

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2025

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 Dr. Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business Michelle Sapanara, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Sarah Adams, Senior Director of Student Services Aaron Lorenz, Senior Director of IT Beverly Voechting, Director of High School Programs Kellie Seawright, Social Science Specialist Jessica Carlton, Principal Eric Ballard, Principal Renee Gooding, Principal Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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- 1. Open Session - Call to Order**
 - Ms. Heiliger called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
- 2. Closed Session - in Accordance with Gov Code Section 54956.9: Entered into at 12:00 p.m.**
 - Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 7887
 - Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 8040

3. **Open Session - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Ms. Heiliger called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.
 - **Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
 - Approval of Special Education Settlement - Student ID: 7887
 - The Board approved the Settlement Agreement.

 - Approval of Special Education Settlement - Student ID: 8040
 - The Board approved the Settlement Agreement.

5. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Ms. Heiliger 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. Adamo seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

6. **Action: Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2025**
 - Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Minutes from January 13, 2025.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

7. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Ms. Couch moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, consisting of Warrants, Personnel Action Report, Approval for the Disposal of Electronic Equipment, School Accountability Report Card, and Contract Ratifications As Posted: LinkedIn Learning Contract 2025-2027, Marzano Resources, LLC Contract for Proficiency Scales, Marzano Resources, LLC Contract for Assessment Guidance, Parsec Education Student Champion Reports Contract, Super Teacher Worksheets Contract Renewal, Smart Network Solutions, Inc. for the Hemet Student Center, SOS Playgrounds, Inc. for the Cherry Valley Homeschool Cooperative, Emcor Services Mesa Energy for the Corona Student Center - Compton, Victory Paving for the Del Rio Student Center, Bemus Landscape Inc. at 45252 Florida Avenue, Hemet, Ross Fence Inc. at Palm Academy, Intercity Security Systems at Palm Academy, Bemus Landscape Inc. at 17241 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.

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

8. Public Comments

- None

9. Information: Student Spotlight - Magnolia Student Center

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation by Mrs. Carlton showcasing the Falcon News program that runs every Friday for students and staff.

10. Information: Student Spotlight - Hemet Quest

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation by Mr. Ballard showcasing the student choir singing Sunday Best by Surfaces.

11. Information: Student Spotlight - Bear River Student Center

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation of History and Science Projects.

12. Information: Riverside County Office of Education Guest Presentation

- Dr. Corey Loomis from RCOE provided a presentation on the topic of healthy and engaged boards.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

- 16. Action: Approval of the Temecula Central Kitchen Equipment**
- Ms. Adamo moved to approve the Temecula Central Kitchen Equipment.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that the Central Kitchen construction is underway. The contract allows the purchase of all of the industrial food-grade equipment that is needed.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 17. Action: Approval of Auditor Selection for the 2024-25 School Year**
- Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Auditor Selection for the 2024-25 School Year.
 - Ms. Adamo seconded.
 - Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that we will retain the same audit firm again this year.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 18. Action: Approval of Springs Inc. Memorandum of Understanding**
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the Springs Inc. Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Ms. Johnson seconded.
 - Discussion: Tanya Rogers 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!
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 19. Action: Approval of Order Form with Zoom Video Communications, Inc.**
- Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Order Form with Zoom Video Communications, Inc.
 - Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
 - Discussion: Aaron Lorenz explained that we will be expanding the features of our Zoom Video options as well as adding additional users.
 - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 20. Action: Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy 5015.1 - Student Suspension and Expulsion**
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the Second Reading of Revised Board Policy 5015.1 - Student Suspension and Expulsion.
 - Ms. Couch seconded.
 - Discussion: Michelle Sapanara explained that this policy was previously presented for First Reading with no changes requested.

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

21. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel - AOTA INSPIRE Conference

- Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Long Distance Travel - AOTA INSPIRE Conference.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Sarah Adams indicated that our OTs will attend the conference to receive training. A portion of the funds will be reimbursed.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

22. Action: Approval of Approval of Long Distance Travel - National Charter School Conference 2025

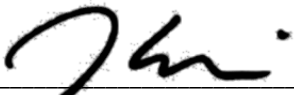
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the Approval of Long Distance Travel - National Charter School Conference 2025.
- Ms. Couch seconded.
- Discussion: Natali South explained that two staff members from the Executive Department will attend the conference in Orlando later this year.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

23. Board Comments

- Ms. Couch thanked Corey Loomis for coming today. She appreciated his highlighting the importance of fiscal responsibility, and indicated that she is proud to be associated with this organization that has put systems in place to ensure compliance in this area.
- Mr. Fetherolf inquired about Board training and conferences.
- Dr. Dawe reported that her son, a 7th grade Venture student attended a middle school college and career search meeting. He found it very engaging. Dr. Dawe said that attendance at the meeting was relatively low despite the rich and informative content.

24. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 p.m.
- Ms. Adamo seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



James McCallion, Secretary

Date March 6, 2025