



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

August 21, 2019

Closed Session 5:30 p.m.

Public Session 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

(unapproved)

**I. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the William S. Hart Union High School District Governing Board was called to order by President Jensen, at the Administrative Center, 21380 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita, California, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Board Members present:

Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., President  
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Clerk  
Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Assistant Clerk  
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Member  
Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Member

District Administrators present:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent  
Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
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 5:31 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

### **II.B.1. Settlement Agreement No. 16/17-13L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Settlement Agreement No. 16/17-13L. 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

### **II.B.2. Settlement Agreement No. 19/20-01SE (per Government Code Section 54956.9)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Settlement Agreement No. 19/20-01SE. 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

### **II.B.3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.2(d)(2)) Significant exposure to litigation**

### **II.B.4. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Non-re-election (per Government Code Section 54957)**

### **II.B.5. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)**

### **II.B.6. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)**

### **II.B.7. Public Employee Appointment/Employment (per Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))**

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

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:17 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. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., President  
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Clerk  
Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Assistant Clerk  
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Member  
Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Member

District Administrators present:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent  
Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer

The President declared a quorum present.

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

Recent Academy of the Canyons graduate Kevin Kuhlman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **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 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 7, 2019. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen  
Yes Mr. Joseph Messina  
Abstain 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: Mr. Sturgeon (attended the dedication and grand opening of Castaic High School and said both were well attended and exciting, mentioned that the Rotary Club held a recent breakfast to honor veterans in the Habitat for Heroes community and over 700 veterans and their families attended), Dr. Moore (said the opening at Castaic High School was wonderful), Mrs. Storli (said the opening at Castaic High School was amazing and she was able to shake hands with the first student who arrived, attended the Burrito Bowl), Mr. Jensen (visited three high schools on opening day and intends to visit others, said Friday will be week zero of this season's football competition), and Mrs. Engbrecht (commended staff from every school and said this is one of the smoothest school openings yet).

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

###### **V.B.1. Hart District Teachers Association (HDTA) President John Minkus**

Mr. Minkus said he toured Castaic High School on Tuesday and was happy to see the excitement on the faces of teachers and students. He mentioned a fear of continuing cost overruns as construction on the school continues. He said HDTA has always worked with the District and made sacrifices when necessary, and he encouraged the Board to carefully analyze data on the looming recession and make necessary adjustments proactively. He said HDTA is working in conjunction with the California Teachers Association to lobby to raise base funding, and he encouraged others to participate with their respective organizations.

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

Mrs. Hefferon said she looks forward to a rewarding year. She discussed the contributions classified employees made toward starting the school year, and she introduced Stephanie Lira, special circumstance assistant at Rancho Pico Junior High School, and thanked her for her service.

##### **V.C. School Site Report - Arroyo Seco Junior High School**

Arroyo Seco Junior High School Principal Andy Keyne outlined the school's communication with families. He reviewed many opportunities for parents to get involved at the school and become partners in the educational process, including chaperoning, supporting specific programs, tutoring, and parent presentations as career panelists in a focus on college and career readiness. He discussed plans for the future and said he is proud of the level of customer service offered at the school. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## VI. Special Items

### VI.A. Public Employee Appointment - Superintendent

Mr. Jensen reported that earlier this year the Board decided to conduct an internal search for the next superintendent and he is pleased to recommend Mike Kuhlman be appointed to Superintendent-elect, to work alongside Mrs. Engbrecht until her retirement and to become the new superintendent immediately upon her retirement.

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Mike Kuhlman as Superintendent-elect, to assume the role of Superintendent of the William S. Hart Union High School District upon the retirement of Mrs. Engbrecht. 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

## VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## VIII. Discussion Items

### VIII.A. Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation - First Reading and Revised and Deleted Board Bylaws - First Reading

Mrs. Engbrecht explained that Board Bylaw (BB) 9321 – Closed Session, and BB 9321.1 – Closed Session Purposes and Agendas, are being combined into one, with changes based on California School Boards Association recommendations due to legislative updates. She explained that while Board practices have followed legislative updates, the bylaw needs to be updated to reflect current law. Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.14 – Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures are being updated to remove references to the High School Exit Exam which is no longer administered.

Copies of the Board Bylaws, Board Policy, and Administrative Regulation are attached to the agenda of this meeting. Board members may suggest changes before the second reading on September 4, 2019.

## IX. Action Items

### IX.A. Resolution No. 19/20-1 - Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement for the Buyout of a Power Purchase Agreement

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-1 - Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Master Equipment Lease-purchase Agreement, Payment Schedule No. 1 to that Agreement, an Escrow Agreement and Equipment Schedule with respect to the Acquisition, Purchase, Financing, and Leasing of Certain Equipment for the Public Benefit Through the Buyout of a Power Purchase

Agreement; Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of Documents Required in Connection Therewith; and Authorizing the Taking of all other Actions Necessary to the Consummation of the Transactions Contemplated by this Resolution. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Mr. Peschek said the energy conservation services agreement approved by the Board in April 2018 consisted of three phases: Proposition 39 energy conservation improvements, additional solar installations, and the buyout of the current Power Purchase Agreement with HSD Solar Holdings. The District is exercising the right to buyout at year seven of the current contract. The attached lease-purchase agreement will make \$20 million in funding available for the buyout on or before October 2019. Projections show a net savings \$16.9 million by exercising the year seven buyout option. Staff has conducted assessments, had the system appraised, and with the assistance of legal counsel and outside consultants was able to reduce the purchase price. An alternative company has been identified to provide maintenance. Copies of the resolution and Master Lease Purchase Agreement are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

#### **IX.B. Fee Amendment No. 1 - Geological Inspection and Testing Services for the Castaic High School Project Increment 2 (R & R Services Corp. DBA Geolabs - Westlake Village)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Fee Amendment No. 1 from Geolabs for geological inspection and testing services for the Castaic High School Project Increment 2. 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

Mike Otavka, Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction, said the cost for this amendment was already included in revised budget projections. A copy of the fee amendment proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

#### **IX.C. Resolution No. 19/20-2 - Supporting Local Control to Determine School Start Times**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Resolution No.19/20-2 - Supporting Local Control to Determine School Start Times. 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

Dr. Moore said she is concerned with maintaining local control but is also in favor of exploring the

benefit of later school times for Hart District students. Other Board Members said they feel it is necessary to oppose SB 328, which would lead to an immediate loss of local control. A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

#### **IX.D. Revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations - Second Reading**

**Motion Passed:** Authorize revision of Board Policy 3350 - Travel Expenses and Board Policy 6174 - Education for English Learners. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Abstain Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Mr. Kuhlman presented revised Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 6174 – Education for English Learners for a second reading, copies of which are attached to the agenda of this meeting. He said there were no requests for changes since the first reading, however, a line regarding students reaching a certain level of proficiency before being moved into a mainstream program was removed from both the BP and AR as it is no longer applicable.

Mr. Peschek presented revised BP and AR 3350 – Travel Expenses for a second reading, copies of which are attached to the agenda of this meeting. He said he received two comments since tonight’s agenda was posted, and an updated revised AR has been attached to the agenda of this meeting.

#### **IX.E. Call for Nominations for California School Boards Association Directors-at-Large for Delegate Assembly**

No action was taken on this item.

### **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. 19/20-3**

##### **X.B.2. Memorandum of Understanding Between William S. Hart Union High School District and Congressional Medal of Honor Society**

##### **X.B.3. Directed Teaching Agreement Between William S. Hart Union High School District and Pepperdine University**

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

**X.C.1. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Saugus and West Ranch High Schools**

**X.C.2. Staff Development for Educators Service Agreement (LeAnn Nickelsen)**

**X.C.3. Kajeet Services Agreement (Hart High School)**

**X.C.4. Flippen Group Capturing Kids' Hearts Campus by Design Renewal Agreement (La Mesa Junior High School)**

**X.C.5. Data Sharing Agreement Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Santa Clarita Community College District**

**X.C.6. Ratification of Instructure Agreement for Canvas Custom Training**

**X.C.7. Agreement Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Child & Family Center of Santa Clarita**

**X.C.8. Agreement Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Sulphur Springs Union School District for the Provision of Counseling Services**

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

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

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

**X.D.3. Addendum to License Contract for Use of Software Personal Computer Products for District Use of Human Resources System and PeopleSoft Financial System (Los Angeles County Office of Education)**

**X.D.4. Ratification of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 17-W224 between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc.**

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

**X.E.1. Ratification of Change Order No. 1 - Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts, and Related Site-Work Project (Golden Phoenix Construction Company Inc. DBA Golden Phoenix Electric - Bid Package No. HA1811A-07)**

**X.E.2. Notice of Completion - Bid Package No. HACP1904A (Rey-Crest Roofing & Waterproofing Co.) Hart High School Building Q Roof Replacement Project**

**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. Steven Sturgeon.

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

Dr. Moore asked to highlight the Kajeet Services agreement which will provide home internet service to needy students at Hart High School.

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

Dr. Moore and Mr. Jensen asked for an enrollment report.

**XII. Second Closed Session**

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert N. Jensen, Jr., President

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Linda H. Storli, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings  
of the District:

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Date