

PACIFIC SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

700 E. Bobier Ave. Vista, CA 92084

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Vista Student Center

700 E. Bobier Ave. Vista, CA 92084

Otay Ranch Academy for the Performing Arts

2371 Fenton St. Chula Vista, CA 91914

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:

Barbara BJ Heath, Chair Collin Harrison, Vice Chair Reginald Wadlington, Secretary Justin Moldenhauer, Treasurer Debbie Daniel, Director Jennifer Mejares-Pham, Director Lauren Rugge, Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Dr. Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources Michelle Sapanara, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Beverly Voechting, Director of High School Programs Kellie Seawright, Social Science Specialist Kimberly Bagby Principal Brynne Dukes, Principal Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Ms. Heath called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Ms. Mejares-Pham moved to remove the Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirements from the Consent Agenda, place it on the Information section of the agenda, and approve the balance of the Consent Agenda.
 - Ms. Heath seconded.

- Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruggie Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

3. Action: Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2024

- Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the Minutes from December 12, 2024.
- Ms. Daniel seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Wadlington; 0 Absent; 2 Abstentions: Moldenhauer, Ruggie; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

4. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda

- Ms. Mejares-Pham moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, School Accountability Report Card, and Contract Ratifications As Posted: Smart Network Solutions, Inc. at Otay Ranch Academy for the Performing Arts, SoCal Shutters & Blinds at Otay Ranch Academy for the Performing Arts.
- Ms. Daniel seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruggie Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

5. Public Comment

- None

6. Information: Student Spotlight - Vista Student Center - Demi

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation of Demi, who shared that being a student of Vista Student Center allows her to do her studies while still pursuing her competitive cheerleading hobby.

7. Information: Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirements

- Beverly Voechting, Director of High School Programs, explained to the Board that graduation requirements have changed and require a study of eight outcomes which includes information to be infused into history courses. Our families will have options for how they access this information.

8. Information: Superintendent's Report

- Kathleen Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided network-wide updates including our Springs 25th Birthday Bash celebrations at every student center. Additionally, Kathleen announced that we have re-opened our OPEN Classroom (Online Public Education Now) in response to the devastating fires in our communities. This allows anyone to access free educational content on demand.

9. **Information: Completion of Statement Conflict Interest Form 700**
- Natali South informed board members of the requirement to complete the annual conflict of interest forms. Our office will ensure compliance with this requirement.
10. **Action: Approval of the Keeton Construction Change Order for Otay Ranch Academy for the Performing Arts**
- Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the Keeton Construction Change Order for Otay Ranch Academy for the Performing Arts.
 - Ms. Ruge seconded.
 - Discussion: Dave Black explained the scope of work that will be addressed by this change order as a result of unexpected remediations and additional costs.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
11. **Action: Approval of Auditor Selection for the 2024-25 School Year**
- Ms. Mejares-Pham moved to approve the Auditor Selection for the 2024-25 School Year.
 - Ms. Heath seconded.
 - Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that we will retain the same audit firm again this year.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
12. **Action: Approval of Springs Inc. Memorandum of Understanding**
- Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the Springs Inc. Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Mr. Harrison seconded.
 - Discussion: Trevor Johnson presented the MOU and explained that this agreement establishes the per-student rate that is paid by the charter to Springs Inc. for the purpose of staff development and events such as Ignite! The board requested a breakdown of how the funds are expended.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Ruge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
13. **Action: Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy 5015.1 - Student Suspension and Expulsion**
- Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the Second Reading of Revised Board Policy 5015.1 - Student Suspension and Expulsion.
 - Mr. Harrison seconded.

- Discussion: Michelle Sapanara explained that this policy was previously presented for First Reading with no changes requested. In response to a member's question, Michelle explained the appeals process.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Rugge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

14. Board Comments

- Ms. Rugge: I'd like to know how many students enroll in the Ethnic Studies program.

15. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Ms. Rugge moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m.
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Daniel, Harrison, Heath, Mejares-Pham, Moldenhauer, Rugge Wadlington; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Reginald Wadlington, Secretary

March 6, 2025

Date