



William S. Hart Union High School District
Regular (Virtual) Meeting of the Governing Board
April 01, 2020
Closed Session 5:30 p.m.
Public Session 7:00 p.m.

Minutes
(Unapproved)

I. Call to Order - Closed Session

The Regular (Virtual) Meeting of the William S. Hart Union High School District Governing Board was called to order by President Storli 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
Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Member
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Member

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

II.B.1. Settlement Agreement No. 19/20-11SE (per Government Code Section 54956.9)

Motion Passed: Approve Settlement Agreement No. 19/20-11SE. 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.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. 19/20-16 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))

Motion Passed: Ratify Student Expulsion Report Nos. 19/20-16, 19/20-17, 19/20-18, 19/20-19, and 19/20-20. 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. 19/20-17 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))

II.B.7. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-18 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))

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

II.B.9. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-20 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))

II.C. Reconvene to Public Session

The Board convened to Public Session at 7:14 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

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

President Storli 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. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen
Yes Mr. Joseph Messina
Yes Dr. Cherise Moore
Yes Mrs. Linda Storli
Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

III.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 4, 2020. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Abstain Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. Steven Sturgeon

IV. Recognitions by Board

IV.A. Recognition of California Interscholastic Federation Wrestling Champions

V. Communications

V.A. Board Member Reports

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Mr. Sturgeon (commended District staff for all they have accomplished over the last three weeks), Mr. Jensen (congratulated Valencia High School wrestlers Braden Smelser and America Lopez on their success, thanked District staff for their hard work during these unprecedented times), Dr. Moore (thanked District staff for the quick response to the pandemic, thanked parents and students for patience and flexibility, said today is Census Day and it is important that everyone is counted so that needed resources get to our community), Mr. Messina (thanked staff for the massive undertaking to transition to Distance Learning), and Mrs. Storli (commended staff for their amazing transition and work during the school closure).

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

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.

V.D. School Site Report - Bowman High School

Bowman High School Principal Eran Zeevi discussed the school's transition to online learning. He applauded staff for their response to the huge undertaking and their collaboration and hard work. He shared highlights and said the school has distributed approximately 200 Chromebooks, the staff

has embraced the Distance Learning Schedule, virtual meetings are being held, reminders are going out through the REMIND app, a Daily Lunch Bunch social activity for students is being held, and virtual Kazoo graduations are taking place. He discussed challenges, including motivation, internet, parental support, and the loss of in person meaningful relationships. He shared efforts to stay connected with students and to remind them that they matter that include You Matter reminder messages and birthday calls, and he said communications to students and families are also translated/presented in Spanish. He said Bowman is a family and staff is working to stay connected with students and, likewise, administration is working to stay connected with staff. He shared a video of a recent virtual Kazoo graduation. 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. Emergency Planning in Preparation for School Closures and Distance Learning

Mr. Kuhlman said in light of recommendations today from the Governor, State Superintendent of Education, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education, it is necessary to physically close Hart District schools through the end of the academic year, however, online learning will continue. He said it is remarkable that the amazing District teaching staff was able to transition from physical classrooms to online learning in only five days. He said over 3,600 Chromebooks have been distributed and he thanked the WiSH Foundation for their help with this process. He shared that over 90 percent of students are actively participating in Distance Learning at most sites and teachers, counselors, social workers, and administrators are working hard to make contact with students who have not been participating.

Dr. Vierra thanked the leadership of the Hart District Teachers Association and California School Employees Association Chapter 349 for their collaboration during these difficult circumstances. He mentioned that there are new laws related to employee leave and COVID-19 and each employee issue is being individually. He said enrollment and staffing projections are taking place and virtual collective bargaining sessions are being scheduled.

Dr. Nielsen said school construction has been identified as an essential service and work continues on the Hart High and Castaic High School projects. He shared that, with the extension of school closures, a schedule has been developed to allow teachers to come on campus to gather necessary teaching materials, limiting the amount of employees on campus at any time and maintaining proper social distancing requirements. He said options for graduation are being investigated, including delaying graduations and/or conducting virtual graduations for the class of 2020.

Mr. Peschek said the Hart District opened three of the fourteen grab and go meal sites available in Santa Clarita, in collaboration with the local elementary districts, and all fourteen sites will remain open during Spring Break. He explained that from a budget perspective, there are challenging times ahead due to the economy. On a positive note, he shared that Senate Bill 117 will provide response funds to California schools to be used for food services programs, cleaning and disinfection of facilities, personal protective equipment, and distance learning resources.

Mrs. Hunter described work taking place in the Educational Services Department including support services and training for teachers. She attributed part of the success of the District's transition to online learning to Director of Technology Jon Carrino and his work to introduce various technology resources to teachers over the past years. She said Educationally Related Intensive Counseling services are being provided through telehealth and school counselors and social workers offer other counseling options. Social engagement opportunities are being provided by the wellness centers. Special Education services are being provided virtually and Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings are also taking place virtually.

VIII.B. Revised Board Policies and New and Revised Administrative Regulations - First Reading

Mrs. Hunter presented revised Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information, and revised BP and new AR 5131.2 - Bullying for a first reading, copies of which are attached to the agenda of this meeting. She said revisions are being made to comply with new laws. Board members may make suggestions for changes before the second reading and approval on April 22, 2020.

VIII.C. Initial Bargaining Proposal from the Hart District Teachers Association to the William S. Hart Union High School District for the 2019/20 School Year

Dr. Vierra said the initial bargaining proposal from the Hart District Teachers Association to the William S. Hart Union High School District for the 2019/20 school year has been available for review on the District website since March 27. A copy of the proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VIII.D. Initial Bargaining Proposal from the William S. Hart Union High School District to the Hart District Teachers Association for the 2019/20 School Year

Dr. Vierra said the initial bargaining proposal from the William S. Hart Union High School District to the Hart District Teachers Association for the 2019/20 school year has been available for review on the District website since March 27. A copy of the proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Public Hearing and Acknowledgment of the Hart District Teachers Association's Initial Proposal for Negotiations with the William S. Hart Union High School District for the 2019/20 School Year

Motion Passed: Acknowledge receipt of the Hart District Teachers Association bargaining proposal for negotiations with the William S. Hart Union High School District for the 2019/20 school 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

Mrs. Storli opened the public hearing to receive comments on the Hart District Teachers Association's initial proposal for negotiations with the District for the 2019/20 school year. No comments were received. Mrs. Storli closed the public hearing. A copy of the proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.B. Public Hearing and Adoption of the William S. Hart Union High School District's Initial Proposal for Negotiations with the Hart District Teachers Association for the 2019/20 School Year

Motion Passed: Adopt the bargaining proposal from the William S. Hart Union High School District to the Hart District Teachers Association for the 2019/20 school year. 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

Mrs. Storli opened the public hearing to receive comments on the District's initial proposal for negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association for the 2019/20 school year. No comments were received. Mrs. Storli closed the public hearing. A copy of the proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.C. Agreement for Consulting Services (California Financial Services)

Motion Passed: Approve the agreement for consulting services with California Financial Services for the period March 19, 2020, through March 19, 2023. 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

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

IX.D. Agreement for Consulting Services for Mello-Roos Community Facilities District Services (KeyAnalytics)

Motion Passed: Approve the agreement for consulting services with KeyAnalytics for the period of March 19, 2020, through March 19, 2023. 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

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

IX.E. Award of Construction Contract - Canyon High School Video Studio Set Construction (Proptology FX Inc. DBA Set Masters)

Motion Passed: Award the contract for the Canyon High School Video Studio Set Construction Project to the lowest responsive/responsible bid, Set Masters. 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 bid comparison is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.F. Fee Amendment No. 2 - Geological Inspection and Testing Services for the Castaic High School Project Increment 2 (R & R Services Corp. DBA Geolabs - Westlake Village)

Motion Passed: Approve Fee Amendment No. 2 from Geolabs for the geological inspection and testing services for Castaic High School Project Increment 2. 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

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

IX.G. Ratification of the Construction Contract for the Hart High School Infrastructure Phase 2B Project (Golden Phoenix Electric)

Motion Passed: Ratify the construction contract for the Hart High School Infrastructure Phase 2B Project with Golden Phoenix Electric. 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

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

IX.H. Ratification of the Construction Contract for the Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts and Related Site Work Project (Golden Phoenix Electric)

Motion Passed: Ratify the construction contract for the Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts and Related Site Work Project with Golden Phoenix Electric. 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

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

IX.I. Resolution No. 19/20-28 - Declaring Emergency Conditions Exist at Hart District Schools and Offices and Authorizing Any and All Necessary Actions to Prepare and Respond Effectively to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 19/20-28 declaring emergency conditions exist at Hart District schools and offices and authorizing the superintendent or his designee to take any and all necessary actions to prepare and respond effectively to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). 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

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

IX.J. Consideration and Appointment of Governing Board Members to Act as a Temporary Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to Develop Goals and Objectives for Superintendent Evaluation

Motion Passed: Approve the creation of a temporary ad hoc advisory committee to develop short and long-term goals and objectives for superintendent evaluation, and appoint Mr. Jensen and Mr. Sturgeon to serve on the committee. 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

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. 19/20-15

X.B.2. Declaration of Indefinite Salaries

X.B.3. Letter of Agreement for Shared Services of District Employees with the Saugus Union School District and the William S. Hart Union High School District

X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

X.C.1. Recommendation of Textbooks/Instructional Materials Adoption, 2020/21

X.C.2. Sequoia School Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Mid-cycle Report

X.C.3. Revisions to School Plan for Student Achievement (Canyon High School, Sequoia School, Hart High School, and Bowman High School)

X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

X.D.1. Purchase Order Report

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

X.D.3. Ratification of Contracts for Associated Student Body Activities

X.D.4. Acceptance of Monetary Donations

X.D.5. Award of Scholarship

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

X.D.7. Special Education Consultant Agreements, 2019/20

X.D.8. Additional Nonpublic Schools, 2019/2020

X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

X.E.1. Revision of Bid Package Number HA1811A-07 to WSH82A-04 for Change Order No. 1 - Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts, and Related Site-Work Project (Golden Phoenix Construction Company Inc. DBA Golden Phoenix Electric)

X.E.2. Authorization to Release Retention - Saugus High School Auditorium Project (Osborn Architects)

X.E.3. Authorization to Release Retention - Saugus High School Auditorium Project (TELACU Construction Management, Inc.)

X.E.4. Authorization to Release Retention - Sierra Vista Junior High School Classroom Addition Project (TELACU Construction Management, 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 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

XI. Items for Future Consideration by the Board

Dr. Moore asked for more information on the numbers and categories of students who have not been participating in Distance Learning.

XII. Second Closed Session

XIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 9:10 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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H. Storli, President

Cherise G. Moore, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date