Humboldt County Board of Education
901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
Annex Conference Room

September 14, 2022
3:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE
Vice President Eckenrode called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Sheila Rocker Heppe, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann
ABSENT: Thom McMahon
STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Jenny Bowen, Chris Marney, Ken Conlin, Felicia Doherty

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA
There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS
No public comment

4.0 BOARD RECOGNITION
The Board recognized the 2022-2023 Humboldt County Teacher of the Year, Andrea Butler-Crosby of Orleans Elementary School.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA
The Board is asked to receive/approve these routine items.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Rocker Heppe to approve the consent agenda. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

(5.1) Approve Minutes – August 10, 2022 Special and Regular Meeting
(5.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
(5.3) Adopt Proclamation in Support of Red Ribbon Week
(5.4) Adopt Proclamation in Support of School Bus Safety Month
(5.5) Approve Submission of the 2022-2023 Consolidated Application for Categorical Funding
6.0 PUBLIC REPORTS AND HEARING
(6.1) Sufficiency of Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Instructional Materials

The public hearing was opened and closed with no public comment.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS
The Board is asked to receive/discuss/take action on the following items.

(7.1) Adopt Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to adopt the resolution regarding sufficiency of instructional materials.

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared that HCOE is in the process of adopting more updated instructional materials.

Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0.

8.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS
The Board is asked to receive/discuss; however, the Board may decide to take action at their discretion.

(8.1) Review and Possible Revisions of Board Bylaw 9250 (a) Remuneration and Reimbursement

Superintendent Davies-Hughes explained that it is appropriate for the Board to review its bylaws periodically. Davies-Hughes brought to the Board’s attention that remuneration is based on attendance of meetings, rather than a flat monthly amount. Davies-Hughes gave the example of a board member attending 1 out of 3 scheduled meetings, that board member would only receive one third of the remuneration. Additionally, it was explained that with a resolution, board members would be eligible for remuneration for missing 2 meetings per year for qualifying reasons. The resolution will be brought to the board during the October board meeting.

(8.2) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Davies-Hughes expressed gratitude for the ability to attend the CCBE Annual Conference with Trustees Siekmann, Rocker Heppe, and Eckenrode.

Davies-Hughes updated the board on staffing, explained that positions have been filled with quality new hires, speaking to the reputation of HCOE and its staff.

Davies-Hughes shared that HCOE is in the process of surveying the districts in regards to their desires for services this academic year.
Davies-Hughes provided an update on the success of the UPK Threads of Connection Conference, led by CPIN Regional Lead, Gloria Topolewski and Cindi Kaup.

Finally, Davies-Hughes thanked the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) review team, including Colby Smart, Lori Breyer, Janice Lourenzo, Heather Quigley, Corey Weber, Angela West, Kelley Withers, Kelly Roach, and Vanessa Fouquette.

(8.3) Transportation Update

Chris Marney, Transportation Supervisor and Fleet Manager, shared an update with the Board. Marney explained 10 buses and one van are used to transport students in Humboldt County with an area of spanning McKinleyville to Scotia. Marney further stated drivers transport up to 100 students per day and drive 864 miles.

9.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Eckenode shared the conference was time well spent. Rocker Heppe learned about county board structure and state-wide governance. Siekmann shared there was guidance on the role of the county superintendent and board members which will go to print in December. Rocker Heppe shared the media training was informative and Superintendent Davies-Hughes did an outstanding job during the mock interviews.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 3:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Davies-Hughes, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools
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