

Humboldt County Board of Education
901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
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March 9, 2022
3:00 PM
Minutes

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President McMahon called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:02 PM with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Felicia Doherty, Damon Collier, Natalie Carrigan

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment on non-agenda items.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried with the following roll call vote.

AYES: Scott, Eckenrode, McMahon, Rocker Heppe, Siekmann

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- (4.1) Approve Minutes—February 9, 2022 and February 14, 2022 (Special Meeting)
- (4.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (4.3) Adopt Resolution #2022-07: A Resolution of the Humboldt County Board of Education Proclaiming a Local Emergency, Ratifying the Proclamation of a State Emergency by Governor Newsom, dated March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference
- (4.4) Adopt Proclamation in Support of Public Schools Month

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

(5.1) Approve 2022-2023 Academic Calendars

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Eckenrode to approve the 2022-2022 Academic Calendars. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Scott, Eckenrode, McMahon, Rocker Heppe, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

(5.2) Approve Comprehensive Safety Plans for Court and Community Schools and Glen Paul School

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared that the Comprehensive Safety Plans are updated annually. Principals Damon Collier and Felicia Doherty expressed appreciation for the new digital version of the plans.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Siekmann to approve the Comprehensive Safety Plans for Court and Community Schools and Glen Paul School. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Scott, Eckenrode, McMahon, Rocker Heppe, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

(5.3) Approve the A – G Completion Improvement Grant

Doherty explained that Court and Community Schools intend to use the opportunity to become WASC accredited. It will be an opportunity to provide more robust courses to all students.

It was moved/seconded by Eckenrode/Scott to approve the A – G Completion Improvement Grant. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Scott, Eckenrode, McMahon, Rocker Heppe, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

(5.4) Receive and File Second Interim Report

Davies-Hughes expressed appreciation to Assistant Superintendent Corey Weber for his and his teams work in preparing the Second Interim Report and the Executive Summary. Weber shared that the decrease in ADA resulted in a loss of LCFF funds. This has been seen in many districts in our county due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is also a

decrease in reserve levels due to the pending loss of one-time funds, however this is still one year out.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to receive and file the Second Interim Report. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

AYES: Scott, Eckenrode, McMahon, Rocker Heppe, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

6.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

(6.1) Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes shared that Loleta is going through administrative changes, specifically the resignation of Superintendent Autumn Chapman. HCOE is assisting in finding an Interim Superintendent/Principal who will be appointed March 10, 2022. In the long term there is a possibility for HCOE to assist in advertising for a Superintendent. Weber shared that on March 10 Loleta will certify their Second Interim Report, at which point they may certify as negative. However, projections show they will end with positive cash without HCOE assistance. Next fiscal year they will rebuild reserves. Loleta may need to come to HCOE in November for a cash loan. If they fully implement their plan, they should end with positive cash reserves by the end of next fiscal year. McMahon asked for an update on enrollment projections. Weber stated they are staying consistent despite concerns of students leaving due to reductions in services.

Davies-Hughes provided a masking update. After 11:59 PM March 11 masking requirements in K-12 settings will be removed, but strongly recommended. HCOE will follow this. Signage will say that masking is a personal choice. All other mitigation strategies will be in place. Some district Boards will continue to require masking, while others will make masks optional.

Davies-Hughes has taken the opportunity to attend district Board meetings, as well as meetings with individual Superintendents to understand their district needs.

HCOE has received notification of UTK grant. There will be formal acceptance at the next Board meeting.

Davies-Hughes explained that Resolution #2022-07 extends for 30 days. Because the April Board meeting falls outside of that 30 days the Board has two options. The Resolution can lapse and the April Board meeting can be held in-person only, or the Board can hold a special meeting to renew the Resolution. Board expressed the desire to retain the flexibility of hybrid meetings. A Special meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2022.

Davies-Hughes shared an update on redistricting. The County Committee on School District Organization will still need to take action on the Board's resolution accepting the current Trustee Boundary areas prior to April 30, 2022.

Davies-Hughes informed the Board of the CCBE Annual Conference September 9 – 11 for in Monterey. Scott, Eckenrode, Rocker Heppe, and Siekmann are tentatively interested in attending. Rooms will be reserved.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Eckenrode shared that she recently served on an interview panel for the Academic Achievement Awards with Mary Scott and Gary Eagles. The awards were scheduled to be held via Zoom March 9, 2022.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

President McMahon adjourned the meeting at 3:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes (Apr 25, 2022 13:23 PDT)

Michael Davies-Hughes,
Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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