

**Harmony Union School District  
Regular School Board Meeting  
August 15, 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 6:00 pm**

**Entered into closed session: at 6:01 pm**

**Entered into open session at 7:05 pm**

**1.0 Call to Order**

**2.0 Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Approval of the Agenda**

*Motion: CL*

*Second: AS*

*All in favor—motion carried*

**4.0 Public Comment**

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*No public comments at this time.*

## **5.0 Closed Session**

5.1 With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session: Other Student Matter (Education Code section 35146). Info/Action

## **6.0 Reconvene to Open Session**

6.1 Report out on any action taken during closed session Info  
*The Board approved an agreement.*

## **7.0 Communication**

### A) Reports

7.1 HUTA Report  
*No HUTA report at this time.*

7.2 ARK Report  
*No ShArk report at this time.*

7.3 Student Report  
*No student report at this time.*

7.4 Board Member Reports  
*Mariah is excited about the prospect of the upcoming year. Yuri seconded that. Andrew said welcome to the new staff.*

7.5 Superintendent/Principal's Report

- *Matthew reported that people returned and have been working hard and people have some in over the summer to work on special projects, in particular the SRT group. SRT now has a manual. Lower grade teachers trained in reading support, and a new pilot program was adopted.*
- *New staff. Matthew is feeling hopeful about the year and high-functioning staff.*
- *Enrollment at 234—a few middle schoolers and TKers dropped.*
- *The kids were happy today on the first day!*
- *\$1000,000 grant from PG&E for generator install, plus temporary generator from PG&E. One more part is needed—installation of transfer switch.*
- *Well has some water turbidity, but it is safe. Bond may help upgrade.*

*No questions from the Board.*

7.6 Pathways Director Report  
*No Pathways report at this time.*

## B) Public Comment

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## C) Correspondence

### 8.0 Consent Agenda, Action

8.1 Vendor Warrants. Action

*REMOVED—not attached.*

8.2 Approve Quarterly Report, April 1 to June 30, 2024, regarding any complaints covered by the Williams Act. Action

8.3 Approve the disposal of surplus property- textbooks and technology. Action

8.4 Approve the Consent Agenda. Action

*Motion for 8.2–8.4:*

*Second:*

*All in favor—motion carried*

### 9.0 Information/Correspondence/Discussion

9.1 Enrollment Report. Info

*Close to where we ended last year: 232.*

9.2 Costs of Issuance (COI) Summary. Info

*Cost of getting bond completed: \$197,865.*

*Currently bond money is earning interest. Got good market rate. Have to spend it within 3 years of depositing it.*

*No further comments from the Board or from the public.*

#### A) Board Member Development

- *Suzi: No one filed papers to run for the school board election. Seats aren't contested.*
- *Talk of doing self eval later this year. Yuri has notes re feedback from last self-eval (open office hours (Matthew wants coffee/muffin/talking space, Mariah suggested walks) & welcoming new staff). He will send them out and each person can pick one idea to bottom line. (Matthew also talked about parent hike and wealth of expertise in parent group.)*
- *Matthew: Back-to-School Welcome dinner is next Friday—would be nice to have a board member present.*

### **10.0 Action Items**

10.1 Consideration of raising substitute teacher rate to \$250 per day, and long term sub rate to \$300 per day. Action

- *Matthew: Districts are raising their rates—subs have mentioned this, and he's confirmed it with other districts.*
- *Stacy mentioned that it's been a few years and shared ideas on calculations re the \$250, which would be the highest rate. A sub shared with her that we don't have a long-term sub rate, so she included that.*
- *Amanda suggested a call to the community for subs.*

*Motion:*

*Second:*

*All in favor—motion carried*

### **11.0 Next Board Meeting**

*September 12, 2024*

### **12.0 Adjournment 7:34 pm**

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