

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
Santa Cruz County Office of Education
400 Encinal Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Regular Board Meeting
January 19, 2017
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

Abel Sanchez (President)
Bruce Van Allen (Vice-President)
Jane Barr
Sandra Nichols
Dana Sales
George Bud Winslow
Michael Watkins (Secretary)

Staff Present

Faris Sabbah
Mary Hart
Jim Guss

Absent

None

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Abel Sanchez (President) led the Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Winslow) to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Ayes:	Barr, Nichols, Sales, Winslow, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

5.0.1 Minutes of the Board Meeting held on December 15, 2016.

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Donations

It was M.S.C (Van Allen/Sales) to approve item 5.0.1.

Ayes: Barr, Sales, Winslow, Van Allen, Sanchez

Nays: None

Abstain: Nichols

Absent: None

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Winslow) to approve items 5.0.2 and 5.0.3.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Sales, Winslow, Van Allen, Sanchez

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Trustee Nichols requested that these minutes reflect that the Oath of Office for Sandra Nichols (Trustee Area 3) was held on December 20 and administered by Superintendent Watkins.

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

There were no Deferred Consent Items

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Abel Sanchez (President) read a thank you letter from a student at Ponderosa High School concerning the California Forestry Challenge.

Trustee Barr and Trustee Van Allen stated that they had received correspondence from Alisun Thompson, SCCS Board President, concerning a proposal that will be going before the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors on January 24, 2017.

7.0 PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION AWARDS

7.1 Employee Recognition

Superintendent Watkins introduced Teresa and Brandon Gruber to the Board. Brandon, a former student at Aptos High School and his mother Teresa, wanted to publicly recognize Brandon's ROP teacher Jennifer Angelacos for her support and encouragement to Brandon during his junior and senior years of high school.

7.2 Volunteer Recognition

The Educational Services Department recognized Mardi Browning with a Board Proclamation of Recognition for her 30 years of service as Spell Master for the Santa Cruz Spelling Bee.

7.3 Employee Retirement

Superintendent Watkins acknowledged Alison Gold, Program Manager, New Teacher Project, for her service to the COE since September 2, 1984. Alison will retire from the COE on February 4, 2017.

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board

The Board deferred this item from its last regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2016 in order for more Trustees to be able to discuss this item.

After a very lengthy discussion, the Board voted to retain the current time and date (4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month) for each of the regularly scheduled Board meetings in 2017.

It was M.S.C (Barr/Nichols) to approve that the regularly scheduled meetings of the Board for 2017 be held on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

Ayes:	Barr, Nichols, Sales, Winslow, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

8.2 Appointment to Board Ad Hoc Committees

The Board deferred this item from its last regularly scheduled meeting on December 15, 2016 in order for more Trustees to be able to discuss this item.

After a lengthy discussion, Abel Sanchez (President) appointed Trustees to the following Ad Hoc Committees:

8.2.1 Board Budget Committee

Trustee Barr
Trustee Sales
Trustee Sanchez (President)

8.2.2 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

Trustee Nichols
Trustee Van Allen
Trustee Winslow

8.2.3 Charter Schools Committee

Trustee Barr
Trustee Sanchez (President)

8.2.4 Policy Committee

Trustee Nichols
Trustee Van Allen
Trustee Sanchez (President)

8.2.5 Other Committee(s) as determined

No other committees were identified.

9.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Support for Santa Cruz County Thrive by Three Fund

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisor, Ryan Coonerty, asked for the Board's endorsement of a proposal created to invest in high-quality early childhood development programs for babies and toddlers in Santa Cruz County called "Thrive by Three". The proposal is to be funded from newly created cannabis taxes. Supervisor Coonerty stated that collaborative discussions between inter-governmental agencies will guide how the funding is to be spent.

It was M.S.C (Nichols/Barr) that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education would send letters of support to each of the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors.

Ayes:	Barr, Nichols, Sales, Winslow, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

9.2 Informational: 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report

Terri Montgomery, Partner, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. presented to the Board the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report as of June 30, 2016. Ms. Montgomery highlighted different areas of the audit and concluded that the audit was found to present fairly, there were no findings and no difficulties were encountered in performing the audit.

Trustee Barr questioned Ms. Montgomery concerning the Aggregate Net Pension Liability amount of \$26,154,159 found under the Statement of Net Position. Trustee Barr wanted to know if this amount was normal and Ms. Montgomery stated that this amount is well within normal.

Superintendent Watkins acknowledged Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, Jean Gardener, Senior Director, Fiscal Services and Rebecca Olker, Manager, Internal Business for a very successful audit.

Trustee Winslow was excused from the meeting at this time.

9.3 Alternative Education College Readiness Block Grant Plan

John Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education, presented the Alternative Education College Readiness Block Grant Plan to the Board and asked for their approval of the report. The Plan, which is to be funded by the California Department of Education on a one-time basis over the next three years (approximately \$75,000.00), will increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils (English learners, students with low socio-economic status and foster youth) to ensure college readiness.

It was M.S.C (Sales/Barr) to approve the Alternative Education College Readiness Block Grant Plan as presented.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Winslow

9.4 Approve the Alternative Education Community Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

John Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education, presented the annual Alternative Education Community Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) to the Board for approval. Education Code Section 64001 specifies that schools and districts that receive state and federal or other applicable funding through the district's Consolidated Application process a SPSA for any recipient school.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Van Allen) to approve the Alternative Education Community Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement as presented.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Winslow

9.5 Approve the Alternative Education Court Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

John Rice, Senior Director, Alternative Education, presented the annual Alternative Education Court Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) to the Board for approval. Education Code Section 64001 specifies that schools and districts that receive state and federal or other applicable funding through the district's Consolidated Application process a SPSA for any recipient school.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Van Allen) to approve the Alternative Education Court Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement as presented.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Winslow

9.6 Adopt Resolution #17-01, In Support of Immigrant Students

Superintendent Watkins presented to the Board Resolution #17-01, In Support of Immigrant Students. This Resolution would resolve that the County Office of Education and all children (and their families) in County Office programs will feel safe and welcomed in our schools and be treated with dignity and respect.

Trustee Barr asked if this Resolution would affect our federal funding. Superintendent Watkins stated that it should not.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Van Allen) to adopt Resolution #17-01, In Support of Immigrant Students as presented.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Winslow

9.7 First Reading: BP 5145.7 Student Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment

Superintendent Watkins presented BP-5145.7, Student Sexual and Gender-Based Harassment to the Board. The Board was presented with the changes that were made to the document after the last regularly scheduled Board meeting on December 15, 2016 by Trustee Van Allen and then subsequently by Lou Lozano, Partner, Lozano Smith Attorneys at Law.

Trustee Van Allen concurred with the additional changes as presented by Mr. Lozano. Trustee Nichols requested that the document be formatted in the same manner as current Board Policies.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Van Allen) to request that the Board do a final reading of this proposed Board Policy at the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 16, 2017.

Ayes: Barr, Nichols, Sales, Van Allen, Sanchez
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Winslow

9.8 Proposed Trustee Trainings

Superintendent Watkins proposed to the Board that they attend two training sessions offered by School & College Legal Services of California: “The Brown Act” and “The Role of the County Board”.

Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, stated that each section of the training would be for one hour. Superintendent Watkins suggested that perhaps all of the Trustees in Santa Cruz County could attend the Brown Act training and the COE Board could attend the Role of the County Board separately. Mary Hart will work with School & College Legal Services to schedule the trainings.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since his last report on December 15, 2016.

11.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS

Trustee Barr stated that her husband attended the Watsonville Rotary meeting where Carole Mulford, Manager, Child Development Programs was a speaker and that Carole did a great job. She also attended the most recent meeting of Inside Education.

Trustee Nichols stated that she attended the Alternative Education graduation on January 18, 2017.

Trustee Sales did not have a report.

Trustee Van Allen stated that he had tuned into the State Budget announcement through CSBA

Trustee Sanchez stated that he also attended the Alternative Education graduation on January 18, 2017 and that he would not be present for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on February 16, 2017.

12.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS

There were no Ad Hoc Committee reports.

13.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Barr stated that an appointment to the Santa Cruz County School Board Association (SCCSBA) should be made at the next meeting. She also requested that Board meeting locations for this calendar year be discussed at the next meeting.

14.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND COMING EVENTS

February 4, 2017	Spelling Bee UCSC Classrooms 1&2
February 16, 2017 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
March 10 & 11, 2017	Science Fair Santa Cruz Fairgrounds
March 16, 2017 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
April 20, 2017 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
April 29, 2017	Math Contest Aptos High School
May 6, 2017	Student Authors' Fair Capitola Mall

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

Abel Sanchez (President) adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.