

**Harmony Union School District
Regular School Board Meeting
April 11, 2024
Minutes (draft/unapproved)**

Board Members present:

Andrew Cone (AL), Amanda Solter (AS), Yuri Koslen (YK), Mariah Lander (ML), Charlie Laird (CL)

Also present:

Suzi Heron, Stacy Kalember, Matthew Morgan

Meeting opened: at 6:05 pm

Entered into closed session: at 6:06 pm

Entered into open session at 7:20 pm

1.0 Call to Order

2.0 Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

Approved

4.0 Public Comment

4.1 For Open Session: Members of the public may address the Board briefly on matters not on the agenda and are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Please state your name and address. In accordance with Board Policy 9323, speakers are to keep comments concise and limited to three minutes. The Public Comment item will be limited to a total of 20 minutes, absent approval to extend by the Board President. If there are several people who share the same issue, please choose one as your representative, and that person may be given additional time, if necessary. The Board values public comment, but by the Brown Act the Board shall not act upon, respond to, or comment on the merits of any item presented. The Board may ask clarifying questions of the presenter or refer the presenter to the District procedures.

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No public comment at this time.

5.0 Closed Session

5.1 With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session Gov. Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR. Name of Agency Negotiator: Matthew Morgan. Name of organization representing employees: CSEA. Info/Action

5.2 With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session Gov. Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR. Name of Agency Negotiator: Matthew Morgan. Name of organization representing employees: HUTA. Info/Action

5.3 With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957:Public Employee - Discipline/ Dismissal/ Release. Info/Action

5.4 With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6: Update on Anticipated Litigation items. Info/Action

6.0 Reconvene to Open Session

6.1 Report out on any action taken during closed session. Info/Action
Nothing to report from closed session.

7.0 Communication

A) Reports

7.1 HUTA Report
No HUTA report at this time.

7.2 SHARK Report
Sarah said ShArk is working for May 4 gala. Looking for sponsorships. Tickets for sale.

7.3 Student Report
No student report at this time.

7.4 Board Member Reports

- *Andrew has looked into financing options for back-up power. DEBA and CERRI grants may be applicable. He also has looked into getting money for forestry and land management from federal and state sources. He's open to help and advice.*
- *Mariah is looking forward to the garden plant sale.*

7.5 Superintendent/Principal's Report

- *Matthew reported that the showcase was successful.*

- *Intent to return issued to families regarding enrollment. Strong showings for tours.*
- *Academic coaching team model for reading is successful. Talking about doing the same for math. Also did pilot 2nd grade advanced math program with interesting results and implications for differentiated math at the lower grades.*
- *Request for ACT to go into kindergarten in spring.*
- *Youth Truth data: high response rate but lower than anticipated survey completion numbers. Results are included in packet. Previous year data was better than this year's. Follow-up surveys with middle school students. Should inform LCAP development.*

7.6 Pathways Director Report

No Pathways report at this time.

7.7 Enrollment Report

Waitlist placement lottery on 29th and families were notified. More families have inquired. Two new students in past month.

B) Public Comment

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- *PE teacher at Sonoma Country Day School voiced support for Morgen Lanning as a mentor in coaching and teaching.*
- *Matthew shared a question a member of the public sent in: Does the district have specific numbers for next 6th grade class: will there be two classes/teachers? Matthew mentioned that the district is working on this but he doesn't know at this time.*
- *Susie wondered if there is an update about the 4th grade teacher and if there will be parents involved in next steps. Matthew said that the board can't respond, but*

intent to return form from staff will help with reassignments/hires. Matthew said parents should communicate directly with him regarding needs/concerns.

8.0 Consent Agenda, Action

8.1 Vendor Warrants. Action

8.2 Approve Williams Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report: January 1, 2023-March 31, 2024. Action

8.3 Approve the minutes from special meeting held on March 14, 2024. Action

8.4 Approve the Consent Agenda, Action

Motion: ML

Second: AC

All in favor—motion carried

9.0 Information/Correspondence/Discussion

9.1 Update on Bond Measure D. Info

Matthew reported that it passed. It was tight. Responsibility to use funds wisely. Yuri thanked the community for investing in the school.

9.2 Continued discussion (future action) of Power Back Up Project- battery and generator. Info/Action

Matthew shared recent developments: PG&E official expressed interest in having emergency site on campus—district is in line for their grant. Site Logic will put together a proposal for the first stage of development.

Andrew said the grants expect you to pay and then will pay you back. Having the bond money makes it feasible. It would involve a lithium ion battery. Intermittency is a problem and the grid needs to be stabilized with distributed assets (district will use only part of the energy created), which is why there is public money available for this. There is state and federal money. District will need to borrow money and pay interest on it while they wait over years for grant monies to be paid back. Need 4 units to qualify for one of the grants, even though it's more than the district needs, but the district can sell energy back to PG&E. Site Logic will create a budget for this. (This is the next phase. The propane generator is phase 1 and will be cheap and quick, can keep the school running, is the cleanest fossil fuel, is not a health concern, will last for 20-25 years, and in the long term the propane can top off the batteries in winter when solar isn't strong.) Pursuing the grants for the back-up batteries is time sensitive. \$800,000 estimate for generator, pad, meter and switchboard, wiring, trenching. Matthew said that there are ways to downsize the project if grants don't come through.

Susie made a public comment and appreciated the work on this.

9.3 Resignation letter from Dana Durfey. Indo/Action.

Motion:

Second:

All in favor—motion carried

A) Board Member Development

An open meeting is set for April 17th at 6:30. The findings of the self evaluation will be discussed.

10.0 Action Items

10.1 Second Reading and adoption: BP 0410 Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities BP 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials AR 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials E(1) 1312.2 Complaints Concerning Instructional Materials BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures AR 1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures E(1) 1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures E(2) 1312.4 Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment BP 6143 Courses of Study AR 6143 Courses of Study BP 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials AR 6161.1 Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials E(1) 6161.1 BP 6161.11 Supplementary Instructional Materials BP 6163.1 Library Media Centers OPTION 1: . OPTION 2: . Info/Action

Motion: ML

Second: AS

All in favor—motion carried

10.2 Consideration of HUSD Board Meeting Calendar for 2024-25 School Year. Action

Motion: AS

Second: ML

All in favor—motion carried

10.3 Consideration of MOU with Sonoma State University re Agreements for Clinical Practice. Action

This is the MOU the district signs in the event that SSU places a student teacher at the school.

Motion: AC

Second:

All in favor—motion carried

11.0 Next Board Meeting

Special: April 17, 2024
Regular: May 9, 2024

12.0 Adjournment

Agendas have been posted at the Harmony School public bulletin board and the Harmony Union School District Website at www.harmonyusd.org.

Closed Session

Reconve Into Open Session

The Board took action to rescind an action from the Board meeting on 3/14/24.