

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

Draft MINUTES
October 14, 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 3:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Hartley, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Carly Wallace, Karling Skoglund, Meg Walkley, Cindy Kaup, Rosie Slentz, Lori Breyer, Taylar Opp

ALSO PRESENT AT IDT: Brandey Wheeler, Student, Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Marc Rowley, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann, Chris Hartley, Colby Smart, Damara Moore, Fred Van Vleck, Jen Buck, Lori Breyer, Roger Macdonald, Taylar Opp, Lisa Librenjak, Micalyn Harris, John Leonard

Robert Siekmann led the flag salute.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

None

3.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

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

No public comment

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

5.1 Approve Minutes—September 8, 2020 and September 9, 2020

5.2 Approve Travel Claims

5.3 Receive/File Williams Quarterly Report (Instructional Materials, Facilities & Teacher Certification)

5.4 Adopt Proclamation in Support of American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout

5.5 Adopt Proclamation in Recognition of the Week of the School Administrator

5.6 Adopt 2019-2020 Appropriations (GANN) Limit

5.7 Receive and File 2020-2021 Accepted Budget

It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/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

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Receive and File Annual Financial Statement

Welcome Carly Wallace to HCOE, Carly is the new Internal Business Manager. Corey Weber provided a financial statement summary review. Typically, we include a summary sheet, but we did not get it completed to put in the packet in time. Many of our programs could not provide services due to the shelter in place order. There were cost savings around travel and professional development. There will be additional deferrals February to June.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to Receive and File Annual Financial Statement
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 Approve Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Collaborative Partnership Grant

Presented by Meg Walkley, this is the third time that HCOE has applied for an ACE's partnership grant. Two were awarded. The grants will be a collaboration with First 5 and HCOE and a partnership with UCSF to better serve children 0-8 years old with mental health needs.

6.3 Approve Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Collaborative Partnership Grant-School Climate
Presented by Cindi Kaup, we have been granted a second round of funding. This grant will allow us to have an expert provide 6 sessions, from January to March, presenting information on culturally responsive self-care for those that work with children. It will be an on-line platform; anyone that works with children is encouraged to attend. HSU is giving a ½-unit credit and will be promoting the series with their new credential candidates.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/McMahon) Approve both 6.2 and 6.3 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Collaborative Partnership Grants. **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

6.4 Approve 2019-2020 Final EPA (Education Protection Account) Expenditures

Dr. Hartley would like to acknowledge and thank voters for voting in Prop 30. These are the final 2019-2020 EAP expenditures. This funding goes directly to instructional costs and is not used for any administration costs.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/McMahon) Approve 2019-2020 Final EPA (Education Protection Account) Expenditures. **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

6.5 Approval to apply for Strong Workforce Program Grant

Karling Skoglund is applying for the Strong Workforce Grant. This grant will continue the Trades Academy and enhance added value to the CTE program. Specifically the building, construction, transportation and agriculture programs and will allow local area high school students to explore careers in the trades. The grant will allow for employment of a CTE teacher. The grant will also allow for student internship opportunities and some supplies to make videos.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) Approval to apply for Strong Workforce Program Grant. **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 Superintendent's Report and COVID-19 Update

It is administrators' week and we would like to pass on our gratitude to our leadership team and all school administrators in Humboldt County. HCOE will once again host for the third year, The Equity Summit. It is an online format with multiple sessions beginning October 22nd. Stacy Young has played an important role in pulling the event together this year.

Humboldt County received half a million dollars to purchase technology for our schools. HCOE worked with Mary Nicely from CDE, Senator McGuire and our superintendents played an integral part in receiving these funds. We had surveyed our districts to find out their needs when CDE reached out to us we had all the information ready to go. Doug Lee and his team are sorting through the 1,800 Chromebooks to be delivered to our districts.

On October 8th our programs, Court and Community, Special Beginnings and Glen Paul are moving to a hybrid model and will begin bringing students on campus in small cohorts. There has been an enormous amount of planning and preparation to get students back on campus. This has involved all of the staff to make sure we have a safe environment for students to be back on campus. Katie Cavanagh has been a driving force in working on scenario planning for our employees. She has worked closely with Public Health to revise and create these documents for all HCOE employees.

An update on COVID Testing. HCOE has been able to provide testing slots for all district employees and HCOE employees. Public health is working on a new way of testing, self-administered testing. Results are handled locally and could be as quick as a 24 to 48 hour turn around. HCOE has volunteered to participate in training for self-administered testing. More information will be coming soon.

Janine Melanson has finished her career here at HCOE. Dr. Hartley wants to thank her for all her support on her amazing career at HCOE.

Dr. Smart gave an update on Agnes Johnson Charter School. Jen Fairbanks has been in contact with them. Their official enrollment is 99 their target was 120. They are up and running and are reaching out to ask the right questions when needed. Jen did a facilities check last week and delivered Chromebook.

8.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2020-2021/#01

OPEN SESSION:

8.1 Consideration of Appeal of Interdistrict Transfer Denial by Eureka City Schools

4:00 p.m. President Eckenrode reviewed the appeal process and asked for introduction.

Parent, Brandie Wheeler introduced herself and her son and shared the packet of information regarding her appeal request.

Questions from board members

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

Questions from the board

CLOSED SESSION:

8.2 Board Deliberation Regarding Appeal of Interdistrict Transfer Denial by Eureka City Schools (Cal. Educ. Code section 35146)

4:58 p.m.-5:40 p.m. Board members deliberated in closed session

OPEN SESSION:

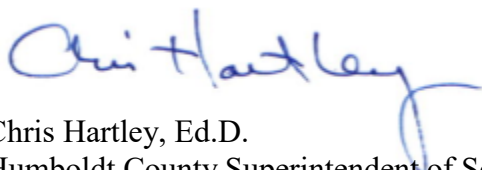
8.3 Report Out, Final Action Regarding Appeal of Interdistrict Transfer Denial by Eureka City Schools

5:40 p.m. The board voted 4 to 1 to deny Interdistrict Transfer Appeal. The student will not attend ECS for the 20-21 school year. The student will be attending Northern Humboldt for the 20-21 school year.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

5:43 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Hartley, Ed.D.

Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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