

Humboldt County Board of Education

September 13, 2023

2:00 PM Study Session | 2:30 PM Ribbon Cutting | 3:00 PM Regular Meeting
901 Myrtle Avenue – Eureka, CA 95501
Annex Conference Room

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1.0 BOARD STUDY SESSION – COMPASSIONATE SYSTEMS AWARENESS (2:00)

President Rocker Heppe called the study session to order at 2:04 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Mary Scott, Sheila Rocker Heppe, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Katie Cavanagh, Corey Weber, Dina Macdonald

Rocker Heppe introduced Dina Macdonald who shared a presentation regarding Compassionate Systems Awareness.

2.0 RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AND RECEPTION (2:30)

Special Beginnings Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Reception for HCOE Retirees

3.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE (3:00)

President Rocker Heppe called the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:00 PM with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Mary Scott, Sheila Rocker Heppe, Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: Thom McMahon, Loretta Eckenrode

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Davies-Hughes, Natalie Carrigan, Katie Cavanagh, Corey Weber, Colby Smart, Stacy Young, Felicia

4.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments made to the agenda

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

6.0 BOARD RECOGNITION

The Board recognized recent HCOE Retirees.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- (7.1) Approve Minutes – August 17, 2023 Regular Meeting and August 28, 2023 Special Meeting
- (7.2) Approve Monthly Remuneration
- (7.3) Adopt Proclamation in Support of Red Ribbon Week
- (7.4) Adopt Proclamation in Support of School Bus Safety Month
- (7.5) Receive and File Updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction (ESSER III) Plan

8.0 PUBLIC REPORTS AND HEARING

- (8.1) Sufficiency of Standards-Aligned Textbooks and Instructional Materials
President Rocker Heppe opened the public hearing at 3:34 PM and closed the public hearing at 3:34 PM.

9.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

- (9.1) Adopt Resolution Regarding the Sufficiency/Insufficiency of Instructional Materials

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to adopt the resolution regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (9.2) Receive and File Updated Salary Schedules from 2016 to 2023 as Required by the CalPERS Audit.

Assistant Superintendent Weber explained the changes to the salary schedules that were required as a result of the CalPERS audit.

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to receive and file the updated salary schedules from 2016 to 2023 as required by the CalPERS audit. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (9.3) Review and Possible Approval of Updated Administrative Regulation: Education for Homeless Children

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve the administrative regulation Education for Homeless Children with a stipulation that within the body of the administrative regulation student first language is utilized. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (9.4) Review and Possible Approval of Updated Administrative Regulation: Education for Foster Youth

It was moved/seconded by Siekmann/Scott to approve the administrative regulation Education for Foster Youth. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

- (9.5) Adopt Equity Statement

Superintendent Davies-Hughes shared a draft equity statement with the Board that mirrored the HCOE adopted equity statement.

It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to adopt the equity statement. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

10.0 INFORMATION/ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

(10.1) Information Regarding Revisions to the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Felicia Doherty explained the minor revisions to the LCAP. No action required.

(10.2) Correspondence from Eide Bailly Regarding 2023 Governance Planning and Audit Engagement

Weber provided background information regarding the correspondence.

(10.3) Superintendent's Report

Davies-Hughes expressed gratitude to members of the Board that attended the CCBE Annual Conference.

Davies-Hughes thanked staff of the Eel River Community School for their swift action in response to an incident that occurred the week prior.

Davies-Hughes announced the vacancy of the Personnel Director position.

11.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Trustee Scott expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the CCBE Annual Conference.

President Rocker Heppe also shared gratitude for the CCBE Annual Conference.

Board Recess from 4:02 PM to 4:16 PM

12.0 CONSIDERATION OF INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST APPEALS

President Rocker Heppe asked the Board to take action to conduct the Interdistrict Transfer Request Appeal in Closed Session. It was moved/seconded by Scott/Siekmann to conduct the hearing in closed session. Ayes 3, noes 0, absent 2, abstain 0. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

(12.1) Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2023-2024 #08 (A.A.) Northern Humboldt Union High School District (NHUHS)

The Board moved to closed session at 4:37 PM.

- (12.2) Board Deliberation RE: Interdistrict Appeal Hearing for Student 2023-2024 #08 (A.A.) (NHUHSD)

OPEN SESSION

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

At 5:04 PM President Rocker Heppe reported that the Board voted 3:0 to uphold the denial of Northern Humboldt Union High School district. The motion was made by Scott, seconded by Siekmann and carried with the following vote:

Ayes:	Scott, Siekmann, Rocker Heppe
Noes:	None
Absent:	McMahon, Eckenrode
Abstain:	None

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

President Rocker Heppe adjourned the meeting at 5:08 PM