



AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-2

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: January 10, 2017

Date: January 3, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Resolution to Reschedule Election of Governing Board Members of the Loleta Union School District

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors approve the request and forward to the Elections Department for processing.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

DISCUSSION: The Loleta Union School District Board passed Resolution # 121416 on December 14, 2016, requesting approval from the Board of Supervisors to consolidate the election of the Loleta Union School District Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years. Currently, school board member elections are held in November in odd-numbered years. The Loleta Union School District Board is requesting the Board approve future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into school board elections.

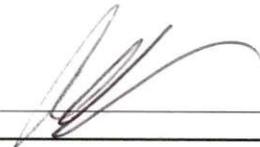
FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Loleta Union School District.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS Cover Letter and Resolution # 121416.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature 

REVIEW:
Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell
Seconded by Supervisor Wilson
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
contained in this report.

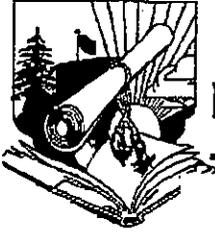
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Dated: Jan. 10, 2017
Nikki Turner, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Meeting of: _____

By: 



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December 30, 2016

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Superintendent
John Sutter

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Board Agenda Item

The Loleta Union School District Board of Trustees recently passed and adopted Resolution No. 121416 on December 14, 2016 at the regular Board Meeting. The intent of this resolution is to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years (Elections Code section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code 1302(b).

The Loleta Union School District Board of Trustees hereby request formal approval by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors at your next available public meeting.

Please see attached Resolution along with Appendix A which will demonstrate our current Election Year Cycle (odd numbered years) and change to the Proposed Election Year Cycle (even numbered years). Also attached please find a copy of our Board Minutes dated 12/14/16 and note Action Item #5.3 reflecting The Loleta Union School District Board of Trustees adoption of Resolution No. 121416.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let us know if there is anything else we need to do.

Sincerely,

John Sutter, Superintendent
Loleta Union School District

**GOVERNING BOARD
OF
THE LOLETA UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Resolution to Reschedule Election of Governing Board Members

Resolution No. 121416

WHEREAS, the current date for election of members of the Governing Board of Loleta Union Elementary School District ("District") is every two (2) years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years (e.g. November 2017) (Education Code section 5000 and Elections Code section 1302 (a)); and

WHEREAS, statewide general elections are held in California only in June and November of even-numbered years (e.g., November 2016) (Elections Code section 1001); and

WHEREAS, the District is located within Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, generally voter turnout is greater for statewide general elections than for local elections, including school board member elections held in November of odd-numbered years; and

WHEREAS, California Senate Bill 415, an act (which may be cited to as the California Voter Participation Rights Act (herein "the Act")) to add Chapter 1.7 (commencing with Section 14050) to Division 14 of the Elections Code, was approved by the California Governor and filed with the Secretary of State on September 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Commencing January 1, 2018, the Act prohibits a political subdivision from holding an election other than on a statewide election date (i.e. "off-cycle") if holding an election on a non-concurrent date has previously resulted in voter turnout for a regularly scheduled election in the political subdivision being at least 25% less than the average voter turnout within the political subdivision for the previous four statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, A political subdivision may, however, hold an off-cycle election if, by January 1, 2018, the political subdivision has adopted a plan to consolidate a future election with a statewide election not later than the November 8, 2022, statewide general election; and

WHEREAS, The Act authorizes attorney's fees to a prevailing plaintiff who has appropriately filed an action in superior court to enforce the Act's prohibition; and

WHEREAS, the District may achieve a savings in the cost of its elections, if the District's elections are consolidated with the statewide general elections; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these facts, the Board desires to change the date of future board member elections to be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into school board elections; and

WHEREAS, Elections Code 1302(b) establishes a procedure whereby the Governing Board may change the election date for its board members by adopting a resolution seeking approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors of the affected county (Elections Code section 10404.5); and

WHEREAS, if the change in election date is approved, it is requested that the new election date be moved from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2017 to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 with board members whose terms would have expired in 2017 being extended to 2018 and board members whose terms would have expired in 2019 being extended to 2020 [refer to Appendix A].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Board hereby finds, determines and/or declares, as follows:

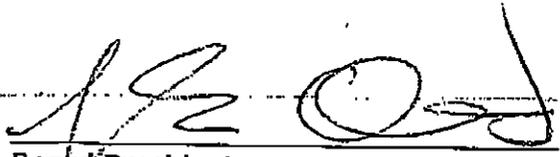
1. Each of the foregoing is true and correct.
2. The Governing Board declares its intent to adopt this resolution to consolidate the election date for members of the Board with the date for the California general election in November in even-numbered years (Elections Code section 1001) pursuant to Elections Code section 1302(b).
3. The Superintendent will forward this resolution to the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors explaining the rationale for the resolution and requesting formal approval of the change by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting held within 60 days after submission and after the resolution has been posted in accordance with the law.
4. The Superintendent will notify the Humboldt County Elections Office that the District is prepared to pay the expense of mailing notice of approval of the change in election date by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors as required by Elections Code 10404.5(e).

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5. If the consolidation of election is approved by the Board of Supervisors, the date of that election will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board on 12/14/16, by the following vote:

AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 0


Board President

Attest:


Secretary

Appendix A

Resolution to Reschedule Election of Governing Board Members

Resolution No121416

Board Member	<u>Current Election Year Cycle</u>	<u>Proposed Election Year Cycle</u>
John Oswald	2017	2018
Vacancy	2017	2018
Joel Geck-Moeller	2019	2020
Glen Shewry	2019	2020
John Simmons	2019	2020

LOLETA Board of Trustees Minutes
Wednesday, December 16, 2016
Loleta Drive Room #8

1.0 OPEN SESSION

1.1 Meeting called to order by President of the Board, John Oswald @ 5:02pm
Flag Salute

1.2 Roll Call: Present: Trustees: John Oswald, John Simmons, Joel Geck-Moeller;
Absent: Glenn Shewry; **Superintendent:** John Sutter; **Staff:** Cheryl Wells, District Secretary I;
Dan Ruggles, Bus Driver; Darleen Ricotta, Custodian

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval of the Board Minutes from November 9, 2016. Motion to receive the Board Minutes: Joel Geck-Moeller. 2nd John Simmons. All Ayes. CARRIED.

4.0 COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4.1 Superintendent's Report: Academics: On Nov. 2nd @ 7:30am there was a professional development session with Mr. Sutter, teachers with Renaissance Learning via skype (East Coast) on Accelerated Reader and Math. **School Climate:** St. Joseph Community Center (Marina Cortez-Hash) donated a mountain bike for a drawing in the Accelerated Reader program. There were 48 students with perfect attendance for the trimester **Extra-curricular Activities:** Ice Skating: Mrs. Wells was applauded for her efforts in orchestrating another school-wide ice skating field trip in Fortuna. She received a donation from Bear River to help fund the trip. Most parents also contributed to the \$5.00 fee per participant. Dell Arte' gave a community performance at the Loleta Pavilion on Dec. 4th. About 100 from the community were in attendance. Dell Arte' thanked our sponsors: The Loleta Chamber, Loleta Volunteer Fire Department, Fortuna Kiwanis, and Loleta School. **Facilities:** Mr. Sutter attended a workshop about taking bids and bid thresholds which will help as he seeks to have roof leaks repaired in the flat roof sections of the school building. **Personnel:** Cassandra Culp attended a STEAM Workshop on using science, mathematics and art in lessons. There will be CPI training in January and February (student de-escalation and restraint training). Our Staff Christmas Party is on Friday, December 16th at Kurt Rasmussen's home consisting of a sit down dinner cooked and presented by Cheryl. The Board is invited to join in the festivities.

4.2 PBIS Report: Swis Printout on student behavior shows a spike during holiday season due to student anxiety. 1 student has 8 suspensions. Restorative Justice Circles could be used more in the classroom setting.

4.3 Associated Student Body Report: Received on monthly activity of the ASB.

4.4 Loleta Union School District Management's Discussion and Analysis 2015-2016..Reviewed. This goes to our Auditor. It is put together by Northern Humboldt.

5.0 Action Items

5.1 Warrants: Discussion Pg 7. Question of expense for Boys and Girls Club. Final Payment. Our after school program is now in house. LEAP is funded by ASES grant. Motion to receive warrants: John Simmons; 2nd Joel Geck-Moeller. All Ayes. CARRIED.

5.2 Loleta Board of Trustees Organizational Meeting. John Simmons was elected as Board President. John Oswald was elected as Board Clerk. Joel Geck-Moeller was elected to serve on the County Committee on School District Organization. The Board of Trustees will continue to have their regular meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 5:00pm
Motion: Joel Geck-Moeller; 2nd John Oswald . All Ayes. CARRIED.

5.3 Resolution to Reschedule the Election Cycle of Governing Board Members. Resolution to Change the election year for the Board from Odd Year to Even Year. Future board member elections will be consolidated with the California statewide general election in order to save public funds and provide greater voter input into school board elections. The date of the next election will be moved to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November 2018 and each subsequent board member election will be held two years thereafter in November of even years. Motion: Joel Geck-Moeller; 2nd John Simmons. All Ayes. CARRIED.

5.4 Approval of the First Interim Report: Discussion. Next school year we will need to cut 1 classified and 1 certificated position. We have been able to have a positive certification this year due to less employee salary and no current litigation. Motion: John Simmons; 2^{nds} Joel Geck-Moeller. All Ayes. CARRIED.

5.5 Adoption of North School Insurance Group Administrative Regulations: The District will complete Crossing Guard Training and follow standards presented. Motion: Joel Geck-Moeller; 2nd John Simmons. All Ayes. CARRIED.

5.6 Receive Loleta School District's Independent Audit Report. Our Auditor requested an extension to January 15, 2017. Motion: John Simmons; 2nd Joel Geck-Moeller. All Ayes. CARRIED.

6.0 Closed Session Item: The Board went into closed session at 6:40pm.

7.0 Open Session: The Board came out of closed session at 6:50pm. No Action Taken.

8.0 Future Agenda Items.

9.0 Announcements. None.

10.0 Adjournment at 6:51 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by John Sutter, Secretary to the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved as presented.

Approved with changes.



John Sutter, Superintendent; Secretary to the Board

12/21/16

Date

John Oswald, Board Clerk

Date