



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

November 20, 2019  
Closed Session 5:15 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 5:17 p.m.

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

Board Members present:

Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., President  
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Clerk (arrived 5:33 p.m.)  
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  
Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Director, Student Services (Closed Session student expulsions only)

The President declared a quorum present.

**II. First Closed Session**

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

Mia Reed spoke on behalf of Nakia Dillard and said she is a long-time District employee with above average evaluations.

Jessica Morrow, California School Employees Association Labor Relations Representative, said Nakia Dillard has worked for the District for 13 years, has never had a negative evaluation, and is an exemplary employee.

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

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:22 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 (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) Significant exposure to litigation - one case**

### **II.B.2. Settlement Agreement No. 16/17-17L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)**

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

### **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. 19/20-07 (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-07 and ratify Student Expulsion Report Nos. 19/20-08 and 19/20-09. 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

**II.B.7. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-08 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**II.B.8. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-09 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**II.B.9. Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services (per Government Code Section 54957)**

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

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

Mr. Jensen asked for a moment of silence for the students who passed away as a result of the tragedy at Saugus High School. He discussed activities planned to support the healing process for students and staff, thanked the community for their support, and said the Board plans to recognize first responders at an upcoming meeting. He dedicated the meeting to the students, families, teachers, and staff of Saugus High School.

**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:

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**

West Ranch High School student Robert Seidel 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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

#### **III.E.1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2019**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 6, 2019, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2019. 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

#### **III.E.2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2019**

## **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 (said that to lose three students out of approximately 23,000 is too many, the community's response is a reflection of the culture in Santa Clarita, and we will move forward to the best of our ability), Mr. Messina (said the way the community has come together in support of our schools is phenomenal), Dr. Moore (has tried to get to each of the schools in the last week to thank staff, has listened to many voices, said the tragedy won't break us, thanked District staff for their tireless work, said she is looking forward to healing together), Mrs. Storli (said she was a teacher at Canyon High School for 30 years and she is grateful for lockdown drills, said she was at

the reunification point and heard many times how wonderful the staff response was during the crisis), and Mr. Jensen (said his heart aches for the families and friends of Gracie and Dominic and for the students who were injured, said he is grateful for the first responders, the staff at Saugus High School, his fellow Board members, and District leadership).

Mrs. Engbrecht commended the staff at Saugus High School and said they are heroes who saved lives. She said the leadership of Principal Ferry and the Saugus leadership team has been so strong. She thanked District Office staff and the leadership team who stepped up to tirelessly support the schools and thanked the Board for their support.

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

Miss Friedman thanked first responders, said she is thankful for active shooter drills, and said Santa Clarita is not going to be remembered for what happened on Thursday but will become stronger because of it.

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

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

Mr. Minkus extended condolences to the families of those lost. He thanked the entire community for their response. He said he is grateful that the District has taken actions to prepare for different emergency situations and he is proud of the response by the Saugus High School students and staff. He said HDTA is a ready and willing partner in the work to make schools safe, nurturing places for students.

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

Ms. Hefferon said the effects of the Saugus tragedy have reached every corner of the District and it is her hope that, together, the community will be able to heal from the hurt and fear. She offered support on behalf of CSEA.

### **V.D. School Site Report - Sequoia School**

Sequoia School Principal Catherine Nicholas discussed parent engagement and family support at the school. She explained that Sequoia School serves students with severe emotional disturbances and said mental illness affects the whole family. The school offers educational opportunities for families through Parent Advisory Committee meetings and Parent Universities. New this year is a coffee and conversation with the principal once a month. Parents are welcomed guests at the wellness fair, talent show, and career fair. Mrs. Nicholas discussed the new student intake process which involves parents, a psychologist, and the coordinator of counseling services. All parents participate in Educationally Related Intensive Counseling Services (ERICS). The school has a supportive community that participates in fundraisers, committees, and donations, and parents also provide input through surveys and the school site council. Sequoia recently won a Golden Bell

Award and the video created for the application was shown. Mr. Kuhlman pointed out that there are five ERICS counselors at Sequoia, a small portion of the 50 ERICS counselors deployed throughout the Hart District and local elementary schools. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## **VI. Special Items**

### **VI.A. Appointment of Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Kathy Hunter as Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services. 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

## **VII. Public Comments**

Saugus High School parent Matt Watson said the staff at Saugus High School and the Hart District are heroes. He thanked Mr. Kuhlman for his communications with Saugus families and for his leadership.

Canyon Country resident Jack Kurtz said the District is doing good things toward school safety, but unless schools have the same security as airports, courthouses, and federal buildings, schools are not safe.

Valencia High School student Alexandra Grande said the tragedy last week hurt everyone in Santa Clarita and we need more mental health professionals at all our schools.

Saugus High School parent Tracy Hild expressed gratitude for quick communications and said it made her feel confident in the Board and District staff.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

### **VIII.A. Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5125 - Student Records - First Reading**

Mr. Kuhlman presented revised Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5125 - Student Records for a first reading, a copy of which is attached to the agenda of this meeting. He said revisions are being made based on California School Boards Association recommendations. Board members may make suggestions for changes before the second reading.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **IX.A. Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School Petition for Renewal**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt the staff report and approve Santa Clarita Valley International School's petition for charter renewal, effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025. 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

Mr. Kuhlman said the Hart District has chartered Santa Clarita Valley International School (SCVi) since 2008. The current charter expires in June 2020 and the school has presented a petition for renewal effective July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2025, which was presented to the Board at the November 6 Governing Board meeting. He explained that California Education Code requires charter schools to perform at similar levels to other schools in the District, but also allows the Board to exercise discretion to consider renewal under alternative measures. The staff report attached to the agenda discusses the standards for review. Mr. Kuhlman said SCVi has demonstrated increases in academic performance and he recommends the Board exercise its discretion and approve the renewal. SCVi student Gabrielle Gomez presented a banner she made for Saugus High School. Copies of the petition for renewal and staff report are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **IX.B. Resolution No. 19/20-12 - Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the 2019 General Obligation Refunding Bonds**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-12 to authorize the issuance, sale and delivery of the Refunding Bonds and take related actions. 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

Mr. Peschek said the District has identified an opportunity to provide tax relief to the community through the refinancing of general obligation bonds. Refunding of Measure SA bonds in 2016 resulted in a \$3.69 million tax savings. The current refunding is anticipated to provide tax relief of \$10 million. The District will receive no proceeds from the refunding; instead, it will provide a lowered tax rate to the community. When asked how the District will notify the community, Mr. Peschek responded that the District will issue a press release.

Jesse Landre, Associate Director, Cooperative Strategies, reviewed interest rates during the life of the bonds, the process of monitoring bonds, the current refunding opportunity, and the timeline for next steps. When asked if there is an expected interest rate change by the date of issuance, Mr. Landre said they will monitor the market and release at the right time.

Copies of the presentation, resolution, and associated documents are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

#### **IX.C. Resolution No. 19/20-14-Intention to Eliminate/Reduce Classified Positions**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-14 to authorize the intention to eliminate/reduce three positions in the classified service. 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 resolution is attached.

#### **IX.D. New Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, Deletion of a Current Board Policy and Administrative Regulation, and Revised Board Bylaw and Administrative Regulation - Second Reading**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt new Board policies (BP) 0460 - Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and BP 6171 - Title I Programs, and approve revised Board Bylaw 9150 - Student Board Members. 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

Mr. Kuhlman presented new Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 0460 - Local Control and Accountability, new BP and AR 6171 - Title I Programs, and Revised Board Bylaw and AR 9150 - Student Board Members for a second reading. He said no changes were made since the first reading on November 6, 2019. Copies of the policies and regulations are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**IX.E. Resolution No. 19/20-13 - Supporting a Complete Count of Communities, Families, and Students in the 2020 Census**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Resolution No. 19/20-13 - Supporting a Complete Count of Communities, Families, and Students in the 2020 Census. 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

Dr. Moore pointed out the importance of a proper Census count to school funding and said the Census department is hiring. A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**IX.F. Call for Nominations for California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly**

No action was taken on this item.

**IX.G. Governing Board Organizational Meeting Date - 2019**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board for December 11, 2019, at 7:00 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**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. 19/20-9**

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

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

**X.C.2. Authorization to Attend Out-of-State Event - Bowman High School**

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

**X.C.4. Service Agreement (Reading Horizons)**

**X.C.5. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting Minutes**

**X.C.6. School Plan for Student Achievement: 2019/20**

**X.C.7. Revisions to School Plan for Student Achievement**

**X.C.8. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between iLead Lancaster Charter School and the William S Hart Union High School District**

**X.C.9. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Castaic Union School District and the William S. Hart Union High School District**

**X.C.10. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Mission View Charter School and the William S. Hart Union High School District**

**X.C.11. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Santa Clarita Valley International Charter School and the William S Hart Union High School District**

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

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

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

**X.D.3. Purchasing through California-Approved Piggyback Contracts**

**X.D.4. Ratification of Contracts for Associated Student Body Activities**

**X.D.5. Acceptance of Donation**

**X.D.6. Acceptance of Monetary Donations**

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

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

**X.E.1. Bond Oversight Committee Member Term Extension (Measure SA)**

**X.E.2. Fee Amendment No. 9 - Castaic High School (Ruhnau Clarke Architects)**

**X.E.3. Fee Amendment No. 10 - Castaic High School (Ruhnau Clarke Architects)**

**X.E.4. License Agreement Regarding West Ranch High School Between the Wm. S. Hart Union High School District and SCS Engineers, LCC, and Chiquita Canyon Landfill**

**X.E.5. Ratification of Contracts Issued Between October 1, 2019, and October 31, 2019, for Miscellaneous Facilities Construction Projects**

**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 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

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

**XII. Second Closed Session**

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:52 in memory of the lives lost and students injured at Saugus High School. 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

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