

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

MINUTES

May 19, 2010

President Mary Scott called the meeting of the Humboldt County Board of Education to order at 3:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

PRESENT: Salena Kahle, Bill Ruff, Mary Scott, Sharon Omey, Robert Siekmann
ABSENT: Joan Stewart and Marc Rowley
ALSO Garry Eagles, Superintendent; Rick Hanger, Assistant Superintendent;
PRESENT: Jon Sapper, Assistant Superintendent; Kim Cobine, Assistant Superintendent; Michelle Henson Executive Assistant; Damon Collier, HCSTA; Maureen Yost, CSEA; Debra Kingshill, Personnel Director; Dianne Herndon, Eureka High Business Education teacher; Jose DelGado, Jessica Greenfield, Nathan Hill, Matt Russell, Christina Thissell, EHS Students; Marcie Chelgren-Smith, ROP Marketing/Merchandising Instructor; Xer Cha, Jana Her, Khong Vang, Juo Vang, Jasmine Phiengsai, DECA Students; Dena McCullough, Superintendent, McKinleyville; Daria Lowery, Superintendent, Fieldbrook; Linda Broadman, Board Member, Fieldbrook; Eliza Penick, Fieldbrook; Ella Nelson, and Gina Birindelli, Administrative Assistant

FLAG SALUTE

Sharon Omey led the flag salute.

ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

The order of the two presentations will be switched to accommodate the work schedule for one of the students.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

Mary Scott shared that she had attended the Excellence in Teaching/Jean Olson Awards ceremony, which was lovely and had a lot of good ROP food. She also thanked those involved in arranging and facilitating this event.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Hand Vote

AYES: Siekmann, Omey, Kahle, Ruff, Scott
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Stewart and Rowley

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- Adopted April 14, 2010 minutes
- Approved Travel Claims
- Accepted Funding from Headwaters Fund Board for 20/20 Initiative
- Accepted Donation from Coast Central Credit Union for Redwood Environmental Education Fair
- Approved 2009-2011 ROP Employer Advisory Board Memberships

- Accepted Funding for the 2009-2010 Classroom Aquarium Education Program (Salmon in the Classroom) from the California Department of Fish and Game (\$8,000), National Marine Fisheries Service (\$8,000), Green Diamond Resource Company (\$2,000) and McLean Foundation (\$1,500), and funding for 2010-2013 from the California Department of Fish and Game (\$29,686 for 3 years)
- Approved Student Teaching Agreement – Chico State University
- Authorized Grant Applications for Humboldt Sponsors Grants – Glen Paul School

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Scott asked if there was public comment on CESA Chapter 566's initial bargaining proposal to the superintendent. There was no comment.

PRESENTATION – Dianne Herndon

Garry Eagles commended Dianne Herndon, who will be retiring this year, on her stellar career in education. ROP accounting students Jose DelGado, Jessica Greenfield, Nathan Hill, Matt Russell, and Christina Thissell spoke about their senior project volunteering to provide tax preparation assistance. The students took 25 hours of training, plus class time and some of them also spent an additional six hours on Saturday in preparation for the one hour IRS certification test. Using Taxwise, a web-based tax preparation program, students filed 33 E-file returns for individuals that requested assistance through an IRS hotline referred to United Way and directed to them. Students were limited to returns that did not include deductions. They learned where and how to get the right answers and how to understand tax law and apply tax credits. Students each received a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Treasury Department and California Franchise Tax Board for their assistance in providing this counseling to the elderly.

PRESENTATION – Marcie Chelgren-Smith

Marcie Smith, ROP Marketing Instructor introduced EHS DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) Officers, Xer Cha, Jana Her, Khong Vang, Juo Vang, and Jasmine Phiengsai who shared activities they have been involved in throughout the year. DECA provides experience in community service, entrepreneurship, creative marketing, financial literacy and public relations. Working with the Old Town Rotary Club, students helped with fundraising and made presentations for Polio awareness and prevention. They participated in Junior Achievement, promoted EHS opportunities and attended conferences on leadership and career development. Two of the eight teams won first place at the state DECA competition and went on to nationals in Louisville, KY this year.

Students requested suggestions for future projects. They shared how the program has given them more confidence and comfort with public speaking, as well as better communication skills and the ability to organize and lead activities. Garry thanked Marcie and Dianne for their willingness to serve in these advisory capacities.

Jon Sapper was presented with a plaque in recognition of ROP's support of the DECA program.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Garry Eagles reported that eleven teachers received Excellence in Teaching Awards this year and another four were awarded the Jean Olson Career Achievement Award. He also shared that Classified Employee of the Year Fred Avelar won the state competition in the Maintenance and Operations category.

Garry also reported that tentative agreement has been reached with HCSTA, who will be taking the proposal to its members for ratification. Management will be meeting with CSEA on May 20.

The Legislative Analyst has made recommendations in response to the Governor's May Revision that would negatively impact education.

REVIEWED 2010-2011 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Rick Hanger outlined the Governor's recommendations in the May Revision to address the \$19.1 million deficit. The COLA is projected at -.38% and Proposition 98 will be rebenched, reducing the amount the state owes education by \$1.4 billion. These actions will reduce the per pupil allocation by approximately \$400/student, or \$7.5 million county-wide. Mr. Hanger showed enrollment data reflecting an approximately 445 ADA (average daily attendance) decrease next year. HCOE enrollment remains relatively stable. Mr. Hanger shared the assumptions upon which the budget is based and noted items that were included in the budget and items still to be included either in the budget adopted in June or at the 45-day budget update. Reserve levels will remain in the 10% range. There is the potential of another year of ARRA funding should a federal education jobs bill pass.

INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEALS

2010/11-1

Mary Scott reviewed the appeal process. The board heard from Antoinette Martinez, grandparent/guardian, Dena McCullough, McKinleyville Superintendent and Daria Lowery, Fieldbrook Superintendent.

It was moved/seconded (Kahle/Omey) to approve the interdistrict attendance appeal for 2010/11-1 to attend Fieldbrook School for the 2010-2011 school year. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Siekmann, Omey, Kahle, Ruff, Scott
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Stewart and Rowley

2010/11-2

Mary Scott reviewed the appeal process. The board heard from the parents, Dena McCullough, McKinleyville Superintendent and Daria Lowery, Fieldbrook Superintendent.

It was moved/seconded (Ruff/Omey) to approve the interdistrict attendance appeal for 2010/11-2 to attend Fieldbrook School for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year and for the 2010-2011 school year. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

AYES: Siekmann, Omey, Kahle, Ruff, Scott
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Rowley and Stewart

BOARD RETREAT AGENDA PLANNING

A board retreat has been tentatively scheduled at Arrington's Apples on July 14, 2010. Garry asked if the board had items for the agenda. Robert Siekmann encouraged members to take this opportunity to place items they wish to discuss on the retreat agenda, as lack of items in the past has led to the office infilling with materials that could be handled at a regular board meeting. Mary Scott concurred. Dr. Eagles commented that the retreat could be cancelled if there are no specific items for discussion.

Bill Ruff expressed frustration with the insufficient paperwork submitted for the interdistrict appeal. Kim Cobine will share his concerns with the districts involved.

FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING

1. Board Retreat Planning
2. Co-op Application
3. Annual Library Plan
4. Adopt 2010-2011 HCOE Budget
5. Rick Hanger Presentation – Maintenance Projects and Technology Upgrades
6. Interdistrict attendance appeal

From a prior discussion with Mr. Ruff, Dr. Eagles offered to write a letter of support for Vector's purchase of the Easter Seals pool that would provide for continued use by our special needs students, especially those that are orthopedically impaired.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Garry T. Eagles, Ph.D.
Humboldt County Superintendent of Schools