

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501

MINUTES
February 12, 2020

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

Vice President Mary Scott called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:01 pm with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Mary Scott, Marc Rowley, and Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Loretta Eckenrode

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Hartley, Superintendent of Schools; Colby Smart, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services; Rosie Slentz, Coordinator of Learning Support Services; Stacy Young, Arts Program Manager; Felicia Doherty, Site Supervisor, Court/Community School Program; Tess Ives, Special Education Director; Janine Melanson, Executive Assistant; Melissa Hodgson, Assistant to the Superintendent

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

Siekmann would like to move Agenda Item 5.2 to later in agenda, under section 8.0 and re-number section 8.0 accordingly. Dr. Hartley requested to remove item 6.5

3.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Dr. Hartley would like to welcome Melissa Hodgson as the new Assistant to the Superintendent and congratulate Janine Melanson on her promotion to Executive Assistant

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5.0 BOARD CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS:

5.1 Interviews (3:00 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.)

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded (Rowley/Siekmann) to approve the consent agenda minus section 6.5.

The motion carried with the following hand vote:

Hand Vote

AYES: Rowley, Scott, Siekmann

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Eckenrode

The following items were acted upon under the consent agenda:

- 6.1 Approve Minutes—January 8, 2020
- 6.2 Approve Travel Claims
- 6.3 Adopt Proclamation in Support of Youth Art Month - March 2020
- 6.4 Annual Review of Comprehensive Safety Plans

7.0. ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Adopt 2020 Summer School Dates

This is an annual action. Glen Paul will be holding summer school during the month of July. There are 20 days this year. Community Day will run a 6-week summer program, this is a great way for students to get caught up on credits and help prevent drop-out rates from increasing.

It was moved/seconded (Siekman/Rowley) to adopt the 2020 Summer School dates. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

7.2 Approve Local Education Agency/Single Plan for Student Achievement-Court/Community Schools

This is an annual adoption that began with the No Child Left Behind act. The Single Plan for Student Achievement is a plan to spend federal funds while meeting the needs of all students. The last plan was a 5 year plan, the new plan is to report once a year. This plan will allow for focus on social emotion learning and alternatives to suspension. The school site council approves the plan to make sure the plan is meeting the needs of students

It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/Rowley) to Approve Local Education Agency/Single Plan for Student Achievement-Court/Community Schools.

The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

7.3 Approve Intent to Apply for 21st Century California School Leadership Academy Grant

CSLA program used to exist to increase leadership programs. Dr. Smart and Rosie Slentz have been proving leadership training to superintendent/principals. This is a new grant with a minimum of 1 million dollars per year for 3 years to support the northern region and may be renewed based on funding.

This grant will support the northern region and provide professional development to business managers, teacher leaders, principals and superintendents to help build their capacity in the roles they current hold. 27% of school districts are run by principal/superintendent with limited availability to PD, rural area leaders wear many hats. This grant will expand upon the CRSPA model that the team has been working on for the last 2-3 years

It was moved/seconded (Rowley/ Siekmann) to Approve Intent to Apply for 21st Century California School Leadership Academy Grant. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

8.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Consideration of Next Steps in Appointment Process

Siekmann would like to discuss each candidate's responses and have the board understand their strengths and weaknesses. Scott would like to make a decision today. The Board discussed qualifications of each candidate. The Board would like to commend both applicants on their passion and dedication to public education. This is a temporary position, as it is up for election in November. All interested candidates would need to apply and the public would have the final say. The Board is very happy that there were two great applicants.

It was moved/seconded (Rowley/ Siekmann) to appoint Thom McMahon as area 3 District Trustee.

The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

8.2 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hartley would like to complement the board on their professionalism. The Board is modeling the process by listening to each other and looking for a common resolution and it's nice to have some of our leadership team here to see the process.

Dr. Hartley would like to welcome Melissa Hodgson his new assistant, she comes with 6 years of experience from Eureka City Schools and has an indepth understanding of programs and categorical funding.

The January proposal of the State budget has been released. The original budget was showing an expected COLA increase of 3%, but the proposed budget is showing a COLA

of 2.29%, that is a little under what we expected, it may go up in May. Remember there is a January proposal, a revision in May and then in June it will go to the public for a vote. The 2.29% COLA doesn't cover our cost of doing business with our increase in salaries and the STRS and PERS employee contributions that have been going up. Our costs are closer to 2.35%, with that it doesn't leave a lot of wiggle room. We would like this budget to focus on special education and gaining access to resources in rural California. Many districts spend more money on special education than is allocated and nearly all are using general funds to cover those costs.

8.3 Draft 2020-21 Calendar

Draft calendars-2

Dr. Hartley stated that he will bring one of the calendar options to the board meeting next month for approval. He is waiting for districts to adopt their calendars in an attempt to align our dates with other districts in which we operate classrooms. The first day of school will be different, but we are trying to align Christmas vacation and Spring Break.

8.4 AJJC Update

Prop 39 moving forward with the MOU to use the facility. They seem to be open to the agreement, but it has not been reviewed at this point.

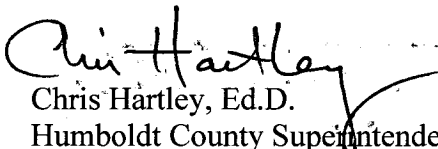
The other issue is that no SELPA has picked them up for special education services. Currently there are 80 students with an intent to enroll. Once the MOU passes they will have to enroll students. Transportation will not be provided, staff has agreed to stay on with the charter school. The employees will not be unionized and will lose all sick leave and benefits. Enrollment in Southern Humboldt has been flat.

With this charter going forward it will affect the district's enrollment and dollars, they may have to make some cuts. The principal of the high school is out on sick leave and the Superintendent has resigned, but has agreed to stay on until June. They are appreciative of the assistance from HCOE.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chris Hartley, Ed.D.
Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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