

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
Annex Conference Room

March 12, 2025
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 3:03 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Mary Scott, Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode, Dena McCullough,
Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh,
Ariel Aaron, Natalie Carrigan, Taylin Titus, Jenn Belveal, Stacy Young,
Gillian Townsend

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Items 9.1, 9.2, and 9.3 were removed from the agenda. Items 9.7, 9.8, and 9.9 were considered before items 9.4, 9.5, and 9.6.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

(4.1) Northcoast Preparatory Academy
Adam Hess, Charter Director, shared a presentation with the Board.

(4.2) North Coast Insurance Services – Taylin Titus, Executive Director
Executive Director, Taylin Titus, shared a presentation with the Board.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/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 12, 2025
- (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 and Internal Business Manager, Jenn Belveal reminded the Board that the Second Interim is a revision of the First Interim shared with the Board each March. Belveal responded to Board questions.

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/McMahon to receive and file the second interim report.

(6.2) Approve Home-to-School Transportation Plan

Weber described the updates to the Home-to-School Transportation Plan.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekman to approve the Home-to-School Transportation Plan. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

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

It was moved/seconded McCullough/Siekman by to cast the vote for Michael Greer. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.4) Appoint Supervisors of Attendance for Eureka City Schools, Northern Humboldt Union High School District, and HCOE

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/Scott to approve the presented set of names for Eureka, City Schools (Lisa Claussen), Northern Humboldt Union High School District (Jorey McComas), and HCOE (Gillian Townsend). Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.5) Consideration of Change of Date of the Regular April Board Meeting

Superintendent Davies-Hughes informed the Board that the date of the April regular meeting, April 9, is during spring break. The Board was asked to consider moving the April regular meeting to a different date.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekman to move the April meeting from April 9 to April 16. 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) Update on Northcoast Preparatory Academy

Colby Smart, Deputy Superintendent, explained that Northcoast Preparatory Academy (NPA), a charter school authorized by HCOE, is up for charter renewal this year. Smart described the Board's role in the renewal process and explained the timelines. Smart

shared the concerns that HCOE had and discussed with NPA. Smart expressed gratitude for the quick and thorough response by NPA.

(7.2) Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes highlighted recent student events including the Spelling Bee, History Day, and the Science Fair. Davies-Hughes acknowledged Stacy Young, Colby Smart, and Agustin Amaro for their work on the Spelling Bee and History Day, respectively.

Davies-Hughes informed the Board of the newly formed Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

Davies-Hughes thanked President Eckenrode and Trustee Scott for their participation in the Academic Achievement Awards.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Eckenrode and Scott both shared their positive experience with the Academic Achievement Awards.

Board recess 4:09 PM – 4:15 PM.

Trustee Siekmann returned to the meeting at 4:17 PM.

9.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER APPEALS

OPEN SESSION

~~(9.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #01 (L.P.) – Fortuna Union High School District (FUHSD)~~

The Board was informed that the parent of 2025-2026 #01 (L.P.) rescinded the request for an interdistrict transfer appeal hearing.

CLOSED SESSION

~~(9.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #01 (L.P.) (FUHSD)~~

OPEN SESSION

~~(9.3) Board Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code Section 3514)~~

(9.7) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #03 (C.L.) – McKinleyville Union School District (MUSD)

President Eckenrode reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions.

Board acknowledged the receipt of both parties' written appeal records.

Parent, Samantha Thurman addressed the board from 4:20 to 4:23 PM.

Board questions.

Ashley Lankila, Principal of Dows Prairie, addressed the board from 4:25 to 4:26 PM.

Board questions.

Parent was given the opportunity to respond.

Trustee Siekmann left the meeting at 4:33 PM.

Rene McBride, Superintendent/Principal addressed the board from 4:33 to 4:33 PM.

The Board moved to closed session at 4:35 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

(9.8) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #03 (C.L.) (MUSD)

OPEN SESSION

(9.9) Board Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code Section 3514)

At 4:40 President Eckenrode reported that Scott/McMahon moved/seconded to approve the appeal of Student 2025-2026 #03 (C.L.). The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eckenrode, Scott, McCullough, McMahon

Noes: None

Absent: Siekmann

Abstain: None

(9.4) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #02 (S.R.) – McKinleyville Union School District (MUSD)

President Eckenrode reviewed the appeal process and asked for introductions.

Board acknowledged the receipt of both parties' written appeal records.

Parent, Lauren Riley, addressed the board from 4:45 to 4:51 PM.

Board questions.

Ashley Lalinka addressed the board from 4:51 to 4:51 PM.

Board questions.

Parent was given the opportunity to respond.

The Board moved to closed session at 4:54 PM

CLOSED SESSION

- (9.5) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #02 (S.R.) (MUSD)

OPEN SESSION

- (9.6) Board Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code Section 3514)

At 5:03 PM President Eckenrode reported that McCullough/McMahon moved/seconded to approve the appeal of Student 2025-2026 #02 (S.R.). The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eckenrode, Scott, McCullough, McMahon

Noes: None

Absent: Siekmann

Abstain: None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 5:04 PM.