

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
Annex Conference Room

Teleconference Location
16960 Bartell Road – Boring, OR 97009

November 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 3:02 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode (via teleconference), Mary Scott, Thom McMahon, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Dena McCullough

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Ariel Aaron, August Deshais, Maggie Peters, Rebecca Doanne Dixon, Rosie Slentz, Stacy Young

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/McMahon to move agenda item (6.3) to the December Meeting. The motion was carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eckenrode, Scott, McMahon, Siekmann

Noes: None

Absent: McCullough

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4.0 PRESENTATION

(4.1) Native American Studies Model Curriculum – Maggie Peters, Learning Specialist

Maggie Peters shared a presentation with the Board.

(4.2) Expanding School Based Mental Health and Certified Wellness Coaches – Rebecca Doane Dixon, Mental Health and Wellness Program Manager

Rebecca Dixon shared a presentation with the Board.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded Scott/Siekmann by to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Eckenrode, Scott, McMahon, Siekmann

Noes: None

Absent: McCullough

Abstain: None

Action was taken on the following consent items:

(5.1) Approve Minutes – October 8, 2025, Regular Meeting

(5.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration

(5.3) Receive and File Williams Review Reports for 2025-2026

6.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

(6.1) Review Procedures for Annual Organizational Meeting

Davies-Hughes shared the date of the organizational meeting as December 17, 2025.

(6.2) Discussion Regarding Possible Dates for 2026 Board Meetings

Davies-Hughes shared the proposed meeting dates for 2026. After the proposed dates were published, staff was made aware of the CSBA County Board Governance Workshop on March 11 and 12, which conflicts with a proposed meeting date. If the Board decides to attend the conference, the Board meeting date will be changed.

~~(6.3) First Review of the Humboldt County Office of Education Board Policies: 0000 Series: Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans, 1000 Series: Community Relations, 3000 Series: Business and Noninstructional Operations, 7000 Series: Facilities, 9000 Series: Board Bylaws~~

(6.4) Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes shared that on October 31, 2025 escrow closed on the former CVS building that is now owned by HCOE and expressed gratitude to Cabinet, Scott Pesch, and the Board for their support.

Davies-Hughes expressed appreciation to Colby Smart and Maggie Peters for the Native American Studies Model Curriculum, Felicia Doherty for hosting a visiting delegation of educators from Hawaii, and School Support for the completion of Williams visits.

Davies-Hughes highlighted HCOE's partnership with Food for People in a food drive and informed the Board of the annual holiday dinner on December 12, 2025.

Davies-Hughes shared that the US House of Representatives is set to vote at any time to end the government shutdown.

Davies-Hughes informed the Board of upcoming agenda items for December, including a report on the California Dashboard data and enrollment trends in Humboldt County.

7.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

McMahon asked that Smart share how he plans on managing his HCOE responsibilities with his political campaign. Davies-Hughes explained that it is the job of the superintendent to ensure there are no distractions during work hours and that it would not be appropriate for Smart to report to Board on how he will manage work with the campaign.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 3:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Michael Davies-Hughes, Superintendent
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