

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL (RMCS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RIVER MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL

3880 Cypress Drive, Suite B, Petaluma CA 94954 (707)778-6414

March 27, 2020

5:00 PM

MINUTES

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The regular meeting of the Governing Board held in public, will be advertised and recorded in accordance with the Brown Act.

Special Meeting: March 27, 2020 at 5:00 P.M.

Location:

- Online via Zoom

A. CALL TO ORDER

- Director Puch called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.
- Directors Puch, Lohrentz, Royes, Matthews, Hammons, Liu, and Dorsey were present
- Staff present: Kelly Griffith Mannion, Executive Director and Michelle Leonard, Chief Business Officer

B. READING OF RMCS MISSION & VISION

- Kelly read the Mission and Vision statements.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Visitors are allowed to address the Board for up to three (3) minutes on items not on the agenda for a total of 15 minutes per topic. With Board consent, the Board President may increase or decrease time allowed for public comment. The Board does not respond or take action on public comments.

D. APPROVAL OF 03/27/2020 SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- Motion: Director Dorsey
- Second: Director Hammons
- Aye: Puch, Lohrentz, Royes, Matthews, Hammons, Liu, Dorsey
- Nay: 0

E. BOARD BUSINESS:

- Discussion & Action: Legal requirements and board resolution during COVID-19
 - Discussion: Kelly gave an update from Department of Education regarding Special Ed, Distance Learning, and RMCS Needs Survey
 - Action: Board resolution to follow the directives and recommendations of federal, state, county, and local government, education, and health officials regarding closure during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Motion: Hammons
 - Second: Lohrentz
 - Aye: Puch, Lohrentz, Royes, Matthews, Hammons, Liu, Dorsey
 - Nay: 0
 - Action: Board resolution to assign decision-making to the Executive Director and Board Executive Committee regarding school closure and distance learning under the guidance of Sonoma County Office of Education and Department of Health Services.
 - Motion: Director Hammons
 - Second: Director Royes
 - Aye: Puch, Lohrentz, Royes, Matthews, Hammons, Liu, Dorsey
 - Nay: 0

F. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 PM.
 - The motion passed with unanimous consent (7-0).
 - Aye: Puch, Lohrentz, Royes, Matthews, Hammons, Liu, Dorsey
 - Nay: 0

Future Meeting Date(s): 2019-20 Scheduled Board Meetings

2020

Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 6:30pm

Instructions for Presentations to the Board by Members of the Community

River Montessori Charter School welcomes your participation at the School's Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. We hope that you will visit these meetings often and your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided.

1. Agendas are available to all community members
2. Community members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of "Public Comment" will be given an opportunity to do so.
3. "Public Comment" is set aside for members of the community to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws (Brown Act), the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Exceptions to these time limits may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair. The board may give direction to staff to respond to your concerns or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen requested agenda item.
4. With regard to items that are on the agenda, you may speak for up to (3) minutes when the Board discusses that item. Exceptions to this time may be made at the discretion of the Board Chair.
5. Community members may request in writing that a topic related to school business be considered for placement on a future agenda. Requests should be addressed to the Board Chair. If such an item is placed on the agenda and publicly noticed, the Board can respond, interact, and act upon the item.