

# Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501  
Annex Conference Room

January 8, 2025  
3:00 PM

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

President Eckenrode called the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:01 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Dena McCullough, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Mary Scott

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Lex Rohn, Damon Collier, Janice Lourenzo, August Deshais, Stacy Young, Genevive Macias

### 2.0 BOARD RECOGNITION

The Board recognized recent HCOE retiree, Kim Rocha, for 27 years of service.

### 3.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

### 4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### 5.0 PRESENTATION

Mary Halstead, Charter Director, updated the Board on Agnes J. Johnson Charter School

### 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

The Board is asked to receive/approve these routine items.

It was moved by McCullough/McMahon to remove item 6.4 to be considered separately. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Siekmann to approve the consent agenda with item 6.4 being considered separately. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- (6.1) Approve Minutes—December 18, 2024, Regular Meeting
- (6.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration

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- (6.3) Adopt Proclamation in Support of Career and Technical Education Month
- (6.5) Approve Membership with EdBuy for 2025-2026 Standard School Supplies
- (6.6) Receive and File Williams Quarterly Report – Instructional Materials, Facilities, & Teacher Certification
  
- (6.4) Adopt 2023-2024 School Accountability Report Cards (SARC) for HCOE Court and Community Schools and Glen Paul School

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/McMahon to adopt the SARC for HCOE Court and Community Schools and Glen Paul School. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

## **7.0 ACTION ITEMS**

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

- (7.1) Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Policy 0420.6 – Charter School Renewal

Davies-Hughes noted that the Board periodically reviews and updates board policies to ensure compliance with Ed. Code. Davies-Hughes highlighted the changes since the last review of the board policy.

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/Siekmann to approve updated Board Policy 0420.6. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (7.2) Approve Intent to Apply for the Teacher Residency Implementation and Expansion Grant

Genevive Macias, Director of Early Education, shared the highlights of the grant with the Board.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/McCullough to approve the intent to apply for the Teacher Residency Implementation and Expansion grant. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (7.3) Receive and Accept the 2023-2024 Annual Audit Report

Shiloh Gorospe from Eide Bailey explained the annual audit report to the board.

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/McCullough to receive and accept the 2023-24 annual audit report. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

## **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) Discussion Regarding the Request for a Short-Term Cash Loan - Laurel Tree Charter School

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Superintendent Davies-Hughes reminded the board of the action taken during the December 18, 2024 meeting to adopt a resolution including charter schools. Assistant Superintendent Weber described the circumstances around Laurel Tree needing the short-term cash loan.

(8.2) Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes informed the Board of an upcoming Board Ethics training on January 15, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM in the Sequoia Conference Center.

Davies-Hughes shared an additional training on February 25, from Christy White, Incorporated on reorganization of school districts. This is being offered in response to an interest in consolidation, lapsation, shared services.

Davies-Hughes provided a preview of the Governor's January proposal.

Davies-Hughes acknowledged January as California School Board Appreciation Month.

**9.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

There were no Board member announcements.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 4:07 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent  
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