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St. HOPE Public Schools  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: October 20, 2022

Time: 4:06 p.m.

Location: Teleconference and P8 on SHPS Main Campus

**I. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

St. HOPE Public Schools Board Chair, Cassandra Jennings, by teleconference, called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., welcomed the Board, announced the accepted resignation of Michelle Johnson, and then requested a roll call.

**Board Members Present (via zoom):** Cassandra Jennings, Dr. Ron Tom, Dr. Stephanie Walton, Gladys Mitchell, Carolyn Veal-Hunter, Ronald West

**Board Members Absent:** Janet Rice, Angelia Dickens, Kathy McKim

**Attendees Present (via zoom):** Elisha Ferguson Parsons, Michelle Rhee Johnson, Nicole Michalik, Ted Reiterman, Jim Scheible, Kevin Heistand, Roger Scott, Nicole Aguilar

**Attendees Present (via zoom from SHPS Campus, Rm P8):** Lisa Ruda, Christina Williams-James, Kristen Meyer, Linsey Bailey, Jade Locke, Samantha Escobar

Chair Jennings announced a quorum was present and asked for any public comment speakers to be introduced.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment speakers present and no public comment.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda consisted of items A-E, which were A) Approve Resolution #22/23-01: A Resolution Making Findings Necessary to Permit Virtual Board Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e), B) Approve Minutes from 07/8/22 Board of Directors Meeting, C) Approve 2021-22 Unaudited Actuals for PS7, D) Approve 2021-22 Unaudited Actuals for Sac High, E) Ratify terms of Board members, designation of officers and schedule of regular meetings for SY22/23

**Board Vice Chair Ron Tom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, and Board Director Gladys Mitchell seconded the motion. A vote was conducted by Chair Jennings, and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.**

**IV. APPROVE EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM SPENDING PROPOSAL**

Chair Jennings announced Lisa Ruda would continue the board meeting and present on the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Spending Proposal for Board approval. Ms. Ruda introduced herself and shared the ELO-P Spending Proposal with the Board, a copy of which is attached in the board meeting packet. Ted Reiterman expressed his support of this plan with the Board. Ms. Ruda concluded her presentation and Board Jennings shared her enthusiasm for this proposal with the Board.

**Board Director Carolyn Veal-Hunter made a motion to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Spending Proposal, and Board Director Ronald West seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Spending Proposal was unanimously approved.**

## V. UPDATES

Board Chair Jennings presented updates regarding the 2021 Annual Report with the Board, a copy of which is attached in the board meeting packet..

Chair Jennings shared context and next steps regarding improvements to the football field. Chair Jennings recognized that the football field is inadequate and SHPS leadership will work to ensure the facilities are improved for our scholars. Chair Jennings shared that the football field is a great opportunity for the Board to Lead on and asked for support moving forward to begin the improvement process – either by fund raising or means already existing. Board Vice Chair Ron Tom expressed this shared sentiment and offered support. Chair Jennings shared SHPS has identified partners to work with on improvements to the football field and that she is looking forward to this project.

Ms. Ruda introduced the Board of Directors to the St. HOPE Public Schools team, which includes:

- Christina Williams-James, the Sacramento Charter High School Site Lead
- Kristen Meyer, the PS7 Middle School Site Lead
- Linsey Bailey, the PS7 Middle and Sacramento Charter High School Assistant Principal
- Lesley Ezero, the PS7 Elementary School Site Lead

Each site lead introduced themselves to the board and reported brief highlights from their site.

Ms. Ruda also introduced the Board to Elisha Ferguson Parsons, Director of Operations for St. HOPE Public Schools.

Ms. Ruda proceeded to review key indicators for St. HOPE Public Schools, including student enrollment, student performance through CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) scores data, student suspensions, and staffing.

## VI. CLOSED SESSION

Chair Jennings announced the full Board of Directors were going to move into Closed Session and that only one case would be discussed as part of the session in which the Board would receive legal advice from attorneys.

**At 4:35 p.m. Chair Jennings made a motion to go into the closed session portion of the board meeting and Board Director Ron Tom seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and the motion to move into closed session was unanimously approved.**

Conference with Legal Counsel and receiving legal advice from attorneys pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Two cases)Two Cases.

Discuss pending Personnel matters (appointment) pursuant to 54957(b)(1) and (4)

Discuss negotiations/collective bargaining pursuant to 54957.6 (a) and (b).

The following individuals were invited to join the Board into closed session: Ms. Ruda, Ms. Johnson, Roger Scott, legal counsel and Kevin Hiestand, legal counsel.

The Full Board of Directors concluded the closed session at 4:55. Chair Jennings advised that no action was taken during the closed session.

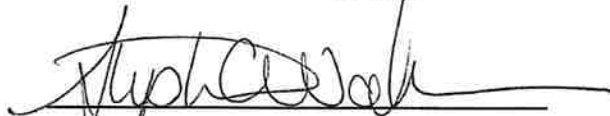
The closed session concluded at 4:55 p.m.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Board Director Gladys Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the board meeting and Board Director Carolyn Veal-Hunter seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and the motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Executed this 20th day of October 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Walton", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Stephanie Walton

Secretary, St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors