

Humboldt County Board of Education

901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
Annex Conference Room

October 8, 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
ABSENT: Robert Siekmann
STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Colby Smart, Corey Weber, Katie Cavanagh, Ariel Aaron, Stacy Young, Jenn Belveal, Rosie Slentz

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

Colby Smart, Deputy Superintendent, and Stacy Young, Director of Community Outreach and Engagement shared a presentation on global education with the Board.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/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 – September 10, 2025 Regular Meeting
- (5.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (5.3) Adopt Proclamation in Support of American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout
- (5.4) Adopt Proclamation in Recognition of the Week of the School Administrator
- (5.5) Adopt Resolution Identifying Revised Appropriations (GANN) Limit
- (5.6) Receive and File Williams Quarterly Report
- (5.7) Approve 2026 Summer School Dates
- (5.8) Approve 2026-27 Calendar
- (5.9) Adopt Resolution Approving PERS Golden Handshake Window Period
- (5.10) Adopt Resolution Approving STRS Golden Handshake Window Period

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

(6.1) Receive and File 2024-2025 Unaudited Actuals Annual Financial Statement

Internal Business Manager, Jenn Belveal, shared a presentation regarding the 2024-25 unaudited actuals.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/McMahon to receive and file the 2024-2025 unaudited actuals financial statement. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(6.2) Approve 2024-2025 Final Education Protection Account (EPA) Expenditures

Assistant Superintendent Corey Weber reminded the Board of the annual requirement to report to the public how the EPA funds are spent.

It was moved/seconded by to McCullough/Scott approve the 2024-2025 final EPA expenditures. 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) Receive and File the Correspondence Regarding Approval of the 2025-2026 Humboldt County Office of Education Budget

Superintendent Davies-Hughes highlighted the correspondence from CDE regarding the approval of the HCOE budget.

It was moved/seconded by McMahon/McCullough to receive and file the correspondence regarding the approval of the 2025-2026 HCOE budget. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(7.2) Review and Possible Adoption of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1114 – County Office of Education-Sponsored Social Media, First Reading

Stacy Young, Director of Community Outreach and Engagement, explained that the adoption of the board policy would provide a mechanism to remove comments that are hurtful, harmful, and off-topic from HCOE social media.

The Board waived the second reading. It was moved/seconded by Scott/McCullough to approve the first and second reading of board policy and administrative regulation 1114. Ayes 4, noes 0, absent 1, abstain 0. Motion carried.

(7.3) Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared the continued declining enrollment of students across the county. During the November meeting, Davies-Hughes will share historical enrollment trends and look at the implications for the future.

Davies-Hughes informed the Board of the scheduled CAASP and ELPAC data release.

Davies-Hughes explained that while Federal funding uncertainties continue, HCOE is fairly shielded from impact as federal funds are only a small amount of HCOE's budget. Unfortunately, the ongoing uncertainties do impact families that use WIC and/or SNAP.

Davies-Hughes explained that Cabinet is working with a CSBA consultant to review and revise all board policies.

Davies-Hughes provided updates on the purchase of the former CVS building and the ongoing case against Daryl Jones.

Davies-Hughes informed the Board of the October 14 meet and greet with candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Josh Newman.

8.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no board member announcements.

Board recess 3:43 – 3:54 PM

9.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

At the request of the parents or guardians, the Board may take action to hear open session appeals in closed session.

OPEN SESSION

(9.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #09 (O.M.) 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, Ashley McLaughlin, addressed the Board from 3:57 to 4:01 PM.

Board questions.

There were no representatives from MUSD in attendance. The Board asked Deputy Superintendent Smart to share information that was provided to him by the district.

The Board moved to closed session at 4:09 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

(9.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2025-2026 #09 (O.M.) (MUSD)

OPEN SESSION

(9.3) Board Report Out of Closed Session (Cal. Educ. Code Section 35146)

At 4:16 PM Eckenrode reported that it was moved/seconded by McCullough/Scott to approve the appeal of Student #2025-2026 #09 (O.M.). The motion carried with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Scott, McMahon, Eckenrode, McCullough

Noes: None

Absent: Siekmann
Abstain: None

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Eckenrode adjourned the meeting at 4:19 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
MDH:nc