

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2024

11:00 a.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:

Stevie Heiliger, Chair Jenny Adamo, Vice Chair James McCallion, Secretary Steffany Johnson, Treasurer Rachel Couch, Director Louis Fetherolf, Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Dr. Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Operations Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Dave Black, Senior Director of Facilities Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Karl Yoder, Key Charter Advisors Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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- 1. Open Session - Call to Order**
 - Natali South called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- 2. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54956.8: Entered into at 12:00 p.m.**
 - Interviews for Board Member Candidacy
 - Reginald Wadlington
 - Michelle Nagelvoort
 - Annica Meza Dawe
 - Approval of Notice of Assignment and Assignment and Assumption of Agreement of Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions
- 3. Open Session - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Ms. Heiliger called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - **Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
 - Interviews for Board Member Candidacy

- The Board approved to appoint Annica Meza Dawe for the open position. Her first, 3-year renewable term will expire June 30, 2027.
- Approval of Notice of Assignment and Assignment and Assumption of Agreement of Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions
 - The Board approved the Notice of Assignment and Assignment and Assumption of Agreement of Purchase and Sale Agreement and Escrow Instructions.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

5. Action: Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2024

- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Minutes from September 12, 2024.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; 1 Abstention: Fetherolf; Motion Adopted

6. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants, Personnel Action Report, Approval for the Disposal of Electronic Equipment, and Contract Ratifications as listed: LOS Engineering, Inc. and Smart Network Solutions for the Hemet Student Center.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

7. Public Comments

- None


8. Information: Student Spotlight - Art Contest Winner 2024/25 School Year

- The board enjoyed a video presentation of our 24/25 student artwork Springs Leading the Way winners. Their artwork will be used on marketing items and celebration cards for staff and board members.

- 9. Information: Superintendent's Report**
- Kathleen Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided updates regarding enrollment throughout River Springs' various programs. Dr. Hermsmeyer informed the board that the Orange County Department of Education approved Orange Springs, a county-wide benefit charter in Orange County.
- 10. Action: Approval of Keeton Construction Co Inc. FAPA**
- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Keeton Construction Co Inc. for FAPA.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Dave Black explained that this contract will allow FAPA to undergo a remodeling project in order to create a counseling office and other necessary modifications.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 11. Action: Approval of 2023-24 EPA Plan Actuals**
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the 2023-24 EPA Plan Actuals.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that there has been a change to which funds apply the EPA, and therefore, a revised EPA Plan Actual report must be approved. The approved plan will be posted on the website.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 12. Action: Approval of The Interchange 2024 Retreat**
- Ms. Couch moved to approve The Interchange 2024 Retreat.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Kathleen Hermsmeyer explained that she participates in a CEO group on a monthly basis. She will participate in their annual retreat.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 13. Board Comments**
- Rachel Couch: I was happy to see that a former student of mine has recently been hired to work for Springs.
 - Louis Fetherolf: I apologize for not attending Ignite! and our last board meeting, due to health concerns for my wife.
 - Ms. Adamo: I enjoyed the board interview process and feel we landed on a great candidate.

14. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Ms. Adamo moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:31 p.m.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



James McCallion, Secretary

Date 11/21/24