

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

August 30, 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 Board Clerk Steve Sturgeon, at the Administrative Center, 21380 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita, California, at 6:00 p.m.

**I.A. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

Board Members present:

Mr. Joseph V. Messina, President (arrived 6:10 p.m.)

Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Clerk

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

Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Member

Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Member

District Administrators present:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent

Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Sturgeon 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 6:01 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

**II.B.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(1)) - (17/18-B)**

## **II.B.2. Rejection of Claim No. 16/17-16L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)**

**Motion Passed:** Reject Claim No. 16/17-16L. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

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

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

### **II.C. Reconvene to Public Session**

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:09 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  
Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Member

District Administrators present:

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

The President declared a quorum present.

### **III.C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Public Relations Officer Dave Caldwell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **III.D. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the agenda as amended: DELETE item VIII-B - California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

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

### **III.E. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 9, 2017. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Dr. Cherise Moore.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen  
Yes Mr. Joseph Messina  
Yes Dr. Cherise Moore  
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: Dr. Moore (attended Back to School Night at Golden Valley High School), Mrs. Storli (attended Back to School Nights at Academy of the Canyons, Castaic Middle School and Valencia High School, attended the Castaic Lions Club Barbecue where she accepted an award on behalf of the District and heard three developers talk about plans for new housing communities, will attend Back to School Night at Rio Norte Junior High School tomorrow), Mr. Jensen (said last Friday was opening night of the high school football season, attended part of both local games and both teams won), Mr. Sturgeon (attended the successful WiSH Education Foundation Cocktails on the Roof fundraiser, visited the Castaic High School site today where the walls are beginning to be tilted up, said a new wall will be poured at 1:30 a.m. tomorrow since heat is not good for the concrete), Mr. Messina (attended the Castaic Lions Club Barbecue, attended the Domestic Violence Center's Boys Night Out fundraiser), and Mrs. Engbrecht (welcomed Ralph Peschek to his first Board Meeting as the District's new Chief Financial Officer).

### **V.B. Employee Association Leadership**

#### **V.B.1. Hart District Teachers Association (HDTA) President Jayme Allsman**

Ms. Allsman said last night's Hart High School Wall of Honor ceremony was amazing. She reported that the membership voted to ratify the 2016/17 contract and said the whole contract will be open for negotiation next year. She shared that there are 74 new teachers

this year and she thanked Mr. Messina and Mr. Sturgeon for visiting Placerita Junior High School to tour the new GrowthPoint buildings.

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

Ms. Hefferon did not give a report.

**V.C. School Site Report - Bowman High School**

Bowman High School Principal Robin Geissler gave a presentation on the new Dashboard for Alternative Schools. She said the success of a continuation school cannot be measured from one test and discussed the students served by the alternative dashboard, the work of the alternative education taskforce, and the new measures for alternative schools. Mrs. Geissler reviewed the school's successful transition rates for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2017/18, and discussed 2016/17 goals and results, along with goals for 2017/18. Bowman High School student Napoleon Provencs spoke about his experience at the school. Mrs. Geissler said she hopes a next step would be to open a Paxton/Patterson lab. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation and *Accountability for Alternative Schools in California* are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**VI. Special Items**

**VII. Public Comments**

Saugus resident Bill Dinsenhacher encouraged the District to offer compensation to teachers who receive national certification.

**VIII. Discussion Items**

**VIII.A. Social Media and School Discipline**

Director of Student Services Kathy Hunter gave a presentation on social media and school jurisdiction. She discussed the increase in cyber-related behavior incidents and said that studies on the effects of screen time show a negative correlation to happiness and empathy. She said schools are charged with providing safety while protecting students' rights and freedoms and reviewed court rulings, Assembly Bills 256 and 1729, and other means of correction. She discussed ways to work together: teach kids resistance and resilience, school culture ("If you see something, say something"), and parent apps to monitor teen use. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**VIII.B. 2017 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress**

This item was deleted from the agenda.

**VIII.C. Next Generation Science Standards Rollout**

This item was discussed before item VIII-A.

Director of Curriculum and Assessment Dave LeBarron said the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) focus on teaching science by doing science. He discussed the timeline for course development: the transition advisory team, the junior high pilot program, the addition of a science Teacher on Special Assignment, the high school pilot program, the summer science symposium, and NGSS curriculum in all seventh, eighth and ninth grade classes this year. Teacher on Special Assignment Julie Huffman discussed the recent solar eclipse and the upcoming SOFIA (Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy) mission that will include a group of District teachers; both events that help engage the community in science. Mr. LeBarron said the District is one-third of the way through the transition process and reviewed the focus for this year. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **IX.A. Fee Amendment No. 2 - Division of the State Architect Geotechnical Monitoring and Testing, Special Inspections, and Materials Testing Services for the Saugus High School Auditorium Project (Ninyo & Moore)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve fee amendment No. 2 from Ninyo & Moore. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

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

Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction Mike Otavka said items IX-A - IX-C are for Division of the State Architect (DSA) inspection services required by the state. These firms are employed by the District but accountable to DSA. The services are time-based, over which the District has no control. Contingency funds are being used for each of the three items.

A copy of the support paperwork is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **IX.B. Fee Amendment No. 1 - Division of the State Architect In-Plant Inspection Services for Placerita Junior High School New Classroom Addition Project (MTGL, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve fee amendment No. 1 for MTGL, Inc., for Division of the State Architect in-plant inspection services for Placerita Junior High School New Classroom Addition Project. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Steven Sturgeon.

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

A copy of the support paperwork is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**IX.C. Fee Amendment No. 1 - Division of the State Architect Special Testing and Lab Services for Placerita Junior High School New Classroom Addition Project (MTGL, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve fee amendment No. 1 for MTGL, Inc., for Division of the State Architect special testing and lab services for Placerita Junior High School New Classroom Addition Project. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

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

A copy of the support paperwork is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**IX.D. Fee Amendment No. 1 - Architectural Services for Placerita Junior High School New Classroom Addition Project (WLC Architects, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve fee amendment No. 1 for WLC Architects, Inc., for the Placerita Junior High School New Classroom Addition Project. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

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

Mr. Otavka said that WLC Architects, Inc. (WLC), submitted a fee amendment request based on an increase in overall project costs. He reviewed the request and was able to negotiate a lower fee amendment that is based on additional work added to the scope of services that was beyond WLC's initial proposal. He said the cost of the whole project increased greatly during the bidding process. Mr. Messina asked for a breakdown of costs for the project. Dr. Moore pointed out that there might also be a WLC fee amendment for the Sierra Vista Junior High School New Classroom Addition Project. Mr. Otavka said adjustments are being made to the Sierra Vista project based on the Placerita project. Copies of supporting paperwork are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**IX.E. Resolution No. 17/18-6 - Intent to Dedicate an Easement to Newhall County Water District at Hart High School for Roadway and Utilities Purposes**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Resolution No. 17/18-6 - Intent to Dedicate an Easement to Newhall County Water District at Hart High School for Roadway and Utilities Purposes. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

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

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

**IX.F. Resolution No. 17/18-5 - Electing to Comply with Senate Bill No. 693 Regarding Castaic High School**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 17/18-5 to allow the contractor to comply with Senate Bill No. 693, as opposed to Education Code section 17407.5 as it existed in 2016, regarding Castaic High School. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

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

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

**IX.G. Public Hearing to Review Proposed Amendments to Conflict of Interest Code**

**Motion Passed:** Recommend proposed amended Conflict of Interest Code to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for adoption. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Dr. Cherise Moore.

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

Mr. Messina opened the Public Hearing. Hearing no comments and receiving no written comments, Mr. Messina closed the Public Hearing. A copy of the Conflict of Interest Code is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**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. 17/18-3**

**X.B.2. Memorandum of Understanding Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Hart District Teachers Association Regarding Daily Sixth Period Assignments for Teachers at Saugus High School**

**X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction**

**X.C.1. Recommendation of Textbooks/Instructional Materials Adoption, 2017/18**

**X.C.2. Ratification of Out-of-State Conference Attendance**

**X.C.3. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Saugus High, Valencia High, and West Ranch High Schools.**

**X.C.4. Renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Santa Clarita Valley Youth Project for the 2017/18 School Year**

**X.C.5. Dashboard Alternative School Status Eligibility Certification**

**X.C.6. Animal Care Technologies Online Subscription**

**X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services**

**X.D.1. Purchase Order Report**

**X.D.2. Warrant Register and Revolving Cash Payments**

**X.D.3. Amendment No. 3 to Resolution No. 16/17-24 - Certification of Signatures**

**X.D.4. Purchase of Dairy Products Through Piggyback Contract (Driftwood Dairy)**

**X.D.5. Purchase of Bread Products Through Piggyback Contract (Galassos Bakery)**

**X.D.6. Refund of Developer Fees**

**X.D.7. Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Property**

**X.D.8. Additional Special Education Consultant Agreements, 2017/18**

**X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations**

**X.E.1. Prequalification List Per Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 (July 2017)**

**X.E.2. Change Order No. 1 Saugus High School Auditorium Project Bid Package No. 1 (Triangle Enterprises, Inc.)**

**X.E.3. Change Order No. 2 Saugus High School Auditorium Project Bid Package No. 9 (Pro-Craft Construction, Inc.)**

**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. Robert Jensen and a second by Dr. Cherise Moore.

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

### **XI. Items for Future Consideration by the Board**

Mrs. Storli asked that consideration be given to events of interest District-wide when calendaring school events.

### **XII. Second Closed Session**

### **XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph V. Messina, President

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Steven M. Sturgeon, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings  
of the District:

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Date