



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

May 06, 2020

Closed Session 5:30 p.m.

Public Session 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes
(Unapproved)**

I. Call to Order

The Regular (Virtual) Meeting of the William S. Hart Union High School District Governing Board was called to order by President Storli at 5:32 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

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)

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. Public Employee Contract Extension - Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.5. Public Employee Contract Extension - Chief Administrative Officer (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

II.B.6. Public Employee Contract Extension - Chief Business Officer (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

III. Public Session

Mrs. Storli called the Public Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 (arrived 7:03 p.m.)

Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, Member

Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Member

Miss Brooke Friedman, Student Board 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

Mrs. 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. 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

III.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22, 2020. 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

IV. Recognitions by Board

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 he is grateful that the Hart District has been able to make Distance Learning work when many school districts across the country are struggling, said drive-through cap and gown distribution at Hart High School went well), Dr. Moore (thanked staff and students for their diligence to cross the finish line in June; mentioned the WiSH Education Foundation's upcoming Santa Clarita Valley Virtual talent show to air on June 11 and 12, said 30-second video submittals are due by May 22 and voting will take place by donation; said the Census is not done, the July 31 end date has been extended to October 31, encouraged everyone to get counted; said May is Mental Health Awareness Month, thanked counselors and social workers and others working to support students and staff), Mr. Messina (said the hard work of teachers and staff to make Distance Learning successful shows how much District staff cares about the kids), Mr. Sturgeon (congratulated staff on progress toward making sure all students are connecting with Distance Learning), and Mrs. Storli (had an opportunity to speak to school faculties virtually and said the staff is amazing and we need to get back to regular school as soon as possible).

V.B. Student Board Member Report

Miss Friedman said seniors have been picking up their caps and gowns and are keeping their fingers crossed for an in-person graduation in July.

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

Mr. Minkus announced that it is Teacher Appreciation Week and he thanked the teachers in the Hart District who reacted fabulously in response to the global crisis. He said he knows there will be fallout from the lockdowns and everyone will need to accept that things will be different and difficult. He mentioned that he is receiving emails regarding rumors of impending layoffs, and he asked the District to be proactive in their communications. He requested that the District create a committee to debrief Quarter 4 Distance Learning and create contingency plans for different possibilities next year.

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

Ms. Hefferon said she appreciates the amazing teachers in the District and thanked them for taking on the task of Distance Learning. She thanked the Board for keeping students first when making decisions, thanked District Administrators for keeping in touch in with CSEA, thanked classified staff, and said she is proud to be part of the Hart District.

V.D. School Site Report - Golden Valley High School

Golden Valley High School Principal Sal Frias discussed Distance Learning and shared the results of surveys given to students, parents, and staff at the school. He reviewed student stressors, impacts to families, and teachers' responses to the transition. He said Distance Learning is a team effort and discussed the work of the teachers, instructional coach, librarian, department leads, counseling department, assistant principals, school resource officers, and classified staff. He said communication is going out on a regular basis through weekly updates, social media, emails and phone calls, all of which are translated to Spanish. He highlighted the work of the PAWS (Parent Awareness, Workshops, and Support) Center staff and thanked the community, local businesses, and churches for their donations that have enabled staff to prepare week-long meal kits for families in need, which are delivered by staff volunteers. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VI. Special Items**VII. Public Comments**

Gina Woltman submitted a statement regarding proposed temporary changes to District grading policies. She believes the proposed changes do not provide enough protections considering the amount of trauma

students have experienced this year, and she urged Board members to err on the side of compassion when making their decision.

VIII. Discussion Items

VIII.A. Associated Student Body Report

Mr. Peschek said the Associated Student Body (ASB) audit has been created as a stand alone document, separate from the District annual audit, for the first time this year. He explained that the items identified in the audit are from the 2018/19 school year and have been addressed. A copy of the audit is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Resolution No. 19/20-32 - Recognizing May 4-8, 2020, As Week of the Teacher

Motion Passed: Adopt Board Resolution No. 19/20-32 recognizing May 4-8, 2020, as Week of the Teacher. 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

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

IX.B. Recognition of School Lunch Hero Day, May 1, 2020

Motion Passed: Recognize May 1, 2020, as School Lunch Hero Day. 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 proclamation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.C. Resolution No. 19/20-33 - Adopting Temporary Changes to Graduation Requirements at Bowman High School and Delegating Powers to the Superintendent

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 19/20-33 adopting temporary changes to graduation requirements at Bowman High School for the Class of 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: Yes

Mr. Kuhlman discussed some of the unique challenges experienced by Bowman High School students who are working to make up credits in addition to completing their current required coursework. He said the District is proposing to temporarily reduce the graduation requirements for Bowman High School for the 2019/20 school year by 10 electives credits; all other core academic requirements will remain. He explained that Hart District graduation requirements exceed the requirements in the California Education Code and local agencies have the authority to revise their requirements. A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.D. Resolution No. 19/20-34 - Adopting Temporary Changes to Grading Policies and Procedures and Delegating Powers to the Superintendent

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 19/20-34 adopting temporary changes to grading policies and procedures for Semester 2 of the 2019/20 school year. 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

Mr. Kuhlman said school districts have been encouraged to temporarily modify grading practices in response to the COVID-19 crisis and review their policies through the lens of equity. Input has been sought from a variety of stakeholder groups, including additional meetings since the last grading policy presentation. Mr. Kuhlman reviewed the District's guiding principles: 1. Continued teaching/learning, 2. Hold students harmless, 3. Minimize student failures, and 4. Provide an intervention plan. Based on these principles, the recommendation is to provide an A, B, C, credit/no credit grading system with the option of selecting credit instead of a letter grade. The plan provides a safety net, offers assignments for students to raise their grade in place of traditional final exams, and includes a flexible finish line to allow teachers to focus time at the end of the semester on students who need the most attention. If approved, the next steps will be to

assemble a committee to work on details and provide a summary for teachers and for the community. He shared a comparison of senior fails last year to this year at Quarter 4. Copies of the resolution and presentation are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.E. Public Employee Contract Extension - Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

Motion Passed: Approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement for Employment for Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources. 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 amendment is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.F. Public Employee Contract Extension - Chief Administrative Officer

Motion Passed: Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Employment for Chief Administrative Officer. 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

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

IX.G. Public Employee Contract Extension - Chief Business Officer

Motion Passed: Approve Amendment No. 1 to Agreement for Employment for Chief Business Officer. 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

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

IX.H. Award of Construction Contract - La Mesa Junior High School Digital Marquee Support Structure Project (Blue Diamond Concrete, Inc.)

Motion Passed: Award the contract for the La Mesa Junior High School Digital Marquee Support Structure Project to the lowest responsive/responsible bid, Blue Diamond Concrete, Inc. 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

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

IX.I. Fee Proposal for Division of the State Architect Inspector of Record for the La Mesa Junior High School Digital Marquee Support Structure Project (Premiere Inspection Services)

Motion Passed: Approve fee proposal for Division of the State Architect inspector of record for the La Mesa Junior High School Digital Marquee Support Structure Project from Premiere Inspection Services. 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

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

IX.J. Proposal for Division of the State Architect Geotechnical, Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the La Mesa Junior High School Digital Marquee Support Structure Project (Ninyo & Moore Geotechnical & Environmental Sciences Consultants)

Motion Passed: Approve proposal for DSA geotechnical, materials testing, and inspection services for the La Mesa Junior High School Digital Marquee Support Structure Project from Ninyo & Moore. 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

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

IX.K. Hart High School Modernization Project - Programming and Pre-Design Services (DLR Group)

Motion Passed: Approve the proposal for programming and pre-design services for the Hart High School Modernization Project from DLR Group. 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

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

IX.L. Valencia High School Modernization Project - Programming and Pre-Design Services (Harley Ellis Devereaux)

Motion Passed: Approve the proposal for programming and pre-design services for the Valencia High School Modernization Project from Harely Ellis Devereaux. 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

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

IX.M. Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation - Second Reading

Motion Passed: Approve revised Board Policy 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures. 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

Mrs. Hunter presented revised Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures for a second reading. No revisions were made since the first reading on April 22. Copies of the BP and AR 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. 19/20-17

X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

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

X.C.2. Recommendation of Textbook/Instructional Materials Adoption, 2020/21

X.C.3. New/Revised Course Adoptions, 2020/21

X.C.4. Revision to School Plan for Student Achievement

X.C.5. Appointment of District Representative to the Gateway SCV Adult Education Consortium Board

X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

X.D.1. Food Services Management Contract Extension (Sodexo America, LLC)

X.D.2. Addendum to Transportation Services Contract (Storer Transportation)

X.D.3. Interagency Agreement - Long Term Transportation Plan for Foster Care Youth

X.D.4. Acceptance of Monetary Donation

X.D.5. Acceptance of Donation

X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

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
Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

XI. Items for Future Consideration by the Board

Mr. Jensen said if Distance Learning continues, he thinks it would be beneficial to use Golden Valley High School's survey at all the schools.

Mr. Sturgeon would like to consider moving Board meetings back to the Board Room with proper social distancing.

Dr. Moore said she would like the other schools to be surveyed, and she would like to see the school lunch count numbers each week on a bar graph showing the changes from the beginning of the school closure to the present.

Mrs. Storli mentioned traffic near Rancho Pico Junior High school resulting from lunch distribution and asked that solutions be explored.

XII. Second Closed Session

XIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. 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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H. Storli, President

Cherise G. Moore, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date