

**Board Meeting Minutes  
Hollister School District  
May 24, 2022  
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  
President Carla Torres-DeLuna called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call  
President Torres-DeLuna took roll call. All members present.
3. Public Comments for Closed Session  
No public comment for closed session.
4. Convene to Closed Session  
Meeting convened to closed session.
5. Call Meeting Back to Order  
President Torres-DeLuna called the meeting back to order.
6. Flag Salute  
Trustee Jan Grist led the flag salute.
7. Closed Session Announcements  
No closed session announcements.
8. Approve the Agenda  
Trustee Elizabeth Martinez motioned to approve the agenda. Trustee Jan Grist seconded the motion. 5-0
9. Public Comments  
Intervention teachers Kim Casillas, Nikki Bell, Mary Ann Zuniga, and Cynthia Annotti explained the intervention teacher program and expressed their concerns about losing the intervention teachers at RO Hardin School.

Marguerite Maze students expressed their concern about losing the counselors and PE teachers. The students explained that the PE teachers and counselors help immensely and they would like the Board to consider keeping the PE teachers and counselors for next year. School Counselor, Luis Arguello, expressed his disappointment in the decision to lay off social emotional staff that the students rely on. San Benito Arts Council teacher, Rebecca Pearson, thanked the Board for the support they have shown for the Art program. RO Hardin teacher, Angela Hagins, expressed her disappointment in the Board's decision to cut positions that help her students at RO Hardin. SLP, Cheryl Rios, spoke about the intervention teacher program at RO Hardin, and how they have had to revamp many times for the needs of their students. Ms. Rios also spoke about her concern for the students if they have no social emotional support next year. RO Hardin teacher, Hannah Rodriguez, explained the reading statistics of her students and how the intervention teachers are helping her students to improve in reading. Ms. Rodriguez also expressed her disappointment with the equity of RO Hardin Elementary School. HDLA teacher, Wendy Southwood, expressed how the emotional support program has successfully helped her son. Ms. Southwood explained that her son and the students need the support that the emotional support staff provides. HDLA teacher, Patrick Larabell, spoke about the Governor's revise meeting. Mr. Larabell explained to the Board that the money given from the state should not be saved, and should be spent on the students by bringing back the laid off staff. HDLA teacher, Rachel Domezio, expressed that she wants the Board to hire back the teachers that were laid off, and not save the money that the state is giving the district. San Benito Arts Council teacher, Stephanie Skow, explained why she believes art is important to students. Ms. Skow shared messages from students about why they love the art program. Marguerite Maze teacher, Kathleen Sampson, expressed her gratitude for the counselors and PE teachers at Marguerite Maze and showed concern for the students if the counselors are not there next year. HESTA President, Nicole Fekins, explained that her job as HESTA President is to protect her members. Ms. Felkins explained her concerns about the students not having the emotional support staff when Covid is still a threat to the students.

## 10. Reports

### 10.a. Report on San Benito Arts Council 2021-2022 School Year

San Benito County Arts Council Executive Director, Jennifer Laine, presented on the services and programs that the non-profit has, and how these programs positively benefit students. San Benito County Arts Council Director of Arts Education, Amanda Chiado, presented the 3rd-7th Grade Visual Arts Program. Director Chiado shared photographs of Hollister School District students enjoying the program.

## 11. Consent Items

### 11.a. Approval of Board Warrants May 2022

### 11.b. Approval of New Contracts Under \$15,000- May 2022

### 11.c. Approval of Out-Of-State Travel- 2022 Staff Attendance of the School Nutrition Association's Annual National Conference (ANC)

11.d. Approval of amendment contract with TriCounties Speech Services for additional funds.

11.e. Approval of the Amendment Contractual Agreement with Bay Area Speech to extend Special Education services

11.f. Approval of the Amendment Contractual Agreement with Jackson Therapy Partners LLC to extend Special Education services

11.g. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Hollister School District and San Benito County Office of Education regarding Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI)

11.h. Approval of Contract with Kathia Herrera/FORXA

11.i. Approval of contract between the Hollister School District and EL Achieve

11.j. Approval of Personnel Report May 2022

Trustee Grist motioned to approve consent items 11.a. through 11.j. Trustee Cathy Toste seconded the motion. 4-0

12. Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2022 to be Approved by the Board of Trustees

Clerk Lisa Marks motioned to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2022. Trustee Toste seconded the motion. 4-0

13. Approval of Minutes for May 13, 2022 Special Board Meeting

Clerk Marks motioned to approve minutes for May 13, 2022 Special Board Meeting. Trustee Toste seconded the motion. 4-0

14. Discussion/Action Items

14.a. Discussion and Approval of Eide Bailly Audit Report

Linda Yang, Senior Associate for Eide Bailly, presented the 2021 audit. Senior Associate Yang explained the audit process and each component within the audit.

Trustee Grist motioned to approve the Eide Bailly Report. Trustee Martinez seconded the motion. 5-0

14.b. Discussion and Approval of Evidence of District Support for Charter Facilities Application

Director of Engagement and Partnerships, Kirsten Carr, presented on the enrollment and demographics of the Hollister Prep School. Kevin Sved, HPS CEO, presented the building site plans for HPS. Mr. Sved explained that approval tonight is just an agreement to negotiate on the improvements for HPS if the Grant is approved. Trustee Martinez explained that there should be some discussion on moving the HPS campus to a more spacious location, which will allow RO Hardin to be less compacted. Trustee Toste asked what the next steps would be if HPS is given the Grant. Mr. Sved explained that HPS and the Board would have to agree on the plans before they could move forward. President Torres-DeLuna asked what would happen if the Board and HPS could not agree on a proposal. Mr. Sved explained that the money would go back to the state. There was no motion to approve District Support for Charter Facilities Application.

14.c. Discussion and Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report- April 2022

Interim CBO, Scott Wilbur, presented the Monthly Expenditure Report, and explained the different components within the report.

Trustee Martinez motioned to approve the Monthly Expenditure Report- April 2022.

Trustee Grist seconded the motion. 5-0

14.d. Discussion and Approval of 2021-2022 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Federal Addendum

Educational Services Director, Caroline Calero, presented the Federal Addendum, and explained the Title funds within the Federal Addendum. Director Calero explained what programs came from the funding and how those programs positively impacted students.

Trustee Martinez motioned to approve the 2021-2022 Local Control Accounting Plan Federal Addendum. Trustee Toste seconded the motion. 5-0

14.e. Acknowledge Receipt of Hollister Elementary School teachers Association (HESTA) Sunshine Proposal

Barbara Brown presented the HESTA Sunshine Proposal to the Board.

15. Superintendent's Report- Community Schools Grant & Middle School Grade Level Configurations

Superintendent Sanchez explained what a community school is, and explained why this will be beneficial to some of the schools in the Hollister School District. Trustee Martinez gave recognition to the team for seeking out this funding for the district. Trustee Toste explained that this is a great program that can have longevity. Clerk Marks expressed that this gives the Board hope that they are moving in the direction they always intended to go. President Torres-DeLuna explained that community schools are not new, but that the Board needs to make sure they are making the right decisions, and bringing back employees when they find out the money is there. Superintendent Sanchez presented the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade configurations and the program offerings.

16. Board Member Report

Trustee Grist explained that she went to Ladd Lane school for the Board of Trustee outreach meeting, and there was a great turn out and there was a lot of good information. Trustee Martinez explained that she visited HPS and saw some things that she was concerned with. Trustee Toste went to Sunnyslope for outreach which was very informative. Trustee Toste also toured the Rancho San Justo campus to check out the quick cafes. Trustee Toste expressed concern about the effort and strength that it takes to open the doors for the quick cafes in Rancho Santana.

17. Future Agenda Items

Trustee Martinez would like to see the website be updated with the new academic calendars. Trustee Grist asked for information about grades. President Torres-DeLuna

asked for a followup on the RISE Program survey they talked about at the last Board Meeting. President Torres-DeLuna also asked for a resolution for the Pacific Islanders heritage month. Clerk Marks requested that the Board take time to revise Board policies and handbooks this summer.

18. Announcements/Reminders

No Announcements or reminders.

19. Convene to Closed Session

Trustee Martinez motioned to convene to closed session. Trustee Grist seconded the motion. 5-0

20. Call Meeting Back to Order

Meeting was called back to order.

21. Closed Session Announcements

No closed session announcements.

22. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.