen reviewed the SARC report. Presenting this information to the Board is an annual requirement by the CDE.

11. **Information: First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5023.1 Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten**
 - Cheryl Smallman indicated that there have been changes in the age-related enrollment timelines for TK and Kindergarten students. This policy matches the language of the new law and will be brought forward for second reading and approval at our following meeting with one correction being made.

- 11. Action: Approval of Approval of Auditor Selection**
- Mr. Schneider moved to approve the Auditor Selection.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers indicated that staff has been pleased with the performance of the CWDL audit firm, and recommends the renewal of their services.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Large, Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 12. Action: Approval of Attendance Calendar 2022-2023**
- Ms. Vela moved to approve the Attendance Calendar 2022-2023.
 - Mr. Rodriguez seconded.
 - Discussion: Katherine Van Leeuwen reviewed the attendance calendar for next school year.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela; 2 Absent: Large, Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 13. Board Comments**
- None
- 14. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9: Entered into at 9:30 a.m.**
- Conference regarding litigation: Student ID: 2356606991
 - This item was removed
 - Evaluation of Public Employee - Superintendent
- 15. Open Session - Entered into at 9:49 a.m.**
- Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
 - Evaluation of Public Employee - Superintendent
 - The Board reviewed the Superintendent's 2020-21 Goals and Outcomes, and provided a favorable evaluation.
- 16. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m.
 - Mr. Rodriguez seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Caouette, Large Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, 2 Absent: Vela, Nagelvoort; 0 Noes, Motion Adopted



Jessica Large, Secretary

March 10, 2022

Date