

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

MINUTES
November 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 3:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Rosie Slentz, Jenny Bowen, Katie Cavanagh, Janice Lourenzo, Melissa Hodgson

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 (*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:

- 4.1 Approve Minutes – October 13, 2021 Adjust minutes, to reflect that Sheila was present (Special and Regular meeting), October 25, 2021
- 4.2 Approve Travel Claims
- 4.3 Adopt Resolution #2021-43: A Resolution of the Humboldt County Board of Education Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom dated March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Receive and File Williams Review Reports for 2021-2022

This year there were 11 schools in the Williams Review. Administrators verified materials and Janice Lourenzo met with each of them via virtual meetings. Facilities inspections were conducted on site prior to students being on campus.

The State Superintendent will be creating a new list of schools for future school visits.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Rocker Heppe) Receive and File Williams Review Reports for 2021-2022. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

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

5.2 Approve Agreement for Temporary Transfer of Funds, Loleta Union Elementary

Corey Weber and his fiscal team are working with the District, the Superintendent, the Board and staff to propose a multi month loan, as well as mapping out next steps for the district. The loan would be for October, November and December with repayment beginning in January. The Loleta board adopted a resolution to enter into the agreement with HCOE.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Siekmann) to Approve Agreement for Temporary Transfer of Funds, Loleta Union Elementary. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

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

5.3 Approve Extension of Timeline for Consideration of Samoa Beach Academy Petition

It is requested that the Board approve a one-day extension for the public hearing along with a 30-day extension to grant or deny the charter petition.

It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/Eckenrode) Approve Extension of Timeline for Consideration of Samoa Beach Academy Petition. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

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

5.4 Set Salary of Newly Appointed Superintendent

This item was brought to the board June 9, 2021. It is brought back to the board as an action item with the newly appointed superintendent. Note correction to salary, \$192,320

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to set the salary of the newly appointed Superintendent for the 2021-22 school year at \$192,320. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

AYES: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahan, 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 Review procedures for annual organizational meeting

Review tentative dates for 2022 board meetings. Please nominate or self-nominate new officers by December 1, 2021.

6.2 Superintendent's Report and COVID-19 Report

It is Michael's 6th day today. Michael is planning to visit HCOE sites and meet with our 31 district superintendents. He had the opportunity to meet with the HCOE Cabinet on Monday and is proud to be a part of this team.

COVID 19 Report

85% of HCOE employees are vaccinated. Required masking in an outdoor setting has lifted, but it is still recommended outdoors especially in a crowded area. Quarantine guidelines have been changed. Public Health will be reviewing the masking orders in January. Currently there is testing available at each of our districts, charters and one private school.

Fieldbrook school had the first vaccination clinic for 5-11-year-old students. Colby Smart spent all day handing out lollipops to the student, there were 85 students vaccinated

Michael Davies-Hughes would like to thank CalRTA and all retired teachers as it is Retired Teachers Week.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

Loren Soukup from SCLS would offer to provide board training. Melissa will reach out to Loren.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes
Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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