

# RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 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:

Steffany Johnson, Chair Louis Fetherolf, Vice Chair Stevie Heiliger, Secretary Jenny Adamo, Treasurer Rachel Couch, Board Director Jamie Thompson, Board Director James McCallion, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin Ops Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, HR Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Dave Black, Senior Director of Facilities Jared McLeod, Sr. Dir. of St. Achievement & Asses. Laura Banda, Director of Assessment and Accountability Tony Santistevan, Director of Facilities Afton MacDonald, IT Project Manager Jon Webster, Legal Counsel
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- 1. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9: Entered into at 12:00 p.m.**
  - 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation  
Student ID: 2795012098
  - 54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiator A46-608230006
- 2. Open Session - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Ms. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
  - 54956.9 - Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Potential Litigation - Student ID: 2795012098
    - No Action to Report

- 54956.8 - Conference with Real Property Negotiator A46-608230006
  - The Board approved the purchase agreement

**4. Oath of Office: James McCallion**

- Natali South welcomed our newest board member, Mr. McCallion, and asked him to accept the Oath of Office.
- Mr. McCallion's first term will expire on June 30, 2026.

**5. Approval of Agenda**

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

**6. Action: Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2023**

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Minutes from September 14, 2023.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, Thompson; 1 Abstention: McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**7. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, and Contract Ratifications as listed: Intech Energy, Inc. dba Sanalife Wellness, South Pacific Commercial Property Services 27740 Jefferson Avenue/Temecula, Moore Flooring Inc. 760 West Acacia/Hemet, Moore Flooring Inc. 790 West Acacia/Hemet, Herron + Rumansoff 760 West Acacia/Hemet
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**8. Public Comments**

- Heather Eggleton spoke to the board regarding TK enrollment policies.

**9. Presentation/Activity: Student Spotlight - Riley**

- We were pleased to introduce Riley, a 5th grader from Murrieta Student Center, as our first Student Spotlight. We will be featuring students in each of our board meetings this year. Riley presented her student artwork which will be featured on one of this year's birthday cards.

- 10. Information: Superintendent's Report**
- Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report and provided network-wide updates, including the fact that our petition for a county-wide charter with the San Bernardino County Office of Education was recently unanimously approved.
- 11. Action: Approval of Change Order with AA Traffic 5580 42nd Street/Riverside**
- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the change order with AA Traffic 5580 for 42nd Street/Riverside.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Dave Black explained that the changes reflect revisions to the previously-approved amphitheater project.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 12. Action: Approval of Change Order with Blackwell Development Inc. 42145 Lyndie Lane/Temecula**
- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Change Order with Blackwell Development Inc. for 42145 Lyndie Lane/Temecula.
  - Ms. Adamo seconded.
  - Discussion: Dave Black and Tony Santistevan indicated that this change order will allow the addition of breezeway repairs to the construction project at iShine.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 13. Action: Waive First Reading and Approve Updated Policy 4014.1 Title 1 Part A - LEA Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to waive first reading and approve updated policy 4014.1 Title 1 Part A - LEA Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy.
  - Ms. Adamo seconded.
  - Discussion: Jared McLeod explained that the updates to this policy are being made to reflect current language based upon our recent Federal Program Monitoring review.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

14. **Action: Waive First Reading and Approve Updated Policy 5025.1 Education of Homeless Children and Youth**
- Ms. Thompson moved to waive first reading and approve updated policy 5025.1 Education of Homeless Children and Youth.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Jared McLeod explained that the updates to this policy are being made to reflect current language based upon our recent Federal Program Monitoring review.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
15. **Action: Approval of i-Ready Contract**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the i-Ready Contract.
  - Ms. Couch seconded.
  - Discussion: Laura Banda explained that the increase in cost of the contract is related to expanded student enrollment and the transition of Cherry Valley into River Springs.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
16. **Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel Learning and the Brain Conference**
- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the long distance travel request to attend the Learning and the Brain conference.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Heather Ferenc explained that various staff from the Education department will attend this conference.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
19. **Action: Approval of Subscription with Zendesk**
- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the subscription with Zendesk.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Discussion: Afton McDonald explained that we utilize Zendesk for our “help ticket” system. This is a renewal contract.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
20. **Board Comments**
- Ms. Thompson: I was excited to see the jump in CAASPP scores!
  - Ms. Adamo: Welcome, James!
  - Ms. Couch: Yes, I also want to welcome James to the board.

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

- Ms. Adamo moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m.
- Ms. McCallion seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson;  
0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



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Stephanie Heiliger, Secretary

December 7, 2023

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Date