



**SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

**Board Room
2200 Eureka Way
Redding, CA 96001**

**January 10, 2023
ADOPTED MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Shasta Union High School District was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Trustee Vericker in the Shasta Union High School District Board Room.

ROLL CALL: Trustees Jamie Vericker, Ron Zufall, Mike Doran, and Andrea Hoheisel were present. Also present: Superintendent Jim Cloney, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources Jason Rubin, Associate Superintendent of Instructional Services Leo Perez, and Chief Business Official David Flores.

There were no requests from the audience to speak to any items on the closed session agenda. The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:34 p.m. to discuss the following: 1) Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (G.C. 54957); 2) Conference with Labor Negotiator (G.C. 54957.6) Agency designated representatives: Jim Cloney – Superintendent, David Flores – Chief Business Official, Jason Rubin – Associate Superintendent/H.R. and Leo Perez - Associate Superintendent/Instructional Services. Employee Organizations: Shasta Secondary Education Association (SSEA), Educational Support Professionals Association (ESP), California School Employees Association (CSEA) and Management/Supervisory/Confidential; and 3) Consider recommendation from Administration regarding the readmission of one student expulsion (File No. 21-02).

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:30 p.m. The Board had no action to report out from closed session. Trustee Vericker led the pledge of allegiance and Trustee Doran recited the mission and vision statements. This month's student artwork display is from Foothill High School.

- RES. 23-001 That the Board approve the agenda, as presented. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-002 That the Board approve the consent agenda, as presented. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-003 That the Board approve the minutes for the December 13, 2022 regular Board meeting. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-004 That the Board approve the students who have been accepted in the College Connection Program for Spring 2023. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-005 That the Board ratify commercial warrants in the amount of \$2,967,201.89 and payroll distributions in the amount of \$4,559,641.33 for the period of 12/01/2022 – 12/31/2022. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-006 That the Board receive Rate of Attendance Report for the First Period (P-1) for 2022-2023. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-007 That the Board approve a request to declare property as surplus (SHS - Camera Equipment). (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-008 That the Board approve a Field Trip Request as follows: SHS choir students travel via land and sea on June 11-16, 2023 to Los Angeles, Catalina Island, and Ensenada. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)

- RES. 23-009 That the Board approve the Human Resources Action Report, as follows: *Classified* – (*New Hires*): Joseph Allegretto, Custodian 8 hours/12 months (SHS), effective December 7, 2022; Megan McBryde, At-Risk Paraprofessional 5.75 hours/10 months (PHS), effective December 1, 2022; Kelly Sandifer, At-Risk Paraprofessional 5.75 hours/10 months (PHS), effective December 14, 2022; and Lucien Saxton, Utility/Auditorium Tech 8 hours/12 months (DO/SLC), effective December 7, 2022. (*Resigned/Retired*): Christina Haines, Paraprofessional-Special Ed 6 hours/10 months (SHS), effective January 31, 2023 and Jade Podtetenieff, Food Nutrition Specialist 4 hours/10 months (SHS), effective December 22, 2022. *Certificated* – (*New Hires*): Nicole Coleman, 5/5 District Nurse January 17, 2023 and Feyorn Saelee, CTE ECE 2/5 (EHS), effective January 9, 2023. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-010 That the Board accept the Quarterly Report on the Williams Uniform Complaints for October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022. (Motion Zufall, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-011 That the Board accept the recommendation from administration regarding the readmission of a student expulsion (File No. 21-02). (Motion Zufall, second Hoheisel, carried 4-0. Ayes: Vericker, Zufall, Doran, Hoheisel. Noes: None. Abstain: None.)
- RES. 23-012 That the Board approve the Piggyback Bus Purchase with BusWest utilizing the Hemet Unified School District bid number 061719 as amended to authorize the purchase of three additional buses based on budget constraints. (Motion Hoheisel, second Doran, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-013 That the Board approve the College and Career Access Pathway agreement with Shasta College. (Motion Zufall, second Hoheisel, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-014 That the Board approve the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs). (Motion Doran, second Zufall, carried 4-0)
- RES. 23-015 That the meeting adjourn. (Motion Hoheisel, second Doran, carried 4-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Shaun Vega Sanchez stated that he will keep pushing for a better wrestling facility at Foothill High School (FHS). He stated that it would be difficult to use the current facility as a multipurpose room though the golf team could put a simulator in it. He shared success stories of local wrestlers and emphasized the importance of maintaining good coaches. Trustee Doran inquired about how much space would be needed and if there is an AAU wrestling program. Mr. Sanchez stated that an ideal space would hold two 40X40 mats and that younger wrestlers in the Eastside Cougars currently use the facility through USA Wrestling.

REPORTS FROM SHASTA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS:

SSEA President Layne McLean was not present. Vice President Dawn Coppolo spoke on behalf of Mr. McLean stating that all schools held a staff development day yesterday. Professional Learning Community meetings were held to review how staff can work as a team. She stated that FHS spent part of the day preparing for their upcoming WASC visit. Ms. Coppolo stated that teachers are happy to be back and enjoyed coming back from break a bit later than usual.

ESP President Rhonda Minch was no present.

CSEA President David Martin was not present.

REPORTS FROM PRINCIPALS:

Alternative Education: Tim Calkins stated that the teaching staff were on campus yesterday for professional development. Pioneer Continuation High School (PHS) launched the Hero Program which is an application used to reward good behavior from students. Shasta Collegiate Academy (SCA) has started using the Canvas learning platform and training is ongoing for staff.

Trustee Zufall commended PHS after meeting a woman who spoke highly of the school after substitute teaching there.

Enterprise High School: Ryan Johnson stated that it was nice to meet the new Board Members since he was unable to attend last month's meeting. He reported that the Enterprise High School (EHS) wellness center will be able to assist many students thanks to the efforts of the Counseling Department. He stated they have put an immense amount of work into designing the space with a budget of \$26,000. Mr. Johnson reported that staff focused on differentiation specifically for special education and English learner students at yesterday's staff development day.

Shasta High School: Shane Kikut commended student Nathan Price who won the National CAD Competition where he competed against thousands of students in a bridge design. Shasta High School (SHS) will receive a new 3D printer as a prize for his win. Mr. Kikut announced the Curriculum Fair will be held on January 30 and the Eighth Grade Invasion will be held on March 31.

Foothill High School: Kevin Greene stated that it was nice to meet the new Board Members since he was unable to attend last month's meeting. He reported that FHS staff spent part of their staff development day preparing for their WASC visit in March. Mr. Greene stated that the CTE fire and EMT storage building is almost complete, and they will be able to gain some classroom space back that is currently used for storage. He reported that the baseball field received a scoreboard over break. The FHS boys' basketball team took second place and the girls' basketball team took first place in the Harlan Carter Tournament. Each comprehensive site's sports booster will share the \$30,000 raised from the tournament. Mr. Greene commended Athletic Director Stephanie Ahluwalia on being recognized as the Northern Section Athletic Director of the Year and the football coaching staff on being recognized as the North Lions All Star Coaching Staff of the Year. He stated that the Curriculum Fair is scheduled for January 24 and they are planning the elective summit where students will be able to learn about elective classes.

REPORT FROM SUPERINTENDENT:

Jim Cloney reported that all sites held a successful staff development day yesterday and students are back from winter break today. He announced that the Governor's statewide proposed budget was released today announcing an 8.13% funded COLA for 2023-2024. Through Proposition 28, the District will receive approximately \$600,000 towards music and art. The budget also stated that the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant has been reduced, and the District will now lose approximately \$1,000,000 of the \$2,500,000 grant. Mr. Cloney noted that funds received through Proposition 28 are ongoing, and the grant is one-time money. The budget also includes \$200 per senior towards a cultural experience resulting in about \$200,000 for the District. Mr. Cloney stated that trailer bills will follow this announcement prior to the May revise. The final budget will be brought for approval in June, and the District will update the Board as more information becomes available.

Trustee Zufall inquired if there will be a statewide deficit in the future. David Flores stated that a reduction in a few years is expected. Mr. Cloney noted that the 8.13% is the calculated COLA and this number may change based on the economy.

Trustee Vericker inquired if there have been any facility issues with the recent rain. Mr. Cloney stated that there has not been any major issues.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND LIAISON REPORTS:

Trustee Vericker stated that the Board is always looking for ways to improve how we serve our students and through personal experience, his child was able to graduate from college early thanks to concurrent enrollment and Advanced Placement courses. He stated that it is a huge savings to families and great exposure to students to be able to obtain college credits while in high school.

Trustee Zufall reported that he recently met with Simpson University officials and learned that they will be starting a new four-year engineering degree. He noted that this could be a possible future partnership with the District to better serve our students.

DISCUSSION:

Monthly Financial Report: David Flores reported that the District is halfway through the fiscal year. He provided a brief overview of the revenues and expenditures stating that the District is trending where it should be. He stated that he will have the Board review the budget again in March for Second Interim after the District has updated our assumptions. It was noted that the Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant and the 8.13% COLA is not included in this report since it was not part of the First Interim.

Bus Purchases: David Flores stated that the District would like to purchase five new buses utilizing a piggyback bid from Hemet Unified School District. The \$1.2m purchase would be financed over three years and the state will allocate 60% of the home-to-school transportation expenditures for this fiscal year resulting in \$713,000. Mr. Flores introduced Director of Transportation Trystan Thomas.

Trustee Doran inquired if the District would be interested in purchasing electric or alternative fuel buses. Mr. Thomas explained that the technology isn't there yet for non-diesel buses, especially for the terrain and climate in Shasta County. Discussion continued on the issues the District has with the current non-diesel buses and what buses could be sold in order to purchase new buses. Mr. Thomas explained that the time to buy is now because one of the main diesel manufacturers is leaving California due to stricter emission regulations that will be implemented by the state. Trustee Doran inquired if we should buy more buses. Mr. Flores stated that the Board can amend the resolution to authorize the District to purchase eight buses instead of five. Mr. Cloney stated that the District plans to purchase five and will review the budget to see if it is possible to purchase additional buses. Trustee Hoheisel made a motion to approve the bus purchase with the amendment to authorize the purchase of three additional buses based on budget constraints. Trustee Doran second the motion and the Board was unanimously in favor of the amendment to the bus purchase agreement.

College and Career Access Pathway (CCAP) Agreement: Leo Perez stated that the CCAP agreement with Shasta College would allow students to obtain fifteen units per semester instead of eleven through dual enrollment. The agreement will close off District dual enrolled classes to the general public. It was noted that students can also take classes at Shasta College.

School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs):

Leo Perez stated that the California Department of Education (CDE) requires the SARC reports to be approved by the Board and posted by February 1. He stated that the reports are incomplete due to data pending from the CDE. He recommended the Board approve the SARCs based on what is currently available from the state and that he will bring them back for approval again once all data has been uploaded from the state.

RECESS: 7:42 p.m. – 7:52 p.m.

Grade Distributions: Leo Perez presented data broken down by grade and site from 2019 to 2022 showing changes in grade point averages and letter grades before, during and, after the pandemic. He stated that Goal #2 within the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) states that the District would like to increase the percentage of students who earn a 2.0 GPA in a broad course of study by 1%. Mr. Perez provided background on how the learning environment changed for students during the pandemic, which also caused behavioral issues for freshman and sophomores. He stated that grades and behavior have improved now that we have returned to full in person instruction. Mr. Perez noted that overall data improves for juniors and seniors because the bottom performing students attend PHS.

Trustee Zufall asked Mr. Perez to share this data with Trustee Pepple.

ADVANCE PLANNING:

Next Meeting Dates: February 14, 2023

Suggested Future Agenda Items: Trustee Zufall presented the Board with a draft philosophical statement regarding the Board's role and requested this be agendaized for the spring study session.

Public Comment: Shaun Vega Sanchez invited the Board to attend senior night on February 1 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Ron Zufall, Clerk
Board of Trustees

Jim Cloney, Executive Secretary
Board of Trustees

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