

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
Annex Conference Room

March 8, 2023
3:00 PM

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

President Rocker Heppe called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Thom McMahon, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann, Sheila Rocker Heppe
ABSENT: Loretta Eckenrode
STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Natalie Carrigan, Chris Marney, Janice Lourenzo, Damon Collier

2.0 **ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

4.0 **PRESENTATIONS**

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

Shari Lovett, Charter Director of Northern United Humboldt Charter shared a presentation with the Board.

(4.2) Glen Paul School – Damon Collier, Principal

Damon Collier, Principal of Glen Paul School shared a presentation with the Board.

5.0 **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- (5.1) Approve Minutes—February 8, 2023
- (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) Approve Deferral of Lapsation for Orick Elementary School District for One Year (Ed. Code 35780)

Superintendent Davies-Hughes welcomed Superintendent Amanda Platt and Orick Governing Board Member Kimberly Frick. Davies-Hughes reminded the Board of the average daily attendance (ADA) requirements that must be met to avoid lapsation and further explained that the Orick School District has 10 enrolled students, therefore is close to the threshold. The Orick Board passed a resolution to defer lapsation for a year.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve the deferral of lapsation for Orick Elementary School District for one year. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

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

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared with the Board the role and expectations of the CSBA Delegate. Davies-Hughes further stated that it would be a write-in vote as no candidates came forward. The Board decided to not cast a vote. No action taken.

- (6.3) Adopt Resolution Regarding Court and Community Schools Funding

Davies-Hughes explained that the if passed, the resolution would ask the legislature to look for a more appropriate model of funding for Court and Community Schools. Davies-Hughes further stated that all 58 county superintendents in California are in support of the resolution.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/McMahon to adopt the resolution regarding Court and Community Schools Funding. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (6.4) Receive and File the Second Interim Report

Assistant Superintendent Weber explained that the second interim is the budget projection for the year based on changes since first interim. HCOE is projected to meet its financial obligations for the year. The biggest difference from first interim is the addition of the Native American Studies Model Curriculum grant funds. HCOE is maintaining a 15% reserve which is important to support districts should they become fiscally insolvent.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Siekmann to receive and file the second interim report. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

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

Davies-Hughes shared this is a new item. Chris Marney, Director of Transportation, explained the reasoning and requirements behind the need of a Home-to-School Transportation plan.

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve the Home-to-School Transportation Plan. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, 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) Consideration of the July 2023 Board Meeting Date

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared that he will be absent for the July meeting. The options are hold the meeting as scheduled with another Cabinet member in his place, reschedule the meeting, and cancel the meeting. This item was tabled until the regular June meeting.

(7.2) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Davies-Hughes updated the Board on the status of bargaining with the two units, CSEA and HCTSA.

Davies-Hughes provided an update on student events at the Sequoia Conference Center, including the Spelling Bee and the Academic Achievement Awards.

Davies-Hughes shared that he, along with Trustees Rocker Heppe and Siekmann, are scheduled to attend the CCBE Governance Workshop in Sacramento on March 10 and 11.

Davies-Hughes discussed the impact of the inclement weather on our schools and concerns regarding facilities.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Trustee Scott shared it was a pleasure and also extremely difficult to interview the students for Academic Achievement Awards.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Rocker Heppe adjourned the meeting at 4:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael-Davies Hughes, Superintendent of Schools
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