

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501

Annex Conference Room

August 12, 2026

4:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President McCullough called the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 4:00 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Mary Scott, Dena McCullough, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Ariel Aaron, Stacy Young, Calli Coleman, Chris Marney

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4.0 PRESENTATION

4.1 Update on 1105 Myrtle Avenue - Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent, shared a presentation with the Board.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve the consent agenda.

Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

5.1 Approve July 8, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

5.2 Approve Monthly Remuneration

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Award Franklin Generator Project Bid to Qualifying Bidder

Assistant Superintendent Weber explained that a permanent generator is scheduled to be installed near the Sequoia Conference Center for use in the event of emergencies. The Board was asked to award Adams Commercial General Contracting the project as the lowest bidder.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to award the Franklin generator project bid to Adams Commercial General Contracting. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.2 Approve Disposal of Equipment - Bus 105

Weber shared that Bus 105 is 20 years old and fully depreciated. Staff recommendation is to surplus and dispose of the bus.

It was moved/seconded Siekmann/Scott by to approve the disposal of bus 105. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.3 Consideration and Appointment of a Humboldt County Board of Education Member to Serve as a Maple Creek Union School District Board Member Pursuant with Education Code 5094

Superintendent Davies-Hughes explained that the Maple Creek Union School District only has one Board member on the three-member Board.

President McCullough expressed willingness to be appointed to serve as interim trustee.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to appoint President McCullough to serve as an interim Board member. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.4 Review and Approval of Updated Board Bylaw 9323 – Meeting Conduct

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to amend the policy as presented. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

6.5 Review and Approval of Updated Board Policy and Regulation 5123 – Promotion/Acceleration/Retention

Assistant Superintendent Cavanagh explained the changes to the policy and exhibit.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve updated board policy and regulation 5123. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes shared gratitude to HCOE staff that worked the summer months, with special recognition to Maintenance for getting sites ready for the upcoming school year. Davies-Hughes updated the Board on the number of Interdistrict Transfer Appeal requests to the Board and attributed the decrease to the implementation of the digital Interdistrict Transfer request process. Davies-Hughes welcomed two new members to the HCOE management team, Amalia Pock, Principal of Court and Community Schools, and Kelsi Sprague, Internal Business Manager. Davies-Hughes provided an update on reimbursable services provided by HCOE staff and shared that the first reimbursement had been received. Finally, Davies-Hughes invited the Board to the annual HCOE Welcome Back Breakfast on Friday, August 14.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no Board member announcements.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

President McCullough adjourned the meeting at 4:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes
Superintendent
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