

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

MINUTES
August 11, 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 3:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Kivel, Colby Smart, Katie Cavanagh, Lori Breyer, Corey Weber, Melissa Hodgson

Flag salute

No action taken at special meeting

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

None

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

None

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

Hand 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:

- 4.1 Approve Minutes—June 7, 2021 and June 9, 2021
- 4.2 Approve Travel Claims
- 4.3 Approve Submission of the 2021-2022 Co-op Consolidated Application for Categorical Funding
- 4.4 Receive/File Williams Quarterly Report (Instructional Materials, Facilities and Teacher Certification)
- 4.5 Receive and File the Joint Education Service Plan to Serve Expelled Students within Humboldt County 2021-2024

5.0 ACTION ITEMS (*The Board is asked to receive/discuss/take action*)

5.1 Receive and File 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Compensation Adjustments for Unrepresented Employees

This is the last round of approvals for our unrepresented employees, which include classified management and confidential employees. All unrepresented employees will receive a 3% salary increase in 2021 and 2022. HCOE will be covering Oak, compensation does not include a stipend.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Receive and File 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Compensation Adjustments for Unrepresented Employees. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

5.2 Approve Revisions Superintendent Policy 4154/4254/4354(a)-Health and Welfare Benefits

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Approve Revisions Superintendent Policy 4154/4254/4354(a)-Health and Welfare Benefits. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

5.3 Receive and File potential cost for the 2021-2022 PERS Golden Handshake

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Eckenrode) Receive and File potential cost for the 2021-2022 PERS Golden Handshake. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

5.4 Approve Revisions Administrative Regulation 1335-Sequoia Conference Center

HCOE is updating the Administrative Regulation for the Sequoia Conference Center due to the shift in service model for the center.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) Approve Revisions Administrative Regulation 1335-Sequoia Conference Center. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

5.5 Award Surplus Vehicle Bid to the Qualified Bidders

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Award Surplus Vehicle Bid to the Qualified Bidders to include an amendment to remove bus 108. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

5.6 Receive and File Resolution Authorizing the use of the Lease-Leaseback Process for Glen Paul School Improvements and Delegating Authority to the County Superintendent

Superintendent Hartley would like to have the option to the Lease-Leaseback process for the Glen Paul construction project. Board and Dr. Hartley discussed rationale.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Receive and File Resolution Authorizing the use of the Lease-Leaseback Process for Glen Paul School Improvements and Delegating Authority to the County Superintendent. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

5.7 Approve New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158-Independent Study as a First Reading

The latest AB 130 information that came out 3 weeks ago requires districts to offer a long-term Independent Study (IS) program that parents can request. The IS program is designed to last 15 days or longer. The new adopted board policy and administrative regulations outline the one-year program. It is requested due to the short timeline that this be the first and final reading.

It was moved/seconded (Scott-as a final reading/Eckenrode) Approve New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6158-Independent Study amended to be first and final ready to comply with timeline. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

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

6.1 Support Model for Local Control Accountability Plans and the Statewide System of Support

Reviewed on an annual basis

6.2 Superintendent's Report and COVID-19 Update

Congratulations to Sharrone Blanck as HCOE's first Equity and Inclusion Learning Specialist position.

HCOE will be working to comply with Governor Newsome's announcement requiring educators to be vaccinated or tested once a week. HCOE is working with our local Public Health office to provide vaccination clinics at school. Our testing program is up and running for employees and schools.

In the interest of the health and safety of our staff, HCOE's annual Welcome Back event has been moved to a virtual meeting and will be held on August 16th. An invitation will be sent to the board.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

Board President Thom McMahon shared that the Eureka City School District Board of Trustees were unable to attend the special meeting today.

Board Recess: 3:57 PM-4:02 PM

8.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Hartley, Colby Smart, Katie Cavanagh, Lori Breyer, Scott Kivel,
Melissa Hodgson, Fred Van Vleck-Eureka City Schools, John Leonard-Eureka City Schools,
Luke Biesecker-Arcata School District, Gary Storts-South Bay School District, Judith
Langley-Parent, Jollen McLeod, Parent, Kayla Irving, Parent

OPEN SESSION Beginning 4:02 PM

8.1 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-20211 #13 (R.R.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)

Time (4:02 PM) President McMahon reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions

Board acknowledged receipt of both parties' written appeal records

Parent, Ms. Irving and other representative 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

Board Recess 4:16 PM- 4:21 PM

CLOSED SESSION

8.2 Board Deliberation re: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student #13 (R.R.) (ECS)

Time (4:21-4:44)

OPEN SESSION

8.3 Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code Section 35146)

Time 4:45 PM, Loretta Eckenrode motioned to remand the appeal back to Eureka City schools, based upon the testimony and exhibits produced at the hearing, Mary Scott seconded the motion.

The motion to remand the appeal carried by a roll call vote of 5-0, as follows:

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

NAYS: None

CLOSED SESSION

Time 4:35 PM

8.4 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-20211 #14 (A.M.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)

8.5 Board Deliberation re: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student #14 (A.M) (ECS)

OPEN SESSION

8.6 Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code Section 35146)

Time (5:18 PM) Loretta Eckenrode motioned to deny the appeal, Sheila Rocker Heppe seconded motion.

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

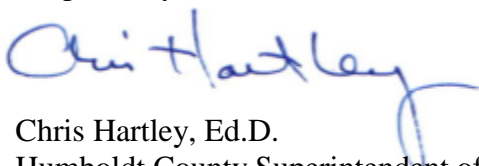
AYES: Sheila Rocker Heppe, Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon

NAYS: Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

5:19 PM Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



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

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