

# EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2022

9:00 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:

Ivo Caouette, Board Chair Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Vice Chair Jessica Large, Secretary Jason Rodriguez, Board Chair Craig Schneider, Board Chair Tracey Vela, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Courtney Cook, Senior Director of Special Education 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. Vela moved to approve the agenda.
  - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela;  
1 Absent: Nagelvoort, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 3. Approval of Declaration of Virtual Board Meeting**
  - Ms. Large moved to approve the Declaration of Virtual Meeting.
  - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela;  
1 Absent: Nagelvoort, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 4. Action: Approval of Minutes February 10, 2022**
  - Mr. Schneider moved to approve the minutes from February 10, 2022.

- Ms. Large seconded.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela;  
1 Absent: Nagelvoort, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 5. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
- Ms. Large moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Warrants, Personnel Action Report, and Ratification of Scoot Education Services Contract.
  - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela;  
1 Absent: Nagelvoort, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 6. Public Comments**
- None
- 7. Information: Superintendent's Report**
- Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided updates. Masks will become optional as of March 14, 2022 which is a welcome relief for many of our families.
- 8. Information: Completion of Statement of Conflict Interest Form 700**
- Natali South reminded the Board that the annual conflict of interest forms have been sent to their homes with return envelopes.
- 9. Action: Approval of 2nd Interim Report**
- Ms. Large moved to approve the 2nd Interim Report.
  - Mr. Rodriguez seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the 2nd Interim Report and provided financial updates. A typo was identified and will be corrected.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela;  
1 Absent: Nagelvoort, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted
- 10. Action: Approval of Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 5023.1 - Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten**
- Mr. Schneider moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 5023.1 Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten.
  - Ms. Vela seconded.
  - Discussion: Cheryl Smallman reviewed this policy and reminded the Board that it had been presented at a previous meeting for a first reading. Cheryl identified one minor edit.
  - Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela;  
1 Absent: Nagelvoort, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

**11. Board Comments**

- None

**12. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54954.5/54956.9: Entered into at 9:21 a.m.**

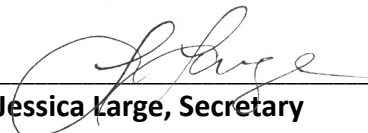
- Conference Regarding Existing Litigation - Student ID# 2356606991

**13. Open Session - Entered into at 9:30 a.m.**

- Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
  - Conference Regarding Existing Litigation - Student ID# 2356606991
    - The Board authorized the settlement agreement.

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

- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m.
- Mr. Rodriguez seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Caouette, Large, Mendez-Cantu, Rodriguez, Schneider, Vela;  
1 Absent: Nagelvoort, 0 Noes, Motion Adopted

  
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**Jessica Large, Secretary**

May 12, 2022  
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**Date**