

# RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 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 Courtney Cook, Senior Director of Special Education Aaron Lorenz, Senior Director of IT Beverly Voechting, Director of High School Programs Erin Chafin, Credential Analyst Shirley Jones, Journey Homeschool High School 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: 2818
  - Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 0785
  - Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 6258
- 3. Open Session - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
  - Ms. Heiliger called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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  - **Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**
    - Approval of Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 2818
      - The Board approved the Settlement Agreement.
    - Approval of Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 0785
      - The Board approved the Settlement Agreement.
    - Approval of Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 6258
      - The Board approved the Settlement Agreement.
5. **Approval of Agenda**
  - Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Agenda.
  - Ms. Couch seconded.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
6. **Action: Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2025**
  - Mr. McCallion moved to approve the Minutes from February 6, 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. Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, Approval for the Selling/Donation/Disposal of Curriculum Warehouse and Bookmart Materials, Approval for the Disposal of Electronic Equipment, Starlink Invoice Algebra 1 Unit 7, Starlink Invoice Algebra 1 Units 3 & 4, and Contract Ratifications As Posted: Consulting Services Jim Graves, Document Tracking Services 2025-26, Instructure LearnPlatform, Demo Plus LCC at 45252 Florida Avenue Hemet, Smart Network Solutions, Inc. for the Temecula Student Center, Change Order with Swift Lee Office, Inc. at Cherry Valley Homeschool Cooperative.
  - Ms. Couch 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: iShine Student Center**
  - The Board enjoyed a live presentation from the iShine Student Center Leadership team.
10. **Information: Student Spotlight: Journey Homeschool High School**
  - The Board enjoyed a video presentation created by Journey students, Noah and Carla. Noah and Carla discussed all the incredible opportunities provided by Springs for high school students.
11. **Information: Student Spotlight: Field Trip Nutcracker**
  - The Board enjoyed a video presentation created by Caroline Nelms highlighting a field trip adventure to the Nutcracker ballet with Temecula and Vista Student Centers.
12. **Information: Student Spotlight - 25th Year Springs Silver Jubilee**
  - The Board enjoyed a video presentation of our 25th Year Birthday Celebration events hosted at our many student centers across Southern California.
13. **Information: Superintendent's Report**
  - Dr. Hermsmeyer introduced Raquel Maden who handles local advocacy on behalf CCSA, and Raquel greeted board members and provided updates about the work that CCSA is presently engaged in. Kathleen then reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided network-wide updates, including staff development events, our 25th Birthday Bash celebrations and marketing efforts.
14. **Information: First Reading of Revised Board Policy 8006.1 - Certification**
  - Virginia Smith and Erin Chafin discussed the changes being made to BP 8006.1 - Certification. These changes reflect modifications to our current practice including the fact that we no longer conduct payroll through the County, and the removal of some obsolete language. With no changes requested, this policy will be brought back at a future meeting for second reading and approval.
15. **Action: Approval of the Liminex, Inc. dba GoGuardian Contract**
  - Mr. Fetherolf moved to approve the Liminex, Inc. dba GoGuardian Contract.
  - Dr. Dawe seconded.
  - Discussion: Aaron Lorenz explained that we will renew our contract with Go Guardian which provides monitoring of student computers.
  - Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**16. Action: Waive the First Reading and Approve Revised Board Policy 5022.1 - High School Math Placement**

- Mr. Fetherolf moved to waive the first reading and approve revised Board Policy 5022.1 - High School Math Placement.
- Mr. McCallion seconded.
- Discussion: Beverly Voechting explained that this policy is being updated to reflect our current practice. Board members' questions were answered by staff.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**17. Action: Approval of 2024-2025 Second Interim Budget**

- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the 2024-2025 Second Interim Budget.
- Mr. Fetherolf seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers' review of the Second Interim for River Springs Charter Schools indicated a slight increase in ADA impacting revenues and expenditures. The school expects to end the year with a negative net revenue due to the spending down of special funding but maintains a strong ending fund balance.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**18. Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel - 4th Annual National Hybrid Schools Conference**

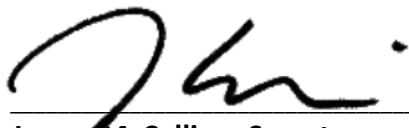
- Ms. Couch moved to approve the Long Distance Travel - 4th Annual National Hybrid Schools Conference.
- Dr. Dawe seconded.
- Discussion: Kathleen Hermsmeyer explained that this conference covers trends in education, especially for unique educational models.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**19. Board Comments**

- Ms. Adamo: The Student Spotlights are amazing. I'm so glad we've incorporated them into our meetings.
- Ms. Couch: Thanks to Raquel from CCSA for introducing herself today. It's great to make her acquaintance!

**20. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting**

- Ms. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 p.m.
- Mr. McCallion seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Adamo, Couch, Dawe, Fetherolf, Heiliger, Johnson, McCallion; 0 Absent; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



James McCallion, Secretary

March 27, 2025

Date