

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

Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2016
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

Sandra Nichols
Dana Sales
Abel Sanchez
George Bud Winslow
Jane Royer Barr (President)
Michael Watkins, Secretary

Staff Present

Mary Anne James
Mary Hart
Jim Guss
Cindy O'Conner
Rebecca Olker
Jean Gardner
Adam Wade
Heather Hutchison

Absent

Jack Dilles
Bruce Van Allen (Absent at roll call, arrived after)

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Sanchez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Sanchez/Winslow) to approve the consent agenda.

5.0.1 Minutes of Board Meeting of December 17, 2015

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

There were no deferred consent items.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

An article in the Register Pajaronian, recognizing Trustee Winslow's retirement as a Senior Senator from the California Senior Legislature, was distributed. President Barr commended Trustee Winslow for his service.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, updated the Board on the Green Valley school project, noting the building is now completely closed in. She stated that sheetrock work had begun, though there is a shortage of union drywall workers. She also stated that a small amount of the contingency had been used, and that she anticipates completing the project on time.

8.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS and PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Next Generation Science Standards Collaboration with the Santa Cruz County Office of Education and the University of Florida

Bruce McFadden, Professor, University of Florida and visiting scientist, presented to the Board on his work in bringing research and field science to students in Santa Cruz County.

8.2 Informational: 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report

A.J. Major, Partner, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. presented the 2014-2015 final, audited, prior-year financial statements. Mr. Major thanked the Business Services staff for making themselves available and providing documents in a timely matter, making for a successful audit. Mr. Major also noted there were no findings in the audit.

9.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Approve CSBA Gamut Online Policy Services

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Sales) to subscribe to the CSBA Gamut Online Policy and Manual Maintenance service, having the policy committee review policies and present to the Board for approval.

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

9.2 First Reading: Board Policy 7310 – Naming of Facility

The policy committee presented proposed Board Policy 7310, Naming of Facility, to the Board for a first reading. Trustee Nichols suggested the addition of including Board approval of naming a school/building in a public meeting, which Trustee Sanchez supported. Trustee Van Allen recommended that the advisory committee be comprised of representatives of the community in geographic location in which the school/building is located. Trustee Barr requested consideration of establishing an ad hoc committee when and if necessary, and to make the policy more specific and include more Board involvement. Following discussion, it was requested that the policy committee reconvene and consider incorporation of recommended changes, and present for a second reading at the February Board meeting.

9.3 Approve Resolution 16-1: Authorizing Temporary Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Nichols) to approve Resolution 16-1: Authorizing Temporary Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts.

Ayes: Nichols, Sales, Sanchez, Winslow, Van Allen, Barr
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Dilles, Winslow (absent at vote)

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 17, 2015.

11.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Nichols reported that she attended a meeting of the policy committee and a legal counsel committee meeting. She noted that during the legal council meeting, the attorney asked if she could be seated next to the Board president during interdistrict transfer appeal hearings.

Trustee Sales reported that he attended a policy committee meeting. He also attended the service of Rosie Gomez who was a translator for the Pajaro Valley Unified School District for 41 years. Mr. Sales announced that he recently took a new position as Branch Manager of Century 21 on Ohlone Parkway.

Trustee Van Allen reported that he is registered to be a judge at the Science Fair.

Trustee Winslow attended a meeting of community activists, organized by the visitor's center in conjunction with the national community services. Some of their suggestions for volunteering in the community include: Digital Nest, Book Fair, removing graffiti, Jacobs Heart, beautifying the community.

Trustee Sanchez reported that he is focusing on developing closer relationships with city leaders in Watsonville. He met with Watsonville City Council Member, Rebecca Garcia.

Trustee Barr reported that she attended the agenda committee.

12.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

13.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

It was requested that a presentation regarding cyber threats and discussion regarding bond refinancing be placed on a future agenda. It was also requested that the agenda committee work on setting up off site meetings in Capitola, Scotts Valley and Watsonville.

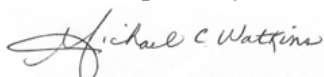
14.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS

February 11, 2016	Board Site Visits
February 18, 2016 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
March 17, 2016 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Watkins
Secretary to the Board