

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

February 22, 2022

5:00 p.m.

27740 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA 92590

This meeting was held via Zoom

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 Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Program Improvement Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Katherine Van Leeuwen, Senior Director of Admin Ops Karl Yoder, Chief Financial Advisor 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 5:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the agenda.
 - Ms. Thompson seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 3. Approval of Declaration of Virtual Board Meeting**
 - Ms. Thompson moved to approve Virtual Board meeting.
 - Mr. Wadlington seconded
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

4. **Action: Approval of December 16, 2021, Minutes**
- Ms. Johnson moved to approve the December 16, 2021, Minutes.
 - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
5. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants; Personnel Action Report; Certification of Signatures; Authorized Pac West Signers; Obsolete IT Equipment Report; Donation of Bookmart Materials Report; Contract Ratifications: A Good Plumbing, Wall Craft, Stewart Electric, Smart Network, Sema Connect, Ross Fence, Lawn Works TSC, Lawn Works RSC, Jasmin Fencing, Gaggle.Net, Arredondo Alcantara Traffic, Advantage Painting Solutions
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
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.

Public Comments

- The following members of the public addressed the Board:
 - Matthew Kowalzek
 - Christopher Schmenk
 - Autumn Rehaume
 - Carson Brown
 - Cassidee Mills
 - Elisa Stroffolino
 - Michael Beeman
 - Rebekah Guzman (comments read by staff)
 - Jaci Rocha
 - Mandy Balster
 - Morgane Sigaud
7. **Information: Transition to Escape**
- Tanya Rogers indicated that the transition to Escape will allow all of our schools to operate from the same financial reporting system. This is a significant undertaking but is going well, and will ultimately benefit the organization.

8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **Action: Approval of Auditor Selection**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Auditor Selection.
 - Ms. Adamo 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: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
11. **Action: Approval of Board Resolution to Approve Issuance of Bonds through the California School Finance Authority to (1) to finance and/or refinance the acquisition, construction, expansion, rehabilitation, renovation, furnishing and equipping of certain charter school educational facilities, including classroom and administrative spaces and related and appurtenant facilities, to be located at or adjacent to (a) 81840 Avenue 46, Indio, California, 92201, (b) 41866 Kalmia Street, Murrieta, California, 92562, (c) 4020 Jefferson Street, Riverside California 92504, (d) 42145 Lyndie Lane, Temecula California 92591, (e) 4260 Tequesquite Avenue, Riverside California 92501, and (f) 27740 Jefferson Avenue, Temecula, California 92590, including the advance refunding of the Authority's Educational Facility Revenue Bonds (River Springs Charter School) Series 2015A and Series 2015B (Taxable), which were issued on November 24, 2015, (2) to pay certain expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds, and (3) to fund all or a portion of a debt service reserve fund, capitalized interest, related working capital and a repair and replacement fund in connection with the Bonds and the creation of an LLC.**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Board Resolution to Approve Issuance of Bonds through the California School Finance Authority as indicated and to create an LLC.
 - Mr. Wadlington seconded.
 - Discussion: Karl Yoder provided information regarding the Bond process and the formation of the limited liability corporation (LLC). Mr. Yoder answered Board members' questions.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Wadlington; 2 Abstentions: Couch, Thompson, 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 12. Action: Approval of Bond Reimbursement Resolution**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Bond Reimbursement Resolution.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Karl Yoder explained that the Bond Reimbursement Resolution is a required step for the above-mentioned Bond Issuance.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 13. Action: Approval of Attendance Calendar 2022-23**
- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the Attendance Calendar for 2022-23.
 - Ms. Thompson seconded.
 - Discussion: Katherine Van Leeuwen reviewed the attendance calendar for next school year.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 14. Action: Approval of Temporary Employment of Diane Anvari and Creation of Subcommittee**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Employment of Diane Anvari and Creation of Subcommittee.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer informed the Board that Doug House resigned as the Assistant Superintendent of HR. In order to take the necessary time to find the right replacement, Doug's predecessor, Diane Anvari, has been invited back as the interim Assistant Superintendent of HR. Diane will work on a part-time and temporary basis until the replacement is hired. Louis Fetherolf and Steffany Johnson have agreed to serve on the evaluation subcommittee due the familial relationship between Ms. Anvari and Dr. Hermsmeyer.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 15. Board Comments**
- Ms. Couch: I want to thank our families for attending today's meeting and making their feelings known. I am thankful that we were able to provide a platform for them to be heard.
 - Mr. Wadlington: Thank you to our staff for navigating this difficult situation, and making the best opportunity for our parents to speak on behalf of their children.
 - Mr. Fetherolf: It was so great to have Karl at today's meeting. He is so well-informed. He and Tanya make a great team!
 - Ms. Thompson: I want to thank Julianna for doing such a fantastic job of moderating our public comment time in such a kind and compassionate way!
 - Ms. Heiliger: I agree, Julianna did a wonderful job. Thank you for monitoring our Social Media as well!

16. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Wadlington moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Steffany Johnson, Secretary

March 10, 2022

Date