**Humboldt County Board of Education**

February 14, 2024

2:45 PM Closed Session | 3:00 PM Regular Meeting

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501

Annex Conference Room

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE (2:45 PM)**President Eckenrode call the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 2:45 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann, Rene Quintana

ABSENT: Thom McMahon

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Katie Cavanagh, Ariel Aaron, Stacy Young, Lex Rohn, Tanya Trump, Leah Lamattina, Mendie Ballester

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM**There were no public comments on the closed session item. The Board moved to closed session at 2:47 PM.
2. **CLOSED SESSION**Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code 54954.5)  
   Property Address: 701 5th Street, Eureka, CA 95501  
   Agency Negotiator: Michael Davies-Hughes, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools  
   Under Negotiation: Instructions regarding price and terms of payment
3. **RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**Open session reconvened at 3:11 PM.
4. **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**There was no reportable action taken during closed session.

**6.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**7.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jean Legaz, CSEA Chapter 566 President, submitted to the Board a “Notice of Intent to Circulate a Petition to Terminate the Merit (Civil Service) System at the County Office.

**8.0 PRESENTATION**Northcoast Preparatory Academy Head of School, Michael Bazemore, teacher Heather Quaries and 3 students shared a presentation with the Board.

**9.0 CONSENT AGENDA** It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve the consent agenda. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

(9.1) Approve Minutes—January 10, 2024

(9.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration

(9.3) Adopt Proclamation in Support of Youth Arts Month

**10.0 ACTION ITEMS**

(10.1) Approve Revised Minutes – September 13, 2023

Superintendent Davies-Hughes reported that the September 13, 2023 minutes had

been revised to include more explicit information on the Classified salary schedules,

as requested by auditors.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve the revised

minutes from September 13, 2023. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion

carried.

(10.2) Approve Comprehensive Safety Plans for Court and Community Schools and

Glen Paul School

Lex Rohn, Court and Community Schools Principal reported to the Board on the

Court and Community Schools Comprehensive Safety Plan.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Quintana to approve the Comprehensive Safety

Plans for Court and Community Schools and Glen Paul School.

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

(10.3) Approve 2024 Summer School Dates

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve the 2024 Summer School

dates. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(10.4) Approve 2024-2025 Calendar

Superintendent Davies-Hughes reported that the 24-25 calendar aligns more closely with the other school districts’ calendars than in recent years.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Quintana to approve the 2024-2025 Calendar.

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

(10.5) Approve Intent to Apply for Community Schools Partnership Program

Implementation Grant

Lex Rohn, Court and Community Schools Principal reported that they have

completed 2 years of the planning grant and would like the opportunity to apply for

the implementation grant.

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve the intent to apply for the

Community Schools Partnership Program Implementation grant. Ayes 4,

noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(10.6) Consideration of Deferral of Lapsation for Maple Creek School District for One Year (Ed. Code 35780)

Dr. Colby Smart, Interim Superintendent for Maple Creek School District, spoke on

the current and projected student enrollment and the importance of the school remaining open for the students, families and community.

Students and community members Doug Daly, Christa Wright, and Wendy Orlandi spoke on behalf of Maple Creek School.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Quintana to grant a one year deferred

lapsation for Maple Creek School District for 2024-2025. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1,

abstain 0. Motion carried.

(10.7) Consideration of Deferral of Lapsation for Orick School District for One Year (Ed. Code 35780)

Superintendent Davies-Hughes provided background on the current enrollment at

Orick School district and explained that the request for a deferral of lapsation is

a precaution for the 2024-25 school year.

Amanda Platt, Superintendent of Orick School District reported that they are in good

financial standing.

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Quintana to approve the deferral of

lapsation for Orick School District in 24-25. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(10.8) Discussion and Possible Approval of Board Member Mileage Reimbursement

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve the mileage reimbursement

for trustees visiting the school districts within their trustee area. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

**11.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

(11.1) Midyear Report on the 2023-2024 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Lex Rohn, Court and Community Schools Principal reported on the Mid-Year LCAP update

for the Court and Community Schools.

Leah Lamattina, Foster/Homeless Youth Services Director reported on the Mid-Year LCAP update for the Foster/Homeless Youth.

Tanya Trump, Career and College Resources Director reported on the Mid-Year LCAP update for Career and College Resources program.

(11.2) Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Davies-Hughes introduced Ariel Aaron, the new Director of Human

Resource. He recognized Dr. Smart for his leadership with Maple Creek School District in

the 2023-24 school year and Stacy Young for her work on the All-County Music Festival.

He spoke on the notice of intent submitted by CSEA during public comment and explained that it starts a time period to move forward and that further details will be coming. Davies-Hughes asked board members whether they will be attending the CCBE Conference in March.

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

Mary Scott highlighted the Academic Excellence Awards and Rene Quintana.

Rene Quintana thanked the board for their ongoing support as he onboards as a new member of the County Board of Education.

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT** President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 4:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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