



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE RMCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes: May 11, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

### Location(s)

Virtual: Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89335730882?pwd=bTRWWTGYxbnFnUXduWEhva1IOWGRaUT09>

Meeting ID: 893 3573 0882 Password: 4z5WfS

### A. Call to Order

Director Hautau called to order at 5:03 p.m. Roll Call:

Present: Directors Hammons (at 5:08), Lohrentz, Strong, Matthews, Hautau

Staff: Executive Director Mannion, Business Manager Conde, Chief Business Officer Krystle Johnson

### B. RMCS Mission & Vision: Read by Director Matthews

### C. Public Comment: No Public Comment. Sophie Parks, Maude Akognon, visitors

### D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve: Director Hautau Second: Director Strong

Aye: Matthews, Hammons, Lohrentz, Strong, Hautau; Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

### E. Board Development

1. Discussion: Discussion: Board Self-Evaluation - Online in board folder. Answer questions and further discussion will take place at Retreat.
2. Discussion: Community Leadership - No Report

### F. Approve Minutes

1. March 9, 2022, Motion: Director Strong, Second: Director Matthews

Aye: Hammons, Lohrentz, Strong, Matthews; Nay: 0, Abstentions: Hautau

### G. Communications

1. Executive Director's Report: Last quarter of school year, field trips and activities planned, watershed presentations, CASP Testing wrapping up, June 3 last day. The Embracing Equity Program is excellent to better serve students. Staffing and hiring is ongoing. Community: Spirit Monday's, Watch me Work successful. Foundation is hosting the Carnival fundraiser on May 21.
2. Finance Report: Paola is retiring. New CEO Business Manager introduced - Krystle Johnson. Prep for virtual audit, State info will be coming, School meals discussion with Old Adobe, LCAP has new changes, 2 grants pending - Attendance Grant and Early Ed Teacher Grant, Expanded learning workshops by CDC to support children who need it. More in June on extra hours, Staffing and hiring ongoing.
3. River Montessori Foundation: No report
4. Marketing: No report
5. Facilities: No report

### H. Items for Board Consideration

1. Discussion & Action: Circumstances of Emergency Continuance of AB 361 Exemptions: Motion for the RMCS BOD to host meetings virtually after considering 1) the state of emergency and 2) the continued recommendation of state/local officials who recommend social distancing which impacts the ability of the BOD and the public to meet safely.
  - a. Motion: Director Hautau, Second: Director Strong.
  - b. Aye: Hammons, Matthews, Lohrentz, Strong Hautau; Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
2. Discussion: Covid Update, Uptick in Sonoma, Staff masked, all children encouraged to mask.
3. Discussion: Board will meet again June 8 to consider Circumstances of Emergency Continuance.
4. Discussion & Action: Introduction of New Board Member Maude Akognon
  - a. Motion to approve Director Hautau, Second: Director Strong
  - b. Aye: Hammons, Matthews, Lohrentz, Strong, Hautau; Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
5. Discussion: Jennifer Eastwood (Parent) will represent River at CAC (Community Advisory Committee for SOLPA)
  - a. Motion to approve Director Hautau, Second: Director Strong
  - b. Aye: Hammons, Matthews, Lohrentz, Strong, Hautau; Akognon Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
6. Discussion: Exec Dir & Superintendent Eval. 3 year coming up. No action.
7. Discussion & Action: 2022 - 2023 Board Meeting Calendar.

Dates - Aug 10, Sep 7, Oct 12 (Annual Meeting), Nov 9, Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 28, Jan 7th Retreat (9am - 3) Location TBD. (Note: When Bd Packet is sent, respond to Director Hautau to RSVP.)

  - a. Motion to approve Director Hautau, Second: Director Matthews
  - b. Aye: Hammons, Matthews, Lohrentz, Strong, Hautau; Akognon Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

- 8. Discussion & Action: 2020 Form 990 Income Tax Return has been vetted by auditor.
  - a. Motion to approve Director Lohrentz, Second: Director Hautau
  - b. Aye: Hammons, Matthews, Lohrentz, Strong, Hautau; Akognon Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0
- 9. Discussion & Action: Bank Signatures. Remove Paola Conde and add Krystal Johnson as bank signees also to remove Paola Conde and add Krystal Johnson as virtual bank signees.
  - a. Motion to approve Director Hautau, Second: Director Strong
  - b. Aye: Hammons, Matthews, Lohrentz, Strong, Hautau; Akognon Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

**I. Future Agenda Items**

**J. Adjournment**

- 1. Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.:
  - a. Director Hautau, Second: Director Matthews
  - b. Aye: Hammons, Matthews, Lohrentz, Strong, Hautau; Akognon Nay: 0, Abstentions: 0

Notices:

Future Meeting Date(s): Virtual Meetings: 5 p.m., On-Campus Meetings: 6:30 p.m. TBD pending health directives.  
June 9, 2022

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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.

I, Judith Matthews, of the RMCS Board of Directors, hereby certify that these minutes are correct to the best of my ability.

Electronic Signature: *Judith Matthews*

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