



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

Regular Board Meeting
 January 16, 2014
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

<u>Board Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Jane Barr	Bryan Wall
Jack Dilles (president)	Mary Anne James
Aaron Hinde	Melanie Martin
Gina Locatelli	Jean Gardner
Sandra Nichols	Rebecca Olker
Dana Sales,	Cindy O'Conner
George "Bud" Winslow	
Michael Watkins, Secretary	

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Locatelli) to approve the agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Unanimous
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no remarks from the audience.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Barr corrected the correction to the minutes of November 21, 2013, requesting they reflect a one-time, 3.5 % increase off the salary schedule for 2013-2014. In 2014-2015 each unit will receive a 3% increase on the salary schedule.

- 5.0.1 Minutes of Board Meeting of December 19, 2013
- 5.0.2 Donations
- 5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Hinde) to approve the consent agenda with corrections.

Ayes: Unanimous
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

There were no deferred consent items.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

8.1 The Board will establish a standing charter school committee

Trustee Barr, Trustee Locatelli and Trustee Hinde volunteered to be members on the charter school committee and were so appointed by President "Dilles.

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Locatelli) to approve the appointment.

Ayes:	Unanimous
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

8.2 Board Retreat

President Dilles stated he requested the topic of a Board retreat be placed on the agenda to discuss in an open manner. Mr. Dilles explained that he felt the Board has a good relationship with each other and the superintendent, but that a retreat may help the Board focus. He suggested examples of topics, such as, Board protocols, collaboration with fellow trustees and the superintendent, Board goals, working with the superintendent towards a balanced budget, Board self-evaluation, which should be tied to goals and advocacy for students.

Trustee Locatelli stated she felt a Board retreat was important, and could be a time to come together and share in a more relaxed manner with an opportunity to strategize for the coming year. Trustee Locatelli noted that in her past experience on various boards, retreats were a bonding experience and an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings.

Trustee Sales stated that he felt some of the sample topics mentioned should be dealt with more formally in regular Board meetings, but that he liked the idea of coming together in a relaxed manner. Mr. Sales noted that he has served on many boards, and that this was on of the best working boards he has been a part of.

Trustee Winslow stated that he would like to review the Board policy on Board reimbursement at a retreat, as he believes the current policy is inadequate.

Trustee Nichols stated she felt that a Board retreat could be productive and an opportunity to learn more about fellow trustees. Ms. Nichols suggested that Board goals should dovetail with superintendent goals, and felt a self-evaluation at the end of the year would be beneficial. She also noted that she believes this Board functions well together.

It was M.S.C. (Locatelli/Nichols) to approve a Board retreat on February 12, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ayes:	Unanimous
Nays:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

9.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS and PRESENTATIONS

9.1 Informational: 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report

Tze-Ki Lam of Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. presented the 2012-2013 final, audited, prior-year financial statements which the County Office of Education is required to file with the California Department of Education and the State Controller's Office.

9.2 Presentation: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, provided the Board with an overview presentation of Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAP) as it relates to the SCCOE's Alternative Education Programs. The eight areas of priority for county offices of education are: Student achievement, student engagement, other student outcomes, school climate, parent involvement, basic services, implementation of common core standards, and course access.

9.3 Informational: Alternative Education Parent Advisory Committee

John Armstrong, Assistant Director, Alternative Education, and Denise Sanson, Project Director, Alternative Education, provided an update on the Alternative Education parent advisory committee required to develop the Alternative Education LCAP. The advisory committee will consist of the administrative team, leadership the leadership team of teachers and classified staff, and parents/guardians of low income, English language learners and foster youth students.

10.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since his report of December 19, 2013.

11.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Locatelli – no report.

Trustee Hinde – no report.

Trustee Winslow – no report

Trustee Barr – noted the retirement announcement of Gary Bloom, Santa Cruz City Schools Superintendent and his 40 years dedicated to education.

Trustee Nichols attended a monthly vigil against gun violence, which takes place the first Wednesday of each month.

Trustee Dilles participated in a webinar, presented by the state's actuary, on PERS and where it's headed, realizing people are living longer and the need to fund at a level to provide for that. Mr. Dilles also received an request from a PCS environmental class to speak on a panel regarding the future of education.

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13.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

14.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

It was requested the following items be placed on future agendas:

- Policy updates
- Update on property purchased in Watsonville for Alternative Education site

15.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS

January 17, 2014 3:00 p.m.	Board Study Session – Paperless Board Meeting Training Santa Cruz County Office of Education
January 23, 2014 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.	Alternative Education Graduation Ceremonies Portuguese Hall, 216 Evergreen St., Santa Cruz
January 24, 2014 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.	Alternative Education Graduation Ceremonies Portuguese Hall, 216 Evergreen St., Santa Cruz
January 24, 2014 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Budget Perspectives Workshop, Governor’s Budget 2014 Santa Cruz County Office of Education, Tech Room
February 20, 2014 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
March 20, 2014 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
April 17, 2014 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
May 15, 2014 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Recess - 3:30 p.m.

Reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

**12.0 PROGRAM REPORT – SANTA CRUZ/SILICON VALLEY NEW TEACHER PROJECT
BTSA INDUCTION PROGRAM**

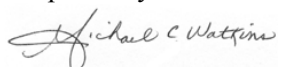
Cynthia Balthaser, Program Director, and Alison Gold, Program Manager of the SC/SVNTP provided an overview of their program to the Board. Ms. Gold explained that the NTP was originally developed as a voluntary program, and is now required for the teacher credentialing process. The SC/SVNTP is one of 156 Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) induction programs. Ms. Balthaser added that the role of the NTP is to support new teachers who have to deal with the complexities of teaching.

The Board heard testimonial from Julie McIntyre, a second-year teacher at Mission Hill Middle School and Rebecca Fox, as sixth grade teacher at Ceiba College Preparatory High School. Both shared with the Board the importance of the support they received from the NTP and the value of meeting weekly with their mentor, who provide support to feel confident in areas of strength, and also in areas of growth. Melissa Roberts, a NTP Mentor, shared that she has been a mentor for three years, and would now describe herself as an educational leader, who will return to her district a much better teacher.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael C. Watkins
Secretary to the Board