

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

MINUTES
September 9, 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 3:04 PM. with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT: Marc Rowley

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Hartley, Melissa Hodgson, Thom McMahon, Felicia Doherty, Colby Smart, Stacy Young, Heidi Guynup-Moore, Nora Wynne, Elwira Salata, Ms. Smith, Luna Weiss-Wynne

Bob Siekmann led the flag salute.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

None

3.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS/COMMENTS

None

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

Ms. Smith would like to express support for reopening school as distance learning is not serving the students well.

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

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, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Marc Rowley

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- 5.1 Approve Minutes - August 12, 2020
- 5.2 Approve Travel Claims
- 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 updated 2020-2021 Co-op Consolidated Application for Categorical Funding

6.0 PUBLIC REPORTS AND HEARING

6.1 Sufficiency of Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Instructional Materials - Humboldt County Office of Education Schools

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Adopt Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials.

This is an annual procedure. It is different this year as we have to be mindful of materials we need now including technology. It's about equity to make sure students have what they need.

It was moved/seconded (McMahon/Siekmann) Adopt Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Marc Rowley

7.2 Approve Learning Continuity Plan for Court and Community Schools

This year the LCAP was replaced with the Learning Continuity Plan (LCP). HCOE has been working and reviewing other districts' LCP's. We have brought in other experts to review how districts will be supporting EL students as well as special needs students. Felicia Doherty presented her LCP to the board.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to Approve Learning Continuity Plan for Court and Community Schools
The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

AYES: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon,, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Marc Rowley

7.3 Accept Grant Funding from Save the Redwoods League (STRL)

This a partnership with Save the Redwood League to allow educators to bring conservation awareness into schools. The grant improves access for teachers and students to get reimbursements for school field trips and subs.

It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/Scott) Accept Grant Funding from Save the Redwoods League (STRL)
The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

AYES: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Marc Rowley

7.4 Authorize Submission of Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG)

This grant will be submitted and will build upon and grow our CTE program and Humboldt hydrofarms. This is a 2:1 match grant.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/McMahon) Authorize Submission of Career Technical Education Incentive Grant (CTEIG)
The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

AYES: Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon,, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Marc Rowley

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 Superintendent's Report and COVID-19 Update

We have notified our families and staff that we made the decision to extend distance learning through October 7th. We have the option to come back earlier if things change. Staff are doing an amazing job reaching out to students and making sure they are meeting the needs of all students and find out what additional support students and families may need. We are providing transportation to students in small groups. We have our maintenance team working hard creating a safer work environment for all staff.

Nurses, Occupational Therapists and Psychologist are working on meeting with students and providing assessments. Dr. Hartley is appreciative of our team and their diligence to meet the best interests of our students.

Dr. Hartley stated that our thoughts are with all the families and students involved in the fires all around the state.

HCOE has received \$500,000 from PG&E for technology purchases for our community. This represents advocacy of all the educators in our community advocating for our student needs. Humboldt county will utilize these resources in a meaningful way. One act like this can lead to many more.

We had a great welcome back event for the year and it was a very positive start to the year.

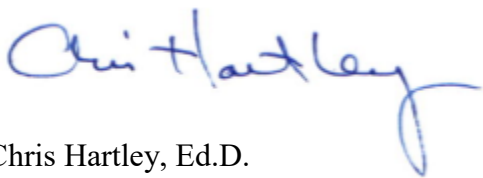
9.0 HUMBOLDT COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION (3:45 p.m.)

Nora Wynne is the 2020-2021 Teacher of the year. The board would like to recognize the resilience and dedication of teachers in this time.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

4:05 PM Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Hartley, Ed.D.
Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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