

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Hollister School District
October 26, 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 President Jan Grist.
2. Roll Call
Roll call was taken by President Grist. All five Trustees were present.
3. Flag Salute and Staff Recognition
Director of Information Technology, Branden Johnson, gave praise and recognition to his entire staff, including Lead Technology Specialist, Javier Medina, and all Technology Support Specialists, including Manny Guzman, Roger Anglin, Enrique Zendejas, Kelly Bartholf, Cathay Ortega, Monica Ruiz, and Clerk Martha Miranda.
4. Approve the Agenda
Clerk Carla Torres-DeLuna motioned to approve the agenda. Trustee Lisa Marks seconded. 5-0
5. Public Comments for Closed Session
No public comments for closed session
6. Convene to Closed Session
Meeting convened to closed session.
7. Call Meeting Back to Order
Meeting was convened to open session at 6:20 pm
8. Closed Session Announcements
No announcements
9. Approve the Agenda
Clerk Carla Torres-DeLuna motioned to approve the agenda. Trustee Lisa Marks seconded. 5-0

10. Public Comment

Clerk Torres-DeLuna read an email from a parent by the name of Gabriela whose two children attend a school within the district. Gabriela expressed concern regarding a vaccine mandate because no long-term effects are known of the COVID-19 vaccine. Clerk Torres-DeLuna also read Parent Collin Knapp's comment regarding his concern over mandated vaccines of children. Clerk Torres-DeLuna read an email from parent, Ruby Gil, who stated her concern about not being able to attend board meetings in person, or visiting her child's school campus. Ms. Gil expressed her disagreement with schools being closed to parents and visitors. Clerk Torres-DeLuna read a statement from a parent who stated in her letter that she visited the district office on October 20, 2021 to speak with Superintendent Sanchez. Although she was not able to speak to Superintendent Sanchez, she referred to an incident that took place between her son and a teacher. The parent stated concerns regarding accusations made towards her child from his teacher that he stole the teacher's food. Clerk Torres-DeLuna read several statements from parents who are in disagreement with mandated vaccines for children. Parent of an HDLA student, Celeste, called to express her concern regarding students wearing face masks. Parent Celeste also expressed concern that children would be segregated if they are not vaccinated if there is a mandate set in place. Celeste also pointed out that the Board should not disregard the legal letter sent from counsel Tracy Henderson, who is representing Celeste as a parent. Clerk Torres-DeLuna shared a statement from parent, Adam Mendoza, who is concerned with sanitation of the schools and training of staff during COVID.

11. Reports

11.a. Report on Migrant Summer Programs

Migrant Coordinator, Patrisia Martinez, reported on the summer school program earlier in the year that focused on wellness and academics. Coordinator Martinez described the services provided to students before regular summer school over a ten-day period. The program provided backpacks for students of migrant families. The Old Navy store donated boxes of masks to students, and the migrant program region provided PPE for families, as well. San Benito County Library provided books to students to keep. Kindergarten-ready workshops were provided, along with healthy habit demonstrations including handwashing and masking and dental health education. Clerk Torres-DeLuna asked if there were things that the program could improve on for next year. Coordinator Martinez explained that she took input and feedback from both teachers and parents to help next year's program.

11.b. Report on Developer Fee Collection and Expenditures

Business Services Manager, Lisa Wiggins, reported on the recent activity collection of developer fee funds. Lisa Wiggins explained that developer fees help to finance expansion of schools. Money is collected from developers who build homes within a certain radius of schools. President Grist asked a question regarding the 2021-22 amount of \$731,000 in developer fees, but in 2020-21 the district had over \$5 million.

Lisa Wiggins explained that the 2021-22 enrollment for the district had not been reported yet to the state. Lisa Wiggins clarified that the enrollment reporting would happen in December and that CALPADS data is still being assembled.

12. Consent Items

Trustee Elizabeth Martinez motioned to approve consent items 12a to 12k. Trustee Cathy Toste seconded. 5-0

12.a. Approval of Board Warrants

12.b. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Hollister School District and the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of its San Francisco Campus (UCSF)

12.c. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between University of Massachusetts Global and Hollister School District regarding intern teachers' and intern school psychologists' fieldwork

12.d. Single Plans for Student Achievement (SPSA)

12.e. Approval of Personnel Report October 2021

12.f. Approval of Contract with New Directions Solutions for Registered Behavior Technician

12.g. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes for September 28, 2021

12.h. Approval of Independent Contractual Agreement with Nancy Denton

12.i. Approval of RO Health Contract for Registered Behavior Technician

12.j. Approval of HSD Agreement with Earth Systems Pacific

12.k. Approval of Contracts Under \$15,000

13. Discussion/Action Items

13.a. Discussion of Approval of Resolution #2: 21/22 Resolution in the Matter of Gann Limit

Business Services Manager, Lisa Wiggins, described the Gann Limit imposed by the state that was implemented in 1978-1979. Manager Lisa Wiggins explained that, between revenues of local taxes and state aid, there was an appropriation limit set so that local and county governments were not spending all of the tax revenues that were allotted for school districts. This limit ensures that tax revenues go to students in local school districts.

Trustee Lisa Marks motioned to approve Resolution #2: 21/22 Resolution in the Matter of Gann Limit. Trustee Elizabeth Martinez seconded the motion. 5-0

13.b. Discussion and Approval of ESSER III plan

Superintendent Erika Sanchez explained that the ESSER III plan encompasses the current LCAP and expanded the learning opportunities grant plan that will extend through the 2023-24 school year. The plan reflects stakeholder input that carries across the ELO and LCAP plans. Superintendent Sanchez assured the Board that the ESSER III plan does not include anything new other than what was originally presented.

Trustee Elizabeth Martinez motioned to approve the ESSER III plan. Trustee Cathy Toste seconded the motion. 5-0

13.c. Discussion of Field Trips 2021-22

Superintendent Sanchez shared the history of types of field trips that have been taken in the past in the district. Clerk Torres-DeLuna addressed the latest incident at Spring Grove School and the student that became ill at the 6th grade science camp. Clerk Torres-DeLuna expressed as a parent that field trips are important, but as a board member, board members have to think about safety precautions, and the current reality of COVID-19, and she would rather remain cautious. Clerk Torres-DeLuna advocated that the Board only vote for the remainder of this year, and be mindful of the current climate. Trustee Cathy Toste asked if a decision had to be made for the entire year, or could a decision be made through the end of this year, and the topic be re-visited in February 2022. Superintendent Sanchez answered that the Board can decide to not take action this evening, and take specific direction for a specific time period only.

13.d. Discussion of AB 361 and Executive Order N-15-21

Superintendent Sanchez explained AB 361, and Executive Order N-15-21 that states the Governing Board may take action in a regularly scheduled public board meeting to consider opening board meetings to the public, or maintain meetings closed to the public. Public comments are still welcome remotely. Trustee Lisa Marks expressed that she does not want to open up yet to the public. President Jan Grist asked for input from school nurses regarding the safety of re-opening to the public. Trustee Elizabeth Martinez agreed not to reopen to the public yet, but she would take into consideration the public comments that were shared earlier in the meeting regarding community input about reopening to the public again.

Trustee Cathy Toste motioned to approve the resolution regarding continuing the Board of Trustees' authority to hold virtual meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Executive Order N-15-21. Trustee Elizabeth Martinez seconded. 5-0

13.e. Discussion and Approval of Hollister School District Engaging in Discussion and Transactions Necessary for the Possible Acceptance of Land Donation

Superintendent Sanchez asked the Board to discuss consideration of land donation near Marguerite Maze Middle School called Rosati property. District administration worked with legal counsel for guidance in the next steps to accept the land donation.

Superintendent Sanchez explained that there have been discussions with legal counsel that would allow the district permission to accept the donation as a gift, and acquire the land and have it deeded to the district. Superintendent Sanchez read a letter from the property owner of the land. The letter indicated that the property was being considered for use to expand the already tight parking lot at Marguerite Maze, and in the process, help alleviate speeding on Santa Ana Road at Hollister Dual Language Academy, where the open road would run from Meridian Street and cut across to connect with Santa Ana Road near Brigantino property. After President Grist expressed her concerns about the redesigning project and which entity would be fiscally responsible, a request was made to place a call to a representative of the development project to clarify these concerns. The representative of the development, Victor Gomez, called in to the Board to assure President Grist and the Board that the cost of any reconstruction and addition of

sidewalks and bike lanes near Brigantino Ranch adjacent to Hollister Dual Language Academy and additions to the Marguerite Maze parking lot would be the fiscal responsibility of his company.

Clerk Torres-DeLuna motioned to approve Hollister School District Engaging in Discussion and Transactions Necessary for the Possible Acceptance of Land Donation.

Clerk Elizabeth Martinez seconded the motion. 5-0

14. Convene to Closed Session

15. Call Meeting Back to Order

16. Closed Session Announcements

No announcements

17. Board Member Reports

Clerk Torres-DeLuna acknowledged that the district has social/emotional mental health awareness to address, and the importance of everyone being good role models; counseling is important to everyone, Clerk Torres-DeLuna expressed. As someone in the community, Clerk Torres-DeLuna said, she has also had moments when things become overwhelming, especially as an elected official, and empathized with anyone who is an elected official during these times. She expressed that decisions are difficult, and she does not take them lightly. Clerk Torres-DeLuna stressed that everyone needs to take care of their mental health, including staff, administration, and board members, too. Trustee Martinez supported Clerk Torres-DeLuna's sentiment. President Grist reported that she attended zoom meetings that were interesting on SEL. Recently she participated in a training regarding Footsteps to Brilliance, led by our county superintendent and other surrounding counties. President Grist described how easy the difficult job as a board member has been because of the people she works with. President Grist described that the job as board president keeps her up at night and is stressful, as she sometimes questions herself. However, she has made decisions with people that she respects and she trusts, and she does not feel alone. President Grist emphasized that no one thought we would be in this pandemic, living history, breaking new boundaries, doing the best that they can, and pointed out that everyone should give themselves grace.

18. Future Agenda Items

President Grist asked for the Governance calendar. Trustee Martinez asked that the discussion be addressed again regarding moving Accelerated Achievement Academy to Sunnyslope. Trustee Martinez also expressed a need for parent training on the district's new discipline policies so parents have a better understanding. Clerk Torres-DeLuna suggested livestreamed town halls take place as in the previous school year. Clerk Torres-DeLuna asked for a School to Prison Pipeline Task Force update.

19. Announcements/Reminders
None

20. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned.