



William S. Hart Union High School District
Regular Meeting of the Governing Board
February 05, 2020

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 Storli, 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:

Mrs. Linda H. Storli, President
Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Clerk
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Assistant Clerk (arrived 5:36 p.m.)
Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Member
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., 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 5:31 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

II.B.1. Rejection of Claim No. 19/20-09L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)

Motion Passed: Reject Claim No. 19/20-09L. 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. 18/19-14L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)

Motion Passed: Approve Settlement Agreement No. 18/19-14L. 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

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

II.B.7. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) - Alliance Building Solutions vs. Santa Clarita Electrical, Inc., et al. (19CHCV00531)

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:

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

Saugus High School student Andrew Gardetto 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. 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

III.E. Approval of Minutes

III.E.1. Approval of Minutes - Regular/Organizational Meeting of December 11, 2019

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular/Organizational Meeting of December 11, 2019. 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

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

III.E.2. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of January 15, 2020

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2020. 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: Abstain

IV. Recognitions by Board

IV.A. Saugus High School Recognitions

Mr. Kuhlman introduced Saugus High School Principal Vince Ferry. Mr. Ferry asked audience members to pause and reflect on Gracie Muehlberger and Dominic Blackwell. He introduced students and staff who went above and beyond in aiding injured students on November 14, 2019, and explained the role that each student and staff member performed. The Board thanked each person and presented each with a certificate. Mr. Kuhlman thanked Mr. Ferry for his exceptional leadership, strength and courage.

V. Communications

V.A. Board Member Reports

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Mr. Jensen (enjoyed recent visits to school sites), Mr. Sturgeon (attended the SCV Trustees Association meeting, said trustees from all other districts complimented the positive way the Hart District is supporting Saugus High School and the way the incident at the school was handled, and the trustees recognized Mrs. Engbrecht for her long history with the District), Dr. Moore (said Santa Clarita is the third largest city in Los Angeles County and the community is becoming more diverse, said connectedness is an important part of wellness, and she is interested in hearing about school activities for Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month, said Mrs. Storli was recognized at the SCV Trustees meeting for her four years as president), Mr. Messina (highlighted the accomplishments of Black inventors Lonnie Johnson and Charles Drew), and Mrs. Storli

(visited La Mesa Junior High School to observe the no cell phone policy, plans to visit Rancho Pico Junior High School where the same policy is being considered, visited the new Castaic High School buildings scheduled to open soon).

V.B. Student Board Member Report

Miss Friedman said students provided input on the Local Control and Accountability Plan at the recent Student Communications Council Meeting. She said the upcoming meetings with school safety experts were discussed, and students are sad to see Mrs. Engbrecht leave.

V.C. Employee Association Leadership

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

Mr. Minkus thanked Kathy Hunter for her role in the Saugus High School evacuation on November 14, 2019.

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 - Valencia High School

Valencia High School Principal Steve Ford said the school is working to move in a direction representative of the community. He discussed efforts to overcome cynicism by creating opportunities to ask and listen at various meetings with parents, and he reviewed some common themes that were heard. He outlined some of the school's responses including, Apex Learning as a supplemental program; new Medical Science Academy pathway development (emergency medicine and mental health); working on creative ways to connect; proactive counseling ideas; library renovation to encourage collaboration; efforts to increase access to programs and classes; and the wellness center, which was created by students. He mentioned the school motto, We are one Viking, and said the goal is for every student to experience success. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VI. Special Items

VII. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

VIII. Discussion Items

VIII.A. Educationally Related Intensive Counseling Services Program (ERICS) and Counseling Update

Dr. Betty said there are approximately 50 therapists employed in the ERICS, Designated Instructional Services (DIS), and school based counseling programs, all assigned to various sites to

enable them to better respond to student crises and collaborate with educational professionals. He explained that the ERICS program functions in all five local school districts, with over 1400 students and families served each year. Dr. Betty shared examples of positive feedback he has received from parents and staff. He said counselors are available to respond to a tragic event at any campus, and they responded immediately on November 14. The department has coordinated with over 20 community agencies since then to provide services to thousands of students. He said the department conducts approximately 75 suicide threat assessments each week, and their work is preventative, responsive, and potentially lifesaving. He has seen a sharp increase in referrals in recent years. He explained that social and emotional supports build strong communities that contribute to student safety, and he thanked the Board for their support.

Miss Friedman left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Amendment No. 1 to Construction Services Agreement for the Castaic High School Project By and Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Castaic HS Construction, Inc.

Motion Passed: Ratify Amendment No. 1 to the Construction Services Agreement for the Castaic High School Project By and Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Castaic HS Construction, Inc. 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
Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

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

IX.B. Change Order No. 1 - Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts and Related Site Work Project (Bid Package No. HA1811A-08 - Golden Phoenix Electric)

Motion Passed: Approve Change Order No. 1 for the Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts and Related Site Work Project from Golden Phoenix Electric. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen 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

A copy of the change order request is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.C. Fee Amendment No. 1 - Division of the State Architect Inspection Services for the Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts and Related Site Work Project (RS Martin Construction Services)

Motion Passed: Approve Fee Amendment No. 1 from RS Martin Construction Services for Division of the State Architect Inspection Services for the Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts and Related Site Work Project. 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

A copy of the fee amendment request is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

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

Motion Passed: Adopt new Board policies and approve revised Board policies: new BP 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights, revised BP - District Residency, revised BP 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus, revised BP 5113 - Absences and Excuses, and new BP 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity, with the addition of previous approval and revision dates to each policy. 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

Mr. Kuhlman presented revised Board policy (BP) and administrative regulation (AR) 5111.1 - District Residency, revised BP 5112.5 - Open/Closed Campus, revised BP and AR 5113 - Absences and Excuses, and new BP and AR 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity for a second reading. He said revisions were made based on suggestions from the Board at the first reading on January 15. Copies of the BPs and ARs are 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. 19/20-12

X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

X.C.1. Recommendation of Textbooks/Instructional Materials Adoption, 2019/20

X.C.2. Requests to Attend Out-of-State Events - Bowman High, Canyon High, Saugus High, and Valencia High Schools, and the Administration Center

X.C.3. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Canyon High, Saugus High, Valencia High, West Ranch High and Placerita Junior High Schools

X.C.4. Ratification of Agreement for Professional Services (Gradeslam, Inc.)

X.C.5. Revisions to School Plans for Student Achievement (Bowman High School, La Mesa Junior High School and Sierra Vista Junior High School)

X.C.6. Purchase of Nepris Subscription

X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

X.D.1. Amendment Two to Agreement for Digital Curriculum Solutions (Apex Learning Inc.)

X.D.2. Amendment Three to Agreement for Digital Curriculum Solutions (Apex Learning Inc.)

X.D.3. Acceptance of Donation

X.D.4. Acceptance of Monetary Donations

X.D.5. Purchasing through California-Approved Piggyback Contracts

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

X.D.7. Declaration of Computers and Other Computer-Related Accessories, Instructional Materials, and Other Miscellaneous Items as Obsolete and Surplus Property

X.D.8. Affiliation Agreement Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Idaho State University

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

X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

X.E.1. Annual Update of District and School Site Safety Plans

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 Mr. Robert Jensen 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

XI. Items for Future Consideration by the Board

Dr. Moore asked for information on activities held/planned at the school sites for Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month. She also asked for a presentation on the state's Student Mental Health Policy Workgroup at a future meeting.

Mrs. Storli would like first aid training to be available to all employees, and for staff to look into instituting a no cell phone policy at all District junior high schools.

XII. Second Closed Session

XIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. in honor of the heroes at Saugus High School. 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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H. Storli, President

Cherise G. Moore, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date