

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

June 27, 2022

4:00 PM

**SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

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

President McMahon called the special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 4:00 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, Jenny Bowen, Natalie Carrigan, Erin Stagg (School & College Legal Services)

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON SPECIAL MEETING ITEMS**

No public comment.

**3.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

**4.0 INFORMATION/ACTION**

(4.1) Consideration and Appointment of Humboldt County Board of Education members to serve as Big Lagoon School District board members pursuant with Education Code section 5094

Superintendent Davies-Hughes explained that all five members of the Big Lagoon School District resigned effective June 24, 2022. Stagg further explained that when the majority of a district board resigns, the President of the County Board of Education appoints three County Board members to serve as Interim District Board members.

President McMahon appointed Loretta Eckenrode, Sheila Rocker Heppe, and himself as Big Lagoon School District board members pursuant with Education Code section 5094.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekman to approve the appointment of Eckenrode, Rocker Heppe, and McMahon as Interim Big Lagoon School District Board members. Ayes 4, noes 0, abstain 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

(4.2) Approve Waiver of Conflict and Agreement for Joint Legal Representation. Matter: Resignation of Big Lagoon School District Trustees and Superintendent/Principal.

Stagg summarized the memo from School & College Legal Services which states the legal obligation to disclose any potential conflict of interest by representing both the County Board of Education and the Big Lagoon School District. Stagg further stated no conflicts of interest are anticipated.

It was moved/seconded by Rocker Heppe/Siekmann to approve the Waiver of Conflict and Agreement for Joint Legal Representation. Ayes 4, noes 0, abstain 0, absent 1. Motion carried.

#### (4.3) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Davies-Hughes provided an update on the Samoa Beach Academy Charter Appeal. The appeal was moved forward to the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education will overturn or uphold the denial of the charter petition based on whether there was an abuse of discretion by the district or county board of education.

Rocker Heppe acknowledged Ken Conlin for the HCOE advertisements heard on local radio stations.

## 5.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

President McMahan adjourned the meeting at 4:21 PM.



Michael Davies-Hughes (Aug 23, 2022 17:47 PDT)