

EMPIRE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 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:

Dianne Mendez-Cantu, Vice Chair Jessica Large, Secretary Michelle Nagelvoort, Treasurer Jason Rodriguez, Board Director Tracey Vela, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podrtaz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Ops Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Courtney Cook, Senior Director of Special Education
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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Natali South called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Declaration of Virtual Board Meeting

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

4. **Action: Approval of March 10, 2022 Minutes**
 - Ms. Large moved to approve the Minutes from March 10, 2022.
 - Mr. Rodriguez seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

5. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the Consent Agenda, consisting of Warrants, Personnel Action Report, and Contract Ratifications: Spectrum, GoGuardian, and OPS.
 - Ms. Vela seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

6. **Public Comments**
 - None

7. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
 - Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided network-wide updates. She indicated that we are monitoring CAASPP participation closely in hopes of achieving at least 95% among all subgroups.

8. **Information: Guidance Department Update**
 - Kristin Turner provided an update regarding systems of support available to students on a daily basis related to social and emotional health.

9. **Information - Public Comment - Local Control Accountability Plan**
 - Amy Podratz reviewed the Local Control Accountability Plan. A public comment window was opened at 9:15 a.m. to allow for input from educational partners. The window was closed at 9:16 a.m.

10. **Information: Financial Update FY 21-22**
 - Tanya Rogers reviewed the budget update and provided details regarding the current year's fiscal situation as well as plans for next year's budget.

- 110 **Action: Approval of 2022-23 Consolidated Application for Funding**
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to approve the 2022-23 Consolidated Application for Funding.
 - Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that the ConApp allows schools to complete a single application that can be utilized for multiple grants.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

12. Action: Approval of Empire Springs Securing a Line of Credit for Springs Charter Schools, Inc

- Ms. Large moved to approve the Empire Springs Securing a Line of Credit for Springs Charter Schools, Inc. with the request to bring the item back on an annual basis for review and update.
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
- Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer explained to the Empire Springs Board that Springs Charter Schools is exploring the possibility of opening charters in other states. Springs Inc. is in pursuit of grant opportunities and will provide incubation expenses to out-of-state charters until such time the charter(s) are operational and can seek their own funding. Springs Inc. has acquired a Line of Credit, but is in need of an existing school to provide security for the note. Newly formed charters will be expected to reimburse Springs Inc. for any funds not covered by grants.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

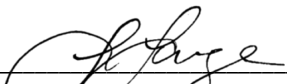
13. Action: Approval of Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Educators

- Ms. Nagelvoort moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Educators.
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
- Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer explained that the DON allows schools to hire teachers with alternative credentials when necessary.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

14. Action: Approval of Kellys Services Contract with updated Not to Exceed Amount

- Ms. Large moved to approve the updated not-to-exceed amount to \$55,000 with Kelly Services.
- Ms. Vela seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that Covid-related absences resulted in higher than expected use of sub services, which has created the need to raise the not-to-exceed amount of the contract.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 15. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel - ILP Department**
- Ms. Vela moved to approve the Long Distance Travel for ILP.
 - Ms. Mendez-Cantu seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Price indicated that staff from our Individualized Learning Programs will attend the ISTE conference in New Orleans.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 16. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel: Venture Online - August PD**
- Ms. Large moved to approve the Long distance Travel for Venture Online to attend Ignite!
 - Ms. Nagelvoort seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Price indicated that approval of this travel request will allow our out-of-state Venture employees to attend our August professional development opportunities.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 17. Board Comments**
- None
- 18. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54956.9: Entered into at 10:09 a.m.**
- Conference Regarding Special Education Settlement - ID # 1484280
- 19. Open Session - Entered into at 10:17 a.m.**
- Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
 - Conference Regarding Special Education Settlement - ID # 1484280
 - The Board approved the settlement agreement.
- 20. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
- Ms. Mendez-Cantu moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m.
 - Ms. Large seconded.
 - Vote: 5 Ayes: Large, Mendez-Cantu, Nagelvoort, Rodriguez, Vela; 2 Absent: Caouette, Schneider; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Jessica Large, Secretary

June 9, 2022

Date