



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

June 09, 2021

Closed Session 5:15 p.m.

Public Session 7:00 p.m.

**Minutes
(Unapproved)**

I. Instructions for Submitting Public Comments

In order to comply with county health order requirements, the meeting was held in a hybrid format. Board members and District leadership met in person and the meeting was livestreamed on YouTube for public viewing. Community members wishing to make public comment addressed the Board in person. Instructions for making public comment are included on the agenda of each meeting.

II. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the William S. Hart Union High School District Governing Board was called to order by President Moore, at the Administrative Center, 21380 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita, California, at 5:21 p.m.

II.A. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Board Members present:

Dr. Cherise G. Moore, President
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Clerk
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Assistant Clerk
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Member (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
Mr. James D. Webb, Member

District Administrators present:

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

District Administrator excused:

Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

The President declared a quorum present.

III. First Closed Session

III.A. Public Comments for Closed Session Items

There were no public comments.

III.B. First Closed Session Items

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:22 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

III.B.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) - Case No. 21CHCV00335 - Avidex Industries, LLC v. William S. Hart Union High School District, Inc., et al.

III.B.2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) - Case No. 21STCV16633 - R.C. Becker and Son, Inc. v. Castaic HS Construction, Inc., et al.

III.B.3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) - Case No. 21CHCV00396 - Pierre Landscape, Inc. v. Castaic High School Construction, Inc., et al.

III.B.4. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)

III.B.5. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

III.B.6. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)

III.B.7. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Superintendent (2020/21) (per Government Code 54957)

III.C. Reconvene to Public Session

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:47 p.m.

IV. Organization

IV.A. Report of First Closed Session Action

See action taken above in II-B - First Closed Session Items.

IV.B. Re-Establishment of Quorum

Board Members present:

Dr. Cherise G. Moore, President
Mr. Joseph V. Messina, Clerk
Mr. Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Assistant Clerk
Mrs. Linda H. Storli, Member
Mr. James D. Webb, Member

District Administrators present:

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

District Administrator excused:

Mrs. Kathy Hunter, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

The President declared a quorum present.

IV.C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Webb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV.D. Approval of Agenda

Motion Passed: 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. James Webb

IV.E. Approval of Minutes

IV.E.1. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2021

Motion Passed: Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2021, and the Special Meeting of May 27, 2021. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

IV.E.2. Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 27, 2021

V. Public Comments

Molly Peters said teachers ensure Hart District schools are consistently ranked at the top and teachers deserve more than a pat on the back.

Pamela Barreiro said the idea of changing the Hart High School logo/mascot is heartbreaking and shared her family's experience with the school.

Elizabeth McAnnally said she met with a board member of the Native American Guardian Association, whose motto is to educate not eradicate, and she asked why the District is not considering educating rather than eradicating.

Steve Petzold said Hart High School got rid of the mascot in 1995 and currently has a logo. He believes votes regarding the mascot and educating students about Native Americans should be taken separately.

VI. Public Hearings

VI.A. Conduct Combined Noticed Public Hearings Regarding Community Facilities District No. 2021-1 and the Improvement Areas Thereof, the Proposed Levy of Special Taxes of the Improvement Areas, and the Authorization of Incurring Bonded Indebtedness Within the Improvement Areas

Dr. Nielsen explained that the owner of the property within the boundaries of the proposed Improvement Areas of CFD No. 2021-1 has requested a continuance of the public hearings. Dr. Moore opened the public hearings. Hearing no comments, the Board considered approval of Resolution No. 20/21-35 to continue the public hearings to the July 14, 2021, Board meeting.

VI.B. Resolution No. 20/21-35 - Continuing Public Hearings Regarding Proposed Community Facilities District No. 2021-1 of the William S. Hart Union High School District and Taking Related Actions

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 20/21-35 authorizing the continuance of the combined Public Hearings regarding proposed Community Facilities District No. 2021-1 of the William S. Hart Union High School District and taking related actions. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

After approval of Resolution No. 20/21-35, Dr. Moore closed the public hearings. A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

VI.C. Public Hearing - 2021/22 Budget

Mr. Peschek presented the proposed budget for 2021/22 and the following two years. He explained that the state budget had a \$54 billion deficit last year and has a \$75 billion surplus this year. The Governor's May revise proposes new programs and additional funding for school districts, many of them categorical in nature, pays off deferrals, and reduces pension obligations. Mr. Peschek said there have been sharp state-wide declines in average daily attendance and enrollment and reviewed declines in the Hart District. He discussed challenges, which include ongoing deficits, retirement benefit and health and welfare benefit increases, and compensation increases resulting from step and column and longevity increases. He presented beginning and ending fund balances for 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24. Next he summarized one-time grant-based COVID funds designed to help the District reopen, provide physical safety measures, and supplement the instructional needs of students. He reviewed the annual budget and Local Control and Accountability (LCAP) planning cycle and said the budget process is being revised next year to include additional stakeholder input opportunities. Copies of the budget and PowerPoint presentation are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

Dr. Moore opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments and receiving no written comments, Dr. Moore closed the public hearing.

VI.D. Public Hearing - Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2021/22

Director of Special Programs and Staff Development Jan Daisher introduced actions and services recommended to be included in the 2021-2024 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). She said there is a new three-year template consisting of four parts: budget overview for parents, annual update of the 2019/20 LCAP, annual update of the 2020/21 Local Control Attendance Plan, and the new three-year LCAP. She listed numerous stakeholder meetings that were held. Mrs. Daisher reviewed areas of highest concern that include academic concerns, chronic absenteeism, and graduation rates for English learners, foster youth, low income, and homeless students. She

discussed the four major District goals which drive all actions and services. She reported that this year's LCAP includes seven new actions/services that were not previously provided. The Board, staff, families, and the community are invited to send comments before final adoption on June 17, 2021. Copies of the LCAP and PowerPoint presentation are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

Dr. Moore opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments and receiving no written comments, Dr. Moore closed the public hearing.

VII. Recognitions by Board

VIII. Communications

VIII.A. Board Member Reports

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Mrs. Storli (attended five graduations and said they were spectacular), Mr. Messina (said the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) voted to take away local school boards' ability to contract with the Sheriff's Department for school resource officers and encouraged community members to appeal to the BOS), Mr. Jensen (thanked everyone involved with making in-person graduations happen), Mr. Webb (said graduations were amazing, shared that June is LGBTQIA+ Pride Month), and Dr. Moore (said graduations were phenomenal, congratulated Mr. Kuhlman for receiving the Honorary Service Award from the Santa Clarita Valley PTA Council, said she does her best to read all emails sent to her).

VIII.B. Employee Association Leadership

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

Mr. Minkus said the HDTA membership went above and beyond the call of duty throughout the last year. He expressed concerns with 90 new positions being funded with COVID money and asked what will happen when the one-time funds are expended. He stated that some of this money needs to find its way to the members. He said HDTA has always worked with the District to get through hard times, but current salaries are 12 percent below the state average.

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

Ms. Hefferon mentioned the many duties classified staff perform on campuses. She said students, families, and the District need the services provided by classified staff, classified staff have not had a salary increase in several years, and there is discrepancy between the health benefits of classified staff and other employee groups.

IX. Special Items

IX.A. The Henry Mayo Newhall Foundation Scholarship Awards - 2021

Motion Passed: Following verification of registration/receipt of grades, authorize payment of awards to the Class of 2021 students listed in the amount indicated for each, payable over a period of four years. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Santa Clarita Valley Scholarship Foundation Senior Sponsor Administrator Elaine Foderaro explained the selection process for Henry Mayo Newhall scholarships for the Class of 2021. A copy of the award recipient list is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X. Information Items

X.A. The Literature Approval Process

Dave LeBarron, Director of Curriculum and Assessment, explained that a task force assembled last fall, including teachers, students, teacher librarians, and parents, met nine times over that last year with the purpose of reviewing the District's selection process for instructional materials to make sure available materials are more diverse. He introduced and explained the work of the committee: instructional materials selection criteria (gathered from existing Board policy and education code), the literature approval process (for literature incorporated into the curriculum and required to be read), and the recommendation for adoption form. Copies of each of these forms are attached to the agenda of this meeting. Mr. LeBarron stated that parents always have the option to opt out of particular readings.

X.B. California School Dashboard Local Indicators

Mr. LeBarron gave an annual update on the Hart District's local indicators and said this information is presented each year in conjunction with the Local Control and Accountability Plan. The local indicators are part of the California School Dashboard and include: 1) Appropriately assigned teachers, access to curriculum-aligned materials, and safe, clean and functional school facilities, 2) Implementation of state academic standards, 3) Parent engagement, 4) Local climate survey, and 5) Access to a broad course of study. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

X.C. Strategic Planning Presentation

Mr. Mike Walsh, former president of the California School Boards Association, gave a presentation on strategic planning. Mr. Walsh's presentation was the second option presented to the Board for the strategic planning process in the fall. The Board will have an opportunity to

make a selection at a later date. Mr. Walsh said healthy cultures become smart over time. He said the first session of the strategic planning process reviews the elements of core values. Session two explores what has worked well, what to add, asks “What advice would you give and what do you want to be known for?” and sets key priority areas with the goal of creating a one-page statement that gives focus on how the District operates internally and what its priorities are. Session three involves stakeholders in building vision for the future.

X.D. Recommendation for Personnel Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022

Dr. Vierra presented the proposed Personnel Commission budget for fiscal year 2021/22, a copy of which is attached to the agenda of this meeting. He said this year’s proposed budget is \$10,000 less than the previous school year.

XI. Action Items

XI.A. Resolution No. 20/21-34 - Recognizing June 2021 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 20/21-34 recognizing June 2021 as LGBTQIA+ Month. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli 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. James Webb

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

Item XI-H was considered immediately after this item.

*Mr. Messina left the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

XI.B. Resolution No. 20/21-37 Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 20/21-37 delegating administrative authority to the Superintendent or Designee, as specified, to process routine budget revisions, adjustments, and transfers in 2021/22. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen
Yes Mr. Joseph Messina
Yes Dr. Cherise Moore
Yes Mrs. Linda Storli
Yes Mr. James Webb

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

XI.C. Resolution No. 20/21-38 - Determination of Uses of Proposition 30 Education Protection Account Funds

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 20/21-38 determining the uses of Proposition 30 Education Protection Account Funds. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Absent Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

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

XI.D. Resolution No. 20/21-39 - Authorization For Cash Transfers Between Funds for Fiscal Year 2021/22

Motion Passed: Approve Resolution No. 20/21-39 delegating authority to the Superintendent or Designee to allow interfund cash transfers in an amount not to exceed \$25,000,000. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Absent Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

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

XI.E. Resolution No. 20/21-41 - To Establish Student Activity Fund

Motion Passed: Adopt Resolution No. 20/21-41 to establish Student Activity Fund 8. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Absent Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Mr. Peschek explained that a new governmental accounting standard requires establishment of a new fund to account for the financial activities of student body associations. A copy of the resolution is attached to the agenda of this item.

XI.F. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Motion Passed: Approve the attached Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for 2021/22. Passed with a motion by Mr. James Webb and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Absent Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

A copy of the Declaration of Need is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

XI.G. Site-Based Decision - Sierra Vista Junior High School 2021/2022

Motion Passed: Approve the site-based decision at Sierra Vista Junior High School for the 2021/2022 school year. Passed with a motion by Mr. James Webb and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Absent Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

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

XI.H. Amendment No. 2 to the Construction Services Agreement for the Castaic High School Project By and Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Castaic HS Construction, Inc.

Motion Passed: Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Construction Services Agreement for the Castaic High School Project By and Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Castaic HS Construction, Inc. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

This item was considered immediately following item XI-A.

Dr. Nielsen explained that the District and contractor desire to enter into Amendment No. 2 in order to pay sub-contractors amounts due. Without this amendment to the Construction Services Agreement, the District would be unable to process additional pay applications for the project, including retention releases authorized at the May 5 and May 19 Board meetings, due to Stop

Notices currently in place. The amount of Amendment No. 2, like the amount of Amendment No. 1, will be deducted from any future amount agreed to as a final resolution of all disputes and claims. A copy of the amendment is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

XII. Consent Calendar

XII.A. Consent Calendar-Removal of Items

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

XII.B. Consent Calendar-Personnel

XII.B.1. Personnel Report No. 20/21-19

XII.B.2. Meeting of Committee on Assignments

XII.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction

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

XII.C.2. Course Offerings for Golden Oak Adult School 2021-2022

XII.C.3. Agreement with AquaPhoenix Scientific, Inc. - Purchase and

Delivery of Annual Consumable Supplies for NGSS (Next

Generation Science Standards) Science Courses

XII.C.4. Revisions to School Plan for Student Achievement (Golden Valley High School)

XII.C.5. School Plans for Student Achievement: 2021/22

XII.C.6. Renewal Agreement with Instructure for Canvas Online Subscription

XII.C.7. One Year Renewal of Naviance Online Subscription for Academy of the Canyons

XII.C.8. One Year Renewal of District-Wide Xello Online Subscription

XII.C.9. Facilities Use Agreement between Santa Clarita Community College District and the William S. Hart Union High School District for the use of Castaic High School's facilities

XII.C.10. Agreement Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Sulphur Springs Union School District for the Provision of Counseling Services

XII.C.11. Agreement between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Castaic Union School District for the Provision of Counseling Services

XII.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services

XII.D.1. Purchase Order Report

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

XII.D.3. Resolution No. 20/21-40 - Temporary Interfund Cash Borrowing

XII.D.4. Actuarial Valuation of Other Post-Employment Benefit Report (Nyart)

XII.D.5. Renewal of Software License and Maintenance Agreement for SmarteFinance (Smartetools, Inc.)

XII.D.6. Addendum to Agreement Between William S. Hart Union High School District and Opportunities for Learning (OFL) for Summer School - 2021

XII.D.7. Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Santa Clarita and the William S. Hart Union High School District

XII.D.8. Legal Services Agreement (Adams Silva & McNally LLP)

XII.D.9. Renewal Agreement for Legal Services (Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo)

XII.D.10. Acceptance of Monetary Donations

XII.D.11. Award of Scholarships

XII.D.12. Purchasing through California-Approved Piggyback Contracts

XII.D.13. Organizational Memberships for 2021/22

XII.D.14. Amendment No. 1 to Service Agreement with Practi-Cal, 2021/22

XII.D.15. Master Contracts for Public, Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School/Agency Services for the 2021/22 School Year

XII.E. Consent Calendar-Operations

XII.E.1. Ratification of Contract for the Castaic High School Parking Lot Improvements Project (R.C. Becker and Son, Inc.)

XII.E.2. Change Order No. 1 - Bid Package No. HAP2103A - Hart High School Outdoor Plaza Project (ANM Concrete Construction, Inc.)

XII.E.3. Fee Proposal for District-Wide Comprehensive Hazardous Waste Materials Handling and Disposal Program (Advanced Chemical Transport, Inc., DBA ACTenviro)

XII.E.4. Notice of Completion - Castaic High School (Castaic HS Construction, Inc.) for Construction Contract

XII.F. Consent Calendar-Requests for Information

XII.G. Approval of Consent Calendar

Motion Passed: Approve the Consent Calendar as amended: CORRECT item XII-C-6 - Renewal Agreement with Instructure for Canvas Online Subscription to read, "Canvas will be utilized by students District-wide." Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Absent Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

XIII. Items for Future Consideration by the Board

XIV. Second Closed Session

XV. Adjournment

Motion Passed: Adjourn the meeting at 10:34 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Mr. James Webb.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Absent Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Respectfully submitted,

Cherise G. Moore, President

Joseph V. Messina, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings
of the District:

Date