

# RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

27740 JEFFERSON AVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2026

**11:00 a.m.**

**27740 Jefferson Ave, Temecula, CA 92590**

**and all RSCS Locations**

*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:**

Jenny Adamo, Vice Chair Dr. Annica Dawe, Treasurer Stevie Heiliger, Director Jamie Thompson, Director Dr. Givona Sandiford, Director	Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Dr. Vivian Price, Asst. Superintendent, Education Virginia Smith, Asst. Superintendent, Human Resources Michelle Sapanara, Asst. Superintendent, Student Services Amy Podratz, Asst. Superintendent, Admin. Ops Natali South, Senior Director of Charter Relations Trevor Johnson, Senior Director of Business Courtne Beers, Director of Special Education Scott Lloyd, Senior Director of Facilities Jacki York, Senior Director of Virtual Programs Mary McDaniel, Community Outreach Coordinator Renee Albright, Charter Relations Coordinator
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1. **Open Session: Establish a Quorum and Call to Order**
  - The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.
  
2. **Open Session: Interviews for Board Member Candidacy**
  - Jackie Cope
  - Todd Kler
  - Steffany Johnson
  
2. **Closed Session: GOV Code 54954.5/54957/54956.9, Entered Closed Session at: p.m.**
  - 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957(b)(1))
  - 54956.9: Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 8683

- 54956.9: Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 0633

**4. Open Session: Report of Action Taken in Closed Session**

- 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code § 54957(b)(1))
  - No Action to Report
- 54956.9: Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 8683
  - The board approved the settlement agreement.
- 54956.9: Special Education Settlement Agreement re: Student ID: 0633
  - The board approved the settlement agreement.

**5. Action: Approval of Agenda**

- Ms. Thompson moved to table the First Reading of Revised Board Policy 4015.1 – Retirement Health Benefits and approve the remainder of the agenda.
- Dr. Dawe seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**6. Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of: Warrants, Personnel Action Report, Approval for the Disposal of Electronic Equipment, Approval for the Selling/Donation/Disposal of Curriculum Warehouse and Bookmart Materials, and Contract Ratifications as Poted: Zoom Video Communications, Inc., APLUS Contract for 2026-27, AI's Quality Painting Inc at Cherry Valley Homeschool Cooperative, Magnolia Student Center, and Riverside Student Center, Casala Group, Inc. at Multiple Sites, Bemus Landscape Inc at Little Springs Kinder Center, Delta Three Electric at Event Center, Freedom Landscape Inc at Bear River Student Center, iShine Student Center, JC Pro Painting at Arbor Student Center, JJJ Enterprises at Del Rio Student Center, LTT Partners LLC at Corona Student Center, Michael Baker International Inc. at 45252 Florida Avenue Hemet, Moore Flooring Inc at Enterprise Resource Center, Flabob Airport Preparatory Academy (FAPA), Magnolia Student Center, Pathfinder Student Center, SOS Playgrounds Inc at Corona Student Center, Sun Country Playgrounds Inc at Palm Academy, Temecula Pro Painters at The Plaza, Buddy Benches, Gallup-Certified Clifton Strengths Coaches, Care Solace Contract 2026-2027, Blue Water Education Consulting for Alternative Discipline Success Classroom, Live Education Curriculum Purchase, Guitar Salon Purchase Order (Two Orders), Bertrand's Music Purchase Order for GamePlan Music Curriculum, Sweetwater Purchase Order (Temecula Student Center), School Outlet Purchase Order Magnolia, Meet The Masters Visual Arts Curriculum (K-8), Swun Math, Culver-Newlin Purchases for Little Springs Kinder Care, Lakeshore Purchases for Little Springs Kinder Care, and Bridge Renewal.

- Ms. Thompson seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**7. Public Comments**

- None

**8. Information: Student Spotlight: Golfing Experience: Ciana**

- Ciana, a student in the Journey High School program, joined the meeting live to share her Springs educational journey and reflect on how the program has supported her academic and personal goals. She explained that Journey's flexible, personalized learning model allowed her to dedicate more time and focus to her passion for competitive golf while continuing to make strong progress toward graduation. Ciana highlighted the support she receives from her Education Specialist and the ability to customize her learning experience to fit her unique schedule and aspirations. She expressed appreciation for the balance Journey provides between academic success and pursuing extracurricular opportunities at a high level.

**9. Information: Student Spotlight - Magnolia Student Center**

- The Board enjoyed a video presentation from the Magnolia Student Center highlighting their theme song, "SOAR," a high school musical performance.

**10. Information: Student Spotlight - Pathfinder Student Center**

- The Board enjoyed a musical performance dress rehearsal of "Annie!" The Musical.

**11. Information: Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Kathleen Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's Report and provided charter and network-wide updates.

**12. Information: Presentation - Riverside County Office of Education - Dr. Corey Loomis**

- Dr. Loomis, Director of Charter and Community Schools, from the Riverside County Office of Education, provided a presentation on the topic of charter authorizer oversight as well as the importance of the role of charter school board members.

**13. Presentation of McKinney-Vento Data & Resources 2025-26**

- Mary McDaniel, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided the board with a presentation regarding the McKinney-Vento Act and the services Springs provides to our special populations and homeless students in need of additional support.

- 14. Information: Public Comment for Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**
- Natali South opened the Public Comment window at 2:37 p.m. Katherine Van Leeuwen reviewed the LCAP report for River Springs. No public comments were received, and the window was closed at 2:46 p.m.
- 15. Action: Approval of SB740 Grant**
- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the SB740 Grant.
  - Dr. Dawe seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that this grant provides facility reimbursement funds.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 16. Action: Approval of 2026-27 Consolidated Application for Funding**
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the 2026-27 Consolidated Application for Funding.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that the consolidated application allows the school to apply for various forms of funding through one application process.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 17. Action: Approval of Legal Services Agreement with Jon Webster Law Group 2026-27.**
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the legal services agreement with Jon Webster Law Group 2026-27.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that this contract is for legal services provided by Jon Webster for the upcoming year.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 18. Action: Approval of Key Charter Advisor Contract 2026-27**
- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Key Charter Advisor contract 2026-27.
  - Dr. Sandiford seconded.
  - Discussion: Tanya Rogers explained that this contract covers Karl Yoder's services provided by Key Charter Advisor
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

19. **Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel - School Nutrition Association Annual National Conference (ANC)26**
- Dr. Dawe to approve the long-distance travel - School Nutrition Association Annual National Conference (ANC)26.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Holly Hungerford explained that she will represent Springs at the School Nutrition Association's Annual National Conference.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
20. **Action: Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy 8001.1 - 8001.3 Hiring: Recruitment and Selection, Nondiscrimination in Employment, Nepotism**
- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the revised Board Policy 8001.1 - 8001.3 Hiring: Recruitment and Selection, Nondiscrimination in Employment, Nepotism.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Discussion: Virginia Smith explained that this policy was brought for First Reading at a previous meeting and no changes were requested.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
21. **Action: Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy 8003.1-8003.3 Termination: At-Will Employment, Discipline, Resignation, Dismissal**
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the revised Board Policy 8003.1-8003.3 Termination: At-Will Employment, Discipline, Resignation, Dismissal.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Discussion: Virginia Smith explained that this policy was brought for First Reading at a previous meeting, and no changes were requested.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
22. **Action: Approval of CL-500 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the CL-500 Declaration of Need for fully qualified Educators.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Erin Chafin explained that this document is submitted annually to project the number of emergency permits that may be required for teachers who have not yet obtained their credentials.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

- 23. Action: Approval of the BLH Consulting Contract (Restorative Practices Site Coaching)**
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the BLH Consulting contract (Restorative Practices Site Coaching).
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Discussion: Sarah Adams explained that we will consult with BLH for restorative practices training.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 24. Action: Approval of the BrainPop Renewal Contract**
- Ms. Heiliger moved to approve the BrainPop Renewal contract.
  - Dr. Dawe seconded.
  - Discussion: Jacki York explained that we will renew our contract with BrainPop.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 25. Action: Approval of the Liminex, Inc. dba GoGuardian Contract**
- Dr. Dawe moved to approve the Liminex, Inc. dba GoGuardian contract.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Aaron Lorenz explained that GoGuardian provides monitoring of students' digital activity.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 26. Action: Approval of the Contract with Sun Country Playgrounds Inc at Del Rio Student Center**
- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the contract with Sun Country Playgrounds Inc. at Del Rio Student Center.
  - Ms. Thompson seconded.
  - Discussion: Scott Lloyd indicated that grant funds will cover this project at Del Rio.
  - Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted
- 27. Action: Approval of Board Calendar 2026/27**
- Ms. Thompson moved to approve the Board calendar 2026/27.
  - Ms. Heiliger seconded.
  - Discussion: Natali South discussed the proposed 2026–2027 Board meeting calendar. The only proposed modification was the addition of tentative meeting dates during months in which regular meetings are not typically scheduled, allowing the Board the flexibility to meet monthly, if needed.

- Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

**28. Board Comments**

- Dr. Dawe: I attended the Springs Talent Show and the Writing Extravaganza. They were both great events.

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

- Ms. Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 p.m.
- Ms. Heiliger seconded.
- Vote: 5 Ayes: Adamo, Dawe, Heiliger, Sandiford, Thompson; 1 Absent: McCallion; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



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Stevie Heiliger, Secretary

June 11, 2026

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**Date**