

# **Humboldt County Board of Education**

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501  
Annex Conference Room

May 14, 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 3:00 PM with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Corey Weber, Katie  
Cavanagh, Ariel Aaron, Danielle Witten, August Deshais, Roxanne  
Mellick, Angela West, Stacy Young, Doug Lee

### **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) Danielle Witten, HERC Librarian and Literacies Learning Specialist, shared a library update with the Board.

### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Siekmann asked to move item (5.1) from Consent to be considered separately.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/McCullough to approve the consent agenda. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

(5.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration

(5.1) Approve Minutes—April 16, 2025, Regular Meeting and April 25, 2025, Special Meeting

Siekmann noted that his name was not included as those present during the April 25 special meeting although he did attend.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/McCullough to approve the minutes with the correction of adding Trustee Siekmann of the Board members present during the April 25, 2025, special meeting.

## **6.0 PUBLIC HEARING - NORTHCOAST PREPARATORY ACADEMY CHARTER RENEWAL**

Northcoast Preparatory Academy (NPA) Charter Renewal Review and Recommendation. (HCOE and NPA will have 15 minutes each to present)

President Eckenrode opened the public hearing at 3:12 PM.

August Deshais, Program Manager for School Support, and Angela West, External Business Manager, HCOE to the Board from 3:13 PM to 3:20 PM.

Board Questions 3:20 PM – 3:23 PM.

Adam Hess, NPA Charter Director, and Gaia DeNisi, Teacher, presented to the Board from 3:24 PM to 3:41 PM.

President Eckenrode closed the public hearing at 3:42 PM.

## **7.0 ACTION ITEMS**

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

- (7.1) Adopt Resolution for the Conditional Approval of the Northcoast Preparatory Academy Charter Renewal

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to adopt the resolution for the conditional approval of the Northcoast Preparatory Academy Charter Renewal. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (7.2) Adopt Resolution Approving PERS Golden Handshake Window Period

It was moved/seconded by Scott/McMahon to adopt the resolution approving the PERS Golden Handshake window period. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (7.3) Adopt Resolution Approving STRS Golden Handshake Window Period

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/Scott to adopt the resolution approving the STRS Golden Handshake window period. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (7.4) Adopt Multitudes as Reading Difficulty Risk Screener for Glen Paul School

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/Scott to adopt Multitudes as the reading difficulty screener for Glen Paul School. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(7.5) Review and Approve Possible Changes to Board Policy 5030 - Wellness

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/Siekmann to approve the changes to Board Policy 5030 – Wellness Policy. Ayes 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

**8.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

(8.1) Approval of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements, Second Reading

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6146.1. Aye 5, noes 0, absent 0, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(8.2) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Davies-Hughes highlighted the recent recognition ceremonies including the dedication of the Dr. Garry T. Eagles Conference Room, Excellence in Teaching and Jean Olson Career Achievement awards, Classified Appreciation breakfast, Subbies Awards, and the Seal of Biliteracy.

Assistant Superintendent Corey Weber made note of the Governor's May Revise.

**9.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

President Eckenrode expressed gratitude for the work on the Excellence in Teaching and Jean Olson Career Achievement Award ceremony.

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 4:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent  
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