

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501

MINUTES
September 11, 2019

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President Loretta Eckenrode called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Bill Ruff, Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Marc Rowley

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Hartley, Superintendent of Schools; Colby Smart, Assistant Superintendent; Corey Weber, Tess Ives, Beth Chaton, Susi Huschle, Jennifer Fairbanks, Stacy Young, HCOE; Brian Graves, HCSTA, Janine Melanson, Administrative Assistant

Bill Ruff led the flag salute.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

No adjustments to the agenda were made.

3.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mary Scott stated she attended the HCOE Back to School meeting and shared how enthusiastic the group was and her appreciation. Loretta Eckenrode stated she saw the Humboldt County Fair display and was impressed with the quality.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded (Rowley/Scott) to approve the consent agenda. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES:	Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Rowley

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- 5.1 Approve Minutes - August 14, 2019
- 5.2 Approve Travel Claims
- 5.3 Adopt 2019-20 Appropriations (Gann) Limit
- 5.4 Adopt Proclamation in Support of Red Ribbon Week
- 5.5 Adopt Proclamation in Support of School Bus Safety Month

6.0 PUBLIC REPORTS AND HEARINGS

6.1 Sufficiency of Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Instructional Materials – Humboldt County Office of Education Schools

No public comment heard.

6.2 Support for Local Control Accountability Plans and the Statewide System of Support

6.3 Agnes J. Johnson Charter School Charter Petition

Presentation heard by Ryan O’Connell, Tina Burns, CFO, Mary Halstead, Chairperson/President regarding the formation and reasons for the petition.

Dena Rovai presented and spoke in favor of the petition. She will stand in as the temporary director until a permanent director can be hired.

Michelle Bushnell addressed the board. She is a Southern Humboldt business owner and member of the Southern Humboldt Unified School District Board. She stated she has reviewed the petition extensively and supports the petition.

Hunter Lehnert, human resources director of hospital in Southern Humboldt and parent of Agnes Johnson students, stated her support for the charter petition.

Wayne Strumpfer addressed the board. He is from the law firm, Young, Minney & Corr, LLP, that supports charters and is in favor of this charter petition. He states that the petition meets all legal requirements.

Thomas Mulder, Southern Humboldt Unified School District board member, but speaks on behalf of himself as a community member and business owner. He is in favor of the charter petition.

7.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.1 Adopt Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials

It was moved/seconded (Ruff/Scott) to Adopt Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES:	Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Rowley

7.2 Receive and File Annual Financial Report

Dr. Hartley complimented Corey Weber and Carol Ingram for their dedicated work in closing the fiscal year out. Corey pointed out that the ending balance was as expected and

reserve is just above 13%. Much of the funds in carry over are in the areas of differentiated assistance and LCAP. The board stated their appreciation for the reserve level. It was moved/seconded (Scott/Ruff) to Receive and File Annual Financial Report. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

7.3 Approve STRS Exemption Waiver

It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/Scott) to Approve STRS Exemption Waiver. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

7.4 Approve Receipt of Grant for Classroom Aquarium Education Program from Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission

It was moved/seconded (Ruff/Scott) to approve receipt of grant for Classroom Aquarium Education Program from Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

7.5 Approve Receipt of Grant for After School Education and Safety Programs from the California Department of Education

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Ruff) approve receipt of grant for After School Education and Safety Programs from the California Department of Education. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Eckenrode, Ruff, Scott, Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley

8.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Superintendent's Report

- **First Week Enrollment – Humboldt County**
Dr. Hartley explained the projected enrollment is what districts based their budgets on last spring. Overall, first week enrollment came in higher, but some districts individually came in lower. Our fiscal office will follow up with those districts. Charters overall were somewhat under their projections, but these numbers can change as the school year continues and more students enroll. Countywide enrollment dropped by 69, remaining fairly stable.
- **Facilities & Modernization**
Dr. Hartley shared that he will be interviewing architects for modernization. The county was eligible for state funds for modernization which we applied for.


9.0 HUMBOLDT COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION (4:15 p.m.)

Dr. Hartley shared that this year, two people were chosen as the Humboldt County Teacher of the Year – Tim Olson and Johanna Mauro, and that Johanna has been asked to go on to the State level. Dr. Harley and President Eckenrode recognized both with awards.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4: 23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Hartley, Ed.D.
Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools

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