

**William S. Hart Union High School District
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board**

March 01, 2017

Closed Session 6:00 p.m.

Public Session 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes
(Unapproved)**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Wm. S. Hart Union High School District Governing Board was called to order by President Messina, at the Administrative Center, 21380 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita, California, at 6:01 p.m.

I.A. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Board Members present:

Mr. Joseph V. Messina, President

Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Clerk

Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Assistant Clerk

Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Member

District Administrators present:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent

Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Ms. Erin Lillibridge, Chief Financial Officer

The President declared a quorum present.

II. First Closed Session

II.A. Public Comments for Closed Session Items

There were no public comments.

II.B. First Closed Session Items

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:02 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

II.B.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) One potential case - Teacher Separation

In Public Session Mr. Messina reported, "In Closed Session the Board took action to approve a separation agreement with a teacher. The substance of the agreement is as follows: 1) Employee's leave is converted from sick leave to administrative leave for the 2016/17 school year, from August 22, 2016, to the present, and the leave continues through to May 31, 2017, 2) Employee resigns, with the last date of service being May 31, 2017, and 3) Employee releases all claims." The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Storli - yes; Sturgeon - yes." [Refer to Closed Session Log 2016/17]

II.B.2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code section 54956.9) Case No. BS157804

II.B.3. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)

In Public Session Mr. Messina reported, "In Closed Session the Board took action to ratify one teacher resignation effective February 24, 2017. The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Storli - yes; Sturgeon - yes." [Refer to Closed Session Log 2016/17]

II.B.4. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.5. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure To Litigation (per Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)) - (16/17-C)

II.C. Reconvene to Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:10 p.m.

III. Organization

III.A. Report of First Closed Session Action

See action taken above in II-B - First Closed Session Items.

III.B. Re-Establishment of Quorum

Board Members present:

Mr. Joseph V. Messina, President

Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Clerk

Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Assistant Clerk

Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Member

District Administrators present:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Ms. Erin Lillibridge, Chief Financial Officer

Guest Present:

Ms. Sue Ann Salmon Evans, legal counsel from Dannis Woliver Kelley

The President declared a quorum present.

III.C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts and Sciences.

III.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Approve the Agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen
Yes Mr. Joseph Messina
Yes Mrs. Linda Storli
Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

III.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2017. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen
Yes Mr. Joseph Messina
Yes Mrs. Linda Storli
Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

IV. Recognitions by Board

V. Communications

V.A. Board Member Reports

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Mrs. Storli (acknowledged the guests from Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts and Sciences and said she has tried to answer every email she received).

V.B. Student Board Member Report

Miss Bartholomew was not present.

V.C. Employee Association Leadership

V.C.1. Hart District Teachers Association (HDTA) President Jayme Allsman

Ms. Allsman reported that professional development workshops will take place during tomorrow's District-wide minimum day. She said HDTA has been supporting continuing education by sending teachers to conferences. She also said that she appreciates the fiscal responsibility of the Hart District.

V.C.2. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 349 President Kathy Hefferon

Ms. Hefferon was not present.

VI. Special Items

VII. Public Comments

Saugus High School teacher Wade Williams thanked District staff for providing an opportunity for film practicum students to work with a Hollywood studio and get insight from professionals during recent filming at the school.

VIII. Discussion Items

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts, and Sciences Charter Renewal Petition Request

Motion Passed: Deny petition for renewal for Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts and Sciences charter school. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Mr. Kuhlman introduced Sue Ann Salmon Evans, legal counsel from Dannis Woliver Kelly, and proceeded to summarize the staff report on Albert Einstein Academy for Letters, Arts and Sciences (AEALAS) which is attached to the agenda of this meeting. He outlined areas of major concern which include findings from the 2014 Fiscal Crisis Management and Assessment Team (FCMAT) extraordinary audit, the school's repeated reporting delinquencies, the school's financial mismanagement and indebtedness, and the unauthorized participation in a larger Charter Management Organization (CMO). He said, the school's troubled governance and management,

together with a lack of transparency and conflicts of interest, result in a lack of accountability and unsatisfactory outcomes for students and the public. Accordingly, District staff recommends denial of the petition for renewal. The full text of Mr. Kuhlman's oral report is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

Discussion ensued between Board members, staff and Ms. Salmon Evans. Ms. Salmon Evans said that until 2012, the school's financial reports showed only local school finances; the FCMAT report was the first inkling that there was a CMO structure and other schools. She said that after learning of the CMO, the District asked AEALAS to seek a revision to its charter, but AEALAS declined. AEALAS was also asked to commit to spending local high school funds only on the local high school, but AEALAS again declined. When asked about the liability to the Hart Board, she explained that the charter authorizer is free from debts if it meets its obligations, but approving a charter knowing it is fiscally mismanaged could cause risk. Twelve public comments were made in support of renewal of the AEALAS charter. Board members suggested AEALAS withdraw from the CMO and submit a new charter request as an independent school.

IX.B. Resolution No. 16/17-33 - Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 16/17-33 to authorize the reduction or elimination of particular kinds of services for the 2017/18 school year. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Dr. Vierra said that due to a shift in Regional Occupational Program (ROP) enrollment and course interest, the District will need to reduce certain assignments for the 2017/18 school year. A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.C. Resolution No. 16/17-34 - Establishment of Criteria for Order of Layoff and Reemployment Following Layoff for Employees With Equal Seniority

Motion Passed: Adopt resolution No. 16/17-34 to authorize the establishment of criteria for order of layoff and reemployment following layoff for employees with equal seniority. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.D. Resolution No. 16/17-32 - Approval of the Use of Junior High School Pupil Grant Eligibility for the Saugus and Hart High School Projects

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 16/17-32 to enable the District to use junior high school grant eligibility for the construction of the new high school classrooms at Saugus and Hart High Schools to maximize the amount of state funding for those projects. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.E. New Board Policy and Administrative Regulations - Second Reading

Motion Passed: Adopt Board Policy 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Mr. Kuhlman presented new Board Policy (BP) 3470 and Administrative Regulation (AR) 3470 - Debt Issuance and Management and new Administrative Regulation (AR) 3311.2 - Lease-Leaseback Contracts for a second reading, copies of which are attached to the agenda of this meeting. No changes were made since the first reading on February 15, 2017.

X. Consent Calendar

X.A. Consent Calendar-Removal of Items

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

X.B. Consent Calendar-Personnel

X.B.1. Personnel Report No. 16/17-13

X.B.2. Competitive Sports Authorizations

X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

X.C.1. Authorization to Attend Out-of-State Conferences - Golden Valley High and Valencia High Schools

X.C.2. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Canyon High, Hart High, Valencia High, West Ranch High, Arroyo Seco Junior High and Rio Norte Junior High Schools

X.C.3. Annual Update of School Site Safety Plans

X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

X.D.1. Agreement for Specialized Secondary Schools Enrollment (Los Angeles County Office of Education)

X.D.2. Amendment No. 3 to Moving Services Agreement (Bekins Moving Solutions, Inc.)

X.D.3. Amendment No. 3 to Moving Services Agreement (Back-up Secondary Vendor - Allstate Van and Storage, Inc.)

X.D.4. Three Year Renewal of Software License (Electude USA - Hart High School)

X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

X.F. Consent Calendar-Requests for Information

X.G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Motion Passed: Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

XI. Items for Future Consideration by the Board

Mr. Jensen asked for follow up on a recent school sports presentation he attended.

Mrs. Storli asked for information on offering first aid and CPR classes to all staff.

XII. Second Closed Session

XIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph V. Messina, President

Steven M. Sturgeon, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date