

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501

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January 12, 2022

3:00 PM

Minutes

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

President McMahon called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 2:36 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Thom McMahon, Sheila Rocker Heppe, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Mary Scott, Loretta Eckenrode (joined at 2:48 PM)

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Jenny Bowen, Tanya Trump, Natalie Carrigan, Melissa Hodgson

2.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

No public comment made on Closed Session Items.

3.0 **CLOSED SESSION**

(3.1) Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation, Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), one potential lawsuit – Jennifer Nix, School and College Legal Services

(3.2) Update on Litigation, Jackson and Wheeler v. HCOE, et al

Board members Eckenrode and Scott joined closed session at 2:48 PM.

4.0 **OPEN SESSION**

(4.1) Report Out on Action Taken on Closed Session Items

No reportable action taken in closed session.

5.0 **RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION**

Open Session was reconvened at 3:05 PM.

6.0 **ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

No adjustments made to the agenda.

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

The Board was asked to receive/approve routine items.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Eckenrode to approve the Consent Agenda.
The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rocker Heppe, McMahon, Eckenrode, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- (8.1) Approve Minutes – December 14, 2021
- (8.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (8.3) Receive/File Williams Quarterly Report – Instructional Materials, Facilities, and Teacher Certification
- (8.4) Adopt Resolution #2021-44: A Resolution of the Humboldt County Board of Education Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State Emergency by Governor Newsom, dated March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference
- (8.5) Adopt Proclamation in Support of Career and Technical Education Month

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

(9.1) Adopt 2021 – 2022 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for HCOE Court and Community Schools and Glen Paul School.

Assistant Superintendent Smart explained that the SARCs are annual reports, containing pre-populated data from the CDE. There was a delay in availability of the data, which was reflected in the current SARCs. HCOE was advised by the CDE that the Board could act on the incomplete SARCs and later revise them once the data became available. It was clarified that no further action by the Board would be necessary once the data is available.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Scott to adopt the 2021-2022 SARCs for HCOE Court and Community Schools and Glen Paul School. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rocker Heppe, McMahon, Eckenrode, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

(9.2) Approve Membership with EdBuy for 2021-2022 Standard School Supplies.

Assistant Superintendent Weber explained to the Board that by renewing our membership, districts would be granted access to discounted pricing at Standard School Supplies.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Rocker Heppe to approve membership with EdBuy for 2021-2022. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rocker Heppe, McMahon, Eckenrode, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

(9.3) Accept K12 Strong Workforce Program Funding

Tanya Trump shared with the Board that HCOE was awarded funding to support Career Guidance Technicians at high schools throughout Humboldt County and at HCOE. The funds may be spent over a 30-month period.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Eckenrode to accept the K12 Strong Workforce Program Funding. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Rocker Heppe, McMahon, Eckenrode, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

10.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

(10.1) Discussion on Returning to In-Person Board Meetings
President McMahon asked to bring this item back during the February 9, 2022 meeting.

(10.2) Update on Process for Samoa Beach Academy Petition Consideration

Assistant Superintendent Smart provided the Board with an update on the Samoa Beach Academy (SBA) Petition. A review team comprised of 17 HCOE employees must present a review/report of the petition no later than 15 days prior to the February Board meeting, at which time the Board must take action.

David Lonn made public comment expressing appreciation for meeting with the HCOE review team.

(10.3) Superintendents Report

(10.3.1) CCBE Training
Superintendent Davies-Hughes reminded the Board of the County Board Governance Workshop and asked for commitment from any Board member that wished to attend.

(10.3.2) Update on Loan to Loleta School District
Assistant Superintendent Weber informed the Board of Loleta School District's intention to request an extension of the loan provided by HCOE in October 2021.

Davies-Hughes thanked HCOE staff and the districts for the quick response to the availability of at home COVID tests during the winter break. Davies-Hughes expressed pride in the educational community in putting the safety of students first.

11.0 **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

President McMahon thanked HCOE for making COVID testing available to Board members prior to Board meetings.

McMahon requested an update on the hiring process of the SELPA Director during the February Board meeting.

Siekmann noted that it was challenging to hear on Zoom if Board members were not close enough to their microphones.

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

President McMahon adjourned the meeting at 3:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MDH', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Davies-Hughes
Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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