

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

**MINUTES-Special Board Meeting**  
**June 9, 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 3:02 with a quorum present.

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chris Hartley, Colby Smart, Rosie Slentz, Carly Wallace, Corey Weber, Melissa Hodgson

Mary Scott led the flag salute.

**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 PUBLIC REPORTS AND HEARING**

**4.1 Receive Public Comment on 2021-2022 Education Protection Account (EPA) Funds Budget**

Open and closed with no public comment

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

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

**Roll Call Vote**

AYES:	Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, 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—May 19, 2021**

**5.2 Approve Travel Claims**

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

**6.1 Approve 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

Presentation from Felicia Doherty on Monday, June 7, 2021

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Rocker Heppe) to **Approve 2021-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**6.2 Adopt the 2021-2022 HCOE Budget**

Budget adoption presentation by Carly Wallace. This is a proposed budget; the final budget will be available in July. The HCOE business department is working with districts on how to map out and use additional funding.

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

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**6.3 Adopt Resolution to Provide Short-Term Cash Loans to School Districts in Humboldt County**

HCOE put this resolution in place a few years ago, the resolution gives HCOE the ability to act quickly and assist districts who may experience cash flow issues. If the funds are provided to a district the item would be agenized at a future meeting.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Rocker Heppe) to **Adopt Resolution to Provide Short-Term Cash Loans to School Districts in Humboldt County. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**6.4 Accept Education Protection Account (EPA) Funds**

Thank you to voters for prop 30. This is an annual item.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Eckenrode) to **Accept Education Protection Account (EPA) Funds The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**6.5 Set the Superintendent's Salary for 2021-2022**

An agreement was set in 2018 to annually review the superintendent's salary.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Eckenrode) to **apply a 3% increase to the Superintendent's Salary for 2021-2022. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**6.6 Adopt Special Reserve Fund Appropriation Resolution**

This is an annual resolution. The Board gives HCOE the ability to pull or put funds in reserves if necessary when closing books. If the funds are utilized the item would be agenized at a future meeting.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) to **Adopt Special Reserve Fund Appropriation Resolution. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote**

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

**6.6 Discussion-July 2021 Board Meeting**

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Eckenrode) to cancel the July 2021 meeting unless a meeting is needed. **The motion carried with the following roll call vote.**

**Roll Call Vote**

AYES: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Sheila Rocker-Heppe, Mary Scott,  
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 Report and COVID-19 Update**

Dr. Hartley would like to express his gratitude to the board, the public and to our schools. ERC had their graduation today and Glen Paul had their graduation last week. HCOE is planning for their annual welcome back event, to happen on August 16th and Board members are welcome to attend.

HCOE is partnering with our local Public Health office to utilize AB 86 funds. Each of our offices will be hiring a nurse to partner with districts and public health to work with our districts.

On June 15th CDPH will come out with guidelines for next school year and CalOSHA will come out with workplace guidelines.

**7.2 Board Retreat Date and Agenda**

If the board has input please email Melissa Hodgson

**8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

None

**Board Recess from 4:00 PM-4:06 PM**

**9.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS**

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Colby Smart-HCOE, Luke Biesecker-ASD, Alex Quezada-Parent, Lori Breyer-HCOE, John Leonard-ECS, Kaitlyn Schwendeman-SCLS, Gary Storts-SBUSD, Micalyn Harris-ECS, Fred Van Vleck-ECS, Taylor Opp-HCOE, Rachel Munoz-Parent, Micalyn Harris-ECS, Anne McCovey-Parent, Roger Macdonald-NHUSD, Melissa Hodgson-HCOE

**OPEN SESSION beginning 4:06 PM**

**9.1 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 # 09 (S.Q.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)**

Time (4:06 PM) President McMahon reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions

Board acknowledged receipt of both parties' written appeal records

Parent, Mr. Quezada addressed the board

Questions from the board and legal counsel

Fred Van Vleck, Superintendent of Eureka City Schools presented information to the board

Questions from the board

**CLOSED SESSION**

**9.2 Board Deliberation re: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 # 09 (S.Q.) (ECS)**

Time (4:29 PM-4:44 PM)

**OPEN SESSION**

**9.3 Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code section 35146)**

Time (4:44 PM) Loretta Eckenrode motioned to deny appeal, Sheila Rocker Heppe seconded motion.

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

Ayes: Thom McMahon, Lorette Eckenrode, Sheila Rocker Heppe

Nays: Robert Siekmann, Mary Scott

Items 9.4-9.6 were removed due to appeal being resolved prior to hearing.

**OPEN SESSION**

**9.7 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #11 (A.H.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)**

Time (4:46 PM) President McMahon reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions

Board acknowledged receipt of both parties' written appeal records

Parent, Ms. Munoz addressed the board

Questions from the board

Fred Van Vleck, Superintendent of Eureka City Schools presented information to the board

Questions from the board

**CLOSED SESSION**

**9.8 Board Deliberation re: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 # 11 (A.H.) (ECS)**

Time (5:02-5:20 PM)

**OPEN SESSION**

**9.9 Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code section 35146)**

Time (5:20 PM) Robert Siekmann motioned to approve appeal, Mary Scott seconded motion.

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

Ayes: Thom McMahon, Lorette Eckenrode, Sheila Rocker Heppe, Robert Siekmann, Mary Scott

Nays:

Fred VanVleck, Superintendent of Eureka City Schools addressed the board, expressing his disappointment in the decisions of the board. Eureka City Schools Board of Trustees has requested that an item be placed on the August 11th board agenda to discuss the county-wide agreement. Board president Thom McMahon asked the request to be placed in writing.

Board Recess 5:27-5:30

**9.10 Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2021-2022 #12 (A.O.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)**

Time (5:30 PM)

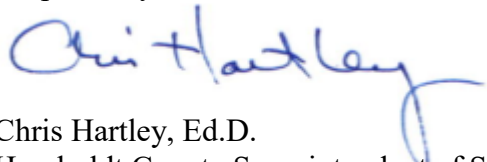
ECS withdrew its denial of the IDT request and asked the parent to submit a new interdistrict attendance transfer request, which would be approved by ECS and submitted to Northern Humboldt Union High School District. If the student is admitted to the charter school, no interdistrict is needed.

Due to resolution, board items 9.11 thru 9.12 were withdrawn from the agenda

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

5:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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

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