



William S. Hart Union High School District
Regular (Virtual) Meeting of the Governing Board
September 16, 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 5:49 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. Settlement Agreement No. 19/20-09L (per Government Code Section 54956.9)

Motion Passed: Approve Settlement Agreement No. 19/20-09L. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Dr. Cherise Moore.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Absent 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)

III. Public Session

Mrs. Storli called the Public Session meeting to order at 7:01 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 7:02 p.m.)

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

Mrs. Storli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: Approve the agenda. 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

III.E. Approval of Minutes

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 2, 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

IV. Recognitions by Board

IV.A. Recognition of District Teachers of the Year

Dr. Vierra read the names of the school site California Teacher of the Year nominees and the District Teacher of the Year for 2020/21.

V. Communications

V.A. Board Member Reports

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Mr. Jensen (thanked the teachers of the year, along with all the outstanding teachers in the District, for their dedication and hard work, said they make a significant impact on students and the community), Mr. Sturgeon (reiterated that the Hart District has exceptional teachers), Dr. Moore

(congratulated the teachers of the year; visited online classes at Hart and Valencia High Schools in the last few weeks, saw amazing teachers in action working in new ways to make sure students are engaged; thanked Kathy Hunter, Sarah Gilberts and Nancy Phillips for their presentation on wellness at the California Wellness Conference; attended the California Association of African American School Administrators Conference; said next week is Adult Education and Family Literacy Week; shared that it is Hispanic heritage Month; mentioned that the City's Human Relations Roundtable applications are available on the City of Santa Clarita website and are due by September 30), and Mrs. Storli (planning to visit classes, said she knows how much it means to be named teacher of the year and thanked Mr. Klipfel).

Mr. Kuhlman congratulated the teachers of the year and said he is sincerely amazed at the creativity of District teachers. He shared a video of the Valencia High School choir (96 members) singing for the opening the City of Santa Clarita Hispanic Heritage Month virtual event.

V.B. Employee Association Leadership

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

Mr. Minkus commended staff for their efforts and thanked District administrators for working to solve the many micros of the current situation. He said teachers are working hard to create an experience for students as close as possible to what they would have in the physical classroom and he advocated for teachers to be rewarded for their efforts. He said there is a fear of the unknowns of blended learning and he mentioned that special education teachers are being asked to return to campus. He thanked classified staff that are currently working on campuses.

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

Ms. Hefferon mentioned the great amount of work that has gone into preparing for a return to campus and pointed out that the classified staff was involved in every aspect. She congratulated teachers of the year and said their dedication to their profession and to the students is appreciated.

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

Golden Valley High School Principal Sal Frias shared information on demographic trends at the school from 2009 to 2020, staff demographics, and the different languages spoken by Golden Valley families. He discussed the results of a 2019/20 program equity audit that reviewed participation in various programs including Advanced Placement (AP), Associated Student Body (ASB), band, and AP test results, broken down by ethnicity and socio-economic status. He

announced that the school was listed in the U.S. News and World Reports list of best high schools in the nation for the fourth straight year. Mr. Frias shared results from a survey regarding stress, safety, and respect, and said he believes the survey shows positive signs, but there is more work to be done. He discussed successes of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program, Capturing Kids Hearts, and ASB and shared highlights of the PAWS (Parent Awareness Workshops and Support) Center, including weekly virtual workshops and the upcoming Give a Turkey event with a goal to provide 500 meals this year. Golden Valley teacher Dr. Gwen

Delgado introduced the District ethnic studies committee. She shared the concept, purpose, and approach to the curriculum being developed, designed with input from California Department of Education, the University of California, and students, and said the class will be launched next semester. She discussed the Golden Valley Equity and Diversity group, created as a safe space for students and staff to express ideas and concerns. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VI. Special Items

VII. Public Comments

Nine comments were submitted by teachers in favor of continuing online learning.

Six teachers with concerns about blended learning submitted comments.

Three comments were received from parents in favor of continuing online learning.

Two students submitted comments in favor of continuing online learning.

Four comments were received from parents urging a return to campus as soon as possible.

Five comments were submitted asking the Board to change the Hart High School mascot.

VIII. Discussion Items

VIII.A. Public Hearing - Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

Jan Daisher, Director of Special Programs and Staff Development, explained that the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan replaces the Local Control and Accountability Plan for the 2020/21 school year. The document describes the District's plan to address COVID-19 and addresses the needs of all stakeholders. Mrs. Daisher introduced the eight components of the plan and reviewed the timeline, requirements, and opportunities provided to solicit stakeholder input. She said the state provided a template for the document, with specific questions to be answered, and she highlighted a few aspects of the plan including continuity of learning, pupil learning loss,

mental and social-emotional health, and pupil engagement and outreach. The plan includes increased services for English language learners, foster youth, homeless, and special education students. The complete plan is attached to agenda of this meeting and posted on the District website. Mrs. Storli opened the public hearing to receive comments on the plan. Four comments were submitted regarding the use of facemasks and have been responded to. Mrs. Storli closed the public hearing. Comments can be submitted before approval of the plan at the September 23 Special Board meeting.

VIII.B. Return to School Update

Mrs. Hunter announced that beginning on September 14 students are allowed to come to campus for one-on-one appointments for assessments. She said the county has given authorization to bring small cohorts of students to campus as needed for targeted intervention supports and services. The District is developing a qualification rubric based on recommendations from teachers, counselors, and administrators; working on providing transportation needed for Individualized Education Program compliance; and delivering personal protective equipment to sites as necessary. She thanked Technology Department staff for their hard work and said second teacher monitors have been delivered and will soon be installed, 100 more hotspots are on their way, and additional software programs are being implemented, including Edulastic and specialty programs to support specific classes. These expenses are being paid from Learning Loss Mitigation funds. Mrs. Hunter also said art supplies have been ordered and will be delivered to sites for drive through pickup.

Mrs. Hunter reported that the Blended Learning committee is listening to feedback and continuing to plan for a return to campus, and she thanked classified staff for their work in getting campuses ready. She said Blended Learning training materials are available on the District website and she explained that teachers have the new task of submitting weekly student engagement and attendance reports required by the state. She announced an upcoming Saugus High School parent presentation to address student anxiety related to COVID, hosted by Dr. Schonfeld from the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, on September 17 at 6:00 pm. She reported that athletic conditioning for fall sports will begin on September 21 and the wellness initiative is going strong. Board members commended Jon Carrino and the Technology Department on their work. When asked about gathering feedback from parents on their plans for Blended or Online learning, Mrs. Hunter said that a survey will go out when it is closer to the that reopening is allowed. When asked if cocurricular programs can start practicing on campus, similar to athletic teams, Mr. Kuhlman responded that he has requested feedback from the Department of Public Health on this issue and he hopes it will be possible to offer additional opportunities in the weeks to come.

IX. Action Items

IX.A. Public Hearing for Resolution No. 20/21-7 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act

Motion Passed: Direct the Superintendent to assure the State Superintendent of Public Instruction that the Governing Board has complied with provisions of Education Code Section 60119 through Resolution No. 20/21-7 Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act. 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

Director of Curriculum and Assessment Dave LeBarron explained the requirements of Education Code 60119 regarding sufficient instructional materials. Mrs. Storli opened the public hearing. Receiving no comments, Mrs. Storli closed the public hearing. A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.B. Official Name Change - Learning Post High School to Learning Post Academy

Motion Passed: Authorize the official name change of Learning Post High School to Learning Post Academy. 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

IX.C. Notice of Variable Term Waiver Request

Motion Passed: Approve request for Variable Term Waivers for Natalie Arriaga, Nubia Diaz, Molly Herrera, Joseph Herrick, Melissa Jenkins, Mark Kosek, Marc Kraidman, David Van Name, Marisol Vega, and Jeremy Villalovos to serve as Career Technical Education teachers, effective September 17, 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

IX.D. Ratification of a Three-Year Subscription for Software Licenses, Account Set-Ups, and Implementation Services (CrisisGo)

Motion Passed: Ratify the contract for a three-year subscription for crisis communications software licenses for all 16 sites, account set-up, and implementation services for a new CrisisGo account. 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

Dr. Nielsen explained that there was a recommendation to obtain a crisis communication platform in the recent safety report and said CrisisGo will assist with threat reporting, emergency mass notifications, and safety drills, along with other features. A copy of the agreement is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.E. Ratification of a Three-Year Agreement for the Safety iPass Symptom Tracker/Contact Tracing Program (CrisisGo)

Motion Passed: Table this item to a future meeting. 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

IX.F. 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-06 (Martinez Landscape Co., Inc.))

Motion Passed: Approve Change Order No. 3 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. 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

A copy of the change order request is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

IX.G. Revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations - Second Reading

Motion Passed: Approve the following revised Board policies: BP 1250 - Visitors to Schools; BP 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights; BP 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information; BP 5131.2 - Bullying Prevention; BP 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention; and BP 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement. 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

Mrs. Hunter presented revised Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulation (AR) 1250 - Visitors to Schools, revised BP 5022 - Student and Family Privacy Rights, revised BP and AR 5125.1 - Release of Directory Information, revised BP 5131.2 - Bullying Prevention, revised BP 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention, and revised BP 5145.13 - Response to Immigration Enforcement Procedures for a second reading. No revisions were made since the first reading on September 2. Copies of the BPs and ARs 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. 20/21-5

X.B.2. Teacher Assignments

X.B.3. Competitive Sports Authorization

X.B.4. Student Teaching Agreement (Virtual Internship) For the 2020 Fall Semester Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and California State University Northridge

X.B.5. School Psychology Fieldwork Agreement (Virtual Internship) Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and California State University Northridge

X.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

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

X.C.2. Ratification of College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement - Amendment No. 4

X.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

X.D.1. Purchase Order Report

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

X.D.3. Addendum No. 4 to the Amended Operating Agreement between the Santa Clarita Community College District and the William S. Hart Union High School District for the University Center

X.D.4. Acceptance of Monetary Donations

X.D.5. Award of Scholarships

X.D.6. Special Education Consultant Agreements, 2020/21

X.D.7. Service Agreement with Practi-Cal, Inc., 2020 to 2023

X.D.8. Ratification of Agreement Between the Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area and Key2ED, Inc., for Facilitated Individualized Education Plan and Conflict Prevention Virtual Training

X.D.9. Ratification of Agreement Between the Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area and Key2ED, Inc., for a Facilitated Individualized Education Plan and Alternative Dispute Resolution Virtual Parent Workshop

X.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

X.E.1. Proposal for Architectural Design and Consulting Services Master Task Agreement for Various District Projects for Fiscal Year 2020/21 (TDM Architects, Inc.)

X.E.2. Proposal for Landscape Design and Consulting Services Master Task Agreement for Various District Projects for Fiscal Year 2020/21 (Oasis Associates, Inc.)

X.E.3. Notice of Completion - La Mesa Junior High School Digital Marquee Support Structure Project (Blue Diamond Concrete, 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. 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

XI. Items for Future Consideration by the Board

XII. Second Closed Session

XIII. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. 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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda H. Storli, President

Cherise G. Moore, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date