



School Board Meeting Minutes

Laurel Tree Charter School

Board Meeting 4/23/26

In-person meetings at 2730 Foster Avenue in Arcata at 6:00 pm

1. **Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m. Board in Attendance: Tom Leroy, Diane Moore, Natalie Williams, Isaiah Cristian, Josh Nikolauson. Public in Attendance: Ali Hale. Staff in Attendance: Brenda Sutter
2. **Adopt the minutes:** Tom Leroy made a motion to adopt the minutes, Diane Moore seconded. In favor- Tom Leroy, Diane Moore, Natalie Williams, Isaiah Cristian, Josh Nikolauson. Opposed - none. Abstentions - none.
3. **Adjustments to the Agenda:** none
4. **Adoption of Agenda:** Diane Moore motioned to adopt the agenda, Tom Leroy seconded. In favor- Tom Leroy, Diane Moore, Natalie Williams, Isaiah Cristian, Josh Nikolauson. Opposed - none. Abstentions - none.
5. **Land Recognition:** *We recognize that we are on the unceded tribal territory of the Wiyot people. This recognition is a starting point for further conversation and education. We honor these caretakers and carry their stewardship from time immemorial forward as part of the next generation's education.*
6. **Public comment on items not before the board.** None
7. **Public Comment on items before the board:** The public is invited to join our discussions.
8. **Recognitions:** None
9. **Information/Discussion Items:**
 - a. Discussion of the addition of an Immigration Enforcement in Schools Plan to our School Safety Plan. First Reading. ***We read and discussed the Attorney General's first section on policy recommendations. Brenda will have more for us to look at the next meeting.***
 - b. Budget update ***Our cash flow is currently in the black by \$182,000 due to an influx of revenue this month. We had been in the red in February and March. We need to continue budgeting carefully as we work to end our year with positive cash flow.***
 - c. Discussion of any offers for the property at 899 Murray Road. ***Northern Humboldt Union High School District has made an offer of \$550,000 for the property we have listed at \$700,000. They would like us to leave the shed, greenhouse, and storage container on the property, pay for both realtors, and negotiate a lease-back of the land for the 2026-27 school year (so we can continue our program there next year). We will counter with an offer of \$650,000, free use of the land for the 2026-27 school year, paying only our realtor, and taking the greenhouse and storage container. We will also attach the easement agreed upon with the Point Blue grant for the protection of the plants that have been established as part of our partnership with them.***
 - d. Discussion of Summer School Plans ***We will run a six week camp from July 6-August 14th from 8 to 5 daily. Claudia and Kinsley from the Forest Kindergarten Program will teach this year. There will be daily***

adventures off-campus, reading, art, and science projects, and games. We're providing breakfast, lunch, and snacks. The cost to families is \$100 per student per week, \$ 50 per additional sibling per week. Free to families who qualify.

- e. Discussion of overnight camping trip for 4th-6th grade to Sue-Meg State Park. *Students will be camping May 13-16, participating in a restoration project, and visiting the Sue-Meg village.*
- f. Discussion of Cal Poly Humboldt High School Scholars Program. *Cal Poly will be on campus on May 7th to meet with our high schoolers about this exciting new program! Concurrent enrollment is available to our juniors and seniors next year.*

10. Closed Session:

- a. Review of Lead Teacher. *The Board met and did our annual evaluation of the Lead Teacher, Brenda Sutter*

11. Action Items:

- a. The Board will report on the closed session. *Board presented commendations and recommendations that will be used to write goals for Brenda's contract and for the LCAP*
- b. The Board will vote on whether to approve the overnight trip to Sue-Meg State Park for 4th-6th grade. *Josh Nikolauson motioned to approve the overnight trip to Sue-Meg State Park for 4th-6th grade, Diane Moore seconded. In favor- Tom Leroy, Diane Moore, Natalie Williams, Isaiah Cristian, Josh Nikolauson. Opposed - none. Abstentions - none.*

12. Future Agenda Items: LCAP, budget, offers on Murray, Policy on Immigration.

13. Next Board meeting: May 21, 6 p.m.

14. Adjournment: 7:30 p.m.