

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

MINUTES
March 11, 2009

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

PRESENT: Mary Scott, Salena Kahle, Joan Stewart, Marc Rowley, Bill Ruff, Sharon Omev, and Robert Siekmann

ABSENT: None

ALSO Garry T. Eagles, Superintendent; Susan Grinsell, Asst. Superintendent; Kim Cobine, Assistant Superintendent; Janet Frost, Executive Assistant; Damon Collier and Ann Cullen, HCSTA; Bettina Blackwell, SELPA Director; Art Cardoza, ROP Principal; Lori Breyer, ROP Program Manager; Tess Ives, Special Education Coordinator; Maureen Yost and BD Rose, CSEA; Sharon Powers; Lynn McKenna, Jazz Festival; Jeff Nelson, Erik Nielson and Greg Williston, SHN Engineering; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fryer, Siskiyou Designs; Dirk Dinsmore and Bob Newman, Dinsmore Construction; Guy Hooper, DSA Inspector; Denise Jones, Project Manager; David Jones; and Gina Birindelli, Administrative Assistant

FLAG SALUTE

Bill Ruff led the flag salute.

ADJUSTMENT OF THE AGENDA

Due to an dental emergency Laurie Andrews would be unavailable to make her presentation. Jennifer Fairbanks was also called away for a family issue and would be unable to present this afternoon. Both presentations will be rescheduled. Cathy Dickerson will make a presentation on interactive white board technology in lieu of Ms. Andrews.

Lynn McKenna from the Redwood Coast Jazz Festival distributed information about this year's event to board members and invited them, and everyone in attendance, to attend. The children's concerts will be held Friday, March 27 and Monday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. at the Eureka Municipal Auditorium. In the 16-year history Lynn has been involved with the festival 32,000 children have attended from 74 schools. This year 2,600 children are scheduled to attend. Some of the proceeds from the festival will be used to fix donated instruments for use in schools. Mary Scott thanked Lynn for her effort and hard work with the event.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Eagles shared history of the various locations that have been used for the Eureka Community School program over the past 25 years and the complexities of obtaining funding and preparing the site for construction. He then presented a memento of the ERC building project to SHN Engineering partner Jeff Nelson architect Guy Fryer, building contractor Dirk Dinsmore, DSA (Department of the State Architect) Inspector Guy Hooper, and Project Manager Denise Jones. Dr. Eagles acknowledged each of their contributions to the project. Cheryl Romero, School Facility Consultants, also assisted in filing the necessary paperwork with regulatory agencies to obtain financing, but was unable to attend the meeting. Garry thanked Gina Birindelli and Teri Langs for assisting with the mementos and Debbie Manfreda for recording keeping the 16 4" binders and two "banker boxes" of communications associated with the project. He also commended Rob Walkenhauer for his tile design of the mural behind the water fountain. The "wave" design was based on the community schools student surfing program

The board recessed at 3:39 p.m. and reconvened at 3:49 p.m.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS

There were no board member announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Hand Vote

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

Action was taken on the following consent items:

- Adopted February 11, 2009 minutes
- Approved travel claims
- Approved Technology Based Resources for HERC Media Center
- Adopted proclamation in support of Public Schools Month
- Ratified submission of Sprint Grant for Court/Community Schools
- Ratified submission of federal Safe Schools Healthy Students Initiative grant

PRESENTATION - Cathy Dickerson

Cathy Dickerson provided a demonstration of the Promethean interactive whiteboard technology found in each of the ERC classrooms. The system components include a projector, screen, active slate and pens/pointers, and input voting devices; and, can be used with a computer, DVD or document camera. Utilizing a computer allows access to the Internet. Promethean was created by educators and hosts "Promethean Planet," a website for teachers with strategies and downloadable lesson plans. Cathy shared that preliminary research indicates that visual and interactive learning improves student achievement by as much as 30%.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BORROWING OF FUNDS AND THE ISSUANCE OF TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES (TRANS) FOR 2009-2010 THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA CASH RESERVE PROGRAM

It was moved/seconded (Ruff/Omey) to adopt the resolution authorizing the borrowing of funds and the issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2009-2010 through the California Cash Reserve Program. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Susan Grinsell stated that the enacted budget adopted in February includes 2.5% cuts to unrestricted programs and 15.5% cuts to restricted programs. This will lower the base for next year's funding. An additional 1% of unrestricted, and 5% on categorical programs, is anticipated to be cut for 2010-2011. The state's revenue assumptions have risks so a "plan B" should be developed. Further information is unknown until the May 19 special election and subsequent "May Revision" expected to be released in early June. Additionally, the Governor will reassess state revenues after April tax collections. Should the ballot measures fail the Governor will likely have to call another 45-day special session of the legislature to address the unresolved fiscal issues.

Susan shared that GRIP and School Violence Prevention grant funds have been confirmed for 2009-2010. Significant cuts are anticipated for ROP and court/community. Particulars regarding the federal stimulus package that will support special education and Title 1, should be known by late spring.

RECEIVE AND FILE SECOND INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

It was moved/seconded (Omey/Siekmann) to receive and file the second interim report as presented. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

RECEIVE AND FILE 2009-2010 INITIAL BARGAINING PROPOSALS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT TO THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOLS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (HCSTA) AND CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA) CHAPTER 566

It was moved/seconded (Omey/Kahle) to receive and file the 2009-2010 bargaining proposals from the superintendent to the HCSTA and CSEA Chapter 566. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

RECEIVED AND FILED INITIAL 2009-2010 BARGAINING PROPOSAL TO THE SUPERINTENDENT FROM THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOLS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (HCSTA)

It was moved/seconded (Ruff/Siekmann) to receive and file the 2009-2010 bargaining proposal to the superintendent from the Humboldt County Schools Teachers Association. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

REVIEW 2009-2010 PROPOSED BOARD BUDGET

Data regarding the board's travel costs incurred this year and estimated per person costs for various conferences next year were provided to the board. Sharon Omey commented that due to the current budget situation maybe the board should not attend conferences next year. Susan suggested the board consider the local trustees meeting. This item will be brought back at the next meeting for board action.

Sharon Omey moved, seconded by Bill Ruff to receive the board's proposed budget input. **The motion carried with the following hand vote.**

Hand Vote

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

REVIEW GLEN PAUL SCHOOL CAPA (California Alternative Performance Assessment)
RESULTS

Tess Ives shared that CAPA testing is done each year in late April or early May. CAPA is an alternative assessment given to students with significant cognitive disabilities who are unable to take the STAR test even with modifications and/or accommodations.

There are five (5) levels of assessment linked to content standards in science, math, and English. *Level 1* - grades 2-11; *Level 2* - grades 2nd-3rd; *Level 3* - grades 4th-5th; *Level 4* - grades 6th-8th; and *Level 5* - grades 9th-11th. Level 1 is based on K-1 standards. Students are graded as: advanced, proficient, basic, below basic, or far below basic. In 2008 the test was revised to meet 2nd grade standards. Prior to 2008 the standard was 24 months. Because of this, test result comparisons to previous years are not relevant.

Eighty-five percent of special education students in our programs took the Level 1 test (7 more than in 2007). Of those, 95% were at or above proficient in English, 79% in math and 79% were proficient in science.

Tess also shared that enrollment for Glen Paul School and the off-site programs continues to grow and has increased from 124 in 2006-2007, to 129 in 2007-2008, and now to 149 in 2008-2009. Tess also showed graphs indicating school districts of residence for her students. She shared that that Pacific Union SDC students won the poster contest in the Truckers Parade and Glen Paul School collected the most food for the Food For People Food Drive. She closed by showing a video of students at the school.

FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING

1. Laurie Andrews presentation on ROP student services
2. Jessica Van Arsdale presentation on National Children's Health Study
3. Court/Community Schools Assessment Results
4. Public comment on bargaining proposals
5. Classified Employees of the Year Recognition
6. Budget Update

REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD

There were no communications.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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