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

MINUTES  
June 14, 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:  Marc Rowley, Bill Ruff, Mary Scott and Robert Siekmann
ABSENT:  Loretta Eckenrode
ALSO PRESENT:  Chris Hartley, Superintendent of Schools; Jon Sapper, Deputy Superintendent, Maureen Yost, CSEA; Brian Graves, HCSTA; Garry Eagles, Tess Ives, Heidi Moore, Debra Kingshill, Susi Huschle, Lori Breyer, Jennifer Fairbanks, Carol Ingram, Tom McGinnis, HCOE; Arnold King, NPA; and Janine Melanson, Administrative Assistant

1.0 FLAG SALUTE  
Mary Scott led the flag salute.

2.0 AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS  
President Ruff read and presented a resolution to Dr. Garry Eagles from the Humboldt County Board of Education. Dr. Eagles thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation to the Board for allowing the transition plan between himself and Dr. Hartley. He also separately thanked Jon Sapper and all of the board members for their steadfast support.

President Ruff expressed his thanks to Dr. Jon Sapper. He stated his appreciation for Jon’s work in the community and his ability to marry that work with education, creating positive results. Dr. Sapper expressed his thanks and appreciate for the work of all of HCOE’s staff and specifically thanked the Board.

3.0 ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA  
None.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS  
Maureen Yost, CSEA Chapter 566 President, presented an update on the Chapter’s year. The Chapter had decided they wished to do garden work around HCOE’s campuses, and had set this up with Dr. Eagles. They still plan to start that project, but were delayed with the very wet winter we had. The Chapter donated $150 to Eureka Fire Department’s Toys for Tots drive and $150 to the North Coast Stand Down to benefit veterans. In May, two $250 scholarships were awarded. These scholarships are for members or their children. This year they went to Marika Myrick’s son and Glenda Noel’s daughter. On June 27, CSEA is having a town hall meeting in the Annex from 5-7 p.m., and Maureen invited everyone. Dave Low, Executive Director; Keith Pace, Director of Field Operations; and two other state representatives will be present.

Mary thanked Maureen for her report and President Ruff shared that the Stand Down event has been going on for many years and appreciates the Chapter’s support of such a worthy cause.
5.0 BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS
Mary stated she and Jerry attended the Industrial Technology Showcase event and commented on how the top quality work by both Susi Huschle and Colleen Toste. President Ruff stated that a few of the Stellar Students came to the Crabs game on Saturday when Rising Stars participants were able to get into the park for free. The Crabs also donated a bat signed by the players that was raffled off, proceeds going to Rising Stars. Colleen was present, in the rain!

6.0 PRESENTATION – Fortuna Union High School Culinary Club
Stacy Chatfield and three of her students from the Fortuna Union High School Culinary Club presented to the Board regarding recent competitions. The team competed in the ProStart competition (the school’s 6th year) – they were one of 30 schools to compete. The students present (Tyler, Skyler & Zach) represent three of the four members on the team. They were the last to compete and placed 2nd, missing first place by .83. They were awarded scholarships. Tyler and Stacy described the competition: they have to bring all of their ingredients with them; their work area is 10X10 with two butane burners and no electricity. One hour is allowed to complete and appetizer, entrée and dessert. It is a very competitive event and once you are the top, details like the fact that their binder wasn’t spiral bound and they didn’t have a thank you page were items that cost them points. They are rated on knife skills, sanitary practices, menu and cost analysis, besides the food and presentation.

This year they competed in the SkillsUSA competition. Tyler and Miriam placed 4th & 3rd respectively in the regional competition and moved on to the state level in San Diego. They each individually completed a three course meal. Tyler won 1st place and is the state champion gold medal winner. He and Stacy will travel to Kentucky to compete in the national competition.

Tyler has been offered a job at the Ingomar for the summer and has received several scholarships to culinary schools, but has not made a decision about that.

Dr. Sapper complimented Stacy on the fabulous work she has done with over 100 students. The State also recognized her leadership by awarding her the Culinary Arts California State Teacher of the Year.

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

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

The following items were acted upon under the consent agenda:

7.1 Approve Minutes—May 17, 2017
7.2 Approve Travel Claims
7.3 Adopt Revision to Board Policy 6143 – Curriculum Guidelines, as a Second Reading
8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 APPROVE LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY (LCAP) FOR COURT/COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Jennifer Fairbanks was present and stated the LCAP had not changed significantly from last month’s hearing. She shared that the Community School graduations were that evening. This year there were ten 8th grade graduates and 52 high school graduates – a record number!

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to approve the 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for Court/Community Schools. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

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

8.2 APPROVE 2017-2018 HCOE BUDGET
Carol Ingram presented regarding the budge in May, but had some additional items to point out to the Board. Under Professional Development (Page 23 in the budget book), the amount in “Total Other Sources” is the amount HCOE underwrites due to it not being otherwise funded. Next fiscal year, that amount goes down due to a large increase in local revenues representing a contract with Ferndale. Ferndale is going through program improvement and instead of going to outside sources, the contracted with HCOE to provide the needed services.

Special education on Page 51 shows an increase in demand for services resulting in increased staffing and expenditures. The two additional classrooms at Glen Paul are included in the budget. The Autism program opening in Del Norte is not reflected, but will be shown at first interim.

Specialized Support Services on Page 71 include occupational therapists, school nurses and psychologists that are contracted by districts in cases where the district either needs a part time person or they are unable to hire on their own. It also includes the behavior support SELPA team which is a growing need of districts.

It was moved/seconded (Rowley/Siekmann) to approve the 2017-2018 HCOE budget. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote
AYES: Rowley, Ruff, Scott and Siekmann
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Eckenrode
8.3 APPROVE REQUEST FOR NORTHCOAST PREPARATORY ACADEMY (NPA) CHARTER SCHOOL RENEWAL
It was moved/seconded (Scott/Rowley) to approve request for Northcoast Preparatory Academy (NPA) Charter School Renewal.

Arnold King, instructor, present as the representative of NPA.

The motion carried with the following hand vote.

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

8.4 ADOPTED SPECIAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION
It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/Scott) to adopt the special reserve resolutions transferring ending fund balances to the Special Reserve Fund or General Fund as appropriate. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

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

8.5 ADOPT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING EDUCATIONAL PROTECTION ACCOUNT (EPA) FUNDS
It was moved/seconded (Rowley/Siekmann) to adopt a resolution accepting Educational Protection Account (EPA) Funds. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

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

8.6 AWARD BID FOR BUS PURCHASE
Tess Ives stated that reviewed three bids. Creative Sales had the lower bid as well as included extra features that would have had to have been paid for separately in the other contracts, such as the ability to add wheel chairs or seats.

It was moved/seconded (Rowley/Siekmann) to award the bid for bus purchase to Creative Bus Sales. The motion carried with the following hand vote.
Hand Vote

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

8.7 RECEIVED AND FILED 2017-2018 MASTER AGREEMENT FOR THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOLS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (HCSTA)

RECEIVED AND FILED 2017-2018 MASTER AGREEMENT AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER 566

RECEIVED AND FILED 2017-2018 TOTAL COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT FOR UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to receive and file the 2017-2018 Master Agreement for the Humboldt County Schools Teachers Association, 2017-2018 Master Agreement and Public Disclosure Statement for the California School Employees Association, Chapter 566, and the 2017-2018 Total Compensation Adjustment for Unrepresented Employees. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

9.0 INFORMATION/ACTION ITEMS

9.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Dr. Hartley shared that Molly Alles from Pacific Union is the Humboldt County Teacher of the Year. She stood out with her STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) approach, exemplifying project-based learning. She will be formally recognized at the September board meeting, and her packet is being developed to submit to the state in October. Stacy Young coordinates the program and will be working with Molly.

Along those lines, Dr. Hartley commented on what he refers to as HCOE’s “Award Season”, stating his appreciation for the quality of the events coordinated by HCOE staff. He also attended the Glen Paul graduation and noted what a heartfelt ceremony it was. He expressed his appreciation to Tess Ives and Brian Graves, present, as well as all the Glen Paul staff.

Dr. Hartley took the opportunity to also thank Dr. Eagles and Dr. Sapper and express his appreciation for their ongoing mentorship.
Dr. Hartley mentioned the Grand Jury report regarding Child Welfare Services and their findings with regard to schools, law enforcement and the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). Education has been partnering with DHHS and law enforcement over last few years. This report serves as a foundation to address the issues grand jury brought forward. Dr. Hartley feels the report can be used as a proactive opportunity to work more effectively and communicate in order to serve families and students better.

9.2 BOARD RETREAT AGENDA
The board retreat has been scheduled for August 9. Dr. Hartley asked the board for agenda input. He asked them to consider talking about electronic board packets. Marc Rowley stated he would like to receive a presentation and in depth information regarding interdistrict attendance laws, perhaps from legal counsel. President Ruff & Mary Scott agreed that this would be a good topic to revisit.

9.3 FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING
Dr. Hartley shared that the July agenda has several receive and file items and that he will have a detailed report on state budget.

10.0 INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEALS
4:00 p.m. – James
President Ruff reviewed the appeal procedures. Fred VanVleck, Eureka City Schools Superintendent, Laurie Alexander, Eureka City Schools Director of Student Services, and Leah Thompson, parent, were present. Mr. Van Vleck asked to speak before Ms. Thompson, which was granted by President Ruff. Mr. Van Vleck requested to extend the hearing until the July board meeting. President Ruff stated that all parties have to agree to a continuance and asked Ms. Thompson if she agreed. Ms. Thompson stated she did agree to have her appeal heard at the July board meeting.

It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to reset the interdistrict attendance appeal of Easton James to July 11th meeting. It was moved/seconded (Scott/Siekmann) to correct the date of the meeting to July 12th. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

Hand Vote

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

4:15 p.m. – Merz
President Ruff reviewed the appeal procedures. Fred VanVleck, Eureka City Schools Superintendent, Laurie Alexander, Eureka City Schools Director of Student Services, and Kayla Merz, parent, were present. Mr. Van Vleck asked to speak before Ms. Merz, which was granted by President Ruff. Mr. Van Vleck requested to extend the hearing until the July board meeting. President Ruff stated that all parties have to agree to a continuance and asked Ms. Merz if she agreed. Ms. Merz stated she did agree to have her appeal heard at the July board meeting.
It was moved/seconded (Siekmann/Scott) to reset the interdistrict attendance appeal of Mason Merz to July 12th meeting. The motion carried with the following hand vote.

**Hand Vote**

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

11.0 ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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