



**William S. Hart Union High School District**  
**Regular/Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board**  
December 15, 2021  
7:00 PM

**Minutes**  
(Unapproved)

**I. Instructions for Submitting Public Comment in the Event the Meeting is Recessed and Reconvened via Teleconferencing in a Virtual Format**

**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 7:10 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  
Mr. James D. Webb, Member  
Miss Pratika Prasad, 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. Pledge of Allegiance**

Micah Charles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### IV. Approval of Agenda

**Motion Passed:** Approve the agenda as amended: move item VI-C – Presentation to Past President ahead of item VI-B – Election of Board Officers – December 2021 to Organizational Meeting 2022.

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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

#### V. Public Comments

California School Employees Association Chapter 349 President Kathy Hefferon said that her term as chapter president is ending and she has enjoyed working with the Board and District alongside the Hart District Teachers Association.

Six parents and community members expressed concerns with masks, vaccinations, and the U.S. History America Through the Lens textbook, stated their expectations for Board members, and said student education is a team effort between parents and the District.

#### VI. Organizational Meeting Items

##### VI.A. Ceremonial Administration of Oaths

##### VI.B. Election of Board Officers - December 2021 to Organizational Meeting 2022

**Motion Passed:** Elect Mr. Messina as President of the Governing Board, December 2021 to the Organizational Meeting of December 2022. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**Motion Passed:** Elect Mr. Jensen as Clerk of the Governing Board, December 2021 to the Organizational Meeting of December 2022. Passed with a motion by Mr. Joseph Messina 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**Motion Passed:** Elect Mrs. Storli as Assistant Clerk of the Governing Board, December 2021 to the Organizational Meeting of December 2022. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

There was one public comment.

#### **VI.C. Presentation to Past President**

Mr. Kuhlman and Board members thanked Dr. Moore for her leadership during the last year and presented her with an engraved gavel. Certificates were presented from the offices of U.S. Congressman Mike Garcia, State Senator Scott Wilk, State Assemblywoman Suzette Valladares, Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, and the City of Santa Clarita. Dr. Moore shared a statement about her year as Board president.

#### **VI.D. Welcome Message From New President**

Mr. Messina shared a statement about the upcoming year. He explained that the Board president holds no more power than other Board members; the Board has five members who function as a group.

#### **VI.E. Appointment of Secretary to the Board**

**Motion Passed:** Designate Mr. Kuhlman as secretary to the Board. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**VI.F. Resolution No. 21/22-25 - Certification of Signatures**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-25 certifying the verified signatures of individuals authorized to sign orders in the Governing Board's name for the period of December 16, 2021, through December 31, 2022, and thereby directing staff to file the certification of signatures with the County Superintendent of Schools. 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. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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

**VI.G. Resolution No. 21/22-21 - Compensation for Governing Board Members Excused from Meetings in 2022**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-21 authorizing compensation for Governing Board members excused as specified from meetings during the 2022 calendar year. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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

**VI.H. Resolution No. 21/22-22 - Board Member Travel Authorization**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-22 authorizing reimbursement to the Governing Board for actual and necessary travel expense reimbursements for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2022. Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Jensen 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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

**VI.I. Resolution No. 21/22-23 - Appointment of Representatives to Saugus/Hart School Facilities Financing Authority**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-23 appointing representatives to the Saugus/Hart School Facilities Financing Authority and appoint Mr. Jensen and Mr. Kuhlman as representatives to the Financing Authority. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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

**VI.J. Resolution No. 21/22-24 - Appointment of Representatives to Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-24 - Appointment of Representatives to Santa Clarita Valley Facilities Foundation and appoint Mr. Messina and Mr. Kuhlman as representatives to the Foundation. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

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

**VI.K. Appointment of Representatives to Audit and Finance Committee**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Mr. Jensen and Dr. Moore to serve one-year terms on the Audit and Finance Committee. Passed with a motion by Mr. James Webb 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**VI.L. Appointment of Representatives to Facility Modernization/Construction Monitoring Committee**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Mr. Messina and Mr. Jensen to serve a one-year term on the Facility Modernization/Construction Monitoring Committee. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**VI.M. Appointment of Representatives to Board Policy Review Committee**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Mr. Webb and Mrs. Storli to serve a one-year term on the Board Policy Review Committee for 2022. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**VI.N. Appointment of Representatives to Citizens' Oversight Committees' Membership Selection Committee**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Mrs. Storli and Mr. Webb to serve a one-year term on the Citizens' Oversight Committees' Membership Selection Committee. 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. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**VI.O. Appointment of Representatives to Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (2022)**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Dr. Moore to serve as the Board's representative and Mrs. Storli to serve as the alternate on the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association for 2022. Passed with a motion by Mr. James Webb 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**VI.P. Appointment of Representatives to Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization (2022)**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Mrs. Storli to serve as the Board's representative to elect members to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization for 2022. 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. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**VI.Q. Appointment of Representatives to Special Education Board Liaison Committee (2022)**

**Motion Passed:** Appoint Mr. Webb to serve as the Board's representative and Mrs. Storli as the alternate on the Special Education Board Liaison Committee for 2022. 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. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

**VII. Action Items**

## **VII.A. Certification of First Interim Financial Report**

**Motion Passed:** Certify the First Interim Financial Report and approve staff submission to the Los Angeles County Office of Education with positive certification based on current projections that the District will meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and two subsequent years per Education Code 42131. 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. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Mr. Peschek explained that the first interim report is the first time that numbers from prior year ending balances and the final state adopted budget are combined with actual results from the first quarter of the school year. This report reflects the three percent salary increase and retroactive payments for all staff. The projected 2021/22 ending fund balance is \$55.4 million, which includes the required three percent reserve, restricted funds, and currently unassigned funds. The Local Control and Funding Formula comprises 78 percent of District revenue. Salaries and benefits make up 79 percent of District expenditures. Total expenditures continue to exceed revenue. School districts are required by law to provide three-year multi-year projections. Based on current expenditures and expected income, deficit spending is projected to continue on an annual basis. By the end of the third year, \$3.8 million will be left in the unassigned category. The governor's budget projections will be released in January and the second interim report will be based on January projections. Copies of the report and presentation are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## **VIII. Consent Calendar**

### **VIII.A. Consent Calendar-Removal of Items**

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

### **VIII.B. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction**

#### **VIII.B.1. Request for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Castaic, Saugus, Valencia, and Placerita Junior High Schools**

### **VIII.C. Consent Calendar-Business Services**

#### **VIII.C.1. Authorization to Attend Out-of-State Events - Academy of the Canyons, and Valencia High School**

### **VIII.D. Consent Calendar-Requests for Information**

### VIII.E. Approval of Consent Calendar

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

### IX. Adjournment

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph V. Messina, President

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Robert N. Jensen, Jr., Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings  
of the District:

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Date