



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

February 19, 2020  
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 Storli, 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:

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

District Administrators present:

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Business Officer  
Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Director, Student Services

District Administrator excused:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent  
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 6:01 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

### **II.B.1. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)**

In Public Session Mrs. Storli reported, "In Closed Session the Board took action to non-reelect one teacher and one counselor for the 2020/21 school year." 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 Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)**

### **II.B.3. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)**

### **II.B.4. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-10 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**Motion Passed:** Ratify Student Expulsion Report Nos. 19/20-10, 19/20-13, and 19/20-14. 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

### **II.B.5. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-11 (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-11. 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

**II.B.6. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-13 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**II.B.7. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-14 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

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

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:08 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:

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Deputy Superintendent  
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources  
Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Business Officer

District Administrators excused:

Mrs. Vicki Engbrecht, Superintendent  
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer

The President declared a quorum present.

**III.C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Cambria and Maci Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve the agenda. 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

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 5, 2020. 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

## **IV. Recognitions by Board**

### **IV.A. Recognition of the Lawrence Family**

Mr. Kuhlman said that in 2018, Cambria and Maci Lawrence came up with a plan to equip every classroom in the Hart District with emergency bleed response kits, worth over \$100 per kit, and provide staff training for their use. These kits were used at Saugus High School on November 14, 2019. The Board recognized each member of the family for their life-saving contribution and presented them with certificates. Mr. Kuhlman said that the family and a team of nurses will visit each school site in the spring for additional hands-on training.

### **IV.B. Recognition of the William S. Hart Education Foundation (WiSH)**

Mr. Kuhlman reviewed a list of some of the most recent contributions made by the WiSH Education Foundation and said their work is critical to the Hart District and supports academic and extra-curricular growth. He thanked them for their monumental support in rapidly creating a wellness center at Saugus High School and plans to renovate the school's quad. The Foundation is also contributing to wellness centers throughout the District. The Board thanked Foundation members and presented a certificate.

## **V. Communications**

### **V.A. Board Member Reports**

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Mr. Jensen (said Castaic High School English Teacher Sarah Avanesian won the Los Angeles

County Office of Education Beth Dalton Literacy Award, announced that Rancho Pico and Arroyo Seco Junior High Schools have wellness center grand openings scheduled on February 27), Dr. Moore (attended a recent Sulphur Springs Union School District Parent Advisory Council meeting to review their Local Control and Accountability Plan and said the Hart District was mentioned many times for their collaborative work with the Sulphur Springs District, announced the Many Families One Community Family Resource Fair to be held on February 22 at Golden Valley High School), and Mrs. Storli (visited Rancho Pico Junior High School, where a no cell phone policy is being considered, and was able to see their soon to open wellness center).

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

Miss Friedman did not give a report.

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

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

John Minkus welcomed Mr. Kuhlman as the new superintendent as of March 2020 and said he is looking forward to a great continued relationship. He stated that school funding is not sufficient, and litigation costs and unfunded mandates are skyrocketing. He said the District must tackle budget shortfalls, but not at teachers' expense, and a desirable school district is not only buildings, but also the staff.

##### **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 - West Ranch High School**

West Ranch High School Principal Mark Crawford showed a video of parent engagement opportunities at the school, including Starbucks with the Principal meetings once a month, Parent Shadow Day when parents can attend classes with their child to experience a day in the life of a West Ranch student, site council, Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) meetings, and English Language Advisory Committee meetings. He discussed additional ways for parents to get involved in their child's education: join the soon to open Wildcat Foundation, attend sports events and performances, volunteer, join a booster club, and show interest in their school experience. Assistant Principal Tracy Moscoe discussed the success of the co-teaching model at the school, which allows Special Education students to participate in general education classes through team teaching.

### **VI. Special Items**

#### **VI.A. Learning Post/Hart at Home Expansion**

Learning Post/Hart at Home Principal Pete Getz gave a presentation on Learning Post Academy and explained that Learning Post and Hart at Home will be combined into one campus at Castaic

High School in the fall of 2020. He reviewed program highlights and discussed the hybrid online instructional environment, which allows for one-on-one attention with teachers, and dual enrollment, which allows participation in sports and extracurricular programs. He said the program currently has 10 teachers who oversee a caseload, using APEX online curriculum, in addition to offering small group instruction and academic counseling support. He discussed unique opportunities that will be provided on the Castaic campus, which include the opportunity for increased dual enrollment, participation in athletics and performing arts, and College and Career Readiness courses. He said the District is working to promote the Academy and draw new students not currently in the District, and he reviewed the next steps in the promotional campaign and rebranding. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## **VII. Public Comments**

Saugus High School parent Bonnie Formia said parents are not happy with the 8:30 a.m. graduation time and urged the Board to reconsider.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

### **VIII.A. Revised Board Policies and Deletion of Out-Dated Board Policy and Administrative Regulation - First Reading**

Mr. Kuhlman presented revised Board policies (BP) 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement and BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students for first reading, copies of which are attached to the agenda of this meeting. He said revisions are being made to comply with new laws. Board members may make suggestions for changes before the second reading and approval on March 4, 2020.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **IX.A. Resolution No. 19/20-27 - In Support of Sulphur Springs Union School District School Facilities Bond Measure US**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Resolution No. 19/20-27 in support of Sulphur Springs Union School District School Facilities Bond Measure US. 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

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

### **IX.B. Employment Agreement - Superintendent**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Contract of Employment Between the Governing Board of the William S. Hart Union High School District and Michael Kuhlman, effective March 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Mr. Jensen summarized the terms of the contract, which include an annual salary of \$238,000, with an increase of \$1,000 per year beginning July 1, 2020, health and welfare benefits, and a term life insurance policy, and he recommended the Board approve the contract. A copy of the contract is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **IX.C. Governing Board Meeting Schedule, 2020/21**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the 2020/21 Governing Board meeting schedule. 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

A copy of the 2020/21 Governing Board Meeting Schedule is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **IX.D. California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election (2020)**

**Motion Passed:** Cast votes for Steven DeMarzio (Westside Union Elementary School District), Stacy Dobbs (Castaic Union School District), and Keith Giles (Lancaster Elementary School District) in the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly election, Region 22, and authorize staff to mail the ballot on or before March 16, 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

Copies of the election material are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## **X. Consent Calendar**

### **X.A. Consent Calendar-Removal of Items**

Dr. Moore requested the book *The Fault in Our Stars*, be removed from item X-C-1 - Final Adoption of Textbooks/Instructional Materials, 2019/20.

### **X.B. Consent Calendar-Personnel**

#### **X.B.1. Personnel Report No. 19/20-13**

#### **X.B.2. Teacher Assignments**

#### **X.B.3. Competitive Sports Authorizations**

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

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

#### **X.C.2. Requests to Attend Out-of-State Events - Golden Valley High and West Ranch High Schools**

#### **X.C.3. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Canyon High, Golden Valley High, Valencia High, West Ranch High, and Rio Norte Junior High Schools**

#### **X.C.4. Agreement Between William S. Hart Union High School District and Opportunities for Learning (OFL) for Summer School - 2020**

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

#### **X.C.6. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting Minutes**

#### **X.C.7. School Accountability Report Cards for 2018/19**

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

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

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

#### **X.D.3. Acceptance of Monetary Donations**

#### **X.D.4. Award of Scholarships**

#### **X.D.5. Ratification of Contracts for Associated Student Body Activities**

#### **X.D.6. Purchasing through California-Approved Piggyback Contracts**

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

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

**X.E.1. Ratification of Contracts Issued Between January 1, 2020, and February 14, 2020, for Miscellaneous Facilities Construction Projects**

**X.E.2. Proposal for Graduation Security Services (Sterling General Security Services, Inc.)**

**X.E.3. Proposal for Graduation Security Services (Top Star Security Guard Inc.)**

**X.E.4. Fee Amendment No. 2 - Division of the State Architect Materials Testing Company for Castaic High School Increment 2 (Twining, Inc.)**

**X.E.5. Change Order Nos. 1 and 2 - Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts and Related Site Work Project (Bid Package No. HA1811A-03 - Santa Clarita Concrete)**

**X.E.6. Notice of Completion - Bid Package No. HA1811A-03 (Santa Clarita Concrete) - Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts and Related Site Work Project**

**X.F. Consent Calendar-Requests for Information**

**X.G. Approval of Consent Calendar**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Consent Calendar as amended: DELETE the book *The Fault in Our Stars* from item X-C-1 - Final Adoption of Textbooks/Instructional Materials, 2019/20. 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

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

**XII. Second Closed Session**

### **XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:31 in recognition of those impacted by the Coronavirus worldwide. 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