



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

March 16, 2022

Closed Session 6:00 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 Mr. Jensen, at the Administrative Center, 21380 Centre Pointe Parkway, Santa Clarita, California, at 6:00 p.m.

**I.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, President

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

Mr. Jensen 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**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. Votes on items discussed in Closed Session were taken in Public Session, as reported below.

### **II.B.1. Public Employee Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment/ Non-reelection (per Government Code Section 54957)**

In public session Mr. Messina reported that in closed session, the Board took action to withdraw the non-reelection of one teacher approved by the Board on March 2, 2022, and accept the teacher's resignation dated March 8, 2022, in lieu of non-reelection. The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Webb - yes. [See Closed Session Log 2021/22]

Mr. Messina also reported that on January 19, 2022, in closed session, the Board took action to dismiss one night lead custodian. All administrative remedies have now been exhausted. The roll call vote was: Jensen - yes; Messina - yes; Moore - yes; Storli - yes; Webb - yes. [See Closed Session Log 2021/22]

### **II.B.2. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with Hart District Teachers Association (per Government Code Section 54957.6)**

### **II.B.3. Conference with Labor Negotiator: Michael Vierra - Negotiations with California School Employees Association Chapter 349 (per Government Code Section 54957.6)**

### **II.B.4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation - Superintendent (2021/22) (per Government Code 54957)**

## **II.C. Reconvene to Public Session**

The Board returned to Public Session at 7:21 p.m.

## **III. Organization**

### **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:

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, President

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.C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Hart District Teachers Association President John Minkus 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 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

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2022. 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

## **IV. Recognitions by Board**

**IV.A. Recognition of California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Southern Division Wrestling Champion**

**IV.B. Recognition of Student Television Network Convention Participants**

## **V. Communications**

## **V.A. Board Member Reports**

The following Board members relayed the events they recently attended and/or are interested in: Mrs. Storli (attended a recent Valley Industry Association (VIA) luncheon where Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Captain Diez was the speaker), Dr. Moore (said two Rio Norte Junior High School students were 34<sup>th</sup> District PTA Reflections winners and Adriane So won the state Award of Merit; is participating in the California School Boards Association Legislative Action Week and met with representatives from State Senator Wilk's and Assemblywoman Valladares' offices; visited Valencia High School, Rio Norte Junior High School, and Golden Oak Adult School; attended a Golden Valley High School/Castaic High School softball game; attended the groundbreaking of Bridge to Home's new shelter), Mr. Webb (said Open Houses have begun and encouraged parents to attend, visited a social emotional learning class at West Ranch High School, wished everyone a relaxing spring break), Mr. Jensen (attended freshman orientations, had conversations with several parents, talked with lacrosse coaches, attended the VIA luncheon, said Hart High School graduate Trent Irwin, along with Hart District graduate Brady White, hosted a camp for District students), and Mr. Messina (suggested revisiting the Disconnected presentation which discusses the impact of electronic devices, thanked the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Department).

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

Miss Prasad congratulated the Valencia Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program who are advancing to national championships, the West Ranch High School dance team who won overall grand champions at the Contest of Champions in Orlando, and the West Ranch High School DECA Club who won the state competition and are advancing to nationals. She said spring dances are being held and prom season is coming soon. She reported that students have been courteous with each other regarding mask choices.

## **V.C. Employee Association Leadership**

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

Mr. Minkus mentioned a letter sent to the Board from HDTA leadership, which summarizes the association's stance and speaks of the diverse responsibilities placed on teachers. He said teachers are struggling to keep up with the skyrocketing costs of living. He reported that the District is at the bottom of salaries countywide and said people must be the number one priority of the District. He shared that HDTA's vision is to see educators provided with the support and recognition they deserve and compensation that attracts the best.

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

Ms. Dennington mentioned negotiations and said the cost of living is skyrocketing and salaries have not kept up with inflation. She announced that the CSEA website is up and running. She said the theme of the upcoming classified recognition is kindness matters and lending a helping hand.

## **V.D. School Site Report - Castaic High School**

Castaic High School Principal Melanie Hagman gave a presentation highlighting equity, innovation, and collaboration. She said WIN (What I Need) time is an equitable approach to intervention by offering re-teaching; more than half of the Castaic students take advantage of this opportunity. She described the advisory period, where students stay with the same teacher for all four years, which allows relationships to be built. She said the school offers standards based instruction for all students. She discussed innovation through the ICAN Academy, which offers dual enrollment in College of the Canyons classes beginning in ninth grade, and career technical education offerings. She mentioned the collaboration that takes place between students and staff. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

Assistant Principal James Mackey discussed the Sequoia program and said the small campus is doing well and currently has 46 students enrolled. The program is for students with emotional difficulties and gives special needs students the opportunity to participate in programs through dual enrollment at Castaic High School.

## **VI. Special Items**

### **VII. Public Comments**

- Four District teachers discussed salaries, stipends, and staff wellness.
- A community member discussed the job description for director of human resources.
- Five parents and community members expressed concerns with mandates, upcoming legislation, vaccines, critical race theory, and wellness centers.
- A community member said she visited board member homes to deliver paperwork.
- A parent said anti-Asian hate crimes are increasing and a Board member's remarks perpetuate a hostile environment toward Asians.
- A parent suggested the Board consider hybrid meetings.
- A parent shared concerns regarding the Teen Truth agreement on the Consent Calendar.

## **VIII. Information Items**

### **VIII.A. District Demographic Projections**

Senior Project Manager David Kaitz said Davis Demographics reviews District data each year, develops a seven-year forecast, provides a demographic projection report, and updates the SchoolSite Locator. He reviewed an attendance matrix, which provides a snapshot of open enrollment numbers. He provided information on tracking future residential development, student yield factors, trends of the feeder elementary school districts, and historical Santa Clarita Valley student counts from 2000 to 2021. Next Mr. Kaitz shared seven-year projections, by school site and District-wide, which show declining enrollment until 2025. He said there is some growth expected on the west side of the Valley due to the Five Points development. There were two public comments. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **VIII.B. Golden Oak Adult School Update**

Golden Oak Adult School Principal Donna Manfredi gave an update on the school. She shared the school's mission and the things that make Golden Oak different, including personal attention; individualized programs; in person, online, and hybrid options; and classes for all interest groups. She reviewed offerings at the school that include high school diploma and HiSet (High School Equivalency Test) programs, English learner programs, workforce training, career certifications, and community interest classes. She said that by educating the community, the school also helps parents support the education of District students. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **VIII.C. Career Technical Education/Career and College Readiness Department Presentation**

Director of Career Technical Education (CTE) Carolyn Hoffman shared the vision for Career and College Readiness and said it is for everyone. The department focuses on exploration and uses Xello software to allow students to identify their strengths and interests and connect them with educational opportunities. The department offers many workshops, including Manufacturing Day and the Annual Connecting to Success event. She said many great industry partners work with the District to help ensure the correct skills are being taught. The District currently supports 13 CTE industry sectors and offers 33 different career pathways. Over 7,200 students are enrolled in the daytime program and 1,200 students participate in the extended day program, which allows students to take classes offered at other locations. Eight exploratory classes will be offered this summer. The District partners with College of the Canyons to offer dual enrollment, allowing students to take college classes on high school campuses, and concurrent enrollment, allowing students to take classes at the college. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

\*Miss Prasad left the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **IX.A. Resolution No. 21/22-34 Recognizing April 3-9, 2022, as National Library Week**

**Motion Passed:** Adopt Resolution No. 21/22-34 recognizing April 3-9, 2022, as National Library Week. 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.

**Motion Passed:** Extend the ending time for tonight's meeting to 11:00 p.m. 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

### **IX.B. Second Interim Financial Report**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the 2021/22 Second Interim Financial Report, and adopt a positive certification pursuant to California Education Code Section 42131. 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

Mr. Peschek explained that school districts are required to file two interim reports each year. He reviewed changes in general fund revenues between the first and second interim reports and said there has been an increase of \$695,000. Restricted funds (federal, state, and local funds provided for specific usages) have increased by \$3.4 million. He reviewed expenditure variances; the largest variance is in certificated salaries due to one-time bonuses being moved from general to restricted funding. The District is projecting an increase to services and operating expenses due to increased costs in contracted services (buses, supplies, maintenance, etc.) He said multi-year projections, including unassigned/unappropriated balances, are projected to decrease over the next three years due to deficit spending on an annual basis.

Mr. Peschek introduced the new Budget Study Council, designed to increase transparency and understanding of the budget, and announced that meetings will be held on April 21 and May 26, at 4:00 p.m., in the Boardroom. A copy of the presentation is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

### **IX.C. Agreement for Canine Services with 3DK9 Partners, LLC**

Dr. Nielsen said staff is considering adding another layer to District safety protocols with canine firearm detections services. Each school site would receive 10 randomly assigned visits next year. Board members voiced concerns that the scope of work is not clearly defined in the agreement and suggested a possible presentation at the next Board meeting. There was one public comment. A copy of the proposed agreement is attached to the agenda of this meeting. This item was tabled to a future meeting.

**IX.D. Proposal for Division of the State Architect Inspection Services for the La Mesa Junior High School Fire Alarm Replacement Project (Independent Construction Inspection, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve proposal for Division of the State Architect inspection services for the La Mesa Junior High School Fire Alarm Replacement Project from Independent Construction Inspection, 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

Yes Mr. James Webb

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

\*Mr. Jensen left the meeting at 10:57 p.m.

**IX.E. Fee Proposal - Construction Management Services for the La Mesa Junior High School 2 Shade Structures and Outdoor Lighting Project (Fonder-Salari, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve fee proposal from Fonder-Salari, Inc., for construction management services for the La Mesa Junior High School 2 Shade Structures and Outdoor Lighting Project. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Linda Storli and a second by Dr. Cherise Moore.

Absent Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

There was one public comment. A copy of the proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

**IX.F. Proposal for Division of the State Architect Inspection Services for the La Mesa Junior High School 2 Shade Structures and Outdoor Lighting Project (Independent Construction Inspection, Inc.)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve proposal for DSA inspection services for the La Mesa Junior High School 2 Shade Structures and Outdoor Lighting Project from Independent Construction Inspection, Inc. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Absent Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

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

**Motion Passed:** Extend the ending time for tonight's meeting an additional 15 minutes. Passed with a motion by Dr. Cherise Moore and a second by Mrs. Linda Storli.

Absent Mr. Robert Jensen

Yes Mr. Joseph Messina

Yes Dr. Cherise Moore

Yes Mrs. Linda Storli

Yes Mr. James Webb

\*Mr. Jensen returned to the meeting at 11:01 p.m.

### **IX.G. Proposal for the Replacement of Emergency Lighting and Installation of Emergency Inverters at the Saugus High School Auditorium (Taft Electric Company)**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the proposal for the replacement of emergency lighting and installation of emergency inverters at the Saugus High School Auditorium from Taft Electric Company. 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 proposal is attached to the agenda of this meeting.

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve the following Board policies: BP 3513.4 Drug and Alcohol Free Schools and BP 5111.1 District Residency. Passed with a motion by Mr. James Webb 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

Mrs. Hunter presented a list of new, revised, and deleted Board policies (BP), administrative regulations (AR), and an exhibit for a second reading. She said there were no changes since the first reading on March 2. Copies of the BPs, ARs, and exhibit are attached to the agenda of this meeting. There was one public comment.

## **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. 21/22-14**

**X.B.2. School Counseling Intern Agreement Between the William S. Hart Union High School District and Walden University**

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

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

**X.C.2. South Central Coast Regional Consortium Master Agreement - K12 Strong Workforce Program between the Santa Barbara Community College District and the William S. Hart Union High School District - Round 4**

**X.C.3. Revisions to School Plan for Student Achievement (Canyon High School)**

**X.C.4. District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Meeting Minutes**

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

**X.D.1. Purchase Order Report**

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

**X.D.3. Agreement for Annual Audit Services (Eide Bailly)**

**X.D.4. Teen Truth Services Agreements**

**X.D.5. Acceptance of Monetary Donations**

**X.D.6. Agreement for Data Privacy Services (California IT in Education)**

**X.D.7. Agreement for District-wide Customer Service Software and Support Ticket System (Zendesk, Inc.)**

**X.D.8. Santa Clarita Valley Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Consultant Agreements 2022-2023**

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

**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 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

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

- Mr. Messina suggested holding a town hall meeting.
- Mrs. Storli asked for a brief explanation of deficit spending.

### **XII. Second Closed Session**

### **XIII. Adjournment**

**Motion Passed:** Adjourn the meeting at 11:09 p.m. 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

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph V. Messina, President

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Robert N. Jensen, Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings  
of the District:

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Date