

Humboldt County Board of Education
901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501

July 6, 2022
3:00 PM

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President McMahon called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:03 PM with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT: Mary Scott

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Linda Prescott, Natalie Carrigan, Mendie Ballester

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Eckenrode to approve the consent agenda. Ayes 4, noes 0, abstain 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- (4.1) Approve Minutes – June 6, June 8, and June 27, 2022 Regular and Special and Meeting
- (4.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (4.3) Receive and File Williams Quarterly Report

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

(5.1) Intent to Apply for the California Department of Food and Agriculture 2022 Farm to School Incubator Grant

Linda Prescott shared with the Board that this will be the third grant of its kind to support Farm to School efforts. Prescott further explained it is a two-year grant totaling just under \$500,000 and that the funds will allow HCOE to create a collective of school gardens within the county and put Harvest of the Month curriculum online.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to approve the intent to apply for the California Department of Food and Agriculture 2022 Farm to School Incubator Grant. Ayes 4, noes 0, abstain 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

(5.2) Receive and File Potential Cost for the 2022-2023 PERS Golden Handshake

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared that this annual item is required to be disclosed. Assistant Superintendent Weber clarified the dollar amount reflected as the total cost is only if every eligible employee opted in.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to receive and file the potential cost for the 2022-2023 PERS Golden Handshake. Ayes 4, noes 1, abstain 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

6.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

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

(6.1) Superintendent's Report

(6.1.1) Update on Samoa Beach Academy Charter Petition Appeal

Superintendent Davies-Hughes provided an update on the Samoa Beach Academy Charter Petition appeal. The appeal hearing was scheduled for July 14, 2022 to be heard by the State Board of Education (SBE). The California Department of Education (CDE) provided a recommendation to the SBE to affirm the decision by the Northern Humboldt Union High School District and the Humboldt County Board of Education. Davies-Hughes further stated the SBE can only act to overturn the decision based on a finding of abuse of discretion by either board.

Davies-Hughes updated the Board on the status of Big Lagoon School District. During the June 27 special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education, President McMahon appointed Loretta Eckenrode, Sheila Rucker Heppe, and himself as interim district board members due to the resignation of the Big Lagoon board. Davies-Hughes was appointed as Interim Superintendent. Davies-Hughes proposed a study session for

the next Big Lagoon board meeting scheduled July 21, 2022. The purpose would be to gather input from the community to discuss what is in the best interest of students and the community moving forward without dwelling on perceptions of the past.

(6.2) Support Model from Local Control Accountability Plans and Statewide System of Support

Assistant Superintendent Smart shared this annual report to the Board which explain the support HCOE provided districts in terms of LCAP and Differentiated Assistance.

(6.3) Temporary Transfer of Funds to Scotia Union School District

Assistant Superintendent Weber reminded the Board that they had previously taken action to grant approval to HCOE to provide short-term cash loans to districts. Scotia Union School District requested a loan from HCOE in order to meet fiscal obligations between August and October 2022.

(6.4) Program Locations for 2022-2023

Davies-Hughes shared that HCOE entered into a two-year lease for a building located at 520 E Street in Eureka with the intent of moving two programs, College and Career Resources and Special Beginnings Infant Itinerant and Preschool Itinerant, from the Franklin campus. Once the move has been completed, Prevention and Intervention, including Foster and Homeless Youth, will be moving into the space left vacant by College and Career Resources, while the space previously occupied by Special Beginnings will be used for children formerly receiving instruction at Peninsula School.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no Board Member Announcements/Comments.

Board recess 3:44 PM.

Meeting called back to order at 3:58 PM.

8.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

OPEN SESSION

(8.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2022-2023 #05 (R.H.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)

President McMahon reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions.

The Board acknowledged the receipt of both parties' written appeal records.

Parent, Yasmine Dar, addressed the Board from 4:02 PM to 4:04 PM.

The Board asked questions of Ms. Dar.

Superintendent Van Vleck of Eureka City Schools addressed the Board from 4:12 PM to 4:15 PM.

The Board did not have questions for Superintendent Van Vleck.

Ms. Dar was given the opportunity to respond at 4:15 PM.

There were no additional questions from the Board.

The Board moved to closed session at 4:16 PM

CLOSED SESSION

(8.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2022-2023 #05 (R.H.) (ECS)

OPEN SESSION

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

At 4:26 PM Eckenrode/Siekmann moved/seconded to deny the appeal based on its merits Ayes 4, noes 0, abstain 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

President McMahon adjourned the meeting at 4:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes (Aug 23, 2022 18:00 PDT)

Michael Davies-Hughes, Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools
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