

# Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501  
Annex Conference Room

April 12, 2023  
3:00 PM

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President Rocker Heppe called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 2:32 PM with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Jenny Bowen,  
Felicia Doherty, Natalie Carrigan

### 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There were no public comment on closed session items.

### 3.0 CLOSED SESSION (2:30 PM)

(3.1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(3)  
Receipt of claim pursuant to Government Claims Act

### 4.0 RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION (3:00 PM)

Open session reconvened at 3:03 PM.

### 5.0 OPEN SESSION

President Rocker Heppe reported that during closed session it was moved/seconded by Scott/McMahon with a unanimous vote to reject the California tort claim filed by Damara Moore on March 11, 2023.

### 6.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

No adjustments made to the agenda

### 7.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board heard public comment from Mike Greer, candidate for the CSBA Delegate Assembly.

## **8.0 PRESENTATIONS**

(8.1) HCOE Court and Community Schools – Felicia Doherty

The Board heard a presentation from Felicia Doherty, Principal of Court and Community Schools.

(8.2) Global Education – Colby Smart

The Board received a presentation from Assistant Superintendent Colby Smart regarding global education.

## **9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items.

- (9.1) Approve Minutes—March 8, 2023
- (9.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (9.3) Adopt Proclamation in Recognition of Day of the Teacher
- (9.4) Adopt Proclamation in Recognition of Classified Employee Week
- (9.5) Receive and File Quarterly Williams Compliance Report

## **10.0 ACTION ITEMS**

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

(10.1) Award Cooperative Paper Bid for 2023-2024

Assistant Superintendent Corey Weber explained that the cooperative paper bid is an annual item that benefits the districts as well as other Humboldt County public entities.

It was moved/seconded Scott/Eckenrode by to award the cooperative paper bid for 2023-24 to WPC Solutions. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(10.2) Approve 2022-2023 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Court and Community Schools

Doherty explained that the SPSA is an annual plan that outlines how federal dollars are spent.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to approve the 2022-2023 SPSA for Court and Community Schools. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(10.3) Receive and Accept the 2021-2022 Annual Audit Report

Weber shared that HCOE is required to have an independent annual audit completed and clarified that the audit was shared on March 31, 2023 due to an extension that was granted. There were no findings in the annual audit report. Weber expressed appreciation for all staff members and the excellent work that went into the audit.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to receive and accept the 2021-2022 annual audit report. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

## **11.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

### **(11.1) Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared three items with the Board, including upcoming recognition events, a reminder for the CCBE Annual Conference in September, and an update on administrative vacancies county wide for the 2023-24 academic year. Special mention was given to Thom McMahon, a recipient of the Jean Olson Career Achievement Award.

### **(11.2) Review 2023-2024 Proposed Board Budget**

Davies-Hughes recommended that the Board increase the budget for travel and conferences to \$8000 and reduce the dues and membership budget to \$8000 for an overall budget increase of \$1800.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to approve the 23-24 budget with the recommended changes. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

## **12.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Trustee Scott expressed gratitude to the IT department for their role in the Academic Achievement Awards. Trustee McMahon thanked HCOE for the support provided to the Big Lagoon Unified Elementary School District over the school year.

President Rocker Heppe called for a Board recess at 3:58 PM.

## **13.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS**

### **OPEN SESSION**

(13.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2023-2024 #01 (M.P.) – Eureka City Schools (ECS)

President Rocker Heppe reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions.

Board acknowledged the receipt of both parties' written appeal records.

Parent, Michael Patterson, addressed the board from 4:09 to 4:10 PM.

Board questions.

Lisa Claussen addressed the board from 4:12 to 4:15 PM.

Board questions.

Mr. Patterson was given the opportunity to respond.

The Board moved to closed session at 4:17 PM.

**CLOSED SESSION**

(13.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2023-2024 #01 (M.P.) (ECS)

**OPEN SESSION**

(13.3) Board Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code Section 35146)

At 4:44 PM President Rocker Heppe reported that McMahon/Siekmann moved/seconded to grant the appeal of Student 2023-2024 #01 (M.P.). The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Eckenrode, Scott, Siekmann, McMahon
Noes:	Rocker Heppe
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

**14.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Rocker Heppe adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent

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