

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501**

**MINUTES
December 13, 2017**

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President Bill Ruff called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 2:59 pm with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Loretta Eckenrode, Bill Ruff, and Marc Rowley

ABSENT: Mary Scott, Robert Siekmann

ALSO PRESENT: Chris Hartley, Superintendent of Schools; Heidi Moore-Guynup, Assistant Superintendent; Brian Graves, HCSTA; Debra Kingshill, Susi Huschle, Colby Smart, HCOE; Carol Ingram, HCOE Business Services; Stephanie Jackson & Shari Lovett, Mattole; Janine Melanson, Administrative Assistant

Loretta Eckenrode led the flag salute.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Loretta Eckenrode stated that she and Lori Breyer have been meeting and working on the interdistrict appeal handbook. They have made great progress and the project is nearly complete. The last piece depends on the agreement reached between the districts.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

5.0 PRESENTATION (see 8.0)

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

Hand Vote

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

The following items were acted upon under the consent agenda:

- 6.1 Approve Minutes—November 8, 2017
- 6.2 Approve Travel Claims
- 6.3 Approve 2018-2019 Budget Development Timeline
- 6.4 Authorize Submission of McKinney-Vento Program Grant
- 6.5 Authorize Submission of Foster Youth Service Coordinating Grant

7.4 RECEIVE AND FILE FIRST INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Carol Ingram reported that the First Interim Report is a snapshot as of October 31, 2017, incorporating changes since budget adoption. She stated that there have not been a lot of changes in expenditures since adoption. The updated budget reflects the changes due to bargaining unit agreements, management and confidential paying a portion of their monthly health benefit premiums, an increase in workers' compensation costs, and additional AB99 funds

Marc Rowley asked about the state of our health and welfare costs. Carol replied that she anticipates a 7% increase in line with the last few years.

President Ruff asked if the workers' compensation increase was due to more claims being filed or performance rate increases. Carol stated that the rates were estimated in the budget before the rates were set – the adjustment was slightly higher than estimated.

President Ruff asked for a clarification on the reserve levels. Carol stated we had projected to be at 8.9% at the close of this fiscal year and 7% at the end of 2019-10, but we will be at 10% at the end of this fiscal year instead.

Dr. Hartley added that, in regard to AB 99, 23 counties qualified. County offices advocated significantly to obtain these funds that are required to provide the mandated support services to districts for their LCAP implementation. If these funds had not be authorized by the state, program cuts would have been made in order to fund the mandate. Any balance currently available will be spent to support districts and their LCAP efforts.

It was moved/seconded (Eckenrode/Rowley) to receive the first interim report as presented.
The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

7.5 APPROVE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY/SINGLE PLAN FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT-COURT/COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Felicia Doherty shared that this is a 5 year plan, and this is the final year. It is her understanding that the report will be folded into the LCAP in subsequent years.

Felicia discussed numerous programs, initiatives and services currently being offered at the Court and Community Schools, and is please with progress being made.

For instance, Felicia stated that 89% of families in grades 1-8 referred to Truancy Court and SARB showed improvements in attendance. High school students improved by 66%.

center. Shari stated that they are not reported to the California Department of Education that way, but administratively, they can access that information. Results show that students connected with learning centers outperform those enrolled in home-based learning.

Last year, an appellate court ruling involving a charter whose structure was very much like Mattole's resulted in a finding that it is not acceptable to have facilities outside of the authorizing district, but it did not address centers in adjacent counties, which are still allowed. They currently have learning centers in Arcata (1), Eureka (2), Willow Creek (1), Cutten (1) and Southern Humboldt (2) that are now out of compliance. They applied to state board of education and were granted a one-year waiver to decide what to do. The majority of a charter's students have to be in county.

In looking at their options, Shari reported they could close their doors, continue as they are currently operating but run the risk of a lawsuit, break up the centers and petition local districts (funding is not feasible for this option), or form a new charter. They decided the best solution and the one with the least impact on students and staff would be to form a new charter with two charter authorizers – Humboldt County Office of Education and Siskiyou County Office of Education. The centers and administrative office would remain as currently structured. They would become an independent charter instead of their current status as a dependent charter.

They have applied for a nonprofit (required of all charters) entitled the Northern United Charter Schools that would have its own board, business services, etc., still in place. There would be two arms of the charter, Northern United - Humboldt (chartered by HCOE) and Northern United - Siskiyou (chartered by SCOE). From the students' perspective, there would be no change, families would be able to keep their choice in place, and the student/teacher relationships would be kept intact. Teachers and staff would maintain ongoing relationships and have employment stability. Centralized administration would result in continuity and economies of scale. Another option is to create two nonprofits, two boards, with administration serving both. The board is set up to require 2 Humboldt residents, 2 Siskiyou residents and one from either county.

Shari presented that the benefits to HCOE would be that student data would include only Humboldt students (in the past, Healthy Kids Survey included students from 5 counties, which would skew Humboldt County's data.) HCOE would receive revenue through the 1% authorizing fee. The format fits within HCOE's philosophy of parent educational choice. There are also additional opportunities. Betty Chinn has contacted them about pregnant homeless teens who are not attending school. The charter has the capacity and infrastructure to go get the students and serve them as needed.

Shari shared the initiatives and programs already in place at the charter, which include MTSS, PBIS, and restorative practice. They are an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) school, take advantage of the services HCOE offers, and interface with California Colleges platform (a college and career planning tool). They have relationships with CR and HSU – dual enrollment is allowed, one learning center is on the HSU campus and one site is a satellite of CR's campus where students and the community can take classes.

President Ruff stated he would like the board members not present to hear the information presented today and suggested Shari come again when all are available. Dr. Hartley suggested a study session and the board agreed. A study session will be scheduled for 1:30pm on January 10. The board may forward questions to Dr. Hartley who will send them along to Shari in preparation for the meeting.

8.2 FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING

(none)

8.3 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hartley reported on the interdistrict transfer process. Draft language of an agreement is being taken by all superintendents to their boards. The county office has agreed to be the voice to the media, and North Coast Journal has done a significant media piece that will be coming out. Another meeting is scheduled for December 20 – districts will bring back their input from their boards and the agreement will move forward. Dr. Hartley thanked Loretta for her work with Lori Breyer on the handbook and board processes. He also complemented Heidi for her work facilitating the meetings with superintendents.

February 26 will be the first ever Humboldt legislative action day in Sacramento. A group of 15-18 superintendents will go down with Capitol Advisors facilitating. They will meet with legislators, governor's staffing, council and committee members, and legislative analysts. Dr. Hartley plans to work with the group to develop a platform of 3-4 items to bring forwards.

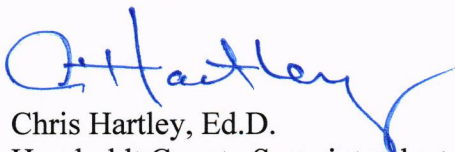
Dr. Hartley expressed his gratitude to the board and HCOE employees. He was able to visit programs at Peninsula and Glen Paul and was very impressed.

President Ruff asked about the news reports about Loleta School and the tribes working together. Dr. Hartley stated that the actions are part of a resolution resulting from an Office of Civil Rights complaint that was made 3 years ago. Heidi is working with a team of HCOE staff to support the district in meeting the requirements. HCOE is also looking at Loleta's fiscal situation and advocating with OCR regarding what is feasible for the district to accomplish.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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

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