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St. HOPE Public Schools  
Special Board Meeting of the St. Hope Public Schools Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: December 12, 2022

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Teleconference

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

St. HOPE Public Schools Board Chair, Cassandra Jennings, called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and called the roll.

**Board Directors Present (via zoom):** Cassandra Jennings, Dr. Ron Tom, Dr. Stephanie Walton, Kathy McKim, Angelia Dickens (4:05 p.m.), Gladys Mitchell, Janet Rice, Carolyn Veal-Hunter, Ronald West (4:44 p.m.)

**Executive Committee Board Directors Absent:** None

**Attendees Present (via zoom):** Lisa Ruda, Sandra Moorman, Vijay Pegany, Elisha Ferguson Parsons, Nicole Michalik, Kevin Hiestand, Sarah Cavalari, Mara Page, Carlisa James, Nick Brundage, Elise Mendoza, Ben Rodriguez

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

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Nick Brundage referenced a student issue that occurred the prior week and asked the Board to attend an upcoming mediation on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Cavalari spoke about the importance of ensuring teachers felt safe. Chair Jennings responded that she was aware of the issue and that the safety of all was a priority of the Board.

There were no other requests for public comment.

- III. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA:** The Consent Agenda included the following action items: (A) Approve Resolution #22/23-05: A Resolution Making Findings Necessary to Permit Virtual Board Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953(e), (B) Approve October 20, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, (C) Approve November 4, 2022 Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes, and (D) Authorize Chief of Schools to request extension of annual audit deadline.

**Board Vice Chair Ron Tom made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Rice seconded the motion. A voice vote was conducted, and the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.**

- IV. RESOLUTION #22/23-06:** Approve and Authorize the Chief of Schools to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Dual Enrollment Between the Los Rios Community College District-Sacramento City College and Sacramento High School (*Second read, final vote*)

Lisa Ruda gave a brief overview of the resolution. Ms. Mitchell asked if the credit earned through the program would allow students to meet their A-G requirements to graduate. Ms. Ruda said it did. Ms. McKim asked if courses would be taught onsite at Sac High. Ms. Ruda stated that was her preference, but if travel to Los Rios was required, SHPS would provide it to students.

**Dr. Tom made a motion to approve Resolution #22/23-06, and Ms. Mitchell seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and Resolution #22/23-06 was unanimously approved.**

- V. **RESOLUTION #22/23-07:** Approve first interim budgets for PS7 and Sacramento Charter High School for SY22-23 and authorizing the Chief of Schools to submit to SCUSD. Chair Jennings introduced Sandra Moorman as the new Chief Financial Officer to manage the SHPS accounts. Ms. Moorman proceeded to review the interim budgets and highlighted that revenues were slightly above expectations and expenditures were under budget due in large part to staffing vacancies.

**Ms. Rice made a motion to approve Resolution #22/23-07, and Dr. Walton seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and Resolution #22/23-07 was unanimously approved.**

- VI. **RESOLUTION #22/23-08:** Authorize the Chief of Schools to Approve and Submit E-Rate Applications, including RFP, Contracts, and any other Documents. Vijay Pegany, Director of Information Technology, explained the federal ERATE program and the discounted services that SHPS intended to procure through the program. Dr. Tom inquired about the internet service providers. Mr. Pegany provided an explanation of our providers and the specifications for services SHPS would procure.

**Ms. McKim made a motion to approve Resolution #22/23-08, and Dr. Tom seconded the motion. A vote was conducted, and Resolution #22/23-08 was unanimously approved.**

VII. **UPDATES.**

- A. Ms. Jennings provided a brief update of some of the exciting work happening at SHPS. She also thanked Dr. Walton who stepped up to assist SHPS middle school students who needed physicals. Ms. Jennings wished all members a happy holiday.
- B. Ms. Ruda shared that this week was the last before Winter Break begins; she also shared that Board members would be invited to the January 4<sup>th</sup> varsity boys' basketball game. Finally, Ms. Ruda explained that the issue referenced in the public comments related to a self-harm attempt and not an issue where staff or other students were harmed. She also added she had met with the teachers the past Friday to explain what had happened, to review current policies and committed to make changes necessary as a result of what had happened. Ms. Ruda also noted that the first speaker was a SHPS staff member, and the second speaker was not employed by or affiliated with SHPS.

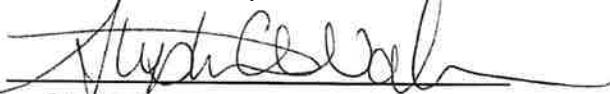
- VIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** The Board moved into executive session at 4:40 p.m. Mr. Hiestand and Ms. Ruda were invited to join the Board. The Board adjourned the executive session at 5:00 p.m. Upon returning to open session, Ms. Jennings noted that no action was taken as a result of any discussions in executive session.

IX. **ADJOURN**

**Board Chair Jennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Tom seconded the motion. A vote was conducted and motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Executed this 12th day of December 2022.



Dr. Stephanie Walton

Secretary, St. HOPE Public Schools Board of Directors