

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue | Eureka, CA
Dr. Garry T. Eagles Conference Room

August 27, 2025
2:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER OF STUDY SESSION

President Eckenrode called the special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 2:02 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Mary Scott, Dena McCullough
ABSENT: Robert Siekmann (joined at 2:06 PM)
STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Natalie Carrigan

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS

There were no public comments

3.0 STUDY SESSION – BOARD ADVANCE

The Board received the following presentations:

- (3.1) Public Affairs and Community Engagement – Carrie Castro, California School Boards Association
- (3.2) New Legislation Impacting Education – Kaitlyn Schwendeman, School & College Legal Services
- (3.3) Equity Overview and Assessment Results – Sharrone Blanck, Learning Specialist, Equity and Inclusion, and Nora Wynne, Learning Specialist, School Support

Board Recess 3:30- 3:40 PM

- (3.4) Interdistrict Transfer Appeals, Process and Countywide Agreement – Colby Smart, Deputy Superintendent
- (3.5) Artificial Intelligence and the Impact on Education in Humboldt County – Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent
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