

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

May 13, 2026
3:30 PM Board Reception | 4:00 PM Regular Meeting

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1.0 **RECEPTION HONORING TRUSTEE SIEKMANN FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE**
(3:30)

2.0 **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE (4:00)**

President McCullough called the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 4:08 with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Mary Scott, Loretta Eckenrode, Dena McCullough, Thom McMahon, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Ariel Aaron, Stacy Young, Rosie Slentz

3.0 **ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

There were no adjustments of the agenda.

4.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Yvonne Chan provided updates on ACCBE.

Sohelia Amin, Arcelia Alvarez, Caroline Murphy, Eric Gordan, and Micah Bouie provided public comment regarding health and welfare coverage for HCOE employees.

5.0 **PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 Facilities Update – Jed Watts, Director of Maintenance and Operations, provided a presentation to the Board.

6.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Action was taken on the following consent items:

6.1 Approve Minutes – April 8, 2026, Regular Meeting

6.2 Approve Monthly Remuneration

7.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

7.1 Adopt Proclamation Honoring Robert Siekmann for 50 Years of Service

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Scott to adopt the proclamation honoring Robert Siekmann for 50 years of continuous service on the Humboldt County Board of Education. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.2 Adopt Resolution Approving PERS Golden Handshake Window Period

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/McMahon to adopt the resolution approving the PERS Golden Handshake window period. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.3 Adopt Resolution Approving STRS Golden Handshake Window Period

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to adopt the resolution approving the STRS Golden Handshake window period. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.4 Adopt Resolution of Approval to Enter into Contract with California State Parks, Project: State Park Partner Schools

Rosie Slentz, Director of Learning Support Services, explained that the agreement is part of a statewide project to encourage schools to visit state parks.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to adopt the resolution of approval to enter into contract with California State Parks for the State Parks Partner Schools. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.5 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Bylaw and Exhibits 9250, Remuneration, Reimbursement and Other Benefits

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Scott to approve updated board bylaw 9250. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.6 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Bylaw 9320, Meetings and Notices

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Siekmann to approve updated board bylaw 9320. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.7 Review and Possible Approval of Board Bylaw 9320.1 Remote Meetings and Attendance, First Reading

The Board chose to forgo the second reading and instead consider adopting the bylaw. It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to adopt board bylaw 9320.1. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.8 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Bylaw 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to approve updated board bylaw 9322. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.9 Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Bylaw 9323, Meeting Conduct

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve updated board bylaw 9323. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.10 Approval of Intent to Apply for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy (IAL) Grant

Slentz explained that the goal of the grant is to get books into the hands of students in low-income areas. The requested award amount for this grant would be \$650,000 per year for five years.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/McMahon to approve the intent to apply for the IAL grant. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

8.0 **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

The Board is asked to receive/discuss; however, the Board may decide to take

action at their discretion.

8.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Davies-Hughes acknowledged California Day of the Teacher and Classified School Employee Week. Davies-Hughes expressed gratitude to Stacy Young for her work on Excellence in Teaching and the Jean Olson Career Achievement Awards. Bernie Levy was the recipient of the Jean Olson award. Davies-Hughes highlighted the Classified Employee breakfast and shared that Perrin Turney of Kneeland was selected as one of only nine State Classified School Employee of The Year awardees out of 141 statewide nominations. Turney was selected for the category of transportation services. Davies-Hughes acknowledged 161 students who recently received the Seal of Biliteracy award. Davies-Hughes provided an update on negotiations and announced the CSBA County Board Conference September 25 – 27 in Marina del Rey with early bird pricing closing July 9.

9.0 **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

McCullough acknowledged the work of the Community Outreach and Engagement department and provided an update on her short-term role as an interim Board member at Maple Creek School District.

Siekmann thanked the Board for the recognition

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

President McCullough adjourned the meeting at 5:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent