

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2023

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:

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| Jamie Thompson, Chair Steffany Johnson, Vice Chair Louis Fetherolf, Secretary Stevie Heiliger, Treasurer Jenny Adamo, Board Director Rachel Couch, Board Director Reginald Wadlington, Board Director | Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Ops Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Dave Black, Senior Director of Facilities Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Heather Ferenc, Senior Director of Education Aaron Lorenz, Senior Director of IT Erin Cagin, Credential Analyst Linda Rhoads-Parks, Legal Counsel |
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- 1. Closed Session - In Accordance with Gov Section GC54954.5/54956.9 - Started at 12:13 p.m.**
 - Settlement Re: Student ID #2547162382
- 2. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Ms. Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Open Session - Entered into at 1:08**
 - Report of Action Taken in Closed Session
 - Settlement Re: Student ID #2547162382
 - The board approved the settlement agreement

4. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

5. Action: Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2023

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the Minutes from March 9, 2023.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

6. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, Approval for the Disposal of Electronic Equipment, and Contract Ratifications: APLUS Contract for 23.24, Instructure Retainer, Parsec Education Contract, Bridge Contract, Care Solace for 2023-24, AA Traffic 760 West Acacia Avenue/Hemet, AA Traffic 42145 Lyndie Lane/Temecula, Arredondo Alcantara Traffic 745 North Perris Boulevard/Perris, Arredondo Alcantara Traffic 41862 and 41866 Kalmia Street/Murrieta, Bemus Landscape Inc. 43040 Margarita Road/Temecula, Bemus Landscape Inc. 27740 Jefferson Avenue/Temecula, Ratification of Contract with Best Green Grass 26800 Newport Road/Menifee, Horizon Lighting, Inc. 41866 and 41862 Kalmia Street/Murrieta, Intercity Security Systems 760 and 790 West Acacia Avenue/Hemet, Intercity Security Systems 41662 Enterprise Circle North/Temecula, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A., Inc. 41662 Enterprise Circle North/Temecula, Smart Network Solutions 41662 Enterprise Circle North/Temecula, JC Pro Painting 41862 & 41866 Kalmia Street/Murrieta, JJ Roofing 4020 Jefferson Street/Riverside, LOS Engineering, Inc. 2115 Compton Avenue/Corona, Ontario Refrigeration Service, Inc. 81840 Avenue 46/Indio, Ontario Refrigeration Service, Inc. 27740 Jefferson Avenue/Temecula, Ross Fence 10257 Beaumont Avenue/Cherry Valley, Patriot Environmental Laboratory Services, Inc., Order with Asana, Moore Flooring Temecula Student Center 43040 Margarita Road Temecula, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A. 41662 Enterprise Circle North/Temecula, Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S.A Bear River, Temecula SC, and Bookmart, Sonwest Air Conditioning, Inc. 26800 Newport Road/Menifee.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.

- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

7. Public Comments

- Two individuals, Sarah Petyon and Sarah Donahoe, addressed the board expressing their concerns with leadership at the iShine site.

8. Information: Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed her report and provided network updates, including plans for our upcoming Ignite! event.

9. Information: Financial Update 2022-23

- Trevor Johnson reviewed the mid-year financial update. This report reviews the current status of the budget and provides projected information for next year's budget based on expected enrollment and funding. The numbers will be finalized after information is received from the State, and will be brought back at the June meeting for budget approval.

10. Information: Public Comment - Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

- The Public Comment window to discuss the LCAP was opened at 1:40 p.m. Amy Podratz reviewed the plan. The board asked questions about i-Ready, Right Score, and other data points. No public comments were made and the window was closed at 1:52 p.m. The full stakeholder LCAP will return for approval at the June meeting.

11. Action: Approval of Approval of Contract with AA Traffic 5580 42nd Street/Riverside

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Contract with AA Traffic 5580 42nd Street/Riverside.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Discussion: Dave Black indicated that we've worked with this vendor previously, and this will provide amphitheater space at FAPA.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

12. Action: Approval of Second Addendum to the Lease with Alas Company, LLC 43234 Business Park Drive, Suite 104/Temecula

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Contract with Second Addendum to the Lease with Alas Company, LLC 43234 Business Park Drive, Suite 104/Temecula.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.
- Discussion: Dave Black informed the board that the lease at this Business Park suite provides space for our records storage until 2028.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

13. Action: Approval of Third Amendment to Lease with Realty Income Corporation 510 West Second Street/Corona

- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the Approval of Third Amendment to Lease with Realty Income Corporation 510 West Second Street/Corona
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Dave Black explained that this is a lease extension for our Corona Student Center.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

14. Action: Approval of SB740 Grant

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the SB740 Grant.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that this grant allows us to recapture up to 75% of our rent and lease costs. It is not guaranteed, but it is something we always apply for.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

15. Action: Approval of Bank Accounts with JP Morgan Chase

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Bank Accounts with JP Morgan Chase.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that due to recent banking issues, it is considered wise to move funds to larger banks at this time. Additionally, JP Morgan Chase offers interest-bearing accounts.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

16. Action: Approval of Contract with TopNCatering LLC 2023-24

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Bank Accounts with Contract with TopNCatering LLC 2023-24.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that River Springs provides food service for our Otay Ranch facility. The cost of this program is reimbursed through the National School Lunch Program.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

17. **Action: Approval of 2023-24 Consolidated Application for Funding**
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the 2023-24 Consolidated Application for Funding.
 - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
 - Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that this application allows the school to apply for multiple federal grants and funding opportunities with a single application.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
18. **Action: Approval of Increase to Contract for Hatch & Cesario**
- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Increase to Contract for Hatch & Cesario.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that we are seeking an increase in the Not to Exceed amount of the contract with Hatch & Cesario, in the event that additional special education legal counsel is required.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
19. **Action: Approval of 2023-24 CIF Application for New Multi-school Agreement**
- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve the 2023-24 CIF Application for New Multi-school Agreement.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Amy Podratz explained that this agreement will allow Empire Springs' students to participate in CIF sports through River Springs' CIF program at River Springs' sites.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
20. **Action: Approval of Marzano Resources, LLC Proficiency Scales**
- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the Marzano Resources, LLC Proficiency Scales.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Tamara Rose explained that these scales provide a framework for our mastery grading.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

21. **Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel June ILP 24-28, 2023**
- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Long Distance Travel June ILP 24-28, 2023.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Tammy Jackson explained that this conference will allow her to attend a conference for Recovery High Schools programs.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
22. **Action: Approval of Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Educators**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Highly Qualified Educators.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Erin Chaffin explained the Declaration of Need which allows us to hire teachers with emergency permits in the event that we cannot fill a vacancy with a fully credentialed teacher.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
23. **Action: Approval of Second Reading and Approval of Video Recording Policy 5033.1**
- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval of Video Recording Policy 50233.1.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Heather Ferenc explained that the policy was previously presented for First Reading. Minor edits since that time have been made, and Heather identified and explained those. The policy will be posted as revised.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
24. **Action: Approval of Second Reading and Approval of Graduation Requirements Policy 5018.1**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval of Graduation Requirements Policy 5018.1.
 - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
 - Discussion: Debbie Daniel reminded the board that this policy was previously presented for First Reading with no requested changes.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

25. Board Comments

- Ms. Thompson: I would like to have a report from Tammy Jackson after she returns from the Recovery school conference.
- Ms. Couch: I recently visited the Indio campus and was very impressed by the site and the leadership. There is a sense of belonging. They could benefit from additional ELD support.
- Mr. Wadlington: Next month will be my last meeting with River because I will term out. It has been an honor and privilege to serve on this board.
- Ms. Adamo: I attended the carnival at the Temecula Student Center, and I really enjoyed it. The students and families were very engaged and it was well organized.

26. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:23 p.m.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Louis Fetherolf, Secretary

June 8, 2023

Date