

School Board Meeting
January 19, 2023 5:30 PM
HJSHS Cafeteria

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and TLN Representative
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. November & December 2022 Bills
 - B. November 2022 Financial Report
 - C. November 17, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
 - D. December 2022 Financial Report
- V. Agenda Approval
- VI. Regular Agenda
 - A. Trane Presentation by Jim Crone
 - B. Five Year Strategic Plan 2023-2028
 - C. 2023 Board Meeting Dates
 - D. Approval of East Elementary School Library Dedication to Ms. Ann Williams - Keli Gooch
 - E. Board Policy 6.303 Interrogations and Searches
 - F. Board Policy Updates - 1st Reading
 - 1. 6.500 Special Education Students
 - G. Superintendent's Report
 - 1. Personnel Report
- VII. Citizens Concern
- VIII. Adjournment

School Board Meeting

November 17, 2022 6:30 PM
HJSHS Cafeteria

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM.

Rev. Mark Hodge: Present
Mr. Terry Johnson: Present
Mr. Wayne McLemore: Present
Mr. Leon McNeal: Present
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Present

Also present: Dr. Janice Epperson, Superintendent

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Consent Agenda

Motion passed: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Leon McNeal and a second by Rev. Mark Hodge.

Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

A. October 2022 Bills

B. October 2022 Financial Report

C. October 6, 2022 Regular Board Meeting

IV. Agenda Approval

Motion passed: Motion to approve the agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Leon McNeal and a second by Mr. Wayne McLemore.

Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

V. Regular Agenda

A. The extension of the contract of employment for the Director of Schools, Dr. Janice Epperson.

Motion passed: Motion that the contract of the Director of Schools, Dr. Janice Epperson, be extended for two (2) years beginning July 1, 2023 and extending until June 30, 2027 passed with a motion by Mr. Leon McNeal and a second by Mr. Wayne McLemore.

Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

B. School Compliance

Motion passed: Motion to approve the 2022 Compliance Report passed with a motion by Mr. Leon McNeal and a second by Mr. Terry Johnson.

Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

C. December Board Meeting

Motion passed: Motion to approve cancelling the December Board Meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Leon McNeal and a second by Mr. Terry Johnson.

Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion passed: Motion to have the January 2023 school board meeting on January 19, 2023 passed with a motion by Rev. Mark Hodge and a second by Mr. Leon McNeal.

Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion passed: Motion to move the time of the meetings to 5:30 p.m. beginning in January, 2023 and revisit in April passed with a motion by Rev. Mark Hodge and a second by Mr. Leon McNeal.

Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

D. Board Policy Update - 2nd Reading

Motion passed: Motion to approve passed with a motion by Mr. Leon McNeal and a second by Mr. Wayne McLemore.

- Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
 - Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
 - Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
 - Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
 - Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
- Yea: 5, Nay: 0

1. 6.2011 Voluntary Pre-K Attendance

E. Superintendent's Report

- Schools are closed Nov. 21 - 25 for Thanksgiving Break
- HCS Honored Veterans: Terii Cummins, Anthony Ballard, Darron Brown, Kevin Doan and Randy Kennedy were thanked for their service and recognized at the Veterans Day Program
- October Attendance & Discipline Data
- Supt. Perfect Attendance students were awarded an ice cream party at Stigall and East and a pizza party at HJSHS in October. They will get another party in January and at the end of the school year
- Five year Strategic Plan 2023-2028 will be presented at the January Meeting
- October students of the month
- October teachers of the month and support staff for the month
- Family Parenting Signing night will be held at East Elem. on Jan. 12th

1. Personnel Report

The Board was updated as to the personnel changes that have taken place since the September Board Meeting.

VI. Citizens Concern

VII. Adjournment

Motion passed: Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Leon McNeal and a second by Rev. Mark Hodge.

- Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea
 - Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea
 - Mr. Wayne McLemore: Yea
 - Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea
 - Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea
- Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Valeria Wedley, Chairman Date

Dr. Janice Epperson, Superintendent Date

HUMBOLDT CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM
2023 School Board Meeting Dates
5:30 P.M.

Thursday	January 19, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	February 9, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	March 9, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	April 6, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	May 18, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	June 8, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	July 6, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	August 10, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	September 7, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	October 19, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	November 9, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria
Thursday	December 7, 2023	HJSHS Cafeteria

Humboldt City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in March	Descriptor Term: Interrogations and Searches	Descriptor Code: 6.303	Issued Date: draft
		Rescinds: 6.303	Issued: 01/07/21

1 INTERROGATIONS BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

2 Students may be questioned by teachers or principals about any matter pertaining to the operation of a
3 school and/or the enforcement of its rules. Questioning shall be conducted discreetly and under
4 circumstances which will avoid unnecessary embarrassment to the student. Any student answering
5 falsely or evasively or refusing to answer a question may be subject to disciplinary action, including
6 suspension.

7 If a student is suspected or accused of misconduct or infraction of the student code of conduct, the
8 principal may interrogate the student without the presence of parent(s)/guardian(s).

9 INTERROGATIONS BY POLICE AT PRINCIPAL'S REQUEST

10 If the principal has requested assistance by law enforcement to investigate a crime involving his/her
11 school, the police may interrogate a student suspect in school during school hours. The principal shall
12 first attempt to notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student unless circumstances require otherwise.
13 However, the interrogation may proceed without attendance of the parent(s)/guardian(s), but the
14 principal/designee shall be present during the interrogation.¹

15 POLICE-INITIATED INTERROGATIONS

16 If the police deem circumstances of sufficient urgency to interrogate students at school for unrelated
17 crimes committed outside of school hours, the police department should first contact the principal
18 regarding the planned interrogation and inform him/her of the probable cause to investigate. The
19 principal shall make reasonable efforts to notify the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the interrogation unless
20 circumstances require otherwise. The interrogation may proceed without attendance of the
21 parent(s)/guardian(s), but the principal/designee shall be present during the interrogation.

22 SEARCHES BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

23 In order to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, the Director of Schools shall develop
24 procedures regarding the searching of students, lockers, vehicles, and containers which are consistent
25 with state law. The Director of Schools shall develop additional procedures to ensure compliance with
26 all of the provisions of the School Security Act of 1981.^{1,2}

27 METAL DETECTORS

28 THIS POLICY SHALL APPLY TO ALL STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, VISITORS, AND
29 CONTRACTORS WHO DESIRE TO ENTER SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY, AND TRESPASSERS
30 WHO ARE PRESENT ON SCHOOL

1 DISTRICT PROPERTY. THE TERM "SCHOOL BOARD PROPERTY" SHALL INCLUDE ANY
2 PROPERTY OWNED OR LEASED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OR LICENSED FOR USE BY THE
3 SCHOOL BOARD.

4 THE TERM "METAL DETECTORS" REFERS TO WALK THROUGH DEVICES AND
5 HANDHELD METAL DETECTORS.

6 NOTHING IN THE RULES SET FORTH BELOW SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO LIMIT
7 THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS TO SEARCH ANY PERSON
8 WHEN THERE IS A REASONABLE SUSPICION TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH PERSON IS IN
9 POSSESSION OF A FIREARM OR OTHER DANGEROUS OR PROHIBITED OBJECT(S).

10 **RULES:**

- 11 1. Notices will be posted in several prominent locations at each school district facility informing
12 students, employees, visitors, contractors, and trespassers that they are subject to scanning by
13 metal detectors for weapons and other dangerous objects prohibited by applicable law or
14 School Board policy. The notice will include a statement that this type of screening may or may
15 not be utilized at the discretion of the District and that no promise of safety is made.
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- 17 2. All persons selected for a search shall be required to bring all personal effects in their
18 possession at the time they were selected (i.e., coat, purse, book bag or other similar articles) to
19 the location where the screening will be performed. Alternatively, District personnel may opt to
20 scan personal effects in the classroom.
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- 22 3. All persons to be searched shall be directed to remove all metal objects (including coins, etc.)
23 from their pockets or belongings. All selected persons shall give their personal belongings, as
24 described above, to a screening team member. These articles shall then be visually screened as
25 required. The student or person shall then be scanned as well as their personal effects in their
26 possessions by passing through a metal detector. If the metal detector activates, the student or
27 person will be subject to additional screening and/or further search by District personnel.
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- 29 4. Any person found to be in possession of a firearm or other dangerous weapon precluded on
30 school district property by the applicable law will be immediately referred to law enforcement
31 and may be subject to arrest. The person will also be subject to disciplinary action pursuant to
32 applicable law and Student Code of Conduct. In the event the search was conducted by a law
33 enforcement officer, the officer may take enforcement action as authorized under Tennessee
34 law.
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- 36 5. Students and employees who refuse to submit to a search consistent with these guidelines will
37 be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by school administration. Students and employees
38 who refuse will be considered to be grossly insubordinate and the appropriate consequence will

1 be enforced for each as such. Refusal by the employee may lead to disciplinary action,
2 including termination. Other persons (visitors and contractors) who refuse to submit to a search
3 consistent with this policy will be refused entry and escorted off campus.

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- 5 6. When a scanned student or employee is found to be in possession of articles prohibited by
6 applicable law or School Board policy, the designated school district employee (or contracted
7 personnel) conducting the scan will promptly notify the site administrator of the scan results to
8 ensure appropriate disciplinary action is taken, as well as appropriate additional action(s) such
9 as completing a Behavior Threat Assessment (BTA) for students.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-6-4203(b)
2. TCA 49-6-4201 *et seq.*; Tenn. Op. Att’y Gen. No. 14-21 (February 24, 2014)

Cross References

Traffic and Parking Controls 3.403
Procedural Due Process 6.302
Reporting Child Abuse 6.409

Humboldt City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in April	Descriptor Term: <h2 style="text-align: center;">Special Education Students</h2>	Descriptor Code: <h3 style="text-align: center;">6.500</h3>	Issued Date:
		Rescinds:	Issued:

1 Special education students between the ages of three (3) and twenty-one (21), inclusive, shall receive the
 2 benefit of a free appropriate public education. These students shall be educated with the general student
 3 population to the maximum extent appropriate and should be placed in separate or special classes only
 4 when the severity of the disability is such that education in regular classes, even with the use of
 5 supplementary aids and services, cannot be accomplished satisfactorily.¹

6 Eligibility standards and options of service for special education services shall be based upon the criteria
 7 specified in state regulations.²

8 Students receiving special education services shall not be restrained except as permitted by state law and
 9 regulations.^{3,4} The Director of Schools shall develop administrative procedures to govern the following:⁴

- 10 1. Personnel authorized to use isolation and restraint;
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- 12 2. Training requirements for personnel working with special education students; and
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- 14 3. Incident reporting procedures.

Legal References

1. TCA 49-10-103(c)
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-09-.01
3. TCA 49-10-1301 *et seq.*
4. TRR/MS 0520-01-09-.23(2)

Cross References

- Special Education 4.202
 Compulsory Attendance Ages 6.201
 Alternative Education 6.319
 Safe Relocation of Students 6.4081

Resignations

Vivian Fesmire – East 4th Grade

New Hires

Brittney Keller – East 5th Grade

Brandi Barron – East 4th Grade