

Humboldt County Committee on School District Organization

269 Big Lagoon Park Road, Trinidad, CA
Big Lagoon Union Elementary School District

March 21, 2023
6:00 PM

MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

Vice President Hinz called the meeting of the Humboldt County Committee on School District Organization to order at 6:07 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Fred Hanks, Tom Hinz, Dave Fisch, Beth Johnston, Nancy Woods, Jessica Rebholtz

ABSENT: Dustin Owens, Colleen Barrick, Brian Hudgens

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Rosie Slentz

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Superintendent Davies-Hughes proposed to move agenda item 6.3 before agenda item 3.0. It was moved/seconded by Woods/Fisch to approve the adjustment of the agenda. Ayes 6, noes 0, absent 3, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.3) Vacancies in County Committee Membership

Davies-Hughes welcomed Fred Hanks and Jessica Rebholtz to the Committee. It was shared that Hanks and Rebholtz were appointed to the Committee under California Education Code 4006.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4.0 PUBLIC HEARING – BIG LAGOON UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT REDUCTION IN BOARD MEMBERSHIP

There were no public comments.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Fisch/Rebholtz to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes 6, noes 0, absent 3, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following Consent items:

(5.1) Approve Minutes – November 29, 2022 Meeting

6.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

(6.1) Review and Approve Bylaws for the Humboldt County Committee on School District Organization

Davies-Hughes reminded the Committee of the presentation provided by School and College Legal Services and the introduction of bylaws during the November 29, 2022 meeting. The Committee asked that the approval of bylaws be brought back to the Committee during a subsequent meeting. The consensus of the Committee was that bylaws would be a benefit for self-governance. It was clarified that the Committee had no existing bylaws.

It was moved/seconded by Fisch/Woods to approve the proposed bylaws. Ayes 6, noes 0, absent 3, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.2) Possible Approval of Reduction of Number of Trustees for Big Lagoon Union Elementary School District

Davies-Hughes expressed gratitude to all Committee members for their service. Davies-Hughes shared background information with the Committee regarding the Big Lagoon Union Elementary School District and the reasons behind the proposed reduction in board membership, including the June 2022 resignation of all board members and superintendent and the current composition of the Board. Big Lagoon Interim Principal/Superintendent Rosie Slentz explained the waiver of election approval process to the Committee and answered Committee questions.

It was moved/seconded by Fisch/Rebholtz to approve the reduction of trustees from five to three for the Big Lagoon Union Elementary School District, contingent on approval of the waiver of election by the State Board of Education. Ayes 6, noes 0, absent 3, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.3) Vacancies in County Committee Membership

This item was moved with Committee approval during the Adjustment of the Agenda.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Hinz adjourned the meeting of the Humboldt County Committee on School District Organization at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent
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