

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

Regular Board Meeting  
January 17, 2013  
Time: 1:00 p.m.  
Board Room

## APPROVED MINUTES

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

#### Board Present

Jane Barr  
Jack Dilles  
Aaron Hinde  
Gina Locatelli (president)  
Sandra Nichols  
Dana Sales  
George "Bud" Winslow (arrived after roll call)  
Michael Watkins, Secretary

#### Staff Present

Mary Hart  
Mary Anne James  
Bryan Wall  
Diane Elia  
Jason Tovani  
Adam Wade  
Sandy Mast  
John Armstrong  
Carol Polhamus  
Michael Paynter  
George Lopez  
Cindy O'Conner  
Brunella Deeds  
Loren Soukoup, Legal Council

### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Sales) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Action #934

### 4.0 OPEN SESSION

#### 4.1 CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Locatelli disclosed that the Board would conduct an Expulsion Appeal Hearing in the matter of Pajaro Valley Unified School District Case Number 12-13-028. The hearing was held in closes session at the appellant's request.

### 5.0 CLOSED SESSION

#### 5.1 EXPULSION APPEAL HEARING: PAJARO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT CASE #12-13-028

The Board conducted an expulsion appeal hearing regarding subject case as prescribed in Education Code Sections 48919 et seq., Board Policy #BP5115 and AR5114 relative to Pajaro Valley Unified School District Case Number 12-13-028.

**6.0 OPEN SESSION**

**6.1 DETERMINATION: EXPULSION APPEAL HEARING  
PAJARO VALLEY USD CASE #12-13-028**

**6.2.1 Finding of Facts: Recording and Approval**

As provided for in Education Code Section 4820 the Board met in closed session for the purpose of deliberation, determination of Findings of Facts, and Order of the Board in the matter of subject expulsion appeal hearing.

**6.2.2 Order of the Board**

Trustee Dilles noted that the Board gave the matter a lot of serious consideration, and that he believed the district took the appropriate action, while wishing the student well in the future.

It was M.S.C. (Dilles/Barr) to approve the finding of facts.

Ayes: Barr, Dilles, Hinde, Locatelli, Nichols, Sales, Winslow Action #935  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

It was M.S. C. (Barr/Hinde) to affirm the decision by the Pajaro Valley Unified School District governing board is supported by the findings required to be made and to uphold the expulsion in case number 12-12-028.

Ayes: Barr, Dilles, Hinde, Locatelli, Nichols, Sales, Winslow Action #936  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**7.0 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SOLAR POWER PROJECT CELEBRATION**

The Board, staff and community celebrated the completion of the Energy Efficiency and Solar Power Project with a ribbon cutting ceremony and refreshments.

**8.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Michael Paynter, Manager, Student Services, introduced the launch of the Foster Initiative project, a national program with many partner agencies. The goal of the project is to improve the educational outcome for foster youth. Mr. Paynter introduced Rachel Velcoff Hults, Project Manager with the National Center for Youth Law, who he noted was instrumental in obtaining seven different funding streams for the project. Also introduced were Tracy Maxwell, Lisa O'Connor, and Kim Corday, Educational Liaisons who will be working with youth in Santa Cruz County schools.

**9.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Trustee Sales made a correction to the Board meeting minutes of December 20, 2012, noting that he had also been elected and sworn into office. Trustee Barr made a correction to the minutes of November 15, 2012, noting the minutes to reflect that her public comment in relation to the PVUSD bond was that the SCCOE should not be involved in determining how the bond monies were allocated, as it is a PVUSD bond and they have a committee of their own to determine bond expenditures.

- 9.0.1 Minutes of Board Meeting of December 20, 2012
- 9.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions
- 9.0.3 Donations

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Barr) to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections.

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

Action #937

**9.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

There were no deferred consent items.

**10.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

**12.0 NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS**

**12.1 Adopt Resolution 13-1 Proclaiming February 27 – March 27, 2013 as “Big Read” Month in Santa Cruz County**

It was M.S.C. (Nichols/Winslow) to adopt resolution 13-1 Proclaiming February 27-March 27, 2013 as “Big Read” Month in Santa Cruz County.

Ayes: Barr, Dilles, Hinde, Locatelli, Nichols, Sales, Winslow  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Action #938

**12.2 Discussion and Possible Action to Rejoin the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association**

The Board discussed rejoining the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association (SCZCSBA).

Trustee Dilles stated that a year ago SCCOE ceased membership because of concerns from districts that SCCOE membership was a conflict of interest. The SCCOE has been asked to rejoin SCZCSBA. Trustee Dilles stated he believed the SCCOE would best serve the community and schools by joining and collaborating, and conflict of interest could be avoided using common sense.

Trustee Barr stated, on behalf of Cynthia Hawthorne, Santa Cruz City Schools Trustee and new SCZCSBA president, that she support SCCOE Joining SCZCSBA.

Trustee Sales clarified that each district has an equal vote, regardless of size, and that that would be the same for SCCOE.

Trustee Nichols inquired if any trustee was willing to take responsibility for attending meetings. Both Trustee Dilles and Trustee Barr stated that they attend regularly and would continue to do so.

Trustee Hinde recalled that it was not as much a conflict of interest, but that there were districts unwilling to join if the SCCOE was a member.

George Wylie, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District Trustee, addressed the Board, stating there are no dues and no budget. SCZCSBA meets every other month, and now all districts in the county are members. He encouraged the SCCOE to consider rejoining. When Trustee Hinde inquired as to whether or not it would be an issue for some districts if SCCOE rejoined as was previously the case, Mr. Wylie replied that there have been discussions, with the notion being that the organization would be better with all parties participating.

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Winslow) to rejoin Santa Cruz County School Boards Association.

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

Action #939

**12.3 Possible Appointment of Board Representative to the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association**

It was M.S.C. (Dilles/Nichols) to nominate Jane Barr to serve as the SCCOE SCZCSBA representative, and Trustee Sales to amend motion to have Trustee Dilles serve at the alternate representative.

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

Action #940

**13.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**13.1 Program Report: Alternative Education**

John Rice, Assistant Director, presented an overview of the Alternative Education Programs to the Board. Mr. Rice reported that the SCCOE Alternative Education Program provides unique programming tailored to serve the needs of its students, who in past generations may have dropped out of school.

The Alternative Education program currently operates 24 programs at 19 different facilities, serving more than 900 students.

Carol Polhamus, Project Director, reported that at Natural Bridges High School and Ponderosa High, there is a focus on green careers, engineering and community service.

Ms. Polhamus introduced Thairie Ritchey, a junior at Natural Bridges High School. Thairie shared with the Board that his experience at NBHS is not just academic, but that he feels the staff is genuinely looking out for his personal well-being, stating the school environment was a great atmosphere. Thairie said his first work experience opportunity was the "Binder Project" two years ago. He has also had the opportunity to work in the UCSC Life Lab, where he learned that whether you are rich or poor, everyone has a right to have fresh food. Thairie now works

at the SCCOE. He reiterated how much he appreciates the kind staff and students, who truly care.

David Roarkemper, a student at Ponderosa High School shared that he had been a resource student since the first grade because of low comprehension and reading skills. He stated he had poor grades and poor attendance and did not complete his homework assignments. As a sophomore, David decided he needed a different school experience. He first enrolled in the Alternative Education's Highlands program. When the high school program at Highlands closed, David moved to the new Ponderosa High. David reported that he was initially very nervous about the move, but said that it has been the best experience. David reported that he now has an internship in a shop and that Ponderosa and Alternative Education have given him a reason to go to school. Something he counts as contributing to his success is that his teachers connect with him on a personal level, allowing him to open up. David closed by reading a poem he had written.

**13.2 Program Report: Curriculum and Instruction**

Diane Elia, Senior Director of Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of the Curriculum and Instruction Department, which consists of the Director, two full-time Coordinators, Adam Wade and Jason Tovani, and two part-time Coordinators, who focus on art and math.

The role of the Curriculum and Instruction department is to provide professional development to educators in local school districts, keeping them updated on educational trends and research, as well as supporting districts on state and federal mandates.

**13.3 Discussion: Superintendent/Board Retreat**

Superintendent Watkins stated preliminary plans for a Superintendent/Board retreat were underway. The Superintendent's office will work on scheduling a date. Board members were encouraged to send topics they may be interested in discussing at the retreat.

Trustee Dilles stated he was interested in discussing educational advocacy, public communication and communication with the superintendent and Board.

Trustee Barr stated she would like to discuss long range planning for the next three to five years.

**13.4 Discussion: School Safety**

Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent reported to the Board a brief overview of current practices related to school safety. Mr. Wall is the central contact for schools in the county. Incidents are reported to him from both law enforcement and the school site, and his office coordinates communication and lockdown procedures to adjacent districts, if necessary. Mr. Wall reported that there are planned trainings for staff on emergency procedures.

JoAnn Allen, Manager, Student Services reported to the Board that Funding was received from the Office of Homeland Security to create a countywide emergency response plan. All emergency response agencies, including fire department, law enforcement, Red Cross, mental health, the health department and representatives from every district in the county

came together to create a unified countywide emergency plan. Each school district in the county has created a comprehensive safety plan.

Trustee Locatelli stated that she spoke with Sherriff Wowak regarding school safety and learned from him that there is a very active volunteer base, which she is interested in learning more about.

Trustee Nichols stated the topic of school safety was of great concern to her, and that at last month's meeting when she expressed interest in a resolution on the matter, she was instructed to engage with others and develop a draft resolution. Ms. Nichols stated she used the resolution passed by the Santa Cruz City School District and met with Trustee Winslow to discuss revisions. Ms. Nichols distributed a draft resolution and requested the item be adgendized in February.

Trustee Hinde commented that the after the incident in Connecticut the only thing that made him feel safe when picking his children up at school was the presence of a Sherriff. Mr. Hinde stated he had an issue with the paragraph referencing armed guards on campuses.

Trustee Barr stated she supported bringing a resolution before the Board at the February meeting, with a first step being passing a resolution, and the second, making sure students are safe.

Trustee Winslow stated he felt the idea of more guns on a campus is counter-productive and could lead to more violence.

George Wylie stated he hopes the SCCOE Board is able to pass a resolution on student safety, as SCCSBA would like all districts to do so.

### **13.5 Superintendent's Report**

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins reported on the following matters and events have occurred since the report of December 20, 2012:

#### **Mid-Year Graduation**

The Alternative Education Department will be holding two mid-year graduations on January 30<sup>th</sup> at the Portuguese Hall. The department has sixty-nine students graduating with fifty-seven participating in the ceremonies. The graduations are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and all trustees are encouraged to attend. If you will be attending, please let Cindy know.

#### **California Budget**

With the passage of Proposition 30 and the Governor's new proposed local funding formula (LCFF), school districts and county offices are facing a new and different financial future. The proposal suggests a base grant of approximately \$6816 per ADA and additional funding for EL students and free and reduced lunch students. Under the formula some school district will see increased funding while others may experience flat funding or potential decreases. As more information becomes available, we will continue updating. Please contact Mary Hart with your questions.

#### **Board Retreat**

A preliminary conversation began with President Gina Locatelli and Vice President Jack Dilles on planning of the Board Retreat. Robert J. Henry of School and College Legal Services has been contacted to facilitate the retreat. He is a well-respected authority on schools and has presented this workshop to a former Santa Cruz County Board and in Los

Angeles, Alameda, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Marin Counties. He is well-versed in school law and has an understanding of the unique circumstances related to a County Board of Trustees and the relationship between the Board and an elected County Superintendent of Schools.

**Safe Schools Consortium Emergency Protocol Review**

The Countywide Emergency Response and Crisis Management (ERCM) protocols were developed in 2005 and last reviewed in 2009. In light of recent events, The Safe School Consortia will be meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> to receive updates on approved Law Enforcement Lockdown Protocols, do an overall review of the planning manual, review the 6 page Emergency Response Plan, make additions, changes or deletions to the current manual, and discuss a central depository of individual school site maps. Law enforcement, emergency services and all school districts will be represented at this meeting.

**Black History Month**

We are planning a kickoff event for educators in celebration of Black History Month tentatively for February 5<sup>th</sup>. Our keynote address will be presented by Dr. David Anthony III, associate professor, UCSC History Department.

**Watsonville Youth City Council**

Superintendent Watkins attended a planning meeting with the Watsonville Youth City Council and the leaders of the Interact clubs from Pajaro Valley High, Watsonville High, and Ceiba Charter Prep. These students meet to focus on three issues concerning the youth of Watsonville: public safety for youth, education, and promoting youth-oriented business. They regularly meet with the adult Watsonville City Council to share their ideas for solutions.

**Santa Cruz County Symphony**

Mary Anne James and Superintendent Watkins met with Lee Duffis, Santa Cruz County Symphony. He introduced us to the Brummitt Taylor Music Listening Program for possible implementation in a pilot program somewhere in the county. The program consists of CD's of symphonic music and the supporting teacher materials to take 5 minutes a day to teach students music appreciation.

**Linked Learning Pilot Program**

We are one of twenty education agencies selected in California to participate in a pilot program for Linked Learning. Authorized by AB 790, The Linked Learning Pilot Program is based on delivering an academically challenging course of study that focuses students in project-based classroom activities and provide a supportive school climate through small learning communities.

**CAP Steering Committee**

As a member of the United Way, Superintendent Watkins attended a meeting of the CAP Steering Committee. The committee reviewed the indicators used in previous reports for revising and updating.

**California County Superintendents Educational Services Administration (CCSESA)**

With his new responsibilities as President of CCSESA, this past month, Superintendent Watkins has participated in phone conference calls for Agenda planning for Executive Committee and the next quarterly meeting the end of January; the Executive Committee conference call; and a review of the schedule of meetings for the year.

**Inside Education – Charter Schools**

On Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Watkins welcomed the current group for Inside Education and gave them an overview of charter schools before they headed out for visits to Ceiba College Preparatory Academy and Linscott Charter School. Upon returning to the County Office of Education, they were presented with information on the Kahn Academy by Jason Borgen, TICAL Project Coordinator.

**Inquiry, Inspiration, & Innovation**

Superintendent Watkins attended and gave the welcoming address for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Bay Area Leadership Forum held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Newark branch of Ohlone College. The theme for this year's forum was Inquiry, Inspiration, & Innovation. Topics covered included understanding the changes being brought about by the new Common Core Standards, new strategies, structures, and relationships needed to provide optimum learning experiences for children and introduction of innovative teaching strategies using technology to foster student engagement.

**Escuela Popular Followup**

Rogelio and June Ponce, Pajaro Valley growers, are exploring the Escuela Popular Dual Language Academy model to support the parents and children of their farm worker families. We have been assisting them in connecting with resources to provide education for the entire family.

**Coordinated Calendar Committee**

The Coordinated Calendar Committee headed up by Deputy Superintendent Bryan Wall met this past Monday with nearly all districts represented. For the most part, districts will be starting the year within a day of each other and we have coordinated nearly every other vacation day throughout the year.

**School Site Visits**

When out and about going to meetings, Superintendent Watkins has been trying to take some time to visit school sites, both district schools and our own programs. Bryan Wall will be coordinating visits to sites for each of our programs for those trustees who are interested in seeing the programs.

**Young Writers Program**

The Young Writers Program is holding its first celebration at Gault Elementary today from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. where Superintendent Watkins will be introducing the students of Judy Lust's fifth grade class who have put together a book of their writings and will be performing a skit about the process.

**Capitol Advisors Group, LLC**

Superintendent Watkins met with Kevin Gordon, president and Jack O'Connell, partner of Capitol Advisors Group. They formed an organization to advocate for education in Sacramento. Their main services include strategic consulting, public relations, and assistance with all aspects of school facility construction and advocacy. They will be providing our office with support in these areas.

**Monthly Meetings**

**Children's Network**  
**CCSESA Finance Committee**  
**Agenda Committee**

**Superintendents Council**  
**CCSESA Executive Committee**  
**Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance**

**13.6 Trustee Reports (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Nichols had nothing additional to report.

Trustee Sales reported that he is a member of the Watsonville Community Band, who has partnered with Pajaro Valley Adult Education to provide music lessons to PVUSD high school students, for which the students receive credit. Mr. Sales asked why this could not be expanded to other high schools in the county.

Trustee Winslow reported he participated in meetings and activities with the Community Restoration Project, the Davenport Resource Center, the day worker center and a GEMMA graduation.

Trustee Barr had nothing additional to report.

Trustee Dilles reported that he listened to the CSBA webcast on budget and announced the third annual Scrabble Tournament, which will be held Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – Noon at the Santa Cruz Law Library and benefits Teen Peer Court and the Santa Cruz County Law Library.

Trustee Locatelli reported she is working with the Santa Cruz County Fair on mentoring youth in the agriculture department.

**14.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)**

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

**15.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board requested a resolution regarding student safety be placed on The February agenda.

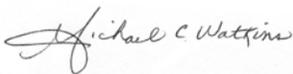
**16.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS**

Thursday, February 21, 2013 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, March 21, 2013 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, April 18, 2013 TBD	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education

**17.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Locatelli adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Michael C. Watkins  
Secretary