

# Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501  
Annex Conference Room

629 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue – San Francisco, CA 94121

March 13, 2024

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 3:09 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Mary Scott, Loretta Eckenrode, Thom McMahon, Rene Quintana  
ABSENT: Robert Siekmann  
STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Ariel Aaron, Natalie Carrigan, Peter Stoll, Chris Marney, Genevive Macias, Stacy Young

### 2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

### 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board received public comment from Monique Molina.

### 4.0 PRESENTATIONS

(4.1) Northern United Charter School – Shari Lovett, Charter Director

The Board received a presentation from Shari Lovett, Charter Director of Northern United Charter School.

Trustee Siekmann joined the meeting via Zoom at 3:19 PM.

(4.2) The Role of the County Board of Education in the Merit System – Ariel Aaron.

HCOE Director of Human Resources, Ariel Aaron, shared a presentation with the Board.

### 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott 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—February 14, 2024
- (5.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (5.3) Adopt Proclamation in Support of Public Schools Month

**6.0 ACTION ITEMS**

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

- (6.1) Receive and File the Second Interim Report

Assistant Superintendent Corey Weber explained the changes from first to second interim to the Board.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Quintana to receive and file the second interim report. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (6.2) Approve Home-to-School Transportation Plan

Chris Marney, Transportation Supervisor, requested that the plan be approved without changes.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Quintana to approve the home-to-school transportation plan. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (6.3) Consideration of Deferral of Lapsation for Green Point Elementary School District for One Year (Ed. Code 35780)

Superintendent Michael Davies-Hughes shared current enrollment numbers and enrollment projections for the 24-25 academic year. Weber provided fiscal updates on the district. Davies-Hughes recommended that the Board not take action and allow the district more time to increase enrollment.

Teresa Mondragon, Superintendent/Principal of the Green Point Elementary School District provided public comment.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Quintana to table the consideration of deferral of lapsation until the April 10, 2024 Board of Education meeting. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (6.4) Cast Vote for the California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

No action taken.

- (6.5) Approve Request to Form and Establish the Arcata Educational Resource Center

Assistant Superintendent Katie Cavanagh shared plans to open an additional Court and Community Schools program in the Northern region of Humboldt County.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Quintana approve the request to form and establish the Arcata Educational Resource Center. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.6) Approve Intent to Apply for the California Department of Health Care Access and Information Wellness Coach Employer Support Grant Program

Peter Stoll, Director of Prevention and Intervention described the grant program and explained how funds will be used.

It was moved/seconded by Quintana/Scott to approve the intent to apply for the California Department of Health Care Access and Information Wellness Coach Employer Support Grant Program. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.7) Approve Intent to Apply for the Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program Grant

It was moved/seconded by Scott/McMahon to approve the intent to apply for the inclusive early education and expansion program grant. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.8) Approve Intent to Apply for the Embedded Instruction Grant

It was moved/seconded by Quintana/Scott to approve the intent to apply for the embedded instruction grant. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.9) Approve Emergency Attendance Waiver for Court and Community Juvenile Hall Court School

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Quintana to approve the emergency attendance waiver for Court and Community Juvenile Hall Court School. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

## **7.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

(7.1) Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes tabled the Superintendent's Report until the April 10, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

## **8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Eckenrode expressed gratitude for the Academic Excellence Awards.

Board Recess

## **9.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS**

Board moved to closed session at 4:50 PM.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(13.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2024-2025 #01 (R.F.) – Eureka City Schools (ECS)

(13.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2024-2025 #01 (R.F.) (ECS)

### **OPEN SESSION**

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

At 5:35 PM President Eckenrode reported that it was moved/seconded by McMahon/Siekman to deny the appeal of Student 2024-2025 #01 (R.F.). The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Eckenrode, Scott, McMahon, Quintana, Siekman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Board moved to closed session at 5:36

### **CLOSED SESSION**

(13.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2024-2025 #02 (J.M.) – Eureka City Schools (ECS)

(13.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2024-2025 #02 (J.M.) (ECS)

### **OPEN SESSION**

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

At 6:03 PM President Eckenrode reported that it was moved by Scott/Quintana to approve the appeal of Student 2024-2025 #02 (J.M.). The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Eckenrode, Scott, McMahon, Quintana, Siekman

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

(13.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2024-2025 #03 (J.P.) – Eureka City Schools (ECS)

President Eckenrode reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions.

Board acknowledged the receipt of both parties' written appeals.

Parent, Misty Garret, addressed the Board from 6:08 PM to 6:12 PM.

Board questions.

Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services for Eureka City Schools, addressed the Board from 6:12 PM to 6:13 PM.

Board questions.

Ms. Garrett was given the opportunity to respond.

The Board moved to closed session at 6:17 PM

**CLOSED SESSION**

(13.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2024-2025 #03 (J.P.) (ECS)

**OPEN SESSION**

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

At 6:43 PM President Eckenrode reported that it was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to deny the appeal of Student 2024-2025 #03 (J.P.). The motion carried with the following vote:

Ayes: Eckenrode, Scott, McMahon  
Noes: Quintana, Siekmann  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent  
MDH:nc