

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

**MINUTES**  
**March 10, 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 pm. with a quorum present.

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

**ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chris Hartley, Melissa Hodgson, Maikken Bass, Colby Smart, Carly Wallace, Corey Weber, Stacy Young, Ryan Keller, Cindi Kaup

Mary Scott led the flag salute.

**2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

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

None

**4.0 PRESENTATION Humboldt Early Math Leadership Team Presentation-Cindi Kaup, Ryan Keller and Maikken Bass**

Presentation: Please visit the website for more information. <https://www.hemlt.hcoe.org/>

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

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode, Scott) 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:

- 5.1 Approve Minutes - February 12, 2021
- 5.2 Approve Travel Claims
- 5.3 Adopt Proclamation in Support of Public Schools Month-April

## **6.0 ACTION ITEMS**

- 6.1 Receive and File Second Interim Report.

Revenues have increased due to grant funding and current expenditures have decreased. There are many one-time funds coming from the Federal government and the State. The May revision will most likely come out with a COLA change

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Receive and File Second Interim Report. **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

- 6.2 **Approve 2020-2021-Local Education Agency-School Plan for Student Achievement-Court & Community Schools**

This is an annual approval

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Eckenrode) to Approve 2020-2021-Local Education Agency-School Plan for Student Achievement-Court & Community Schools. 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

**6.3 Receive and File 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposals from the Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools to the Humboldt County Schools Teachers Association (HCSTA)**

Annually the superintendent submits an initial bargaining proposal which allows HCOE to begin negotiations with HCSTA.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) Receive and File 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposals from the Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools to the Humboldt County Schools Teachers Association (HCSTA). 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

**6.4 Receive and File 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposals from the Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 566**

Annually the superintendent submits an initial bargaining proposal which allows HCOE to begin negotiations with CSEA.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Receive and File 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposals from the Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 566. 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

**6.5 Receive and File 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposal from HCSTA to the Superintendent**

Annually HCSTA submits their initial proposal to HCOE. We can begin negotiations with the HCSTA group.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Receive and File 2021-2022 Initial Bargaining Proposal from HCSTA to the 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

**6.6 Approve Submission of ArtSEL (Art and Social Emotional Learning) Grant**

Stacy Young presented information on a 5-year federal grant to support arts education through social emotional learning that she is applying for. It is a 5-year commitment for schools and a decision should be granted by July 1, 2021

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Scott) Approve Submission of ArtSEL (Art and Social Emotional Learning) Grant. 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

**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 Review 2021-2022 Proposed Board Budget**

Board discussion on projected budget based on the previous year budget. Funds can be moved if necessary. After discussion it was moved/seconded (Scott/Eckenrode) to move forward with the 2021-2022 proposed board budget. 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

**7.2 Superintendent's and COVID-19 Report**

Our presentation today are great examples of our interdepartmental work which matches our organizational goals.

We are all excited to start to see schools reopen and kids get back into the classroom. The governor's plan to set aside funds using the LCFF formula to open and support schools (AB/SB 86) has been a great incentive. Our collective advocacy has been instrumental in ensuring our needs are understood. Not only did we advocate for funding, but we also were successful with massive vaccination clinics, now all TK-12 educators in Humboldt have had access to vaccines if they choose to receive one.

Katie Cavanagh has done a tremendous job leading the COVID testing efforts for all Humboldt County Schools. Valencia Lab testing has been set up for all HCOE employees. The test is a drive-thru self-administered test. We are also making progress with rapid testing, BinaxNOW. This will serve our districts and allow immediate results, within 15-30 minutes.

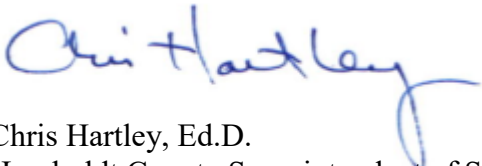
**8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS**

Mary and Loretta will be part of the academic achievement awards interviews

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**4:10 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



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