

ORANGE SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2025

4:00 p.m.

27740 Jefferson Ave. Temecula, CA

and

Santa Ana Student Center

2121 N. Grand Ave. Santa Ana, CA

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:

Eugene Dokes, Chair
Jessica Large, Vice Chair
Michael Solomon, Secretary
Cheryl LaCount, Treasurer
Charlene Ponzio, Director
Pam Rivas, Director
Kellie Woodson, Director

Dr. Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education
Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources
Tanya Rogers, Asst. Superintendent, Business
Michelle Sapanara, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services
Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops.
Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations
Erin Chafin, Credential Analyst
Holly Hungerford, Senior Director of Nutrition
Beverly Voechting, Director of High School Programs
Priscilla Doorbar, Principal
Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

- Dr. Dokes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

- Ms. LaCount moved to approve the agenda.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson;
0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

3. Public Comments

- None

4. Information: Student Spotlight - Hunter - Montessori Voyage

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation featuring Montessori Voyage student Hunter.

5. Information: 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.

6. Information: Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Vivian Price, Assistant Superintendent of Education, reviewed the Superintendent's Report in Dr. Hermsmeyer's absence and provided network-wide updates. She addressed the steps we've been taking to address concerns recently raised about our Learning Center offerings. Additionally, she reviewed recent events and training being attended by our instructional staff.

7. 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.

8. Action: Approval of Adoption of Orange Springs Charter School Board Policies

- Ms. LaCount moved to approve the Adoption of Orange Springs Charter School Board Policies.
- Ms. Woodson seconded.
- Discussion: Natali South explained that this approval will allow Orange Springs to adopt the same board policies as Citrus Springs.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

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

- Ms. Rivas moved to waive the first reading and approve revised Board Policy 5022.1 - High School Math Placement.
- Ms. Woodson 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: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

10. Action: Approve the Ratification of the Stripe Credit Card Processing Agreement

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the Ratification of the Stripe Credit Card Processing Agreement.
- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that Orange Springs will use the same Credit Card processing system as Citrus Springs.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

11. Action: Approve the Bank Accounts with JP Morgan Chase

- Ms. Large moved to approve the Bank Accounts with JP Morgan Chase.
- Ms. LaCount seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson indicated the Inland Empire Springs will use JP Morgan Chase for banking.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

12. Action: Approve the Establish State Disability Insurance

- Ms. Woodson moved to establish State Disability Insurance.
- Ms. Rivas seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson indicated Inland Empire Springs will establish State Disability Insurance for our employees.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

13. Action: Approve the Participation in CalPERS Retirement System

- Ms. LaCount moved to approve the Participation in CalPERS Retirement System.
- Ms. Large seconded.
- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that Orange Springs' classified employees will participate in the CalPERS Retirement System.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

14. Action: Approve the Participation in CalSTRS Retirement System

- Ms. Rivas moved to approve the Participation in CalSTRS Retirement System.
- Ms. Woodson seconded.

- Discussion: Trevor Johnson explained that Orange Springs' certificated employees will participate in the CalSTRS Retirement System.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

15. Action: Approve the Vended Meals Contract for Santa Ana Student Center

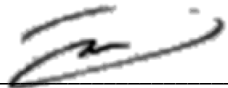
- Ms. Large moved to approve the Vended Meals Contract for Santa Ana Student Center.
- Ms. Woodson seconded.
- Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that we will use Vended Meals for student meals provided at the Santa Ana Student Center.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted

16. Board Comments and Future Agenda Requests

- Ms. Large: Can you please explain the difference between Citrus Springs and Orange Springs, and the goals related to two charters?
 - Vivian Price and Natali South discussed the programs that each charter will oversee and explained the benefit of having a County-wide charter in Orange County.
- Ms. Ponzio: I saw that Citrus lost a rotating sub, and I know staffing has been challenging, so I hope we're able to fill that vacancy and others. I'd also like to comment that it seems we've waived the first reading of several policy revisions this year. I appreciate the extended time that a first reading offers.
- Mr. Solomon: I'd like to thank the Executive Staff for all of their hard work. Also, receiving a personalized birthday card and gift is such a nice gesture.

17. Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

- Ms. Large moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.m.
- Ms. Woodson seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Dokes, LaCount, Large, Ponzio, Rivas, Solomon, Woodson; 0 Noes; 0 Absent; Motion Adopted



Michael Solomon, Secretary

May 6, 2025

Date