

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501

MINUTES May 16, 2018

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

President Bill Ruff called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 12:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Bill Ruff, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Marc Rowley

ALSO: Chris Hartley, Superintendent; Barbara Thompson, Tosha Whitehead, Cynthia Weitz
Alan Harris, Korey Williams, Glen Senestraro, Anita Gage; Janine Melanson, Administrative Assistant

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS.

President Ruff announced the closed session item indicated below. No public comment was heard.

3.0 ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION DURING THIS MEETING TO CONSIDER AND/OR TAKE ACTION UPON THE FOLLOWING CONSENT ITEM:

With respect to every item of business discussed in closed session pursuant to Education Code Section 48918(c):

CONSIDERATION OF STUDENT EXPULSION

Expulsion Appeal Hearing for Student #1/2017-18

The Board adjourned to closed session at 12:03 p.m. for the hearing.

The Board deliberated on the evidence presented at 1:27 p.m. All other parties asked to leave the room.

4.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

4.1 Announcement of action taken in Closed Session

The Board returned to open session at 2:27 p.m.

Motion was made/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) to affirm the decision of the Fortuna Union High School Board of Trustees to expel Appellant Student because the grounds in Education Code Section 48922 have not established by Appellant Student nor is there a basis for a new expulsion hearing under Education Code 48923. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Rowley

President Ruff adjourned the meeting until 3:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - 3:00 PM

5.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President Bill Ruff called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Bill Ruff, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Marc Rowley

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Hartley, Superintendent of Schools; Heidi Moore-Guynup, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer Fairbanks, Tanya Trump, Carol Ingram, HCOE; Michel Davies-Hughes, Eureka City Schools; Monica Dekat, CSEA; Brian Graves, HCSTA; Janine Melanson, Administrative Assistant

Loretta Eckenrode led the flag salute.

6.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Loretta Eckenrode commented that she felt the Excellence in Teaching program was a wonderful event and appreciated that one person who was not able to attend was able to Skype in and participate as well. President Ruff complemented Mary Scott on her presentation of the comments from Larry Olson regarding the Jean Olson Award.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

President of CSEA, Monica Dekat, distributed buttons for Classified School Employee Week, May 20 – 26, and stated her thanks for the Board's support of staff. She asked if any nominations had been made for Classified Employee of the Year in Humboldt County. Invitations were sent out to superintendents and charter directors in January. Dr. Hartley stated that he has not heard if districts have made nominations and that HCOE has not. The last person locally selected was Fred Avelar from Northern Humboldt.

9.0 PRESENTATION: Michael Davies-Hughes – Race Across America and Early Literacy Fundraiser
Michael Davies-Hughes was introduced by Chris Hartley. He is the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for Eureka City Schools. Michael shared a video about the Ride Across America that he will embark on in early June, to ride coast to coast, 3000 miles in 12 days. Micheal credited Jenny Bowen, Erik Fraser and Andrew Pitt for filming and creating the video. He thanked Southwest Rotary for being the agency collecting donations, 100% of which will go to the Early Literacy Partners Program.

Donations can be made at michaelsraam.com. His trip can also be tracked on the website and messages sent to him during the ride.

10.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

10.1 Receive Public Comment on HCSTA's 2018-2019 Initial Bargaining Proposal to the Superintendent

There were no public comments.

10.2 Receive Public Comment on CSEA's 2018-2019 Initial Bargaining Proposal to the Superintendent

There were no public comments.

10.3 Receive Public Comment on Superintendent's 2018-2019 Initial Bargaining Proposals to the Humboldt County Schools Teachers Association (HCSTA) and California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 566

There were no public comments.

11.0 PUBLIC REPORTS AND HEARINGS

11.1 2018-2019 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Court/Community Schools

Felicia Doherty, principal, presented regarding the LCAP plan for 2018-19. Three goals from prior years merged into Goal #1 – All students will be engaged in 21st Century Learning in order to prepare for college and careers. Test scores and graduation rates have improved. An area still to be improved is chronic absenteeism and suspensions.

Goal #2 – Foster Youth. Positions to support this goal have been filled and students are being served. There are 21 potential graduates countywide.

Goal #3 – Expelled Youth are informed of their plan and rights to return to their district of residence; progress is reviewed quarterly.

Felicia reviewed the uses of the LCAP funds which included supporting low student/staff ratios, transportation, counseling, and outreach activities. She also shared the calendar of stakeholders meetings held throughout the year as well as the list of 15 interagency stakeholders.

11.2 2018-2019 HCOE Budget

Carol Ingram spoke to the information included in the board packet. Budget projections are consistent with the Second Interim report. No major programmatic changes are anticipated.

The May Revision came out last Friday with a cost of living adjustment increased to 2.71 from 2.51. The increase is incorporated into the budget. Any changes to the state budget in June will be incorporated in HCOE's budget after adoption.

11.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Seikmann) to approve the consent agenda. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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| AYES: | Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann |
| NOES: | None |
| ABSTAIN: | None |
| ABSENT: | Rowley |

Action was taken on the following consent items:

11.1 Approve Minutes—April 11, 2018

11.2 Approve Travel Claims

12.0 ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Approve the Joint Education Service Plan to Serve Expelled Students within Humboldt County, 2018-2021

Jennifer Fairbanks coordinated with Districts to update the plan developed in 2015. Most of the gaps identified in 2015 have been addressed. Current gaps were identified as well as the plan to close the gaps.

It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/Scott) to approve the Joint Education Service Plan to Serve Expelled Students within Humboldt County, 2018-2021. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

12.2 Adopt the Resolution Specifying Governing Board Election

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Siekmann) adopt the Resolution Specifying Governing Board Election. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

12.3 Adopt Minor Revisions to Board Policy 6175 – Independent Study

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) adopt Minor Revisions to Board Policy 6175 – Independent Study. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

12.4 Authorize Submission of Foster Youth Education Services Coordinating Grant

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Siekmann) authorize submission of Foster Youth Education Services Coordinating Grant. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

12.5 Accept Grant Funding from Humboldt Area Foundation for Trades Academy

Dr. Hartley complemented Susi Huschle for her successful application for this funding which offsets the some funds HCOE has contributed to purchase the tow vehicle for the Industrial Arts Lab.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Eckenrode) accept grant funding from Humboldt Area Foundation for Trades Academy. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

12.6 Accept Grant Funding from Humboldt Sponsors for Homeless Youth Services

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) accept grant funding from Humboldt Sponsors for Homeless Youth Services. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

12.7 Accept Grant Funding from Humboldt Sponsors for Rising Stars Foundation

Dr. Hartley shared that this grant will support student travel to state events and that there is a student from Humboldt going on to the national History Day competition.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) accept grant funding from Humboldt Sponsors for Rising Stars Foundation. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

History day finalist mentioned Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

12.8 Authorize & Accept Memorandum of Understanding Between the Northern United – Humboldt Charter School and the Humboldt County Office of Education

Jennifer Fairbanks commented that the board approved the charter petition pending approval of the MOU. Jennifer stated that she and the legal department went through the MOU. Rob Walkenhauer, Director of Maintenance and Operations, and Taylin Titus, Occupational Safety & Loss Control Specialist, visited and assessed each site. Their report is included in the packet as well as the charter's plan for addressing the items. Our staff will reassess after July. President Ruff asked for update mid-year.

It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/Eckenrode) authorize & accept Memorandum of Understanding Between the Northern United – Humboldt Charter School and the Humboldt County Office of Education. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

13.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

13.1 2018-2019 Local Control and Accountability Plans (LCAPs) Support Summary

Heidi Moore-Guynup stated that the education code requires that the county office report to the board on how we are assisting districts in completing their LCAPs, how we are supporting the districts identified on the Dashboard as needing differentiated assistance, and how we assist districts in implementing their LCAPs.

Ms. Moore-Guynup reported the following:

HCOE must review all district LCAPS by August; Sept – April, LCAP writing assistance and workshops are offered; Feb-June update consultation is offered. The assistance is a continuous loop.

Districts identified as needing Differentiated Assistance are Cutten, Eureka, Rio Dell, Southern Humboldt and South Bay. Teams have worked in partnership with districts to identify the root of issues and provide tools for correction.

LCAP supports for implementation and integration include LCAP writing workshop and open labs for fiscal support, professional development offerings and post-secondary strengthening collaborative meetings to highlight college and career readiness indicators – new dashboard indicator that will come out next year. 11 districts will receive SUMS grants due to the support provided by HCOE staff.

Expenditures related to HCOE's support: 6.58 FTE/ \$788,000

This support is mandated and these reported expenditures are conservative (do not include Superintendent and Assistant superintendent time, etc.)

Ms. Moore-Guynup summarized HCOE's collaboration with state organizations (CCEE, CDE and CCSESA) as required in this report. She noted that CCEE was so impressed with HCOE staff that she and others ended up facilitating statewide webinars.

13.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hartley thanked Ms. Moore-Guynup for her leadership and commented that HCOE is not just doing the mandated work, but much beyond and are recognized in the state for this work. His vision is to give districts the flexibility to improve student learning and make **LCAPs** work. Also, it is important to show that county offices are deserving of this role and our districts are appreciative. Thanks Heidi for leadership – not just doing Mandated work. Much beyond.

Dr. Hartley commented on recent award ceremonies. **Seal of Biliteracy** awarded 110 certificates to students and the Sequoia Conference Center was packed with proud parents and school personnel. The **Youth Ambassador** event, sponsored by the Eureka Chamber, was a great event and Dr. Hartley commended Heidi and Cherie Zygaczenko for their work assisting in the event.

Dr. Hartley announced that a 7.5 million dollar grant has been awarded to the County of Humboldt to support mental health services. HCOE co-wrote the grant and will fund 22 positions, many of which will be employed by districts.

Dr. Hartley shared that he, Mindy Fattig and Michael Quinlan advocated in Sacramento for special education funding. Humboldt is the lowest funded and has the highest rate of special education. AB 3137 includes an increase in funding for special education and other areas. They advocated for a phase in of funding. The advocacy was led by Mindy Fattig.

Dr. Hartley commented that the board may have heard about our attempts to remove some trees along West Avenue on the news. Our request was passed but then appealed by the Keep Eureka Beautiful group and the city denied our permit. We will move forward with a compromise which will probably involve more trimming than removal, the goal being to decrease risk along West Avenue (which was requested by the city.)

President Ruff noted that our board has 97 cumulative years of service! He then recognized Mary Scott with a certificate from CSBA and the HCOE 20 years service pin.

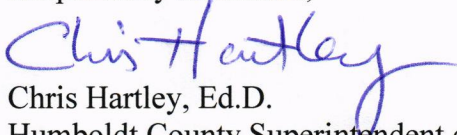
13.2 Future Agenda Planning

Was not addressed.

14.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:24p.m. by Vice President Loretta Eckenrode.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Hartley, Ed.D.

Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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