

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
Annex Conference Room

July 9, 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 3:00 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Mary Scott, Thom McMahon, Dena McCullough
ABSENT: Robert Siekmann (joined the meeting at 3:05 PM)
STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Colby Smart, Corey Weber,
Erik Fraser, Jenn Belveal, Lex Rohn, Tanya Trump, Ann Marie Rocha,

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

The Board received a presentation on the 2025 HCOE Summer Institutes by Tanya Trump, Director of Career and College Resources, and summer institute staff, Ann Marie Rocha, Alicia Mengel and Clay McGlaughlin.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Scott/McCullough 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 9 and June 11, 2025, 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) Approval of Science Curriculum for Court and Community Schools, Bright Thinker/Responsive Education Solutions

Lex Rohn, Principal of Court and Community Schools, shared the adoption process followed for both science and ethnics studies with the Board.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to approve the science curriculum for Court and Community Schools. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.2) Approval of Ethnic Studies Curriculum for Court and Community Schools, Bright Thinker/Responsive Education Solutions

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/McCullough to approve the ethnic studies curriculum for Court and Community Schools. 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.

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

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared that six positions, including nurses, speech language pathologists, and psychologists, fall in the category of positions with a salary increase of \$10,000 or more, primarily because of adjustments to salary schedules during negotiations. Davies-Hughes further explained that the decision to change the salary schedules for these positions came because of HCOE's desire to attract and retain staff for these specialized positions.

(7.2) Public Disclosure of Represented Employee Bargaining Agreements

Davies-Hughes explained that public disclosure is required of bargaining agreements. Assistant Superintendent Corey Weber shared the fiscal implications of the bargaining agreements.

(7.3) Public Disclosure of Non-Represented Employee Agreements

Weber shared the public disclosures for non-represented employees.

(7.4) Discussion Regarding Date and Topics for the 2025 Board Study Session

The Board selected September 10, 2025, as the new date for the Board Advance.

After the Board meeting, the date was changed to August 28, 2025.

(7.5) Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes provided updates on the CVS property, impacts of the federal funding freeze, the state budget, and the lapsation of the Green Point School District. Davies-Hughes welcomed Cathie Shermer, Colton Johnson, and Jacqueline McCullough as new superintendents of Big Lagoon, Loleta, and Klamath-Trinity, respectively, as well as Janean Weekly-Embree as the new charter director of Redwood Coast Montessori.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Eckenrode expressed appreciation for the students and staff that took part in the HCOE summer institutes.

Board recess 4:03 – 4:09 PM.

9.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

OPEN SESSION

(9.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #06 (O.P.) Eureka City Schools (ECS)

President Eckenrode reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions.

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

Parents, Lauren Pope, addressed the Board from 4:13 PM to 4:16 PM.

Board questions.

Parent, Danato Pope, addressed the Board from 4:20 – 4:21 PM.

Dr. Colby Smart read a prepared statement on behalf of Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services, Eureka City Schools.

Board questions.

Grandmothers, Corrina Pope and Denise Marshall addressed the Board.

The Board moved to closed session at 4:39 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

(9.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #06 (O.P.) (ECS)

OPEN SESSION

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

At 4:45 PM President Eckenrode reported that it was moved/seconded by McCullough/Scott to approve the appeal of Student 2025-2026 #06 (O.P.). The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Scott, McMahon, Eckenrode, McCullough, Siekmann

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 4:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Davies-Hughes', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy line.

Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent
MDH:nc