



William S. Hart Union High School District
Regular/Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board
December 11, 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
Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Assistant Clerk
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Member (arrived 5:23 p.m.)
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 Business Officer
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer
Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Director, Student Services

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 5:18 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

II.B.1. Rejection of Claim No. 19/20-07L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)

Motion Passed: Reject Claim No. 19/20-07L. 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

II.B.2. Rejection of Claim No. 18/19-20L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)

Motion Passed: Reject Claim No. 18/19-20L. 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. Settlement Agreement No. 19/20-08SE (per Government Code Section 54956.9)

Motion Passed: Approve Settlement Agreement No. 19/20-08SE. 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

II.B.4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)) - Case No. 19STCV18729

In Public Session Mr. Jensen reported, "In Closed Session the Board took action to approve a settlement agreement in LASC Case No. 19STCV18729. The substance of the agreement is as follows: 1) Employee to be assigned 60 percent work assignment for the first semester of the 2019/20 school year, 2) Employee dismisses lawsuit with prejudice, 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 2019/20]

**II.B.5. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/
Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)**

In Public Session Mr. Jensen reported, "In Closed Session the Board took action to approve a separation agreement with a campus supervisor. The substance of the agreement is as follows: 1) Employee remains on administrative leave through December 31, 2019, and then resigns as of that date, and 2) Employee releases all claims." The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Sturgeon - yes. [See Closed Session Log 2019/20]

In Public Session Mr. Jensen also 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 June 30, 2020. Employee to remain on administrative leave through that date, and 2) Employee releases all claims." The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Sturgeon - yes. [See Closed Session Log 2019/20]

II.B.6. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.7. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.8. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) Significant exposure to litigation - one case

II.C. Reconvene to Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:00 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:

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

The President declared a quorum present.

III.C. Pledge of Allegiance

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Commander Lewis 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 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 November 20, 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

IV. Recognitions by Board

IV.A. Recognition of First Responders

Mrs. Engbrecht thanked Commander Lewis, Lieutenant Fender, Sergeant Pokorney, and the school resource officers for the exemplary service they provided responding to the tragic shooting at Saugus High School on November 14. Commander Lewis introduced each school resource officer and the Board presented a certificate of appreciation.

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 the annual California School Boards Association (CSBA) Conference was excellent, said the keynote speaker was a scientist who discussed jobs and the next revolution: biotechnology, attended sessions on security, finance, budget, and school funding issues), Mr. Messina (attended the Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner and said it was great to see so many District students serving), Dr. Moore (attended the CSBA Conference, Delegate Assembly meeting, and the Golden Bell reception on behalf of Sequoia School; attended the 5th anniversary Stream Kids Expo (organization founded by former Saugus High School student Niamani Knight) where Saugus High School Principal Vince Ferry was recognized with a founder award; attended Sunday's Los Angeles Rams game where Saugus High School was recognized), and Mr. Jensen (visited several school sites, attended the CSBA Conference).

V.B. Student Board Member Report

Miss Friedman said students discussed the pros and cons to a longer Thanksgiving break, the importance of having therapists on campus, and wellness centers at the most recent Student Communications Council meeting. She also said Hart High School's Associated Student Body (ASB) had a gift wrapping event and invited Saugus High School's ASB to join them.

V.C. Employee Association Leadership

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

Mr. Minkus did not give a report.

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

Ms. Hefferon did not give a report.

VI. Special Items

VII. Public Comments

Saugus High School parent Larry Alvarez said he is grateful to the school staff, commended Vince Ferry, and said the District needs to work on prevention measures and update security plans.

Canyon Country resident Jack Kurtz said there is security at a Dodger game but not at a high school football game. He urged not to forget lives lost by making sure that nothing like this never happens again, and he requested that safety be a continued agenda item.

State Senator Scott Wilk said that while all agree more needs to be done toward school security, the Hart District has been proactive, and he is very impressed with the response of students and staff. He mentioned that the state auditor read the Saugus High School safety plan and remarked that it is the most thorough he has seen for a school.

VIII. Discussion Items

IX. Action Items

IX.A. First Interim Financial Report

Motion Passed: Approve the 2019/20 First Interim Financial Report and adopt a positive certification pursuant to California Education Code Section 42131. 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 explained that the adopted budget is based on May projections, the unaudited actuals reflect 2018/19 ending balances, and the first interim is based on the current, adopted state budget. He reviewed Local Control Funding Formula allotments and the supplemental and mandate block grants. He discussed ongoing and one-time funding and the effect on multiyear planning and differences between the adopted budget and first interim numbers. He said there is a \$12.9 million operating deficit for 2019/20, and projections show deficit spending of \$12.9 million for 2020/21, \$871,000 for 2021/22, and smaller deficit balances for the following two years. It has been predicted that the COLA (cost of living adjustment) could be smaller this year, which would have a significant impact to budget projections and could result in negative certifications. Copies of the report and presentation are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.B. Site-Based Decision - Sequoia School

Motion Passed: Approve the site-based decision at Sequoia School regarding a seven period daily schedule. 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

Support material 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. 19/20-10

X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

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

X.C.2. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Hart High, Saugus High, and Valencia Schools

X.C.3. Request for Overnight/Out-of-State Trip (Ratification) - Saugus High School

X.C.4. Staff Development for Educators Service Agreement (Bryan Harris)

X.C.5. Revisions to School Plans for Student Achievement

X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

X.D.1. Purchase Order Report

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

X.D.3. Agreement for Fiscal and Budget Services (School Services of California, Inc.)

X.D.4. Award of Scholarships

X.D.5. Acceptance of Donation

X.D.6. Acceptance of Monetary Donations

X.D.7. Purchasing through California-Approved Piggyback Contracts

X.D.8. Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment

X.D.9. Additional Nonpublic Schools, 2019/2020

X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

X.E.1. Fee Amendment No. 1 District-Wide Comprehensive Hazardous Waste Materials

Handling and Disposal Program (Advanced Chemical Transport, Inc., DBA ACTenviro)

X.E.2. Ratification of Change Order No. 6 - Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building Project (American Modular Systems, 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 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. Organizational Meeting Items

XI.A. Election of Board Officers - December 2019 to Organizational Meeting 2020

Motion Passed: Elect Mrs. Storli as President of the Governing Board, December 2019 to the Organizational Meeting of December 2020. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Motion Passed: Elect Dr. Moore as Clerk of the Governing Board, December 2019 to the Organizational Meeting of December 2020. 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: Elect Mr. Messina as Assistant Clerk of the Governing Board, December 2019 to the Organizational Meeting of December 2020. 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

XI.B. Presentation to Past President

Mrs. Engbrecht presented Mr. Jensen with a plaque and thanked him for his leadership during the last year. State Senator Scott Wilk and a representative from Assemblywoman Christy Smith's office presented Mr. Jensen with certificates. Additional certificates from Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger and the City of Santa Clarita were presented.

XI.C. Appointment of Secretary to the Board

Motion Passed: Designate Mrs. Engbrecht as secretary to the Board. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI.D. Resolution No. 19/20-16 - Certification of Signatures

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-16 certifying the verified signatures of individuals authorized to sign orders in the Governing Board's name for the period of December 12, 2019, through December 31, 2020, and thereby directing staff to file the certification of signatures with the County Superintendent of Schools. 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

XI.E. Resolution No. 19/20-17 - Compensation for Governing Board Members Excused from Meetings in 2020

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-17 authorizing compensation for Governing Board members excused as specified from meetings during the 2020 calendar year. 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

XI.F. Resolution No. 19/20-18 - Board Member Travel Authorization

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-18 authorizing reimbursement to the Governing Board for actual and necessary travel expense reimbursements for the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI.G. Resolution No. 19/20-15 - Appointment of Representatives to Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-15 - Appointment of Representatives to Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation and appoint Dr. Moore and Mr. Kuhlman as representatives to the Foundation. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI.H. Resolution No. 19/20-19 - Appointment of Representatives to Saugus/Hart School Facilities Financing Authority

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 19/20-19 appointing representatives to the Saugus/Hart School Facilities Financing Authority and appoint Mr. Jensen and Mr. Kuhlman as representatives to the Financing Authority. 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

XI.I. Appointment of Representatives to Audit and Finance Committee

Motion Passed: Appoint Dr. Moore and Mr. Jensen to serve one-year terms on the Audit and Finance Committee. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina 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.J. Appointment of Representatives to Facility Modernization/Construction Monitoring Committee

Motion Passed: Appoint Mr. Messina and Mr. Sturgeon to serve one-year terms on the Facility Modernization/Construction Monitoring Committee. 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

XI.K. Appointment of Representatives to Board Policy Review Committee

Motion Passed: Appoint Mr. Messina and Mrs. Storli to serve one-year terms on the Board Policy Review Committee for 2020. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI.L. Appointment of Representatives to Citizens' Oversight Committees' Membership Selection Committee

Motion Passed: Appoint Mr. Messina and Mr. Sturgeon to serve one-year terms on the Citizens' Oversight Committees' Membership Selection Committee. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI.M. Appointment of Representative to WiSH Education Foundation

Motion Passed: Appoint Dr. Moore to serve a one-year term on the WiSH Education Foundation Board of Directors. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI.N. Appointment of Representatives to Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization

Motion Passed: Appoint Mr. Jensen to serve on the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization for 2020. 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

XI.O. Appointment of Representatives to Los Angeles County School Trustees Association

Motion Passed: Appoint Dr. Moore to serve as the Board's representative and Mrs. Storli to serve as the alternate on the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association for 2020. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI.P. Appointment of Representatives to Special Education Board Liaison Committee

Motion Passed: Appoint Mr. Jensen to serve as the Board's representative and Mr. Sturgeon as the alternate on the Special Education Board Liaison Committee for 2019. 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

XII. Second Closed Session

XIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. 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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H. Storli, President

Cherise G. Moore, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date