

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
Annex Conference Room

July 19, 2023
3:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President Rocker Heppe called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:04 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Sheila Rocker Heppe, Thom McMahon, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Katie Cavanagh, Natalie Carrigan, Ryan Keller, Angela West

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4.0 PRESENTATION

HERC Library Update – Ryan Keller

Ryan Keller, Library and Media Specialist, shared a presentation with the Board.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve the consent agenda. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- (5.1) Approve Minutes – June 12 and June 14, 2023 Regular and Special and Meeting
- (5.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (5.3) Receive and File Williams Quarterly Report

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

(6.1) Adopt GASB 96 Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement Capitalization Policy

Angela West, Director of Fiscal Services, explained that GASB 96 began last fiscal year and is listing of all subscription-based technology agreements the county office has.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Eckenrode to adopt GASB 96 Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangement Capitalization Policy. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.2) Receive and File Potential Cost for the 2023-2024 PERS Golden Handshake

West shared this annual item provides the maximum annual cost of PERS Golden Handshake if all eligible employees were to retire in the 23-24 year.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Scott to receive and file the potential cost for the 2023 – 2024 PERS Golden Handshake. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.3) Set Superintendent's Salary for 2023-2024

Deputy Superintendent Colby Smart shared that the Superintendent's salary is taken to the Board for approval annually. Smart presented options to the Board for consideration in determining the salary for 23-24. Many options were discussed by the Board, including increasing the previously established salary scheduled by 6% for the 23-24 year, equaling a salary of \$222,765.

It was moved/seconded by Rocker Heppe/Scott to set the Superintendent's salary at \$222,765 for 23-24. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

7.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

McMahon/Scott moved/seconded to move agenda items 7.0 and 8.0 to after the Interdistrict Transfer appeal hearing. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened to consider items 7.0 and 8.0 at 4:49 PM, immediately following the Interdistrict Transfer Appeal Hearings.

(7.1) Information Regarding Support Model from Local Control Accountability Plans and Statewide System of Support

Smart explained this is an annual report. Smart drew attention to the increase in districts eligible for differentiated assistance.

(7.2) Discussion Regarding Positions Subject to Compliance with Education Code 1302
– Salary Increase or Bonus of \$10,000 or More

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared the positions that met the \$10,000 threshold and the reason behind the increases.

(7.3) Consideration of the August 2023 Board Retreat Date

Davies-Hughes reported that the original retreat date of August 9, 2023 does not work for all Board members. Alternative dates were proposed. August 28, 2023 was selected as a new date for the retreat.

(7.4) Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes shared organizational changes at HCOE, including the appointment of Colby Smart as Deputy Superintendent and Katie Cavanagh as Assistant Superintendent of Student Programs and Services. Additional organizational occurred in the Business Office, Court and Community Schools, Early Education, School Support, and the Office of the Superintendent.

Smart highlighted the new California Department of Education (CDE) plan for Career Technical Education (CTE) and the news that HCOE was selected as one of ten locations to host a CTE meeting at some point in September or October. Smart acknowledged the work of Tanya Trump throughout the process.

Assistant Superintendent Katie Cavanagh provided an update on the Harrison Avenue property, expressing that services are currently being provided to students, while renovations are being finalized in other areas of the property.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Rocker Heppe shared information regarding the Compassionate Systems Awareness training that she attended at HCOE in July.

9.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

The Board moved to closed session at 4:04 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

(9.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2023-2024 #05 (S.H.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)

(9.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2023-2024 #05 (S.H.) (ECS)

OPEN SESSION

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

CLOSED SESSION

(9.4) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2023-2024 #06 (P.H.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)

(9.5) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2023-2024 #06 (P.H.) (ECS)

OPEN SESSION

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

At 4:48 President Rocker Heppe reported that McMahon/Siekmann moved/seconded to consider both appeals together.

Ayes: Eckenrode, Scott, Rocker Heppe, McMahon, Siekmann

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

At 4:48 President Rocker Heppe reported that McMahon/Eckenrode moved/seconded to deny the appeal of Student 2023-2024 #05 (S.H.) ECS.

Ayes: Scott, Eckenrode, Rocker Heppe, McMahon

Noes: Siekmann

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

At 4:48 President Rocker Heppe reported that McMahon/Eckenrode moved/seconded to deny the appeal of Student 2023-2024 #06 (P.H.) ECS.

Ayes: Scott, Eckenrode, Rocker Heppe, McMahon

Noes: Siekmann

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Rocker Heppe adjourned the meeting at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Davies-Hughes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent

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