

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

MINUTES
November 18, 2020

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President Loretta Eckenrode 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, Marc Rowley, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Hartley, Colby Smart, Melissa Hodgson, Corey Weber, Carly Wallace,
Lori Breyer

Marc Rowley led the flag salute.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

None

3.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

President Loretta Eckenrode would like to thank the County Office and all the work that everyone is doing. Good job and thank you, Vice-President, Mary Scott agreed

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

None

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

It was moved/seconded (Rowley/Scott) to approve the consent agenda.

The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Action was taken on the following consent items:

5.1 Approve Minutes – October 14, 2020

5.2 Approve Travel Claims

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Receive and File Williams Review Reports for 2020-21

Due to the Williams Act, a physical assessment of school supplies and review of their facilities is an annual requirement to ensure each school has sufficient materials for all students. Due to COVID-19, each school self-reported that they had sufficient materials. HCOE is now in the process of going to each school site for a facility review. In next year's report, there will be added information about teacher credentialing.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/McMahon) Receive and File Williams Review Reports for 2020-21
The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

AYES: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Marc Rowley, Mary Scott,
Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.2 Adopt FY 2019 School Communications Interoperability Grant Program Resolution

The Interoperability grant is funded through The Office of Emergency Services (OES). Corey Weber and Taylin Titus from JPA have been working with OES on how to best spend the funds. HCOE is looking at upgrading our radios for emergency communication. We will be able to purchase upgraded equipment to enhance our communication with the districts in the event of an emergency.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to Adopt FY 2019 School Communications Interoperability Grant Program Resolution

The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

AYES: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Marc Rowley, 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 HCOE Area 5 Board Vacancy Update

Dr. Hartley would like to thank Marc Rowley for 15 years of service on the Humboldt County Board of Education and 12 years of service with the Klamath Trinity School Board. Area 5 is a large geographic area and Marc has brought an equality and unique perspective as he has represented the Klamath Trinity area. Mr. Rowley stated, "It has been an honor to serve with you folks."

We advertised a vacancy prior to the election, but did not receive any applicants. We have another 60-day window starting December 14th to advertise for the vacant position. It was suggested that Marc reach out to individuals to let them know about the vacancy, as well as recommend individuals. The Board discussed ways to advertise the opening that could attract more interest than the previous effort. After the 60 days it would be the same process done previously with open session interviews and selecting someone to appoint to Area 5.

7.2 Review Annual Organizational Meeting Procedures

The proposed meeting schedule for 2021 is attached in the agenda. The board will be asked to approve the schedule for the upcoming year and select the board officers for the next year at our December meeting. As a reminder, no member shall serve two consecutive terms in the same position.

7.3 HCOE Organizational Improvement Update

Dr. Hartley gave a presentation to the board a few meetings ago with an update on HCOE's organizational improvement efforts. Our leadership team has been engaged and has had the opportunity to provide feedback in this process. Creating our pillars around serving, developing our people and our culture, maximizing resources and preparing our students for the future. This has been great work and has brought us closer together as a leadership team. We are working to scaffold information with the leadership team. We will be using these pillars to measure our success. We are excited about this work. The next step for each department is to come up with one or two goals. If you ever want to know more about what steps we are taking to be a better organization to serve Humboldt County please reach out to Dr. Hartley.

7.4 Superintendent's and COVID-19 Report

With increasing COVID-19 cases throughout the County and State our local Public Health Office has come up with a new travel advisory for the holiday season. It is recommended that anyone who leaves the county or state self-quarantine, as well as, limit gatherings to current households. We have high expectations that our employees will follow this guidance so we can have little impact on our schools and service to the county. Public Health has also been a strong supporter of schools being open, however it was strongly recommended that schools go to distance learning for the two weeks after Thanksgiving Break. The recommendation has nothing to do with schools being a focal point of transmission; it is due to the increased travel and gatherings. HCOE continues to share updated information with our team.

Katie Cavanagh has been an amazing leader during this time. Her team of principals (Genevieve Macias, Damon Collier, Chris Hill, and Felicia Doherty) have been working diligently to have students return to on campus instruction in a safer environment.

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is out of the Sequoia Conference room, we will be working to clean and utilize that space in the coming months.

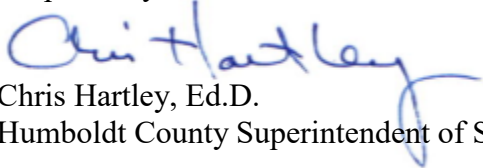
It is also looking like the economy is stronger than expected and we are hoping the Governor removes deferrals, this may eliminate some districts from having to do deferrals and borrow funds.

Dr. Hartley would like to express his appreciation to all district and charter leaders for their continued commitment and advocating to do what is best for their students. We are working together, listening to each other and having great conversations with each other and Public Health.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

3:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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

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