

**School Board Meeting**  
**March 12, 2026 5:30 PM**  
**HJSHS Library**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Consent Agenda
  - A. February 2026 Bills
  - B. February 2026 Financial Report
  - C. February 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- IV. Agenda Approval
- V. Regular Agenda
  - A. 2026-2027 School Calendar
  - B. E-Rate Contract Renewal
  - C. Board Policy Update - 2nd Reading
    - 1. 1.901 Charter School Applications
  - D. Superintendent's Report
    - 1. Threat Assessment Report
- VI. Public Comment

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- VII. Adjournment

**School Board Meeting**

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Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Tommy Colvin: Present  
Rev. Mark Hodge: Present  
Mr. Terry Johnson: Present  
Mr. Leon McNeal: Present  
Ms. Valeria Wedley: Present

Also present: Dr. Janice Epperson, Superintendent

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Swearing in - Oath of Office**

Rev. Mark Hodge was sworn in by Judge Joseph Tubbs.

**III. Roll Call**

**IV. Consent Agenda**

**Motion passed:** Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Terry Johnson and a second by Mr. Leon McNeal.

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

**A. January 2026 Bills**

**B. January 2026 Financial Report**

**C. January 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**

**V. Agenda Approval**

**Motion passed:** Motion to approve the agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Terry Johnson and a second by Mr. Leon McNeal.

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

**VI. Regular Agenda**

**A. Board Policy Update - 2nd Reading**

**Motion passed:** Motion to approve passed with a motion by Mr. Leon McNeal and a second by Mr. Tommy Colvin.

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

#### **1. 5.305 Family and Medical Leave**

#### **B. Board Policy Updates - 1st Reading**

The following policy was presented for the first reading.

#### **1. 1.901 Charter School Applications**

#### **C. School Board Appreciation Recognition by Schools**

In recognition of School Board Appreciation Week, presentations were made to each member of the board from each school.

#### **D. Superintendent's Report**

- Mission and Vision Statement
- School Board Appreciation
- Virtual PD days used on 3 of the snow days
- Kappi Alpha Psi Room to Read at Stigall and East
- 100 day of school celebration at Stigall
- Winter Benchmark Data from HJSH and East
- Word Warriors Training PD Days on Feb. 25th & 26th
- February Attendance & Discipline Data
- Jr. Vikings Student Athletes District and Sectional Champs

#### **1. Threat Assessment Report**

#### **IX. Public Comment**

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**X. Adjournment**

**Motion passed:** Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Terry Johnson and a second by Mr. Tommy Colvin.

Mr. Tommy Colvin: Yea

Rev. Mark Hodge: Yea

Mr. Terry Johnson: Yea

Mr. Leon McNeal: Yea

Ms. Valeria Wedley: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

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Valeria Smith-Wedley, Chairman

Date

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Dr. Janice Epperson, Superintendent

Date

HUMBOLDT CITY SCHOOLS  
2026-2027 ATTENDANCE CALENDAR

July 28	In-service
July 29	In-service
July 30	In-service
July 31	In-service
August 3	First Day for Students, ½ Day
September 3	Progress Reports Go Out
September 7	Labor Day, No School
October 5 - 9	Fall Break
October 12	1 <sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks Ends
October 16	Parent-Teacher Conference (11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.) No Students
*November 2	Mental Health Day / Virtual Day / Community Service Day (Juniors and Seniors)
November 16	Progress Reports Go Out
November 23 - 27	Thanksgiving Break, No School
December 18	½ Day Students, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks Ends, 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester Ends ( <b>Full day for personnel</b> )
December 21 – January 1	Christmas Break, No School
January 4	First Day Back for Students – Second Semester
January 14	Parent-Teacher Conference (3:30pm - 6:30 pm)
January 14	Report Cards Go Out
January 18	Martin Luther King Day, No School
February 4	Progress Reports Go Out
February 15	Presidents' Day, No School
March 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks Ends
March 11	Report Cards Go Out
March 26	Good Friday, No School
March 29 – April 2	Spring Break, No School
April 19	Progress Reports Go Out
April 12 – May 5	EOC/TN Ready
May 6 - 7	Strawberry Festival, No School
May 14	Graduation
May 26	Last Day of School ½ Day; 4 <sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks Ends
May 27 - 28	Professional Development / Post Records / Report Cards
May 31	Memorial Day

**\*All students (Pre-school – 12) begin Monday, August 3, 2026.**

\*First & last day of school will be ½ day for students and regular day for personnel. Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. for students.

\*November 2 Mental Health Day / Virtual Day / Community Service Day (Juniors and Seniors)  
Students will work from Home / Teachers will do activities related to health and wellness.

**\*December 18 will be ½ day for students & regular day for personnel.** Dismissal at 11:00 a.m. for students.



## *Humboldt City Schools*

### **Board of Education**

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**Date:** 3/3/2026  
**To:** Janice Epperson, Superintendent  
**From:** Wayne Sheehan, Technology Supervisor  
**RE:** E-RATE Vendor 2026-27

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It is my recommendation that we continue to use the following vendor for eligible E-RATE services.

**Vendor**

**Spectrum/Charter**

**Services**

**WAN and Internet Access**

# Humboldt City Board of Education

Monitoring: <b>Review: Annually, in August</b>	Descriptor Term: <b>Charter School Applications</b>	Descriptor Code: <b>1.901</b>	Issued Date: Click here to enter a date.
		Rescinds:	Issued:

## 1 *General*

2 This policy shall apply to sponsors and potential sponsors of charter schools. It shall not apply to  
3 charter schools converting from existing public schools. Proposals from existing charter school  
4 operators or replicators and applicants proposing to contract with educational service providers shall be  
5 in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

## 6 **APPLICATION PROCESS**

7 A prospective charter school sponsor shall send notice to the Director of Schools/designee of its intent  
8 sixty (60) calendar days prior to February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the year in which the proposed  
9 charter school plans to begin operation as a charter school. The Director of Schools/designee shall  
10 confirm receipt of the letter and provide the sponsor with current state and federal per pupil funding  
11 estimates within five (5) business days.<sup>2</sup>

12 A sponsor seeking board approval of an initial charter school application shall complete the forms  
13 developed by the State Board of Education in coordination with the Tennessee Public Charter School  
14 Commission (“the Commission”). The application shall provide all the information required by state  
15 law. The sponsor shall demonstrate that the proposed charter school meets the purpose prescribed by  
16 state law for the formation of a charter school, and the proposed charter school will be able to  
17 implement a viable program of quality education for its students.

18 Electronic copies of applications shall be submitted to the Board and the Commission on or before  
19 11:59 p.m. Central Time on February 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the year in which the proposed charter  
20 school plans to begin operation as a charter school. If the 1<sup>st</sup> of February falls on a Saturday, Sunday,  
21 or holiday on which the school district offices are closed, applications will be accepted on the next  
22 business day on or before 11:59 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted, without exception. The  
23 sponsor shall pay an application fee of \$2,500.00. The Director of Schools/designee shall report each  
24 completed initial application received to the Commission no later than ten (10) calendar days after  
25 receipt.<sup>3</sup>

## 26 **REVIEW TEAM<sup>1</sup>**

27 If necessary, the Director of Schools/designee shall appoint a review team to assist in reviewing and  
28 evaluating charter school applications. The team shall be comprised of members of the administrative  
29 staff for the district and community members with relevant educational, organizational, financial, and

1 legal experience. At the board meeting in December of each year, the Director of Schools/designee  
2 shall make a recommendation to the Board on which members of his/her administrative staff should be  
3 appointed to the team. The Board shall name the members of the team at its meeting in January of each  
4 year. The Board shall designate a Chair of the review team as the contact person for answering  
5 questions about the application process and receiving applications. The Director of Schools/designee  
6 shall develop an orientation for the team to ensure consistent evaluation standards and the elimination  
7 of real or perceived conflicts of interest.

8 The Board shall require the Director of Schools/designee to develop a procedure for receiving,  
9 reviewing, and ruling on applications for the establishment of charter schools by the review team. The  
10 procedure shall include a timeline for the application and review process. A copy of the procedure,  
11 including the review criteria, shall be available on the district's website.

12 The review team shall:

- 13 1. Evaluate all charter school applications based on the review criteria established by state law;  
14 and  
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- 16 2. Recommend one of the following options to the Board for each application: approve or reject.<sup>4</sup>  
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## 18 **APPROVAL/DENIAL OF APPLICATION**<sup>5</sup>

19 The Board shall rule by resolution on the approval or denial of an initial charter school application  
20 within ninety (90) calendar days of receipt of the completed application, or the application shall be  
21 deemed approved by state law. The Director of Schools/designee shall report the action taken by the  
22 Board to the Department of Education and the Commission no later than ten (10) calendar days after  
23 approval or denial. If an application is denied, the report shall also include the reasons for denial.

### 24 *Approval*

25 The sponsor of a charter school that is approved by the Board shall enter into a written agreement with  
26 the Board which shall be binding on the charter school's governing body. The charter school agreement  
27 shall be in writing and signed by the sponsor and the Board.

28 The Board will receive an annual authorizer fee of three percent (3%) of the annual per student state  
29 and local allocations or thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), whichever is less.<sup>6</sup>

30 Charter schools approved by the Board are expected to implement the application as submitted and  
31 approved. Material variations in operations from the approved application require amendment pursuant  
32 to state law and the charter school agreement.<sup>7</sup>

33 The Board shall not provide services to charter schools that are not requested during the application  
34 process except for those services that are required under state or federal law. Services agreed to be  
35 provided to the charter school by the Board shall be provided at the Board's actual cost. The Board and  
36 charter school shall execute a service contract for any additional services.

1 New charter school agreements are approved for a ten (10) year period.<sup>8</sup> The Board may revoke or  
2 deny renewal of a charter school agreement for any of the reasons enumerated in state law.<sup>9</sup>

3 *Denial*

4 If the initial charter school application is denied, the Board shall notify the sponsor in writing within  
5 ten (10) calendar days, specifying the objective reasons for the denial and the deadline by which the  
6 sponsor may submit an amended application. Upon written receipt of the grounds for denial, the  
7 sponsor shall have thirty (30) calendar days within which to submit an amended application to correct  
8 the deficiencies. The Board shall have sixty (60) calendar days either to deny or to approve the  
9 amended application, or the application shall be deemed approved by state law.<sup>5</sup>

10 If the amended charter school application is denied, the Board shall notify the sponsor in writing  
11 within five (5) calendar days, specifying the objective reasons for denial and the sponsor's right to an  
12 appeal. Within ten (10) calendar days of final denial, an appeal may be filed with the Tennessee Public  
13 Charter School Commission.<sup>10</sup>

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Legal References

1. [TCA 49-13-106; State Board of Education Policy 6.111](#)
2. [TCA 49-13-107; Public Acts of 2025, Chapter No. 275; TCA 1-3-102; TCA 49-13-108; TRR/MS 0520-14-01-.01\(1\)\(b\)](#)
3. [TRR/MS 0520-14-01-.01\(1\)\(d\), \(e\)](#)
4. [TRR/MS 0520-14-01](#)
5. [TCA 49-13-108; Public Acts of 2025, Chapter No. 275; TRR/MSS 0520-14-01](#)
6. [TCA 49-13-128](#)
7. [TCA 49-13-110\(d\); TRR/MSS 0520-14-01-.01](#)
8. [TCA 49-13-110\(c\)](#)
9. [TCA 49-13-122](#)
10. [TCA 49-13-108\(b\)\(5\)](#)