

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

MINUTES
April 12, 2017

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

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO Chris Hartley, Superintendent; Jon Sapper, Deputy Superintendent, Maureen Yost, CSEA; Brian Graves, HCSTA; Tess Ives, Carol Ingram, Jenny Bowen, Heidi Moore, Stacy Young, Debra Kingshill, Pam Gosselin, Susi Huschle, Tanya Trump, Linda Prescott, Karen Brooks, Carol Ingram, Tom McGinnis, HCOE; and Janine Melanson, Administrative Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

Loretta Eckenrode led the flag salute.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mary Scott stated that she attended the Redwood Coast Music Festival at Sequoia Conference Center and that she heard positive comments about the venue. She also shared that Cory McCubbrey, who was a student of Loretta's and a former Academic Achievement student, played piano and sang at the event.

Loretta stated that she would like to attend CCBE conference in September.

President Ruff shared that the swearing in ceremony for Dr. Hartley was well done and thanked staff who were involved in arranging the event. He stated he was pleased with the attendance as well, and welcomed Dr. Hartley to his first board meeting as superintendent.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments.

5.0 PRESENTATION– Tess Ives & Lori Roecklein - Workability & Woofability

Tess Ives introduced Lori Roecklein and spoke about the Workability program. Workability provides students with pre-employment skills training, career planning, work-site training and job coaching, marketable job skills during high school, opportunities to connect with employers in the community and an opportunity to earn money. The program also assists youth to transition to adulthood through self-advocacy, disability awareness, youth leadership (learning to take and give direction), transportation training and life skills. The students' families are also involved. Employers benefit through potential federal and state tax credits, insurance and workers' compensation coverage of the students through HCOE and lower training costs as Workability staff provide the training. The students often also become loyal and long-term employees. Very positive feedback has been received from employers.

Lori Roecklein stated that, as a vocational specialist, she works with students with a wide range of abilities (anyone with an IEP) – from moderate-severe to resource students. There was a need for a program that would serve the needs of students who could not get out to work in local businesses, and this program brought the business to those students. At the same time, it offers those who have other abilities the opportunity to interact with the business community, be involved in the shopping, as well as learn money management

skills. The students earn “money” and then are taken to local stores to purchase items for themselves. The bags of biscuits retails for \$5.00 and costs approximately \$2.50 to produce. Lori and a coworker were the founders of Woofability in 2010.

Lori specifically thanked Dr. Garry Eagles for being open to the idea and easy to work with. She also thanked the teachers who run the programs, stating that the program would not exist without the teachers’ work. Lori acts as the “banker” and works with the students to shop for supplies. Lori shared that there are currently 5 schools participating: Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata, McKinleyville high schools and Glen Paul. Lori added the each classroom has made it their own, adapting to the needs of their students, and that then she is able to share the ideas across the program.

Lori shared the Woofability Video produced by Mahalo Video: <https://vimeo.com/207528054>

President Ruff commented that he remembered when the program started up and having the biscuits delivered to his workplace at the time. He stated he especially enjoyed the students’ assertive and confident approach to being sales people, a task that is difficult for most of us. He also felt the program helped the staff develop and have conversations regarding ways to overcome physical disabilities, such as with the use of adaptive devices. President Ruff congratulated Lori and all involved in the program.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved/seconded (Rowley/Scott) to approve the consent agenda.

Loretta asked if there was local recognition for classified staff such the Excellence in Teaching event. Maureen Yost shared that there is a program through CSEA for recognition. She was selected one year and more recently a member at the Northern Humboldt district went as far as state level. Tom McGinnis, HCOE Transportation Supervisor, added that the California Association of School Transportation Officials (CASTO) requests nominations and chooses a recipient each year. Last year, Gwen Carlson of HCOE was awarded the honor of School Bus Driver of the Year locally.

Mary Scott commented on Item 6.7, pointing out the distressing decrease in Forest Reserve Funding.

The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

Action was taken on the following consent items:

6.1 Approve Minutes—March 8, 2017

6.2 Approve Travel Claims

6.3 Receive and File Quarterly Reports:

6.3.1 Williams Compliance - Instructional Materials, School Facilities, Teacher Certification

6.3.2 Surplus Property

6.4 Approve Routine Budget Revisions

6.5 Approve 2017-2018 Board Budget

6.6 Review and Adopt the Forest Reserve Formula and Distribution Plan

6.7 Adopt Proclamation in Recognition of Day of the Teacher

6.8 Adopt Proclamation in Recognition of Classified School Employee Week

7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 Receive Public Comment on the Superintendent's 2017-2018 Initial Bargaining Proposals to the Humboldt County Schools Teachers Association (HCSTA) and California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 566
There was no public comment.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Award Paper Bid

Carol Ingham shared that she can provide the board with an extensive analysis if desired. The analysis showed that West Coast Paper (WCP) submitted the more competitive and complete bid.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to award the paper bid for all three alternatives to WCP Solutions. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

8.2 Authorize Bid Process for New School Bus

Tom McGinnis, Transportation Supervisor, responded to President Ruff's questions that the bus to be purchased is a 2017-2018 model (new), and that it will have flexibility to accommodate up to 4 wheelchairs.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode//Scott) to authorize the bid process for replacement bus. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

8.3 Receive & File 2016-2017 Initial Bargaining Proposal from HCSTA to the Superintendent

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Rowley) to receive and file the initial 2017-2018 bargaining proposal from HCSTA to the superintendent. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

- 8.4 Receive & File 2016-2017 Initial Bargaining Proposal from CSEA Chapter 566 to Superintendent
It was moved/seconded (Rowley/Siekmann) to receive and file the initial 2017-2018 bargaining proposal from CSEA Chapter 566 to the superintendent. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

President Ruff noted that the board was given a corrected copy of the proposal (the Dental Plan referred to in the copy in the packet was incorrect. The correct proposal refers to Dental Plan D20).

Hand Vote

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

9.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS (*The Board is asked to receive/discuss; however, the board may decide to take action at their discretion*)

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hartley stated his thanks for the swearing in ceremony and commented on the attendees made up of friends and new acquaintances. Marc Rowley added that the attendance demonstrated the importance of the position in the community.

9.1.1 Discussion of Need/Desire for Board Retreat

Dr. Hartley inquired of the Board if there was interested in having a retreat in 2017-18. Robert Siekmann stated he feels it is particularly important this year as the Board and Dr. Hartley get to know each other. Marc Rowley stated there is no month in particular that would work best in his schedule. The Board agreed that August 9 will be the retreat, prior to the board meeting that date.

9.1.2 Discussion of Safe Haven Schools

Dr. Hartley stated that he brought this item forward to make the Board aware that districts throughout California are passing resolutions in response to the Federal position on immigration, and regarding the community concern of what that position means for students and families. There are laws in place that provide protection to students; the resolutions being passed tend to reiterate the law. Concerns surrounding passing a resolution has been the fear that Federal funds could be withheld. School and College Legal Services drafted a resolution that would keep districts fiscally safe. Ultimately, if funding was threatened, boards could amend the resolution at any time. When Dr. Hartley was recently at the CCSEA (California County Superintendents) meeting, a discussion of the issue was raised and he found that some county offices have passed resolutions while others provided information to districts to refresh knowledge about law and provide tools for them to reassure families that their students are safe at school. Dr. Hartley shared that he will be meeting with Centro del Pueblo, a local grassroots non-profit, regarding what they have been hearing and experiencing in schools.

Marc Rowley questioned if immigration and customs have been in the area. President Ruff stated there are a few agents stationed in Humboldt.

President Ruff stated he was unaware of the Safe Haven movement until he started looking into the issue. He understands the State is considering becoming a Sanctuary State, and that the City of Arcata is waiting to have a full board to pass a resolution. He recalls that when ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) dealt with illegal

immigrants at the Sun Valley Bulb Farm in the past, it was abrupt and the fear that it created kept students out of school. Children should never be afraid to go to school. President Ruff shared that Sacramento City Schools have signage at school sites stating that all are welcome. President Ruff states he is leaning towards the Board passing a resolution. Mary Scott felt it would be more effective if done by the school districts, as it is a more relatable entity for the community. Dr. Hartley stated districts may look to the county office for guidance. He proposed that he put together some sample language and information on what other county offices are doing, as well as what our districts are doing or what they may need.

9.1.3 Report on Local Consolidation with Even-Year Elections

Dr. Hartley shared that all but 6 of our local districts met the deadline to consolidate board elections with even years. It is believed that those who did not meet the deadline intend to do so for the 2019 to 2020.

Dr. Hartley expressed his appreciate for the presentation and particularly enjoyed seeing the students in the video.

Dr. Hartley shared that he intends to visit all of our districts soon and invited anyone along that might like to go with him. He may want to take some of the trips with the bus drivers. He would also like to produce a video of our county to show the Legislature what rural Northern California really looks like.

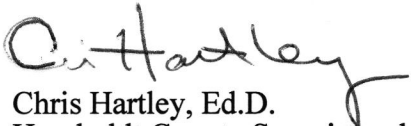
9.2 Future Agenda Planning

- Receive Public Comment on HCSTA's 2017-2018 Initial Bargaining Proposal to the Superintendent
- Receive Public Comment on CSEA's 2017-2018 Initial Bargaining Proposal to the Superintendent
- Public Hearings on the LCAP and Budget, and NPA's Charter

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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