

Humboldt County Board of Education

Loretta Eckenrode Dena McCullough Thom McMahon
Mary Scott Robert Siekmann

February 11, 2026
4:00 PM
901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President McCullough called the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 4:00 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Dena McCullough, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Thom McMahon, Mary Scott

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Ariel Aaron, Lex Rohn, Stacy Young, August Deshais

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

It was moved seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to adjust item 9.0, hearing the interdistrict transfer appeal in closed session. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

4.0 PUBLIC HEARING

Northern United Charter School Renewal

President McCullough opened the public hearing at 4:03 PM.

Shari Lovett, Charter Director of Northern United Charter School, provided public comment.

The public hearing was closed at 4:05 PM.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to approve the consent agenda. Ayes 3, noes, 0 absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- 5.1 Approve Minutes – January 13, 2026
- 5.2 Approve Monthly Remuneration
- 5.3 Adopt Proclamation in Support of Youth Arts Month

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

- 6.1 Review and Adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1445 – Response to Immigration Enforcement

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Eckenrode to adopt Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1445. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- 6.2 Review and Approval of Updated Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to approve updated Board Policy, Administrative Regulation, and Exhibit 5125.1. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- 6.3 Designation of Representative to Serve as the Association of California County Boards of Education (ACCBE) Board Liaison

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/Eckenrode to nominate Trustee McMahon to serve as the ACCBE Board Liaison. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- 6.4 Cast Vote for the California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, Subregion 1-A (Del Norte, Humboldt)

No action was taken on this item.

7.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

7.1 Midyear Report on the 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Principal Lex Rohn explained that due to no substantive changes, no updates were made to the LCAP.

7.2 First Review of the Humboldt County Office of Education Board Policies 5000 Series: Students and 6000 Series: Instruction

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared one correction that will be requested on Board Policy 5125, which is the removal of the CSBA comments. President McCullough had questions about Board Policy 5022, specifically whether required surveys would require written consent from parents. Davies-Hughes suggested that language from Education Code 51938 be added to inform parents of their rights to view materials and opt-out in writing.

7.3 Status of Agnes J. Johnson Charter School

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared the likelihood that AJJCS would approve a resolution to close the school at the end of February 2026.

7.4 Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes highlighted the work of Court and Community Schools in student and family re-engagement and shared the "Know Your Rights" training HCOE will host in partnership with Centro Del Pueblo. Davies-Hughes shared an update on support HCOE recently provided to districts and explained the trends HCOE is monitoring, including attendance.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Trustee Eckenrode shared the start of the Stellar Student interviews this week. President McCullough took part in judging a FFA speaking competition.

Board Recess 4:49 – 5:01 PM

9.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

At the request of the parents or guardians, the Board may take action to hear open session appeals in closed session.

9.1 ~~OPEN SESSION~~-CLOSED SESSION

The Board moved to Closed Session at 5:0 PM
Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2026-2027 #01 (A.A.P.) Pacific
Union School District (PUSD)

9.2 CLOSED SESSION

Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2026-2027
#01 (A.A.P.) (PUSD)

9.3 OPEN SESSION

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

At 5:57 PM President McCullough reported that it was moved/seconded
by Eckenrode/McCullough to deny the appeal of Student 2026-2027 #01
(A.A.P.).

Ayes: Eckenrode, McCullough, Siekmann

Noes: None

Absent: McMahon, Scott

Abstain: None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

President McCullough adjourned the meeting at 5:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent
MDH:nc