

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

January 31, 2018

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 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. Steven M. Sturgeon, President
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Clerk
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Assistant Clerk
Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Member
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Member (arrived 6:12 p.m.)

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
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative 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 6:01 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 (Government Code Section 54956.6 (d)) Case Number: OAH Case No. 2017120173

II.B.2. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)

In Public Session Mr. Sturgeon 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 resigns with last date of service being December 31, 2017; 2) Employee paid from date of October 2017 suspension through December 31, 2017; and, 3) Employee releases all claims." The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Sturgeon - yes." [See Closed Session Log 2017/18]

II.B.3. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.4. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.5. Appointment of Junior High School and High School Principals (per Government Code Section 54957)

II.B.6. Conference with Labor Negotiator (per Government Code Section 54957.6). Agency Designated Representative: Board President. Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent

II.C. Reconvene to Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:08 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. Steven M. Sturgeon, President
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Clerk
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Assistant Clerk
Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Member
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Member
Mr. Scott Watson, Student Board 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
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer

The President declared a quorum present.

III.C. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Administrative Officer Collyn Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Approve the agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

III.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17, 2018. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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 (visited Santa Clarita Valley International (SCVi) Charter School), Mrs. Storli (attended this week's Castaic High School community meeting and said it was very well attended, attended the Chamber of Commerce installation and congratulated Mr. Jensen on being named as a chamber board member, attended a recent Los Angeles County School Trustees meeting featuring

discussion on charter schools), Mr. Jensen (attended District basketball games, attended the Santa Clarita Valley Trustees meeting last week), and Mr. Sturgeon (attended the Castaic High School community meeting which included a presentation by District staff and the developer and said the project is on time and on budget, visited classrooms and met students at SCVi).

V.B. Student Board Member Report

Mr. Watson said basketball "March Madness" season has begun in the Hart District and it provides an opportunity to show school spirit.

V.C. Employee Association Leadership

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

Ms. Allsman mentioned the full house at tonight's meeting due to the upcoming principal appointments and said that 2017/18 negotiations will begin tomorrow.

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

Ms. Hefferon did not give a report.

V.D. School Site Report - Rancho Pico Junior High School

Rancho Pico Junior High School Principal Erum Jones highlighted the school's social inclusion programs. She discussed the consequences of social isolation and showed a video outlining the Yes I Can program, the Peer Tutor program, and the Circle of Friends club, which pairs general education students with special needs students.

VI. Special Items

VI.A. Appointment of Junior High and High School Principals

Motion Passed: Approve the transfer of Jason d'Autremont from principal of Canyon High School to principal of Hart High School effective February 20, 2018. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Motion Passed: Appoint Shellie Holcombe as principal at Canyon High School effective February 20, 2018. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Motion Passed: Appoint John Turner as principal of Placerita Junior High School effective February 20, 2018. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Motion Passed: Appoint Stephen Ford as principal of Valencia High School effective July 1, 2018. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

VII. Public Comments

Saugus resident Bill Dinsenbacher recommended block scheduling and said the increased time allows time for lab experiments. He also said more languages should be offered.

VIII. Discussion Items

VIII.A. Special Education Update

Director of Special Education Sharon Amrhein gave a presentation on the Special Education Department and discussed enrollment numbers and increases, enrollment by eligibility category, non-public school and residential treatment center enrollment (for students with highly specialized needs), budget and the impact on the general fund, and expenditure breakdown and increases. She said the District is reviewed annually for compliance in eleven areas. This year, the District did not meet expectations in one area: least restrictive environment. She explained that the requirement is

that 49.2 percent of all special education students are expected to be in general education classes for 80 percent of their day. The department has created an improvement plan, with input from stakeholders, and has begun implementing changes this semester. Ms. Amrhein also discussed upcoming collaboration events with different community entities. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VIII.B. Presentation on Suicide Awareness and Prevention in the Hart District

Director of Student Services Kathy Hunter shared statistics and said the rate of suicide has increased for all age groups and is now the second leading cause of death for teenagers. She discussed the community-wide ongoing focus on mental health care that includes representatives from law enforcement, churches, health care providers, and local media. She said the Capturing Kids Hearts program, used at many of our schools, focuses on developing relationships. She reviewed Assembly Bill 2246 and said the District has developed a new Board Policy on suicide prevention, and she outlined other actions the District has taken including referral services and development of a post-suicide support guide. She reviewed a timeline of follow up after being notified of a suicide that includes notifications to other students, student support, and family support. She said Text-a-Tip is one tool students have recently used to refer friends for help. A copy of the presentation and other support material is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VIII.C. Revised Board Policy 5030 - First Reading

Board members mentioned that the policy should include emotional wellness. Mrs. Engbrecht suggested including a link to the Board Policy on suicide prevention. Board members suggested including accountability metrics, and creating a separate emotional wellness policy.

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Public Hearing and Adoption of the William S. Hart Union High School District's Initial Proposal for Negotiations with the Hart District Teachers Association for the 2017/18 School Year

Motion Passed: Adopt the bargaining proposal from the William S. Hart Union High School District to the Hart District Teachers Association for the 2017/18 school year. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

IX.B. Public Hearing and Acknowledgment of the Hart District Teachers Association Initial Proposal for Negotiations with the William S. Hart Union High School District for the 2017/18 School Year

Motion Passed: Acknowledge receipt of the Hart District Teachers Association bargaining proposal for negotiations with the William S. Hart Union High School District for the 2017/18 school year. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

IX.C. Resolution No. 17/18-24 Proclaiming February 2018 as Career Technical Education Month

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 17/18-24 proclaiming February 2018 as Career Technical Education Month. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

IX.D. Resolution No. 17/18-25 Recognizing February 5-9, 2018, as National School Counseling Week

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 17/18-25 recognizing February 5-9, 2018, as National School Counseling Week, "School Counselors: Helping Students Reach for the Stars." 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

IX.E. Extension of Superintendent Contract

Motion Passed: Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Contract of Employment Between the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District and Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Mr. Sturgeon summarized Amendment No. 2 to the contract with Vicki Engbrecht, which extends the contract to June 30, 2019, amends the work year to 212 days for the 2017/18 and 2018/19 school years, and amends health benefits after retirement to "two-party." Board Members expressed their thanks and appreciation for her leadership.

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. 17/18-10

X.B.2. Student Teaching Affiliation Agreement Between Grand Canyon University and the William S. Hart Union High School District

X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

X.C.1. Authorization of Out-of-State Travel Requests - Valencia High and West Ranch High Schools and Administrative Center

X.C.2. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Saugus High, Valencia High, West Ranch High and Placerita Junior High Schools

X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

X.D.1. Purchase Order Report

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

X.D.3. Authorization for Financial Consulting Services (Cooperative Strategies)

X.D.4. Refund of Developer Fees

X.D.5. Partnership Award Agreement Between the University of La Verne and the William S. Hart Union High School District

X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

X.E.1. Prequalification List Per Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 (January 2018)

X.E.2. Release Retention for the Castaic High School Rough Grading Package (Ruhnau Clarke Architects)

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 Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI. Items for Future Consideration by the Board

XIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Mr. Sturgeon announced that the February 14, 2018, Regular Board Meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven M. Sturgeon, President

Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date