



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

October 16, 2019

Closed Session 6:00 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 6:00 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:

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Director, Student Services (Closed Session student expulsions only)

District Administrator excused:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent

The President declared a quorum present.

**II. First Closed Session**

## **II.A. Public Comments for Closed Session Items**

Santa Clarita resident Steve Petzold read from the preamble of the Brown Act, the law for conduct of public agencies in the State of California. He said that in order to avoid litigation, the Board needs to comply with his cure and correct letters and he is disappointed in the conduct of the Trustees of this district.

Canyon Country resident Elaine Ballace said she is disappointed in the conduct of the Board and she believes they violated the Brown Act and denied the public the right to participate.

## **II.B. First Closed Session Items**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:05 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 case**

In Public Session Mr. Jensen reported, "As part of Closed Session, the Board approved by a 5-0 vote a settlement agreement with Crate Modular, Inc., and authorized the Board President to execute the settlement agreement. The dispute relates to delay claims and additional costs incurred by the District as part of a public works project at Sierra Vista Junior High School. Copies of the settlement agreement are available at the District Office." The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Sturgeon - yes. [See Closed Session Log 2019/20]

### **II.B.2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) - two cases**

In Public Session Mr. Jensen reported, "With regard to the first case, the Board, based on a 5-0 vote, authorized the District's legal counsel to respond to the threat of future litigation." The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Sturgeon - yes. [See Closed Session Log 2019/20]

Mr. Jensen also reported, "With regard to the second case, the Board took no action in Closed Session on this matter."

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

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

**II.B.6. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-05 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**Motion Passed:** Ratify Student Expulsion Report Nos. 19/20-05 and 19/20-06. 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.7. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-06 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

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

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:12 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  
Miss Brooke Friedman, Student Board Member

District Administrators present:

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

District Administrator excused:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent

The President declared a quorum present.

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

Sierra Vista Junior High School Teacher Mike Copenhaver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve the agenda. 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 the Bridge to Home event raising money for homeless families and youth in the Santa Clarita Valley and it was an amazing event), Mrs. Storli (attended the Bridge to Home event), and Mr. Jensen (mentioned the District's outstanding CAASPP [California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress] scores and said Hart District students outperformed the rest of the county and state in every category in every grade).

#### **V.B. Student Board Member Report**

Miss Friedman said students thought it was a good decision to close school on Friday due to the fires, and students definitely feel that the Wellness Centers are beneficial.

#### **V.C. Employee Association Leadership**

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

Mr. Minkus said he visited Golden Valley High School this morning where Title I funds were used to purchase PSAT tests for the entire junior class. He said this is an example of how the Hart District provides opportunities for all students. He plans to attend the California Teachers Association (CTA) State Council in February and is making efforts to get CTA to back the efforts of the Board and HDTA regarding school funding and special education issues. He said teachers have voiced concerns regarding students using the Wellness Centers to avoid tests and schoolwork, and he encouraged the Board to please remember to address the wellbeing of staff, which is important to wellness of students.

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

Ms. Hefferon was not present.

**V.D. School Site Report - Rio Norte Junior High School**

Rio Norte Junior High School Principal Audrey Asplund discussed three components of the school's parent engagement efforts: communication, education, and collaboration. The communication piece includes the Rio Update newsletter that goes out every two weeks, the Rio Reporter quarterly publication that includes teacher lessons and team activities, the school website, and Twitter. Counselor Parent Education Nights are held twice a year and have dealt with social emotional issues, life after high school, choosing a college, and choosing jobs. Sixth Grade Orientation Night is held yearly in March. Mrs. Asplund also highlighted parent involvement opportunities including the Parent/Teacher/Student Association, the annual Reflections Gala and Spelling Bee, three academic awards ceremonies a year, the student of the month program, and volunteering in performing arts programs. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**VI. Special Items**

**VII. Public Comments**

Elaine Ballace said she resents the Board's condescending attitude toward the public.

Steve Petzold said he does not understand the Board's answer to his cure and correct letters as it is non-responsive.

**VIII. Discussion Items**

**VIII.A. California School Dashboard Local Indicators**

Director of Curriculum and Assessment Dave LeBarron said the local indicators on the California School Dashboard are a self-reflection tool that deals with district information and are designed to facilitate conversation at the district level. He introduced the five Local Indicator standards and reviewed Hart District performance in each area. He said there was increased parent engagement in the process this year including English Learner and homeless families. Input gathered from stakeholders is used to determine areas of focus for the next year. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **VIII.B. Math Program Update**

Director of Curriculum and Assessment Dave LeBarron, Curriculum Specialist Roslyn Denny, and Math Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) Alexis Hyde gave an update on the Hart District math program. They reviewed summer school math classes that students can take to change their math placement for the next year. They discussed an improved flow of each class into the next and new classes available to non-STEM seniors in order to encourage a fourth year of math. In addition, they outlined teacher supports, including collaborative lesson planning time, math TOSA support, and lesson roadmaps. They are working to make sure that procedures for placing students in math classes, math course descriptions, and the progression roadmap are consistent District-wide. There was one public comment. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **VIII.C. Revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations - First Reading**

Mr. Kuhlman presented Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment and BP and AR 6020 – Parent Involvement for a first reading, copies of which are attached to the agenda of this meeting. He said revisions are being made to update wording based on California School Boards Association recommendations and compliance with federal program monitoring. Dr. Moore said the sexual harassment policy might need additional updates based on AB 543. Mr. Sturgeon mentioned that the District already provides the parent compact referenced in the Parent Involvement policy. Director of Special Programs and Staff Development Jan Daisher explained that though already in compliance, Title I schools are obligated to post certain requirements.

### **VIII.D. Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Summary - July 1 - September 30, 2019**

Mr. Kuhlman reported that there were no Williams Uniform Complaints filed for the period of July 1-September 30, 2019. A copy of the summary is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **IX.A. Consideration of Unconditional Commitment to Cease and Desist (per Government Code Section 54960.2(c))**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Unconditional Commitment Letter. 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

Mr. Jensen read a prepared statement as an introduction to this item. Copies of the statement and Unconditional Commitment Letter are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**IX.B. Public Disclosure of Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Hart District Teachers Association**

**Motion Passed:** Accept the Public Disclosure of the financial impact of an agreement with the Hart District Teachers Association. 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

Mr. Peschek said the proposed agreement has no financial impact. A copy of the Los Angeles County Office of Education public disclosure form is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**IX.C. Ratification of 2018/19 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Hart District and the Hart District Teachers Association**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the tentative agreement between Hart District Teachers Association and the Wm. S. Hart Union High School District for the 2018/19 academic year. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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

**IX.D. Award of Bid Package No. SA 1909A - Saugus High School Tennis Court Resurfacing Project (California Surfacing)**

**Motion Passed:** Award the bid package for the Saugus High School Tennis Court Resurfacing Project to the lowest responsive/responsible bidder, California Surfacing. 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

A copy of the bid comparison 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. 19/20-7**

**X.B.2. Memorandum of Understanding Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Hart District Teachers Association Regarding Co-Teaching Evaluations for the 2019/2020 School Year**

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

#### **X.C.1. Recommendation of Textbook/Instructional Materials Adoption, 2019/20**

#### **X.C.2. Request to Attend Events Out-of-State - West Ranch High School**

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

#### **X.C.4. Request for Overnight/Out-of-State Trip (Ratification) - Hart High School**

#### **X.C.5. Revisions to Single Plan for Student Achievement**

#### **X.C.6. Ratification of Agreement for Off-Campus Events on Behalf of Associated Student Body (Wolf Connection)**

#### **X.C.7. Agreement for On-Campus Events on Behalf of Associated Student Body (Demontray Hankins)**

#### **X.C.8. Data Sharing Agreement between the Santa Clarita Community College District and the William S. Hart Union High School District - Amendment No. 1**

#### **X.C.9. Ratification of College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement - Amendment No.1**

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

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

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

**X.D.3. Ratification of Contracts for Associated Student Body Activities**

**X.D.4. Purchasing through California-Approved Piggyback Contracts**

**X.D.5. Acceptance of Donations**

**X.D.6. Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment**

**X.D.7. Agreement Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Western Governors University Regarding Student Teaching**

**X.D.8. Ratification of Strong Workforce Program Regional Funding Subcontract Agreement**

**X.D.9. Special Education Consultant Agreements, 2019/20**

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

**X.E.1. Prequalification List Per Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 (July 2019)**

**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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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

Dr. Moore asked for information on how AB1729 will impact the District, plans to implement SB328, and discussion on booster club funding of coaches.

**XII. Second Closed Session**

### XIII. Adjournment

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 9:23 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

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