

# Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501  
Annex Conference Room

February 12, 2025  
3:00 PM

## REGULAR MEETING DRAFT 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, Loretta Eckenrode, Dena McCullough, Robert Siekmann  
ABSENT: Thom McMahan  
STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Colby Smart, Ariel Aaron, Katie Cavanagh, Chris Marney, Lex Rohn, Stacy Young

### 2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

### 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

### 4.0 PRESENTATION

Shari Lovett, Charter Director, Northern United Charter School shared a presentation with the Board

### 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Scott/McCullough 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—January 8, 2025
- (5.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (5.3) Adopt Proclamation in Support of Youth Arts Month

### 6.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

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

Davies-Hughes shared this annual item with the Board.

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve the Comprehensive Safety Plans for Court and Community Schools and Glen Paul School. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.2) Adopt Administrative Regulation 5113.11 Attendance Supervision, First Reading

Davies-Hughes explained the reasoning behind needing this administrative regulation. The Board decided to waive the second reading and take action.

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/Siekmann to adopt Administrative Regulation 5113.11. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.3) Approve Resolution Authorizing the Participation in the Zero Emission School Bus and Infrastructure (ZESBI) Incentive Project

Chris Marney, Director of Transportation, shared that HCOE has been approved for four new electric vehicles to replace existing buses. Upon approval of the resolution, HCOE would be able to move forward with applying for the funds. It was noted that the electric buses would be used for routes in areas close to Glen Paul School, where the buses would be stored and charged while not in use.

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/Siekmann to approve the resolution authorizing participation in the ZESBI Incentive Project. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.4) Award Surplus Vehicle Bids

Davies-Hughes explained that HCOE put four surplus vehicles out for bids. Marney also mentioned that two vehicles were donated to the Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District.

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to award the surplus vehicle bids to the high bidders. Ayes 4, noes, absent, abstain. Motion carried.

(6.2) Review and Possible Approval of Updated Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5145.13, Response to Immigration Enforcement

Davies-Hughes asked the Board to table this item to the March 12, 2025 meeting.

It was moved/seconded by McCullough/Scott to table the item. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

## **7.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

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

### (7.1) Midyear Report on the 2024-2025 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Principal Lex Rohn reviewed the mid-year report with the Board. Rohn highlighted the impact of the wellness team on the overall student and family engagement.

### (7.2) Update on Northcoast Preparatory Academy

Davies-Hughes asked the Board to table this item until the March 12, 2025, meeting.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to table this item. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

### (7.2) Superintendent's Report

Deputy Superintendent Colby Smart provided an update on teacher residency programs. Smart informed the Board that HCOE plans on introducing a residency program for school nurses and that HCOE is considering starting a teacher induction program.

Davies-Hughes updated the Board on the status of the Green Point School District. Davies-Hughes noted that due to low enrollment and a lack of prospective students, it is likely that Green Point will lapse.

Davies-Hughes invited the Board to a February 25 presentation by Christy White on school district reorganization.

Davies-Hughes addressed the new Federal Administration's flurry of Executive Orders that could have a potential impact on education, notably the freeze on federal funding. Davies-Hughes informed the Board that staff is making sure there are contingency plans in place in the event of volatility in federal funding. Additionally, HCOE has provided resources to school leaders with concerns and questions about immigration. Davies-Hughes reminded the Board that students may enroll in school in California no matter their immigration status.

Davies-Hughes highlighted HCOE's second Annual Update to the Community and expressed gratitude to the Community Outreach and Engagement Department for their work in putting it together.

Finally, Davies-Hughes shared the dates of the CSBA County Board Governance Workshop in April.

## **8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Trustees Scott and Eckenrode expressed appreciation for the Stellar Student candidates.

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**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 4:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Davies-Hughes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent

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