

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2022

12:00 p.m.

27740 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA 92590

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:

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 Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Ops Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Debbie Daniel, Asst. Superintendent, Pupil Services Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Dave Black, Senior Director of Facilities Leilani Weiss, Director of Special Projects, IT/Facilities Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel
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- 1. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54956.9: Entered into at 12:08 p.m.**
 - Conference Regarding Special Education Settlement - ID 1006770
 - Conference Regarding Special Education Settlement - ID 2221667
 - Class Action Lawsuit Update
- 2. Open Session - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
 - Conference Regarding Special Education Settlement - ID 1006770
 - The Board authorized the settlement
 - Conference Regarding Special Education Settlement - ID 2221667
 - The Board authorized the settlement
 - Class Action Lawsuit Update

- The Board received information about the class action lawsuit

4. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

7. Action: Approval of Board Minutes from April 19, 2022

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Board Minutes from April 19, 2022.
- Mx. Johnson seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 1 Abstention: Thompson; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

8. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants; Personnel Action Report; IT Obsolete Electronic Equipment, Donation of Materials Approval, Roadside Advertising Menifee, Arredondo Indio, Gil's Lath and Plaster, Lock n Door Mann, Ross Fence Ave 46 Indio, So Cal Blinds, TK Elevator Corporation, Tri Valley Glass Tinting, Automatic Electronic Gates, Arredondo RVA, GR0, Raptor, and OPS.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

9. 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.

10. Public Comments

- None

11. Information: Public Comment - Local Control Accountability Plan

- Amy Podratz reviewed the Local Control Accountability Plan. A public comment window was opened at 1:15 p.m. to allow for input from educational partners. The window was closed at 1:16 p.m.

12. Information: Guidance Department

- Kristin Turner provided an update regarding systems of support available to students on a daily basis related to social and emotional health.

- 13. 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.
- 14. Action: Approval of Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Educators**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Educators.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Hermsmeyer explained that the DON allows schools to hire teachers with alternative credentials when necessary.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 15. Action: Approval of 2022-23 Consolidated Application for Funding**
- Ms. Johnson moved to approve the 2022-23 Consolidated Application for Funding.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that the ConApp allows schools to complete a single application that can be utilized for multiple grants.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 16. Action: Approval of Charter School Facility Grant Application SB740**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Charter School Facility Grant Application SB740.
 - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that there are reimbursement grant opportunities for site-based locations and encouraged approval of the application.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 17. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel - ILP Department**
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Long Distance Travel for ILP Department staff.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Discussion: Dr. Price indicated that staff from our Individualized Learning Programs will attend the ISTE conference in New Orleans.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 18. Action: Approval of GoGuardian Contract**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the GoGuardian Contract.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Aaron Lorenz described the services offered by GoGuardian which provides filtering capabilities and monitors Springs provided students' accounts and devices for safety and appropriate content.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 19. Action: Approval of Keeton Construction Contract**
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Keeton Construction Contract.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Dave Black reviewed the proposed construction project for our Event Center. The project includes the installation of windows and the creation of office space.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 20. Board Comments**
- Ms. Adamo: I agree with Kathleen's earlier comments that we have the right staff members in the right positions. It's comforting to know that Tanya is overseeing our financial matters and Courtney our Special Education items.
 - Ms. Thompson asked a question regarding federal money as related to charter schools. Dr. Hermsmeyer explained that there are federal start-up grants available to new charters, but as an existing charter, there is very little federal money offered.
 - Mr. Wadlington asked if Advocacy Day will be held in person, and Dr. Hermsmeyer indicated that she'll let the Board know if that's the case.
- 21. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**
- Ms. Adamo moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 1 Absent: Couch; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Steffany Johnson, Secretary

May 23, 2022
Date