

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

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

January 27, 2017

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/FLAG SALUTE

President Bill Ruff called the special meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 9:03 a.m. with a quorum present.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Norther, Fortuna Elementary School District; Maureen Yost, CSEA Chapter 566; Mark Thurmond; Paulette Gilliam; Craig Allen; Joel Guyup; Crystal Cook; Jerry Cook; Pam Gosselin; Cindy Porter; Tanya Trump; Diana Roling; Taylin Titus; Janera Watts, Linda Prescott; Alexis Grant; Susi Huschle; Debra Kingshill; Stacy Young; Erin Derden-Little; Cherie Zygaczenko; Tess Ives; Kris Diamond; Ellen Semeniuk; Judi Andersen; Ann Wieland; Denise Jones; Brian Graves, HCSTA/Glen Paul; Cheryl Ingham; Jon Sapper; Cindi Kaup, Holly Sage; Maurice Purify; Carl Cox; Colleen Toste; Tyler Sanchez; Pam Hartley; Cindy Vickers; Jennifer Fairbanks; Ryan Burns, Lost Coast Outpost; Colby Smart; Tanya Trump; Janine Melanson, Administrative Assistant

Marc Rowley led the flag salute.

2.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no board member announcements or comments.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mark Thurmond, resident of Kneeland, proposed that the "Humboldt County School District" create a formal program in critical thinking for K-12, to be implemented countywide. He commented that the internet allows students access to a vast amount of information, and that they need tools to assimilate and dissect out the important and truthful information. Mr. Thurmond cited the recent use on the political scene of the terms fake news and alternative facts and that many people, including students take fake news as fact and act on it. Mr. Thurmond stated it is prudent that students be instructed in critical thinking and critical assessment. It is for these reasons he proposed the development of a formal program in the arts and science of critical thinking and assessment.

Holly Sage stated her agreement with Mr. Thurmond's comments. She also expressed her deep gratitude for the service of the Board and Dr. Eagles and delivered a letter in support of one of the candidates to the Board.

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Debra Kingshill thanked everyone for attending. She asked the audience to turn off their cell phones, both out of courtesy to the candidates but also to ensure the integrity of the video recording. She also stated that the video recordings would be available to the public later in the afternoon via the HCOE website banner.

5.1 Heidi Moore-Guynup – time set 9:00 a.m.

Debra Kingshill introduced Heidi Moore-Guynup and the Board commenced with the interview.

President Ruff called a recess at the conclusion of the first interview and announced that the Special Meeting of the Board would reconvene at 10:45 a.m.

President Ruff reconvened the Special Meeting of the Board at 10:45 a.m.

5.2 Chris Hartley – time set 10:45 a.m.

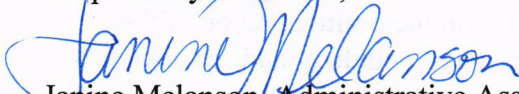
Debra Kingshill introduced Chris Hartley and the Board commenced with the interview.

At the conclusion of the second interview, Debra Kingshill stated that public comment could be sent to her, either by mailing to her at 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka, CA 95501 or by email to dkingshill@hcoe.org, and that she would forward that input to all board members. Additionally, Debra stated that there will be opportunity for public comment at the February 8 board meeting.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:05pm

Respectfully submitted,



Janine Melanson, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
on behalf of Superintendent Garry T. Eagles, Secretary to the Board