

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

MINUTES
April 21, 2021

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President Thom McMahon called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Sheila Rocker-Heppe, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Carly Wallace, Rachel Cortez, Gina Harris, Alison Hodges, Marina Smith, Melissa Hodgson, Shilo Gorospe, Taylar Opp, Fred Van Vleck, Tiva Insolo, Damara Moore, John Leonard, Lori Breyer, Taylar Opp, Alison Hodges, Gina Davis, Lori Breyer, Gayle Conway, Roger Macdonald, John Frahm, Miya Frahm

Robert Siekmann led the flag salute.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Amend and delete 9.0 Public Comment

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS (*Members of the public may address the board on non-agenda items at this time.*)

Ms. Smith addressed the board asking the board to prioritize full time in-person instruction for students

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

4.1 Receive Public Comment on CSEA Chapter 566 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposal to the Superintendent

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA (*The Board is asked to receive/approve these routine items*)

It was moved/seconded (Scott, Siekmann) to approve the consent agenda. **The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Sheila Rocker-Heppe, Mary Scott,
Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- 5.1 Approve Minutes - March 10, 2021
- 5.2 Approve Travel Claims
- 5.3 Receive and File Quarterly Williams Compliance Report
- 5.4 Adopt Proclamation in Recognition of Day of the Teacher
- 5.5 Adopt Proclamation in Recognition of Classified Employees Week

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Adopt 2021-2022 HCOE School Calendar

HCOE reviewed many district calendars to try and match up with break times and first day of school dates. Many of our employees work in other districts, we want all our HCOE employees to attend our welcome back event. We have a professional development (PD) day on Nov.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Siekmann) Adopt 2021-2022 HCOE School Calendar. **The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Sheila Rocker-Heppe, Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.2 Award Cooperative Paper Bid for 2021-2022

Advertisements went out in two newspapers and our HCOE website. We received one bid and would like to award our bid to WCP, they are located in Oregon.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Eckenrode) to Award Cooperative Paper Bid for 2021-2022. **The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Sheila Rocker-Heppe,
Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.3 Review and Accept 2019-2020 Annual Audit Report

Shilo Gorospe, new auditor from EideBailly presented the report to the board, summary of auditor results on page 97. It was a clean report with no compliance findings.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) Review and Accept 2019-2020 Annual Audit Report. **The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Sheila Rocker-Heppe,
Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.4 Review and Accept 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposal for CSEA Chapter 566 to Superintendent

HCOE will begin the process of negotiations

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Review and Accept 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposal for CSEA Chapter 566 to Superintendent. **The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Sheila Rucker-Heppe,
Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.5 Accept Grant Funding from Humboldt Sponsors Grant Award for Special Beginnings

Humboldt Sponsors is a wonderful community group.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Rucker Heppe) Accept Grant Funding from Humboldt Sponsors Grant Award for Special Beginnings. **The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Sheila Rucker-Heppe,
Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.6 Cast Vote for Run-Off Election for California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

The board unanimously voted for Melissa N. Kinsel. Ballot will be mailed back to CSBA.

It was moved/seconded (Rucker Heppe/Scott) Cast Vote for Run-Off Election for California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly. **The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Sheila Rucker-Heppe,
Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

7.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS *(The Board is asked to receive/discuss; however, the board may decide to take action at their discretion)*

7.1 Superintendent's and COVID-19 Update

Dr. Hartley addressed the conviction of yesterday and a statement was put in the HCOE website. HCOE has been hosting an equity series and all presentations are archived. HCOE had another town hall celebration. HCOE has been discussing, what a return to work looks like to provide the best service for our community and districts.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

Discussion from the board on returning to in person meetings. Dr. Hartley will do some research and bring back information from local Public Health and state guidance to the May meeting for discussion.

Board Recess: 3:56 PM-4:05 PM

10.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Sheila Rocker-Heppe, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

ALSO PRESENT: Fred Van Vleck, Tiva Insolo, Damara Moore, John Leonard, Lori Breyer, Taylar Opp, Alison Hodges, Gina Davis, Chris Hartley, Colby Smart, Melissa Hodgson, Gayle Conway, Roger Macdonald, John Frahm, Miya Frahm

OPEN SESSION Beginning 4:05 PM

10.1 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #01 (A.I.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)

Time (4:05 PM) President McMahon reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions

Board acknowledged receipt of both parties' written appeal records

Parent, Ms. Insolo addresses the board

Questions from board members

Fred Van Vleck, Superintendent of Eureka City Schools, John Leonard, Director of Student Services, presented the packet of information

Questions from board members

CLOSED SESSION

10.2 Board Deliberation re: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #01 (A.I.) (ECS)

Time (4:16- 4:45)

OPEN SESSION

10.3 Board Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code section 35146)

Time (4:45 PM) Sheila Rocker Heppe motioned to deny appeal, Loretta Eckenrode seconded motion

The motion to deny the appeal carried by a roll call vote of 3:2 as follows:

AYES: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Sheila Rocker-Heppe

NAYS: Robert Siekmann, Mary Scott

10.4 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #02 (C.B. and N.B.) (ECS)

Board President Thom McMahon asked parent to combine the hearing of both her students. Parent and District agreed that because same parent and similar facts existed for both students, items 10.4-10.9 are combined.

Time (4:50) President McMahon reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions

Board acknowledged receipt of both parties' written appeal records

Parent, Ms. Harris addressed the board

Questions from board members

Fred Van Vleck, Superintendent of Eureka City Schools, John Leonard, Director of Student Services, presented the packet of information, review packet and maps

Questions from ECS:

Question from board legal

Questions from board members

CLOSED SESSION

10.5 Board Deliberation re: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #02 (C.B. and N.B.) (ECS)

Time (5:11- 5:31)

OPEN SESSION

10.6 Board Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code section 35146) (C.B. and N.B.)

Time (5:31) Mary Scott motioned to approve the appeal, Loretta Eckenrode seconded motion.

The motion to approve the appeal carried by a roll call vote of 4:1 as follows:

AYES: Robert Siekmann, Mary Scott, Loretta Eckenrode, Sheila Rocker-Heppe

NAYS: Thom McMahon

10.10 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #04 (R.C.) (ECS)

Parent withdrew Interdistrict Appeal Hearing request on 4/21/2021. No appeal was heard.

10.13 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #05 (E.F.) Northern Humboldt Union School District (NHUSD)

Time (5:33) President McMahon reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions

Board acknowledged receipt of both parties' written appeal records

Parents Ms. Frahm and Mr. Frahm, addressed the board.

Questions from board members

Roger Macdonald, Superintendent of Northern Humboldt Union School District, Gayle Conway, Director of Student Services presented the packet of information

Questions from board members

CLOSED SESSION

10.14 Board Deliberation re: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #05 (E.F.)
(NHUSD)

Time (5:52- 6:17)

OPEN SESSION

10.15 Board Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code section 35146)

Time (6:17) Loretta Eckenrode motioned to deny the appeal, Mary Scott seconded motion.

The motion to deny the appeal carried by a roll call vote of 4:1 as follows:

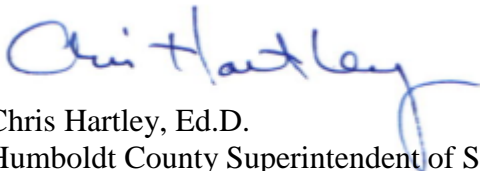
AYES: Mary Scott, Loretta Eckenrode, Robert Siekmann, Thom McMahon

NAYS: Sheila Rocker Heppe

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

6:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Hartley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "y".

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

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