

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 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:

Stevie Heiliger, Chair Jenny Adamo, Vice Chair James McCallion, Secretary Steffany Johnson, Treasurer Rachel Couch, Director Louis Fetherolf, Director Annica Dawe, Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Operations Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Dave Black, Senior Director of Facilities Courtney Cook, Senior Director of Special Education Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Jared McLeod, Senior Director of Assessment & Accountability Katherine Van Leeuwen, Senior Director of Admin. Ops Laura Banda, Director of Assessment & Accountability Tony Santistevan, Director of Facilities Julia Krisel, Principal Lanise Goosby, Principal Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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- 1. Open Session - Call to Order**
 - Natali South called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
- 2. Activity: Oath of Office and Swearing in of New Member - Dr. Annica Meza Dawe**
 - Dr. Annica Dawe was sworn in for her first term which will expire June 30, 2027.
- 3. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54956.9/54957/54956.8:
Entered into at 12:00 p.m.**
 - Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 5083
 - Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 7485
 - Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 8012
 - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - AA-42673

- Evaluation of the Superintendent

4. Open Session - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Ms. Heiliger called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

- Approval of Special Education Settlement - Student ID: 5083
 - The Board approved the Settlement Agreement.
- Approval of Special Education Settlement - Student ID: 7485
 - The Board approved the Settlement Agreement.
- Approval of Special Education Settlement - Student ID: 8012
 - The Board approved the Settlement Agreement.
- Conference with Real Property Negotiators - AA-42673
 - The Board provided approval for staff to pursue the lease for a new building for our Bookmart.
- Evaluation of the Superintendent
 - The Board provided a favorable evaluation of the superintendent.

6. Approval of Agenda

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

7. Action: Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2024

- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Minutes from November 21, 2024.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, 1 Abstention: Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

8. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Warrants; Personnel Action Report; Approval for the Disposal of Electronic Equipment, and Contract Ratifications as Posted: DocuSign Inc., Asana, College and Career Pathways Grant Project with Parallel 40 Productions, LLC, Smartsheets 2024-25, Carson Dellosa Invoice, Transformational Leadership Retreat Hotel Costs, A+ Junk Removal for 45252 Florida Avenue, All American Termite & Pest Control at Bear River Student Center, Demo Plus LCC at 2115 Compton Ave, American Global Security, Inc. at Pathfinder Resource Center, SOS Playgrounds Inc. at Cherry Valley Homeschool Cooperative, and Bemus Landscape Inc. at 45252 Florida Ave Hemet.
- Mr. McCallion seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

9. Public Comments

- None

10. Information: Student Spotlight - Corona Student Center

- The board enjoyed a video presentation of Taylor, a 4th-grade student, at the Corona Student Center. Taylor enjoys math and spoke highly of her favorite teacher, Mrs. Newman. She is excited about the move to the new Corona building.

11. Information: Student Spotlight - Murrieta Student Center

- The board enjoyed a video presentation by Mrs. Krisel, the principal, showcasing their student chores.

12. Information: Student Spotlight - Hemet Learning Center

- The board enjoyed a video presentation by Mrs. Fabozzi, the principal, showcasing eighth-grade student Enoch. Enoch played Jingle Bells on the piano.

13. Information: Student Spotlight - Virtual Academy

- The board enjoyed a video presentation of siblings Nayeli and Ezekiel. They each played a piano piece at a recent concert for the Board.

14. Information: Student Academic Achievement Data Presentation

- Laura Banda reviewed academic achievement data and explained the efforts we are making to increase proficiency in all areas.

15. **Information: CAASPP Awards Presentation**
 - Students were honored for their exceptional performance on the CAASPP assessment, showcasing their dedication and academic excellence.
16. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
 - Kathleen Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided updates. She announced to the board that Springs recently obtained approval for a county-wide benefit charter in Orange County. Dr. Hermsmeyer provided additional network-wide updates including recent conferences and initiatives.
17. **Information: Comprehensive School Safety Plan**
 - Tanya Rogers presented the safety plan and explained that the posted document is for public view, and the school has also completed a version with tactical information.
18. **Information: First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5015.1 - Student Suspension and Expulsion**
 - Michelle Sapanara presented the revised policy and explained that the revision provides the opportunity for students or families to appeal suspension or expulsions. Additionally, minor language edits were made. The policy will be returned for a second reading and vote at the next meeting.
19. **Information: 2024-2025 Mid-Year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Implementation Update**
 - Katherine Van Leeuwen reviewed the progress on our LCAP goals and indicated that there will be another update later in the school year.
20. **Action: Approval of Keeton Construction Co Inc. at 2115 Compton Corona**
 - Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Keeton Construction Co Inc. for 2115 Compton Corona.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Dave Black explained that this contract will allow Keeton Construction to remodel the building which will become our Corona Student Center.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
21. **Action: Approval of Keeton Construction Co Inc. at iShine Student Center**
 - Ms. Couch moved to approve the Keeton Construction Co Inc. for iShine Student Center.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Dave Black explained that this contract will allow Keeton Construction to create a new restroom at iShine with ADA access.

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

22. Action: Approval of 2025-26 Attendance and Credentialed Staff Calendar

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the 2025-26 Attendance and Credentialed Staff Calendar.
- Mr. McCallion seconded.
- Discussion: Amy Podratz reviewed the calendar.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

23. Action: Waive the First Reading and Approve Board Policy 4020.1 - Risk Management Policy

- Ms. Adamo moved to Waive the First Reading and Approve Board Policy 4020.1 - Risk Management Policy.
- Dr. Dawe seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that this policy outlines the practices that we already have in place as related to Risk Management.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

24. Action: Approval of Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-24

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
- Ms. Johnson seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the audit report which reflects zero findings or corrections.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

25. Action: Approval of 1st Interim Budget 24-25 SY

- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the 1st Interim Budget 24-25 SY.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers reviewed the budget.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

26. Action: Approval of Shared Services Memorandum of Understanding

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Shared Services Memorandum of Understanding.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that the MOU between all Springs' charters has been updated to include the newest Springs' charter, Inland Empire Springs.

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

27. Action: Approval of Authorized Signers of Bank Accounts

- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Authorized Signers of Bank Accounts.
- Dr. Dawe seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that this item is presented every year for approval. There have been no changes since the last presentation of bank signers.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

28. Action: Approval of i-Ready Invoice

- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the i-Ready Invoice.
- Dr. Dawe seconded.
- Discussion: Jared McLeod explained that we use i-Ready for internal diagnostics for our students.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

29. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel - National Association of School Psychologists Conference

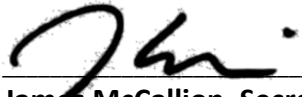
- Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Long Distance Travel - National Association of School Psychologists Conference.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Discussion: Michelle Sapanara explained the eight staff members will attend the conference which will largely be paid
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

30. Board Comments

- Dr. Dawe: I am honored to be part of the board. I have worked with many boards, and I want to acknowledge how efficient and professional this organization is.
- Ms. Heliger: Corona Student Center won the Flag Football championship.
- Mr. Fetherolf: Time is going by so quickly. I continue to be impressed by this organization. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

31. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion, Meza Dawe; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



James McCallion, Secretary

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Date