

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2024

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 James McCallion, Board Director Jaime Thompson, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Michelle Sapanara, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Operations Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, HR Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Tony Santistevan, Director of Facilities Sarah Adams, Senior Director of Student Services Courtney Cook, Senior Director of Special Education Laura Banda, Director of Assessment and Accountability Jennifer Walker, Director of Strategic Events and Planning Leilani Weiss, Director of Special Projects - IT/Facilities
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- 1. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54954.5/54956.8/54956.9:
Entered into at 12:00 p.m.**
 - 54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiator: VB-17241
 - 54956.9: Special Education Settlement re: Student ID #6100
- 2. Open Session - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Ms. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
 - Conference with Real Property Negotiator: VB-17241
 - The board authorized the Purchase Sale Agreement

- Special Education Settlement re: Student ID #6100
 - The board approved the Settlement Agreement

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Action: Approval of Minutes from March 7, 2024

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Minutes from March 7, 2024.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

6. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, Disposal of Electronic Equipment, and Contract Ratifications: Smart Network Solutions, Inc. at Cherry Valley Homeschool Cooperative, Roto-Rooter at Palm Academy, Ross Fence, Inc. at Hemet Quest Student Center, Ontario Refrigeration Service, Inc. at Magnolia Student Center, Moore Flooring, Inc. at Temecula Student Center, Moore Flooring, Inc. at Del Rio Student Center, Moore Flooring, Inc. at Corona Student Center, Leslie's Pro at Magnolia Student Center, Kolibrien Corp./DMA&E Inc. at 17241 Van Buren Boulevard Riverside, Kolibrien Corp./DMA&E Inc. at Central Kitchen, His Touch Construction, Inc. at Del Rio Student Center, Herron + Rumansoff Architects, Inc. at Flabob Airport Preparatory Academy, Emcor Services Mesa Energy at Temecula Student Center, Emcor Services Mesa Energy at Renaissance Valley Academy, Emcor Services Mesa Energy at Bear River Student Center, Electric Werx Unlimited at Murrieta Student Center, Al's Quality Painting Inc. at Corona Student Center, AA Traffic at iShine Student Center, AA Traffic at Enterprise Resource Center, AA Traffic at Cherry Valley, APLUS Contract for 2024-25, Order Form with Zoom Video Communications, Inc., Starlink CAASPP Preparation Packets Invoice, Starlink Invoice for Academy Packets, Care Solace for 2024-25, and Ellevation Software, Data, Implementation, and Associated Training - Led by Chair
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

7. Public Comments

- None

8. Presentation/Activity: Student Spotlight

- Murrieta Student Center - Art Barn & Choir
 - Julia Krisel, Principal of Murrieta Student Center, introduced the Art teacher and showcased the student art wall. Additionally, the choir performed a song and dance.
- Palm Student Center - Lilah
 - Haroon Adul Mubaarik, Principal of Palm Student Center, introduced Lilah's completed mini-documentary about the Annual Multicultural Festival and her related student project discussing Greek culture.
- Flabob (FAPA) - Brian
 - Katherine Kim, Principal of FAPA, introduced Brian, a student at FAPA. Brian expressed gratitude for the program, as it inspired him to obtain his pilot's license. He showcased photos and videos documenting the rigorous process of obtaining his pilot's license.

9. Information: Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided updates including CAASPP testing, status of the state's budget, and network-wide enrollment.

10. Information: First Reading of Board Policy 5035.1 - Animals at School

- Michelle Sapanara reviewed the proposed policy regarding animals at school. This policy will be brought back to a future meeting for second reading and approval.

11. Information: First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3003.1 - Credit Cards

- Trevor Johnson reviewed the proposed changes to our credit card policy. This policy will be brought back to a future meeting for second reading and approval.

12. Information: First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3004.1 - Expense Reimbursement

- Trevor Johnson reviewed the proposed changes to our expense reimbursement policy. This policy will be brought back to a future meeting for second reading and approval.

- 13. Information: First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3006.1 - Travel**
- Trevor Johnson reviewed the proposed changes to our expense reimbursement policy. This policy will be brought back to a future meeting for second reading and approval.
- 14. Information: Public Comment for Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
- Natali South declared the Public Comment Window open at 1:46 p.m. Katherine Van Leeuwen reviewed the LCAP and provided information regarding each of the categories. No members of the public opted to make comments, and the Public Comment Window was closed at 2:04 p.m.
- 15. Action: Approval of Opening Account at Hanmi Bank**
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Opening Account at Hanmi Bank.
 - Ms. Couch seconded.
 - Discussion: Karl Yoder explained that these funds are being moved into Hanmi Bank in order to guarantee the funds for the construction of the gymnasium
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 16. Action: Approval of Contract with Keeton Construction Co, Inc. at Temecula Central Kitchen**
- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Contract with Keeton Construction Co, Inc. at Temecula Center Kitchen.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Leilani Weiss explained that the Central Kitchen will allow the preparation and coordination of meals for many of our sites.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 17. Action: Approval of Contract with Keeton Construction Co, Inc. at Hemet Quest Student Center**
- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Contract with Keeton Construction Co, Inc. at Hemet Quest Student Center.
 - Ms. Thompson seconded.
 - Discussion: Leilani Weiss explained that the project will provide three spaces at Hemet Quest.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 18. Action: Approval of Contract with Moore Flooring, Inc. at iShine Student Center**
- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Contract with Moore Flooring, Inc. at iShine Student Center.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Tony Santistevan explained that the iShine campus is in need of new flooring.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 19. Action: Approval of Contract with JB Roofing & Weatherproofing at The Plaza**
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Contract with JB Roofing & Weatherproofing at The Plaza.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Tony Santistevan explained that the Plaza is in need of significant repairs. Due to the severity of repairs, a full replacement is required.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 20. Action: Approval of the Change Order with TK Elevator Corporation at Palm Academy**
- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Change Order with TK Elevator Corporation at Palm Academy.
 - Ms. Thompson seconded.
 - Discussion: Tony Santistevan explained that the elevator at Palm Academy is outdated and in need of repairs. A full replacement is suggested.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 21. Action: Approval of Financial Update 23-24**
- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Financial Update 23-24.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the financial update in preparation for the upcoming budget approval for 24-25. The 24-25 budget will be presented for approval at June's meeting.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 22. Action: Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 4019.1 - Grants, Gifts, and Bequests Policy**
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Second Reading and Approval of Board Policy 4019.1 - Grants, Gifts, and Bequests Policy.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Trevor Johnson reminded the board that this policy was submitted for first reading with no requested changes.

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

23. Action: Approval of Key Charter Advisor Contract 24-25

- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Key Charter Advisor Contract 24-25.
- Mr. McCallion seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained this is the contract for Karl Yoder's financial services.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

24. Action: Approval of 2024-25 Consolidated Application for Funding

- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the 2024-25 Consolidated Application for Funding.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that this application allows us to submit a single application for multiple grant and funding opportunities.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

25. Action: Approval of SB740 Grant

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the SB740 Grant.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that this grant allows us to be reimbursed for 50%-75% of our facility lease expenses. We have to apply each year.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

26. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel - NAEHCY Conference 2024

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve Long Distance Travel - NAEHCY Conference 2024.
- Mr. McCallion seconded.
- Discussion: Michelle Sapanara explained this conference will allow our Homeless Liaison staff to attend training.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

27. Action: Approval of ESGI Contract

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the ESGI Contract.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Discussion: Laura Banda explained that this contract is a 24/7 online assessment service available to all SCS TK- 2 Academy staff and all SCS ILP staff with an SCS email. Teachers use ESGI to effortlessly track student progress of skills across

content areas, seamlessly report personalized data to parents, gain access to a free library of customizable assessments, and instantly determine students' strengths and weaknesses.

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

28. Action: Approval of the Branching Minds Agreement

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Branching Minds Agreement.
- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Discussion: Sarah Adams explained that we would like to partner with Branching Minds to provide SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Screening. The platform will identify specific SEL needs of students and store the information in a confidential portal to allow access by the students' teachers and service providers.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

29. Action: Approval of Restorative Practices Training

- Mr. McCallion moved to approve Restorative Practices Training.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Discussion: Sarah Adams explained that Restorative Practices can be an alternative for certain behavioral interventions. This will provide training for staff.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

30. Action: Approval of Outdoor Adventures by Boojum Contract for 8th Grade Leadership Camp

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Outdoor Adventures by Boojum Contract for 8th Grade Leadership Camp.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Jen Walker explained that 60 8th-grade students will be able to attend an outdoor Leadership Camp.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

31. Board Comments

- Ms. Thompson: I want to thank Springs for providing such opportunities for our students!
- Mr. Fetherof: I second that! Springs is awesome.
- Ms. Adamo: I want to give a shoutout for the great efforts invested in getting students excited for CAASPP testing.

32. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:03 p.m.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Thompson;
0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Stephanie Heiliger, Secretary

06/06/24

Date