



BOARD UPDATE

Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Union Elementary School District

October 2024

UPDATE FROM THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ON 10-8-2024

Approved Agenda Items:

- Approved hiring of new Custodian and Personnel Report 1
- Williams Report for Quarter 1
- Annual Funding Report for Prop. 28: Arts and Music in Schools
- Annual Funding Report for Educator Effectiveness Grant
- TinyEye Contract for Occupational Therapy
- Updated Superintendent-Principal Annual Calendar
- MOU between HELUS and CSEA It's the Pines Chapter 365
- Updated 2024-2025 Academic Calendar
- Resolution in Support of Proposition 2 - State School Facilities Bond
- 2nd Reading of School Board Policies July Special 2024
- Board Self-Evaluation Tool
- Consent Agenda

Informational Reports:

- Universal Pre-K Planning and Implementation Grant
- Federal Stimulus Funds
- CBEDS District of Choice Report

School Board:

President, Jim Wall (Area 3)
Vice President, Stephanie Lewis (Area 4)
Clerk, Lola Skelton (Area 5)
Trustee, Raelyn Marshall (Area 2)
Pending Trustee, (Area 1)

GENERAL REPORTS

- **Board Members each provided comments.**
 - **Trustee Stephanie Lewis:** Commented on webinar attended on dyslexia. Concern over length of school day and added responsibility to address having teachers do dyslexia assessments.
 - **Trustee Lola Skelton:** Attended several trainings/informational sessions, AB272 New Cell Phone Bill requires board policy for restricted cell phone use, following soliciting engagement partner input. Attended the ED Summit with AVSBA, learned about high school robotics and cybersecurity. AB2934 share information after researching. CSBA Small School District advocacy-highlighting updates on downsizing documents, transportation, and paying to attend AEC sponsorship, including advocacy session at AEC in December. Thank staff for hard work.
 - **Trustee Raelyn Marshall:** Attended middle school dance, AVSBA dinner and learned about eSports, CSBA shared updates at the AVSBA dinner. Praised October 2nd 100% attendance. PTA's Fall Festival coming up and encouraged participation. Thanks to Mrs. LaFayette for all she does for the school. Shared on Proposition 2.
 - **Trustee Jim Wall:** Commended PTA for prep for Fall Festival, pumpkin sale for travel trips for students. Toured the school and enjoyed seeing all the great learning happening. Encouraged other board members to tour the campus and visit the classrooms.
- **Business Manager Jean Cummings:** Shared that the reduction of reports coincides with the sunset of education relief funds. Hopefully it will happen.
- **Superintendent-Principal Susan Denton:** Reported on current enrollment (196) and attendance rates (95%). Shared updates on ELOP Super Saturday registrations and low enrollment for those dates, but that the regular before and after school programs have strong attendance rates. Provided an update on facilities related to the work on the fire alarm systems, camera installation, restroom facilities and grounds. Shared a fundraiser to assist the Asheville, N.C. School District following the hurricane devastation. Provided updates on upcoming school events and professional development in the next month.

AGENDA DISCUSSIONS

- **The following agenda items were discussed at length:**
 - **Proposition 2** regarding how funds will be prioritized and allocated for small school districts. Discussion included questions of if our school would receive financial support and how the CDE plans to support small school districts with creating facilities plans and funding requests. The Board voted to support Proposition 2.
 - **Updating the 2024-25 Academic Calendar** to move two event dates with minimum days, and how the move impacts family members in the community. The Board approved the changes.
 - **Board Handbook** discussion on proposed changes specifically in the areas of board standards, evaluation, agenda items protocols and spokesperson. Changes will be made to the draft and will be reviewed for approval at the November regular meeting.

Public Comments

- Don Letney-Restroom Complaint Follow-up Request

Agenda Items not approved:

Tabled - Board Handbook approval

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- October 19, 2024 6:30pm *Special Workshop
- November 12, 2024 6:30pm
- December 17, 2024 6:30pm

FUTURE PLANNING

- Create award for staff and community
- Verification of December Board Organizational Meeting requirements
- Board Handbook Revision

Next Regular Board Meeting:
November 12, 2024 6:30 pm
Room 8-Board Room
Virtual on Zoom

Follow the link for the agenda and materials:

<https://bit.ly/HELUSboardmeetings>