



**William S. Hart Union High School District**  
**Regular (Virtual) Meeting of the Governing Board**  
August 05, 2020  
Closed Session 5:45 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 5:47 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 (Closed Session only)  
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. Rejection of Claim No. 19/20-17L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)**

**Motion Passed:** Reject Claim Nos. 19/20-17L and 19/20-18L. 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

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

**II.B.2. Rejection of Claim No. 19/20-18L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)**

**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. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-21 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**Motion Passed:** Ratify Student Expulsion Report Nos. 19/20-21, 19/20-23, and 19/20-24. 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

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

**II.B.7. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-23 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**II.B.8. Student Expulsion Report No. 19/20-24 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918(c))**

**III. Public Session**

President 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  
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Member

Board Member excused:

Mr. Steven M. Sturgeon, 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. Joseph Messina.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

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

#### **III.E.1. Approval of Minutes of the June 24, 2020, Special Meeting**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of June 24, 2020, the Special Meeting of June 30, 2020, and the Regular Meeting of July 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

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

#### **III.E.2. Approval of Minutes of the June 30, 2020, Special Meeting**

#### **III.E.3. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2020**

### **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 excited and looking forward to the start of school) and Mrs. Storli (said she is looking forward to an exciting school year).

#### **V.B. Employee Association Leadership**

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

Mr. Minkus thanked Mr. Kuhlman for attending today's new teacher meeting and for his message of unity and said it was great to see the new hires. He reported that many teachers are nervous about the new teaching format, but will adapt well and provide the quality education they have always provided. He said the official start for teachers is in 12 hours, there are still many unanswered questions, and continued dialogue in a timely manner is needed. He stated that online learning procedures, unless included in law or the current contract, are really recommendations because there is no Memorandum of Understanding in place regarding new procedures. He believes a written agreement is necessary so teachers and administrators are on the same page. He said HDTA is willing to come to the table at any time to work out kinks that may arise.

##### **V.B.2. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 349 President Kathy Hefferon**

Ms. Hefferon did not give a report.

## **VI. Special Items**

## **VII. Public Comments**

A community member proposed delaying or cancelling the contracts for washing District vehicles and restriping the parking lot at Hart High School and using those funds for technology needs for the fall semester.

Six community members and parents submitted comments sharing their concerns regarding the relocation of the Sequoia program to Castaic High School and asking the Board to reconsider.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

### **VIII.A. 45-Day Budget Revision**

Mr. Peschek gave a budget update and reviewed special COVID funding. He explained that there is usually not much change in budget projections between January and May, however, this year the numbers varied widely from January projections to the May Revise to the enacted budget. The District's adopted budget is based on the May Revise, requiring transfer of \$19 million from Fund 17 for the current school year and resulting in a \$26 million deficit by year three (2022/23). Based on the state's enacted budget, there is now a positive ending balance of \$23 million projected for year three and deficit spending is not projected until 2022/23. He said the District received \$373 thousand in state funding through Senate Bill 117 to respond to COVID. This funding was designed to be used for disinfecting, personal protective equipment, distance learning supplies, and food services and most of these funds were used to cover classified costs in the spring. He reviewed Federal CARES Act funding, the allowable uses of these funds, and the associated deadlines by which time the funds must be spent. He said a committee is working to prioritize spending to match current needs. Dr. Moore asked that one time spending for mental health services for students and staff as schools reopen be included. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **VIII.B. Update on the Sequoia Program**

Mr. Kuhlman acknowledged the passionate, persuasive letters submitted on behalf of Sequoia students and said plans to move the school to Castaic High School were reviewed based on the concerns shared by parents. He said the District would not be making this move if staff was not sure that it would provide increased benefits to the students of Sequoia and his recommendation is to continue to move forward with the change. Mrs. Hunter responded to one of tonight's public comments with a clarification that a change of location does not qualify as a change of program placement according to California Education Code and the California Code of Regulations. She explained the reasoning behind the move and said the transition has been under discussion for a few years. She said the District has an obligation to provide opportunities for every special education student to reach his or her highest potential and this change opens more opportunities. She said the school within a school model has a proven history of success and discussed details and benefits of the plan. Castaic High School Principal Melanie Hagman outlined additional services and supports offered at Castaic and the many opportunities for inclusion. Castaic High

School Assistant Principal Josh McDonald, who will lead the Sequoia program, addressed environmental benefits including a separate entrance, a dedicated building with an ideal design to support the Sequoia program, and therapeutic and privacy areas. He said it is the people who have made Sequoia what it is and those people will continue to provide services. Copies of the presentations are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **VIII.C. Return to School Planning Update**

Mrs. Hunter discussed the work of the school reopening subcommittees. The online learning committee explored how to make online learning a quality experience. They recommended Apex online curriculum and Google Classroom as instructional options for live instruction for every class. The blended learning committee worked to create a balance between live and online instruction and provide time for professional development. The protocols and practices committee developed written protocols for online learning for teachers, students, and parents. The human resources and scheduling committee developed blended learning schedules that include flextime and independent learning time. The health and safety committee created a 27-page document on return to school policies that has been distributed to administrators so they can begin to put plans in place. The special education committee explored ways to meet challenges and made plans to support medically fragile students, provide services during flextime, and provide classroom support with instructional assistants. The English Language Learner committee made plans to provide bilingual instructional support in the classroom and use flextime for targeted intervention. The counseling committee worked to provide easy access to counselors during the online learning period. The communications committee held Zoom meetings with different stakeholder groups, updated the website with pertinent information, and created videos to communicate important information. The electives committee worked in partnership with the WiSH Foundation to meet the needs of elective classes. The library services committee made plans to assist with login and sign on processes for students. The advanced placement (AP)/honors committee explored the CANVAS platform which will be used for AP classes. The staff and student wellness committee worked to make sure supports (therapists, counselors, and social workers) will be available and accessible through school websites and explored childcare options. Mrs. Hunter said students and teachers have already placed in cohorts and classes will remain together for the semester, regardless of the stage of the reopening plan. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **IX.A. Notice of Variable Term Waiver**

**Motion Passed:** Approve request for Variable Term Waiver for John Daniel Kennedy to serve as chemistry teacher, effective August 6, 2020. 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

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

**IX.B. Change Order No. 7 for the Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building Project (American Modular Systems, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Change Order No. 7 for the Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building Project from American Modular Systems, Inc., for credit of unused allowance. 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

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

**IX.C. Change Order No.1 for the High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts, and Related Site Work Project (Bid Package No. HA1811A-02 - Martinez Landscape Co., Inc.)**

**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 Martinez Landscape Co., Inc. 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

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

**IX.D. Proposal for Asphalt Seal Coat and Re-Striping of the Faculty Parking Lot at Hart High School (Precision Pavement Striping Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve proposal from Precision Pavement Striping Inc. for applying an asphalt seal coat and re-striping the faculty parking lot at Hart High School. 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

Absent 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. 20/21-2**

**X.B.2. Internship Agreement Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Pacific Oaks College**

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

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

**X.C.2. Approval of Nearpod Agreement**

**X.C.3. Revisions to School Plans for Student Achievement (Hart High School and Sierra Vista Junior High School)**

**X.C.4. Authorization for School Site Personnel to Issue Work Permits (per Education Code 49110)**

**X.C.5. Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Sulphur Springs Union School District, for the provision of Counseling Services**

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

**X.D.1. Agreement Between the City of Santa Clarita and William S. Hart Union High School District for the Watershed and Trail Project**

**X.D.2. Agreement for Mobile Car Wash Service for the District's White Fleet (First Class Mobile Detailing)**

**X.D.3. Disposition of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment**

**X.D.4. Special Education Consultant Agreements, 2020/21**

**X.D.5. Additional Master Contracts for Public, Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services for the 2020-21 School Year**

**X.D.6. Agreement for Legal Services Between the Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) and Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost LLP for the 2020/21 School Year**

**X.D.7. Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Independent Consultant Agreement, 2020/21**



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

**X.E.1. Change Order No. 4 for the 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)**

**X.E.2. Change Order No. 3 for the 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)**

**X.E.3. Fee Amendment No. 1 - Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan, Qualified Storm Water Prevention Plan Practitioner Services, and Construction Monitoring for the Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building, Addition of Two Tennis Courts, and Related Site Work Project (Earth Resources, Inc.)**

**X.E.4. Notice of Completion - Hart High School Two-Story Modular Classroom Building (American Modular Systems)**

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

Dr. Moore asked if item X-D-2 - Agreement for Mobile Car Wash Service for the District's White Fleet (First Class Mobile Detailing) could be delayed or deferred. Mr. Peschek explained that this is an ongoing subcontract with a private outside service. He said the District has one car washing area in full time use for bus washing. The District has 59 maintenance and operation vehicles, many specialized and oversized that cannot be driven through a carwash. The vehicles are currently washed once every two months to maintain the finish and prevent rust and corrosion, at a cost of \$170 per vehicle per year. He said it is more cost effective to use the outside vendor and this is a pay as you go service. Board members expressed opinions that some washes could be delayed or deferred as a cost saving measure.

## **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 Dr. Cherise Moore.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

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

## **XII. Second Closed Session**

### **XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 9:58 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

Absent Mr. Steven Sturgeon

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda H. Storli, President

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Cherise G. Moore, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings  
of the District:

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Date