

RIVER SPRINGS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
43466 BUSINESS PARK DRIVE • TEMECULA, CA 92590

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

12:00 p.m.

April 12, 2018

43448 Business Park Drive
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:

Carl Burke, Chair Sheila Ryle, Vice Chair, arrived at 12:20 Stephen Darrow, Secretary Chuck Vela, Treasurer Jessica Mercer, Board Director Charlene Ponzio, Board Director Reginald Wadlington, Board Director	Kathleen Hermsmeyer, Superintendent Amy Podratz, Asst. Supt. of Business Operations Tanya Rogers, Asst. Supt. of Business Phil Hermsmeyer, Asst. Supt. of IT/Facilities Dave Black, Director of Facilities Natali South, Director of Executive Support Linda Parks, Legal Counsel
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1. **Action: Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Mr. Burke called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Action: Approval of Agenda**
 - Mr. Vela moved to amend the agenda and add discussion/approval of the sublease for 81840 Avenue 46, Indio, CA, after Closed Session, due to the fact that information became available after the agenda was created.
 - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Burke, Vela, Ponzio, Wadlington; Darrow; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ryle. Motion Adopted
3. **Action: Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2018**
 - Ms. Mercer moved to approve the Minutes from the March 14, 2018 meeting.
 - Ms. Ponzio seconded.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: 6 Ayes: Burke, Vela, Ponzio, Wadlington; Darrow; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ryle. Motion Adopted
4. **Action: Approval of Consent Agenda**
 - Mr. Vela moved to pull the warrant list from the consent agenda.

- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
 - Discussion: Mr. Darrow asked about specific items on the warrant register. Tanya Rogers indicated that there was an error in the printing of the report, but that the items in question were actually processed correctly.
 - Mr. Darrow moved to approve the Consent Agenda pending a corrected copy of the Warrant Register being provided by the next meeting.
 - Mr. Vela seconded.
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Burke, Vela, Ponzio, Wadlington; Darrow; 0 Noes; 1 Absent: Ryle. Motion Adopted

5. **Information: PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

6. **Presentation: 42Q Reports:**

- Principals from Corona Student Center, FAPA, Hemet Quest Student Center, Homeschool, and Temecula Student Center reviewed their reports and highlighted accomplishments and activities for this year.

7. **Superintendent's Report**

- Dr. Hermsmeyer reviewed the Superintendent's report, reviewed recent activities and provided network-wide updates. Additionally, Dr. Hermsmeyer indicated that the Public Hearing for our River Springs' charter renewal with the Riverside County Office of Education went well, and extended appreciation to Board members, staff and students who attended in support.

8. **Action: Approval of CTE Advisory Committee Members**

- Mr. Vela moved to appoint Ido Tuchman to the CTE Advisory Council
- Mr. Wadlington seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Vela, Ponzio, Wadlington; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

9. **Action: Approval of Long Distance Travel – National Charter School Conference**

- Mr. Wadlington moved to approve long distance travel for Kathleen Hermsmeyer and Tanya Rogers to attend the National Charter School Conference.
- Mr. Darrow seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Vela, Ponzio, Wadlington; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

10. **Action: Approval of Addendum to Lease – 43422 & 43462 Business Park Dr.**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve the addendum to the leases at two of our currently occupied suites in the Temecula Business Park.
- Ms. Ryle seconded.
- Discussion: Phil Hermsmeyer indicated that the suites will be used to continue services for Keys and SpEd students until another suitable location is secured.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Vela, Ponzio, Wadlington; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted

11. **Information: BOARD COMMENTS and FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mr. Wadlington: I was very impressed by today's principal presentations. I think Hemet is doing an impressive job considering their demographics. When is the next Kickin' it with Kathleen?
 - The intern who was producing those is no longer working on this project, but we are pursuing ways to continue, and have a couple already completed.
- Mr. Darrow: I want to commend the group who prepared the presentation for last night's Riverside Board meeting. It was great to hear the Riverside Board's support of our programs.
- Mr. Vela: Can we get an update soon regarding the road and construction projects related to expansion at FAPA?
 - Staff will provide that at the next meeting.
- Ms. Ryle: I am excited to learn about how well last night's meeting went, and am sorry I was not able to attend.
- Ms. Ponzio: I continue to be amazed by the quality of our staff. With every presentation, I am more impressed by our organization's ability to hire the right people.
- Ms. Mercer: I am sorry I was not able to attend the RCOE meeting; it sounds like it was fabulous. I received a valuable workbook from the CCSA conference regarding how to talk to legislators about charter schools, and ways to advocate for our cause. I shared extra copies with Kathleen.
- Mr. Burke: I also want to extend my appreciation to our staff for their hard work for last night's presentation. It generated a feeling of pride to be associated with Springs. I appreciated that their Board acknowledged the efforts that we have invested in our facilities. I enjoyed today's staff presentations. I attended the CUE conference in Palm Springs. The highlight of the trip was actually getting to visit our Palm Academy. The conference itself wasn't terribly charter friendly, and may not be tremendously valuable to attend.

12. **Closed Session: In Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9 Entered into at 3:12 p.m.**

- Conference Regarding Existing Litigation – Student ID 1002914
- Ratification of Settlement Agreements: Employee ID #201304 & #193974
- Conference with Real Property Negotiator: A46-81840

13. **Open Session: In Accordance with Gov Code Section 54957.1/54957.9 Entered into at 3:45 p.m.**

Public Report of Action taken in Closed Session:

- Conference Regarding Existing Litigation – Student ID 1002914
 - The Board authorized ratification of the settlement agreement.
- Ratification of Settlement Agreements: Employee ID #201304 & #193974
 - The Board authorized ratification of the settlement agreements by the following vote:
5 Ayes: Wadlington, Darrow, Ryle, Buke, Mercer; 2 Noes: Vela, Ponzio
- Conference with Real Property Negotiator: A46-81840
 - No action to report.

14. ● **Action: Approval of Sublease for 81840 Avenue 46, Indio, CA**

- Mr. Vela moved to approve signing the sublease for 81840 Avenue 46, Indio, CA
- Ms. Ryle seconded.
- Discussion: None
- Vote: 6 Ayes: Burke, Ryle, Mercer, Vela, Ponzio, Wadlington; 1 No: Darrow; Motion Adopted

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

- Mr. Vela moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m.
- Ms. Ryle seconded.
- Vote: 7 Ayes: Burke, Ryle, Darrow, Mercer, Vela, Ponzio, Wadlington; 0 Noes; Motion Adopted



Stephen Darrow, Secretary

May 17, 2018

Date