

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Hollister School District  
AUGUST 24, 2021  
6:00PM**

**2690 Cienega Road  
Hollister, CA 95023**

**Via live Youtube stream at <https://boardmeeting.hesd.org>**

**Closed Session: 5:00 PM**

**Open Session: 6:00 PM**

**Closed Session: 8:30 PM**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Jan Grist.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by President Grist. All five Trustees were present.

**3. Public Comment for Closed Session**

No public comment

**4. Convene to Closed Session**

Trustee Martinez motioned to convene to closed session. Trustee Toste seconded the motion.

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**5. Call Meeting Back to Order and Flag Salute**

Meeting called back to order at 6:15 pm. The flag salute was held.

**6. Community & Student/Staff Recognition**

Student Nutrition Director, Ann Pennington, recognized all 31 staff members of her team. Educational Services Director, Caroline Calero, recognized Annabelle Alvarez, Secretary Support, for taking on several hats in the last year. Assistant Superintendent, Kip Ward, recognized school nurses Miranda Eyster, Anita Sarringhaus, and Alane Warren for their work ethic in the last year and a half, along with Secretary Leticia Garcia, and Attendance Parent Liaisons Adelina Bustamante and Alejandra Casillas. Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Aaron Buzzetta, recognized his secretary, Adela Ruiz, and Transportation Coordinator, Noelia Lara, for their hard work. He also recognized groundskeepers and maintenance teams for their high level of dedication to their work and commitment in their positions.

## 7. Closed Session Announcements

No announcements

## 8. Approval of the Agenda

The Board took action to approve the agenda. Trustee Martinez motioned to approve the agenda. Trustee Toste seconded the motion. 5-0.

## 9. Public Comments

No public comment.

## 10. Reports

### 10.c. COVID 19 Protocols and Procedures

School Nurse Miranda Eyster provided information regarding information that went out to parents before school began asking parents to implement screening at home. A screening checklist was sent home to check temperatures and symptoms, checking criteria of exposure; how to follow up; face coverings required indoors. Outside face masks were optional. Nurse Eyster described a face shield with a drape for students who cannot wear traditional masks. She explained that ventilation, air purifiers are provided. She also explained that gyms are to leave doors open for ventilation. She described how high touch surfaces are being cleaned. Isolation piece: If students have symptoms they isolate at home for 10 days, from first symptom or if they tested positive then 10 days from that day, then they return on the 11th day. Nurse Eyster also described the Delta Variant, and that symptoms mirror allergy-type symptoms, and that people tend to have multiple symptoms.

### 10.a. Report on Facilities Projects

Director of Facilities and Maintenance, Aaron Buzzetta, presented a drone aerial view of sites. He pointed out that Calaveras replaced roofing and RO Hardin overhauled fields. HDLA underwent roof tile repair and exterior paint on their trim and doors. Director Buzzetta pointed out that Marguerite Maze is getting flowers planted at the site. Jan asked for a report regarding unisex bathrooms sooner than later. Trustee Martinez publicly expressed her concern regarding HSD custodians cleaning up after the city after use of Hollister School District fields. President Grist suggested that custodians take photos as proof to show the work they are doing for the city.

### 10.b. Report on District-wide Social-Emotional Team

Assistant Superintendent, Kip Ward, described what school counselors do for students including academic counseling, social and emotional academic counseling in the classrooms and individual counseling, while social workers provide crisis counseling and parent/teacher consultation, where they reach out to parents and teachers to work on solutions. Clerk Torres-DeLuna asked for demographic information regarding age, race, ethnicity, to justify the work of who we are supporting and watching the trends of population of students the district is serving.

### 10.d. Report on RISE: Rigorous Independent Studies Education

Educational Services Director, Caroline Calero, shared the application process, structure of the program, and progress to date. Director Calero described the short term and long term changes to the independent study program. Discussion among board members took place regarding how a space is saved for RISE students who choose to leave, but want to come back to their home school. Director Calero explained that the program does not guarantee a space back at the student's home school.

#### 11. Consent Items

Trustee Marks motioned to approve consent items 11a to 11m. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. 5-0

11.a. Approval of Board Warrants

11.b. Approval of Board of Trustees Minutes, July 27, 2021 Meeting

11.c. Approval of Contracts Under \$15,000

11.d. Approval of Personnel Report August 2021

11.e. Approval of Contract Additional Compliance Services

11.f. Approval of Contract Jackson Therapy Partners, LLC

11.g. Approval of Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Representative

11.h. Approval of Contract with Ed Theory LLC to provide Registered Behavior Technician

11.i. Approval of Contract and Agreement with Independent Contractor Applied Assistive Technology

11.j. Approval of Contract Agreement with Mc Colgan and Associates

11.k. Approval of Individual Service Agreement with Spectrum Non Public Schools (NPS)

11.l. Approval of Central Coast Refrigeration Contract

11.m. Approval of individual service agreement with Pine Hills NonPublic School (NPS)

#### 12. Discussion/Action Items

12.a. Discussion and Approval of Adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158 Independent Studies as Mandated by AB 130

No action taken.

12.b. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between HSD and San Benito Arts Council 2021-2022

President Grist expressed how much she appreciated the San Benito County Arts Council. Jennifer Lane, Executive Director of SBC Arts Council and parent to two students, provided a public comment and described how the arts have brought positivity to the district. The arts council staff have worked closely with Hollister School District students. Jennifer Lane described the social emotional learning aspect of the arts. She asked that the board work as arts' advocates.

Clerk Torres-Deluna motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between HSD and San Benito Arts Council 2021-2022. Lisa Marks seconded. 5-0

12.c. Approval of 2021-2022 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum

Educational Services Director, Caroline Calero, described the LCAP Federal Addendum. During public comment, the concern regarding restorative practices and equity was expressed. The concern was that not all staff are trained correctly. The caller indicated that trauma informed training and restorative justice training is important. Jeannette Leon, Hollister School District Task Force member, wanted to remind people that school equity policies that were made by task force were approved unanimously at some point. However, the LCAP isn't showing that training will take place that was originally written in the document regarding the task force several years ago, according to Ms. Leon.

Trustee Martinez motioned the approval of 2021-2022 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum. Lisa Marks seconded. 5-0

#### 12.d. Approval of Resolution No. 1:21-22, OPSC Applications

Trustee Martinez motioned the approval of Resolution No. 1:21-22, OPSC Applications. Clerk Torres-DeLuna seconded. 5-0

#### 12.e. Oral Summary of compensation and fringe benefits offered to Assistant Superintendent Kip Ward [Government Code 54956(b)]

Superintendent Erika Sanchez read the oral summary of compensation and fringe benefits offered to Assistant Superintendent, Kip Ward.

#### 12.f. Approval of Employment Contract between Assistant Superintendent Kip Ward and the Hollister School District [Government Code 54956(b)]

Clerk Torres-DeLuna motioned to approve the Employment Contract between Assistant Superintendent Kip Ward and the Hollister School District. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. 5-0

#### 12.g. Oral Summary of compensation and fringe benefits offered to Superintendent Erika Sanchez [Government Code 54956(b)]

President Grist read the oral summary of compensation and fringe benefits offered to Superintendent Erika Sanchez

#### 12.h. Approval of Employment Contract Between Superintendent Erika Sanchez and the Hollister School District [Government Code 54956(b)]

Clerk Torres-DeLuna motioned to approve the Employment Contract between Assistant Superintendent Kip Ward and the Hollister School District. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. 5-0

#### 13. Board Member Report

President Jan Grist reported that she was aware that there were parking and traffic issues at Rancho Santana, but it was a good first week of school. Clerk Torres-DeLuna expressed the concern regarding traffic at HDLA the first week of school.

#### 14. Future Agenda Items

Trustee Marks asked for more information regarding RISE Academy students being able to return to their home school placement. Clerk Torres-DeLuna asked for a way to get feedback from parents regarding RISE and their students returning to their home school. Clerk Torres-DeLuna would also continue to discuss COVID-19 implications on students if cases rise. Trustee Martinez asked for the Board to consider moving Accelerated Achievement Academy to Sunnyslope School's former classrooms. President Grist would like a demographer update in September.

15. Announcements/Reminders

No announcements

16. Adjournment

Trustee Martinez motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Torres-DeLuna seconded. 5-0