



Eureka City Schools

Eureka City Schools | Board of Education

District Office - 2100 J Street - Eureka, CA 95501

Frances H. Taplin Board Room

Regular Meeting

6:30 PM

May 2, 2024

MINUTES

A. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION RECEPTION (4:45 p.m. | Room 114)

B. CALL TO ORDER OF OPEN SESSION

President Johnson called the open session to order at 5:00p.m.

Members Present: Duncan, Johnson, Rebholtz

Members Absent: Pardoe, Ollivier

Staff Present: Storts, Ziegler, Johnson, Will, Claussen, Harris

C. BOARD RECOGNITION

- (1) Newly Hired, Newly Permanent Certificated, and Newly Permanent Classified Employee Recognition

Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel and Public Affairs, provided an overview of the recognition and Site/Department Administrators introduced their newly hired and newly permanent certificated and classified employees.

- (2) Certificated Employee of the Year and Administrator of the Year Recognition

Site Principals introduced the Certificated Employees of the Year, per site:

- Pam Brittenburg from Alice Birney
- Jason Hineline from Grant
- Harmony Pelren from Lafayette
- Andrew Dehart from Washington
- Beverly Racanac from Winship
- Kayla Rogers from Zane
- Brenda Smith from Eureka High

Pam Brittenburg was named as the District's Certificated Employee of the Year. Charley Batini, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, was recognized at the District's Administrator of the Year.

(3) Retiree Recognition for Classified and Certificated Employees

The following employees with upcoming retirements were recognized by site and department administrators:

- Jamie Bush, Social Science Teacher at Eureka High School
- Carrie Matson, Resource Teacher at Eureka High School
- Aileen Kuttler, Reading Intervention Teacher at Alice Birney
- William (Billy) Morris, English Language Arts Teacher at Eureka High School
- Vicki Forsman, Intermediate Clerk Typist and Monitor at Washington
- Valorie Heidger, Literacy Tech, Monitor, and After School Program Assistant at Alice Birney and Grant
- Victoria Patton, Literacy Tech at Grant
- Belinda Thrash, Instructional Assistant Special Education at Eureka High School

D. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No public comment on closed session items.

E. CLOSED SESSION (Closed to Public) (Room 118)

President Johnson moved the meeting to closed session to discuss closed session items.

- (4) Public Employment (Gov. Code §54957) - See Personnel Action Report Consent Agenda Item No. L(12)
- (5) Public Employee Appointment (Gov. Code §54957) - See Personnel Action Report Consent Agenda Item No. L(12)
- (6) Conference with Labor Negotiator Superintendent Storts Regarding Eureka Teachers Association, Classified White and Blue Collar Units, and/or Unrepresented Employees (Confidential and Classified and Certificated Management) (GC § 54957.6)
- (7) Public Employee Discipline, Dismissal, Release, Complaint, Accept the Resignation of a Public Employee (GC § 54957)

F. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION (Frances H. Taplin Board Room)

President Johnson reconvened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

Members Present: Duncan, Johnson, Rebholtz, Salas

Members Absent: Pardoe, Ollivier

Staff Present: Storts, Ziegler, Johnson, Will, Claussen, Harris

G. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

During closed session, under Item E(4), the Board approved a leave of absence for Maya Brodkey to participate in a summer Fulbright program with differential pay once her personal necessity is exhausted. Ms. Brodkey's student teacher, who is familiar with classroom practices and has relationships with students, will be teaching during the period of Ms. Brodkey's absence (approximately 10 days).

During the previous closed session, under Item E(7), the Board acted to authorize the District Superintendent, or designee, to notify an administrator, pursuant to Education Code section 44951, that he or she will be released from his or her position, 1.0 FTE, for the 2024-2025 school year. The vote was: 3 (Johnson, Duncan, Rebholtz), unanimously in favor. Trustee Ollivier and Trustee Pardoe were absent.

No other action was taken in closed session.

H. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG - Eureka High School

Students from the AVID Program at Eureka High School led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

I. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

(8) Approval of the Agenda

Superintendent Storts notes N(36) needs to be removed from the agenda, as Director Ralston is unable to attend the meeting.

It was M/S by Johnson/Duncan to approve the Agenda, removing N(36). Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 4, no 0, absent 2 (Pardoe, Ollivier). Motion carried.

J. INFORMATION

(9) Student Reports – No student reports.

(10) Superintendent's Report – Storts provided an overview to the Board of recent events including a brief lockdown drill at Washington Elementary, an upcoming dual enrollment meeting on May 7, 2024 with College of the Redwoods/Promise Pledge, the Indian Education Meaningful Consultation on May 31, 2024, an update on Portrait of a Graduation conversation with Lindsay USD, Direct Technical Assistance support through HCOE/CCEE, draft EL Master Plan as a future Board item, and tomorrow's Cabinet Advance, which will focus on the 2024-2025 school year.

(11) Board Members' Reports

Salas provided an update to the Board on events at Lafayette, Washington, Grant, Zane, and EHS.

Rebholtz attended the 2/2 with the City and appreciates open communication.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

L. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was M/S by Johnson/Duncan to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- (12) Approval of Personnel Action Report No. 13
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
- (13) Approval of Waste Removal Agreements for Cutten School District, HCOE, Northcoast Children’s Services, and Pacific View Charter School
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (14) Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 4, 2024
Referred to the Board by:
Gary Storts, Superintendent
- (15) Approval of 2024-2025 Food Services Agreement Between Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) and Eureka City Schools (ECS) for Glen Paul School and Educational Resource Center
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (16) Approval of 2024-2025 Food Services Agreement Between Pacific View Charter School (PVCS) and Eureka City Schools (ECS)
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (17) Approval of 2024-2025 Food Services Agreement Between Northern United Charter Schools (NUCS) and Eureka City Schools (ECS)
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (18) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CalPoly Humboldt for Student Teaching, Observation or Field Work for 2024-2034
Referred to the Board by:
- (19) Approval of Out of State Professional Development for Alex Santiago in Sparks, Nevada: Advanced Bendix Brake School
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

- (20) Approval of March 2024 Warrants
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (21) Approval of Agreement between Matson & Vallerga Architects, Inc. and Eureka City Schools: Proposed Grant Classroom Addition
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (22) Approval of Field Trip Request - Lafayette Elementary School (in Arrears)
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs
- (23) Approval and Acceptance of the Grant Award Notification (GAN) from Humboldt Sponsors
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (24) Approval of Temporary Food Service Agreements for Summer Meal Service between Cutten Elementary School District, Arcata Elementary School District, McKinleyville Union School District, Jacoby Creek School District and Eureka City Schools
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (25) Approval for Wellness Coach Employer Support Grant Program 2024
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services
- (26) Approval for Intent to Apply in the California Engagement Initiative (CEI) Grant
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services
- (27) Approval to Transfer Educationally Related Mental Health Services (ERMHS) from Humboldt-Del Norte SELPA to Eureka City Schools
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services
- (28) Approval of 2024-25 Transportation Services Agreement between Northern Humboldt Union High School District (NHUHS) and Eureka City Schools (ECS)
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- (29) Approval of Expanded Learning Opportunities Program Plan
Referred to the Board by:
Jennifer Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

- (30) Approval of Agreement for Consultant Services By and Between Eureka City Schools and The Stepping Stones Group
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services
- (31) Approval of ABA Humboldt ABA Behavior Service Contract with Eureka City Schools
Referred to the Board by:
Lisa Claussen, Director of Student Services

Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 3, no 0, absent 2 (Pardoe, Ollivier). Motion carried.

M. DISCUSSION/ACTION

- (32) Final Action on Resolution 23-24-040 and Decision Not to Reemploy Classified Employees for the 2024-2025 School Year
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

The Board previously took action on this item in mid-March. Part of the process is the Board to take a 2nd action prior to May 15, 2024.

It was M/S by Duncan/Rebholtz to take final action on Resolution 23-24-040 and Decision Not to Reemploy Classified Employees for the 2024-2025 School Year. Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 3, no 0, absent 2 (Pardoe, Ollivier). Motion carried.

- (33) Final Action on Resolution 23-24-041 and Decision Not to Reemploy Certificated Employees for the 2024-2025 School Year
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

The Board previously took action on this item in mid-March. Part of the process is the Board to take a 2nd action prior to May 15, 2024.

It was M/S by Duncan/Rebholtz to approve the final action on Resolution 23-24-041 and Decision Not to Reemploy Certificated Employees for the 2024-2025 School Year. Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 3, no 0, absent 2 (Pardoe, Ollivier). Motion carried.

- (34) Annual Declaration of Need for Teachers with Emergency Permits and Limited Assignment Permits
Referred to the Board by:
Renaë Will, Executive Director of Personnel Services and Public Affairs

This is typically an annual action by the Board which allows the District to hire teachers on permit, as long as the Declaration of Need is on file with the CTC.

It was M/S by Duncan/Johnson to approve the Annual Declaration of Need for Teachers with Emergency Permits and Limited Assignment Permits. Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 3, no 0, absent 2 (Pardoe, Ollivier). Motion carried.

- (35) Discussion and Consideration of Approval of Low Bid for the EHS Albee Stadium and Bud Cloney Field Project
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ziegler notes it is staff's recommendation the Board approve the low bid from Adam's Construction and alternate numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Ziegler outlined for the Board some of the objections that have been lodged by two non-profit compliance agencies regarding the bid from Adams Construction. However, the District's legal counsel have confirmed the bid from Adams Construction is both responsive and responsible.

Ziegler reviewed the estimated revenue projection for Albee Stadium/Cloney Field Project including funding and potential funding. He reviewed the base bid, alternates, design costs, estimated CMAS bid work, potential contract cost adjustments, equipment, and possible contingencies (unforeseen).

It was M/S by Johnson/Duncan to approve the **Low Bid for the EHS Albee Stadium and Bud Cloney Field Project from Adams Construction and alternate numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8**. Student Board Representative: yes 1, no 0, absent 0. Governing Board: yes 3, no 0, absent 2 (Pardoe, Ollivier). Motion carried.

N. DISCUSSION

- ~~(36) Food Services Department Update
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services~~

Removed from the agenda under Adjustment to the Agenda.

- (37) Enrollment Update
Referred to the Board by:
Paul Ziegler, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

Ziegler provided an update to the Board on historical, current, and projected enrollment. Ziegler notes the District projects to continue to be in declining enrollment, along with many local districts. He reviewed CBEDS, ADA comparison, and ADA site incentive tracking, LCFF revenue per student, and intra-district enrollment.

- (38) Annual CTE Report (Career and Technology Plan for Secondary Schools including Continuation High School and Dual Enrollment)
Referred to the Board by:
Jennifer Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Johnson provided an update to the Board on the CTE programs at ECS. Johnson reviewed the vision, the “why” of CTE, and program offerings at Winship, Zane, Zoe Barnum, EHS. She also reviewed the funding sources for CTE including CTEIG, Perkins, and Ag Incentive funding, and new funding sources for 2023-2024. Johnson reviewed the program and specific pathway offerings at EHS including Agriculture and Natural Resources, Building & Construction, Engineering & Architecture, hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation, and Transportation.

- (39) Annual District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) Presentation
Referred to the Board by:
Jennifer Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Johnson provided the annual update to the Board on DELAC. She reviewed DELAC memberships (who is part of the committee), responsibilities (elections, bylaws, conduct district-wide needs assessment, examine goals and objectives for EL programs and services, review compliance issues, advise the Governing Board, and provide input to the LCAP), accomplishments, designated and integrated ELD services, etc.

- (40) Local Control Accountability Plan Update
Referred to the Board by:
Jennifer Johnson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

Johnson notes the LCAP team meets again tomorrow. She reviewed the members of the team, April accomplishments (received feedback from HCOE on Annual Update, editing based on feedback, and reviewed Dashboard and data info), the new LCAP, and types of goals.

O. CLOSED SESSION

Closed session did not continue.

P. RECONVENING OF OPEN SESSION

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

Q. REPORT OUT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Not applicable. Closed session did not continue.

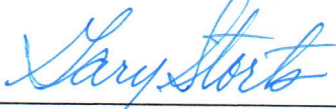
R. INFORMATIONAL ONLY ITEMS

- (41) Information Only: June 2024 - Review of CDE Calendar of Events
(42) Information Only: Meaningful Board Report (Future Annual Items)

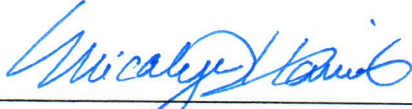
S. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gary Storts, Superintendent
Secretary of the Board of Education



Micalyn Harris, Recording Secretary