



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

February 16, 2022

Closed Session 5:30 p.m.

Public Session 7:00 p.m.

**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 Messina, at the Administrative Center, 21380 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita, California, at 5:01 p.m.

**II.A. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum**

Board Members present:

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

#### **III.A. Recognition of Valencia High School Football Team as 2021 California Scholastic Federation (CIF) Division 5 Champions**

The Board congratulated representatives from the team and presented certificates.

#### **III.B. Recognition of the West Ranch High School Band as Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association Division 4A Marching Band Champions**

The Board congratulated representatives from the band and presented certificates.

### **IV. First Closed Session**

#### **IV.A. Public Comments for Closed Session Items**

There were no public comments.

#### **IV.B. First Closed Session Items**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:01 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

##### **IV.B.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Per Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Case No. 19STCV05083**

In public session Mr. Messina reported that the Board convened in closed session and discussed the consolidated lawsuits filed by John Does 2-4 against the William S. Hart Union High School District, wherein John Does 2-4 each allege they were harmed by their former basketball coach. The plaintiffs agreed to resolve their claims against the William S. Hart Union High School District for \$4 million, of which \$1 million will be paid by the William S. Hart Union High School District. The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Webb - yes. [See Closed Session Log 2021/22]

##### **IV.B.2. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)**

##### **IV.B.3. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)**

##### **IV.B.4. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)**

**IV.B.5. Student Expulsion Report No. 21/22-09 (Ratification) (per Education Code Section 48918 (c))**

**Motion Passed:** Ratify Student Expulsion Report No. 21/22-09. 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.C. Reconvene to Public Session**

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:06 p.m.

**V. Organization**

**V.A. Report of First Closed Session Action**

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

**V.B. Re-Establishment of Quorum**

Board Members present:

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

**V.C. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **V.D. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the agenda. 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.E. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2022. 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

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

## **VI. Special Items**

### **VI.A. Extension of Resolution No. 21/22-13 - Determining the Possibility of Holding Governing Board Meetings in a Virtual Format as Authorized by Assembly Bill 361**

**Motion Passed:** Extend Resolution No. 21/22-13 determining the possibility of holding Governing Board meetings in a virtual format as authorized by Assembly Bill 361. Passed with a motion by Mr. James Webb and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

No Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

Student Board Member Opinion: Yes

Copies of the resolution and the extension are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

## **VII. Communications**

### **VII.A. Board Member Reports**

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Dr. Moore (said February is Career Technical Education (CTE) Month and thanked CTE teachers; mentioned the Many Families One Community Resource Fair held last week in partnership with the Sulphur Springs Union School District; said the Hart District is hosting the Los Angeles

County School Trustees Association meeting next month; the Black History Month Student Art Show will be held tomorrow; and tomorrow is Random Acts of Kindness Day), Mr. Webb (said last week was School Counseling Week; was happy to recognize the Valencia High School football team and West Ranch High School marching band earlier this evening; recently learned that millions of dollars are available to those wanting to enter the teaching field through the Golden State Teacher Grant Program; wished participants well in tomorrow's Student Television Network competition in Long Beach), Mrs. Storli (congratulated the West Ranch High School marching band and Valencia High School football team on their championships, said parent participation at community law enforcement meetings has dropped), Mr. Jensen (congratulated the West Ranch High School marching band and Valencia High School football team on their championships, attended this year's last Foothill League basketball game), and Mr. Messina (encouraged attendees to keep pressure on county leaders, discussed the importance of Career Technical Education).

Mr. Kuhlman discussed the contributions of PTA (Parent Teachers Association) and said PTA will celebrate its 125th anniversary on February 17.

#### **VII.B. Student Board Member Report**

Miss Prasad said school dances are being scheduled, California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) athletic playoffs are taking place, and schools will participate in the Student Television Network competition tomorrow in Long Beach. She discussed the importance of student voices and thanked students for attending or watching Board meetings.

#### **VII.C. Employee Association Leadership**

##### **VII.C.1. Hart District Teachers Association (HDTA) President John Minkus**

Mr. Minkus said HDTA understands the District must comply with county mandates and appreciates being included in the process of designing policies to comply with these mandates. He said staff has been asked to be aware of the social emotional impact of the current situation on students and asked that the same standard be applied to the relationship between administration and staff. He stated that the number one role of administration is to support staff in the educational process. He also said that difficult financial decisions need to be made in order to attract and retain teachers so the Hart District can continue to be the great district it is known as.

##### **VII.C.2. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 349 President Janice Dennington**

CSEA Vice President Rodrigo Mendoza thanked classified employees for their hard work.

#### **VII.D. School Site Report - Bowman High School**

Bowman High School Principal Nina Zamora shared school demographics and discussed core values of inclusiveness, perseverance, respect, and collaboration. She said students come from many different schools and bond in the small school environment. She highlighted co-teaching,

with special education and general education in one classroom, which contributes to the culture of inclusiveness. She shared that the number of graduates as of February has more than doubled as compared to the same time period over the last four years. She explained that all students come to Bowman as potential non-grads and they persevere to reach graduation. Mrs. Zamora discussed staff collaboration, with the success of students in mind, and she shared data showing parents and students feel welcome and safe. She said every staff member is vital to the education of students; they build relationships to re-engage students with their education. Lastly, she shared the tradition of Kazoo graduations. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **VIII. Public Comments**

- Twelve parents, students, and coaches discussed a Golden Valley High School girls softball coaching issue and the effect on the team and asked the District to find a quick resolution.
- Twenty-two parents, students, and community members expressed concerns with masking, vaccinations, COVID protocols, COVID funding, the America Through the Lens US History textbook, and Board member posts on social media. One person stated an intent to file a claim against District insurance for enforcing COVID protocols.
- A parent thanked the District for protecting and supporting Afghan students.
- A parent expressed thanks for the end to CrisisGo daily emails and said the Student Network Television competition is a great experience for students.

### **IX. Information Items**

#### **IX.A. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Supplement to the Annual Update and Mid-Year Report**

Jan Daisher, Director of Special Programs and Staff Development, shared information from the Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021/22 LCAP, mid-year outcome data, mid-year expenditure data, and mid-year progress toward each of the LCAP goals. She also shared challenges resulting from the pandemic. Copies of the presentation, LCAP Mid-Year Report, and Supplement to the Annual Update are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

During discussion on this item, audience members refused to comply with the mask mandate. A thirty-minute recess was called.

**Motion Passed:** Recess the meeting for a period of 30 minutes and reconvene via teleconferencing in a virtual format due to audience members' refusal to wear masks, thereby putting the health and safety of other attendees at risk. 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

\*Miss Prasad left the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened via Zoom Webinar at 10:21 p.m. The quorum was re-established.

Board Members present:

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

**Motion Passed:** Extend the end time of tonight's meeting to 11:00 p.m. 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  
No Mr. James Webb

#### **IX.B. School Safety Update**

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

#### **IX.C. Consideration of Proposal Asking for Increased Local Control Regarding COVID-19 Mitigation Measures**

Dr. Moore said she thinks it is important to survey parents to get their opinions. Mr. Webb agreed, and said he has concerns with a declaration of autonomy by a school district. Mrs. Storli said she is in favor of writing a letter to the county, and she is not convinced that more than 50 percent of District parents want to get rid of masks. Mr. Jensen said Board members understand the needs of their community best, he is in favor of sending something addressing the mental and social-emotional toll on kids, and he wants to send a letter to the county, the legislature, the governor, etc. Mr. Messina said Board members want the right to decide for their community. He thinks sending a letter to Los Angeles County is useless; he wants a letter to go to the governor. Mr. Jensen will work on a letter that can be brought to the Board for approval at the next meeting. There were three public comments.

#### **IX.D. Strategic Planning Update**

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

#### **IX.E. Governing Board Handbook Annual Review**

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

#### **IX.F. New, Revised, and Deleted Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and Exhibit - First Reading**

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

### **X. Action Items**

#### **X.A. Fee Proposal - Construction Management Services for the Valencia High School Fire Alarm Replacement Project (Fonder-Salari, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve fee proposal from Fonder-Salari, Inc., for construction management services for the Valencia High School Fire Alarm Replacement Project. 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 fee proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

#### **X.B. Credit Change Order No. 1 - Bid Package No. CAS21-11 - Castaic High School Electrical Vault Drainage Project (H.A. Lewis, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve Credit Change Order No. 1 from H.A. Lewis, Inc., for the Castaic High School Electrical Vault Drainage Project. 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

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

#### **X.C. Revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations - Second Reading**

This item was postponed to a future meeting.



#### **X.D. California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Election (2022)**

**Motion Passed:** Cast a vote for Ernesto Smith (Newhall School District) in the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly election, Region 22, and authorize staff to mail the ballot as authorized on or before March 15, 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

Copies of the election materials are attached to the agenda of this meeting.

#### **XI. Consent Calendar**

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

There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar.

##### **XI.B. Consent Calendar-Personnel**

###### **XI.B.1. Personnel Report No. 21/22-12**

###### **XI.B.2. Memorandum of Understanding Between the Los Angeles County of Education and the William S. Hart Union High School District Regarding Mental Health and Wellness Services**

###### **XI.B.3. Memorandum of Understanding Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society**

##### **XI.C. Consent Calendar-Curriculum/Instruction**

###### **XI.C.1. Request for Overnight/Out-of-State Trips - Saugus, Valencia, and West Ranch High Schools**

###### **XI.C.2. Request for Temporary Waiver of Education Code Section 56366(d) from the California Department of Education**

##### **XI.D. Consent Calendar-Business Services**

###### **XI.D.1. Purchase Order Report**

**XI.D.2. Warrant Register and Revolving Cash Payments**

**XI.D.3. Acceptance of Monetary Donations**

**XI.D.4. Award of Scholarships**

**XI.D.5. Authorization to Attend Out-of-State Events - Arroyo Seco Junior High School**

**XI.D.6. Prequalification List Per Public Contract Code Section 20111.6 (January 2022)**

**XI.D.7. Declaration of Computers and Other Computer-Related Accessories, Instructional Materials, and Other Miscellaneous Items as Obsolete and Surplus Property**

**XI.D.8. Special Education Consultant Agreements, 2021/22**

**XI.E. Consent Calendar-Operations**

**XI.E.1. Proposal for Division of the State Architect Inspection Services for the Canyon High School and Valencia High School Stadium Light Replacement Project (Independent Construction Inspection, Inc.)**

**XI.E.2. Notice of Completion - Bid Package No. CAS21-11 (H.A. Lewis, Inc.) - Castaic High School Electrical Vault Drainage Project**

**XI.F. Consent Calendar-Requests for Information**

**XI.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 Mrs. Linda Storli.

Yes Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

**XII. Items for Future Consideration by the Board**

**XIII. Second Closed Session**

#### **XIV. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 11:16 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli 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

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