

Humboldt County Board of Education
901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501

June 10, 2026
4:00 PM

Regular Meeting Minutes

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President McCullough called the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 4:00 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Thom McMahon, Dena McCullough, Loretta Eckenrode,
Mary Scott
ABSENT: Robert Siekmann (joined at 4:06 PM)
STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Mendie Ballester, Colby Smart, Corey
Weber, Ariel Aaron, Katie Cavanagh, Calli Coleman, Lizzy Dostal,
August Deshais, and Christy Ng

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4.0 PRESENTATION

4.1 County Arts Programming
Lizzy Dostal shared a presentation with the Board.

Trustee Robert Siekmann joined at 4:06 PM.

5.0 CONSENT

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/McMahon to approve the consent agenda.
Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- 5.1 Approve Monthly Remuneration
- 5.2 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2026
- 5.3 Adopt Resolution to Provide Short-Term Cash Loans to School Districts
and Charter Schools in Humboldt County
- 5.4 Adopt Special Reserve Fund Appropriation Resolution

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Approve the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Court & Community Schools

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve the LCAP for Court & Community Schools. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.2 Adopt the 2026-2027 Humboldt County Office of Education Budget

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to adopt the 2026-2027 HCOE Budget. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.3 Accept Education Protection Account (EPA) Funds

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to accept the EPA funds. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.4 Approve Submission of the 2026-2027 Consolidated Application for Categorical Funding

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Eckenrode to approve submission of the 2026-2027 consolidated application. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.5 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.2, Freedom of Speech/Expression

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Scott to approve updated board policy and administrative regulation 5145.2. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.6 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Policy 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements

Superintendent Davies-Hughes reminded the board of the differences between an updated and new policy.

McMahon asked for clarification on the repetitive language under requirement 8.

McMahon requested a change in the language in the policy to remove the additional phrase "such a course" from requirement 8.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Siekmann to approve board policy 6146.1 with the amendment to the language under requirement 8. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.7 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.3, Reciprocity of Academic Credit

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve updated board policy and administrative regulation 6146.3. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.8 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Policy 6146.4, Differential Graduation and Competency Standards for Students with Disabilities

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/McMahon to approve updated board policy 6146.4. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.9 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibits 6173, Education for Homeless Children

It was moved/seconded by Scott/ Eckenrode to approve updated board policy, administrative regulation, and exhibits 6173. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.10 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Policy 6186, Juvenile Court Schools

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to approve updated board policy 6186. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Report on Local Indicators

Katie Cavanagh reviewed for the board the report on local indicators and presented an example of an AI-generated progress report.

7.2 Information Regarding Support Model from Local Control Accountability Plans and the Statewide System of Support

Colby Smart reminded the board that the Local Control Accountability Plans and the Statewide System of Support are annual items that are a blueprint used to assist districts and the support offered is a cross departmental collaboration.

7.3 Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes congratulated Crystal Fennell for being named Humboldt County Teacher of the Year and announced the Court and Community Schools graduation will take place on Friday, June 12th at 5:00 PM in the Sequoia Conference Center. Davies-Hughes attended a Teacher Residency celebration on May 30th and commended the work done in this program by Sheila Rocker-Heppe and Heather Ballinger. Davies-Hughes provided an update on the Loleta Elementary audit issued by FCMAT and stated that he has submitted the report to the local District Attorney's office, the State Controller, and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Davies-Hughes and Corey Weber also attended the Loleta board meeting in May to discuss the report. Davies-Hughes acknowledged the Court and Community Schools staff Michael Youseff for spearheading a disc golf regional competition and Jason Maguire for organizing a league track and field championship held at College of the Redwoods. Davies-Hughes thanked the fiscal and school support teams for their work on the budgets and Local Control Accountability Plan and reported on the state budget negotiations currently taking place and the governor's proposed underfunding of Proposition 98. Davies-Hughes informed the board of an upcoming CSBA County Boards training, September 25-27, 2026, in Marina Del Rey, and asked the board members to contact Natalie Carrigan to express their interest in attending and arranging registration and travel logistics.

8.0 **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

There were no board announcements.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

President McCullough adjourned the meeting at 5:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent
MDH:nc