



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

March 04, 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 6:01 p.m.

I.A. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Board Members present:

Mrs. Linda H. Storli, President
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Assistant Clerk
Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Member (arrived 7:35 p.m.)
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Member

Board Member excused:

Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Clerk

District Administrators present:

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Business Officer
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 6:02 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

II.B.1. Rejection of Claim No. 19/20-10L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)

Motion Passed: Reject Claim No. 19/20-10L. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

II.B.2. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)

II.B.3. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.4. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.5. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-15 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))

Motion Passed: Ratify Student Expulsion Report No 19/20-15. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

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
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Assistant Clerk
Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Member (arrived 7:35 p.m.)
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Member
Miss Brooke Friedman, Student Board Member

Board Member excused:

Dr. Cherise G. Moore, Clerk

District Administrators present:

Mr. Mike Kuhlman, Superintendent
Dr. Michael Vierra, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Mr. Ralph Peschek, Chief Business Officer
Dr. Collyn Nielsen, Chief Administrative Officer

The President declared a quorum present.

III.C. Pledge of Allegiance

Retired Superintendent Vicki Engbrecht led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Approve the agenda. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

III.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2020. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

IV. Recognitions by Board

IV.A. Recognition of Educationally Related Intensive Counseling Services (ERICs) Counselors and Community Volunteers

Mrs. Hunter thanked community organizations for their support for students and staff at Saugus High School, Arroyo Seco Junior High School, and other District campuses. She introduced a number of therapy dogs and their handlers and representatives from Million Little, which provides artwork therapy, and Ekata Training Center, which is providing ongoing multi-week therapy at Saugus High School and donated the mural for the wellness room.

IV.B. Recognition of Retiring Superintendent Vicki Engbrecht

Mr. Kuhlman recognized retired District Superintendent Vicki Engbrecht, outlining her 44-year career in the District and many professional accomplishments. Representatives from Senator Wilk's office, Assemblywoman Smith's office, Supervisor Barger's office, and the Santa Clarita City Council expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Engbrecht and presented certificates. Each board member shared a special message for Mrs. Engbrecht.

Break from 7:55-8:10 pm.

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 California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) playoffs will begin soon), Mr. Messina (thanked Mrs. Hunter for setting up the Disconnected presentation, approximately 600 attended), Mr. Sturgeon (welcomed Mr. Kuhlman and Mrs. Hunter to their new positions), and Mrs. Storli (attended the Disconnected presentation, attended wellness center openings at Arroyo Seco and Ranch Pico Junior High Schools, attended last night's community safety discussion).

V.B. Student Board Member Report

Ms. Friedman said she attended the community safety presentation last night, and she suggested that mental health initiatives in junior high might help identify student issues.

V.C. Employee Association Leadership

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

Mr. Minkus thanked Mrs. Engbrecht for her years of service to the Hart District. He said teacher wellness should be recognized as well as student wellness. He is working with Mr. Kuhlman on the District response to the coronavirus outbreak. He mentioned that the California Teachers Association (CTA) magazine interviewed teachers, administrators, and counselors from Saugus High School and will publish an upcoming article that discusses the many things the District is doing to support people.

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

Ms. Hefferon thanked Mrs. Engbrecht for her years in education and leadership of the District. She welcomed Mr. Kuhlman and said she looks forward to working with him.

V.D. School Site Report - Academy of the Canyons

Academy of the Canyons (AOC) Principal Pete Getz discussed parent engagement efforts at the school. He said family involvement begins with informational meetings for parents and students that explain family commitment, supports, services, and expectations at the school. New families are invited to attend the Spring Showcase, a culminating event where students demonstrate what they have learned. The Showcase begins with a meet and greet to encourage relationship building. Families attend new student orientation, a joint effort between AOC and College of the Canyons. The school's parent volunteer organization, ROOTS, is extremely active, supporting activities, scholarships, and staff recognition. The Ambassador Program is a group of experienced AOC families that provide support for other families. Dr. Getz explained that the community culture leads to the school's successes. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VI. Special Items

VII. Public Comments

Former Hart District Board Member Paul Strickland discussed topics of interest during his tenure on the Board, and in particular, the struggles of boys in the educational setting.

Community member Sean Weber played a recording of a radio broadcast by Mr. Messina. He said he previously met with District personnel to propose an active threat program. He asked Mr. Messina to stop using personal email for District business.

Saugus resident Jeff Martin expressed concerns about mismanagement of public funds communitywide. He asked for information on audits, superintendents' salaries, graduation, costs for Castaic High School, and Board Member campaign contributions.

VIII. Discussion Items

VIII.A. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update

Director of Special Programs and Staff Development Jan Daisher described the process of creating a new three-year Local Control and Accountability Plan. She has been holding meetings with multiple stakeholder groups to collect input. There is a new layout that will make it easier to understand. She said any red or orange indicators on the California School Dashboard for District and subgroups must be addressed, and she discussed the indicators for each group. She said supplemental funds and services are used to support significant subgroups: English learners, socio-economically disadvantaged, homeless, and foster youth. The District scored well academically, however some subgroups need support with supplemental services. Stakeholder suggestions are being prioritized and actions that have been completed are being identified. The goal of the process is to continue to improve student achievement. Mrs. Daisher will provide another update in May before submittal for final approval in June. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Second Interim Financial Report

Motion Passed: Approve the 2019/20 Second Interim Financial Report, and adopt a positive certification pursuant to California Education Code Section 42131. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Steven Sturgeon.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Mr. Peschek presented the Second Interim Financial Report covering the period July 1, 2019, through January 31, 2020, and recommended a positive certification. He said updates in the Second Interim are based on the governor's proposed budget released in January and numbers could change after the May revise. He discussed the projected cost of living adjustment (COLA), and its affect on the budget, and adjustments provided for Career Technical Education. He reviewed year-to-year comparisons and said the COLA does not keep up with step and column increases, retirement contributions, and increasing special education costs. There are no increases to the base Local Control Funding Formula, retirement contributions, or one-time discretionary grants in the governor's proposal. He said the District will end the years 2019/20 through 2021/22 with positive balances, but without cost reduction adjustments, will not be able to meet its financial commitments in 2022/23 and would need to submit a qualified budget. He said staff will bring cost cutting recommendations to the Board in the next months. Copies of the report and presentation are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.B. Award Bid No. RFP2001B E-Rate Eligible Wide Area Network (WAN) and Internet Services (Charter Communications Operating, LLC)

Motion Passed: Award Bid No. RFP2001B to Charter Communications Operating, LLC, for fiber-based wide area network and dedicated Internet services through June 30, 2023. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Steven Sturgeon.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Copies of the service agreement and support material are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

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

Castaic High School Librarian Lori Hermelin explained that teachers look for contemporary novels that will capture students' attention, increase interest in reading, and make connections to future texts. She said the book *The Fault in Our Stars* is on the California Department of Education approved reading list. Board members expressed an interest in reading the book before it is approved. No action was taken on this item.

IX.D. Recognition of Cultural Bridges Committee (Cultural Exchange Program)

Motion Passed: Publicly support the work of the Cultural Bridges Committee. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

A letter of support is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.E. Revised Board Policies-Second Reading

Motion Passed: Approve revised Board Policies (BP) 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement and BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Mrs. Hunter presented revised Board policies (BP) 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement and BP 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students for a second reading. No revisions were made since the first reading on February 19. Copies of the BPs 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. 19/20-14

X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

X.C.1. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Canyon High, Hart High, Saugus High, and Valencia High Schools

X.C.2. Requests for Overnight/Out-of-State Trip (Ratification) - Valencia High and West Ranch High Schools

X.C.3. Agreement for Professional Services (Victor Rios, Ph.D.)

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

X.C.5. School Plan for Student Achievement: 2019/20 (Valencia High School, West Ranch High School and Saugus High School)

X.C.6. Revisions to School Plans for Student Achievement (La Mesa Junior High School and Sierra Vista Junior High School)

X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

X.D.1. Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 19/20-16 - Certification of Signatures

X.D.2. Acceptance of Monetary Donations

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

X.D.4. Additional Nonpublic Schools, 2019/2020

X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

X.E.1. Architect Selection for Future District Projects

X.E.2. Ratification of the Vote Center Facility Use Agreement with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk

X.E.3. Ratification of the Security Service Contract for Vote Centers (Sterling General Security Services, Inc.)

X.E.4. Acceptance of Donation

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. Steven Sturgeon and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent 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 9:31 p.m. in remembrance of Rose Romeka, long-time teacher and counselor at Canyon High School. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina and a second by Mr. Robert Jensen.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Absent Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H. Storli, President

Joseph V. Messina, Assistant Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date