

Santa Cruz County Board of Education
399 Encinal Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Board Retreat
Special Meeting
February 12, 2014
Time: 4:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

Facilitator: Cynthia Balthaser

1.0 ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

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

Staff Present

Mary Hart
Mary Anne James
Bryan Wall
Cindy O'Conner

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no remarks from the audience.

5.0 ICE-BREAKER

Superintendent Watkins introduced Cynthia Balthaser, who joined as the meeting facilitator. Ms. Balthaser asked the Board to write down a single word for their reason for joining the Board. Discussion followed.

6.0 BOARD PROTOCOLS

6.1 **Collaboration with Fellow Trustees**

Trustee Dilles stated that he requested this item be placed on the agenda. He noted that he feels this Board is very collaborative as a group, but wanted to know other's thoughts.

Trustee Barr stated that she believes committees offer the opportunity for collaboration and enjoys serving on committees, while learning at the same time.

Trustee Sales agreed that this Board works very well together, even when there are disagreements there is respect for one another.

7.0 BOARD COLLABORATION WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Watkins stated he believes there is a lot of mutual respect between the Board and himself and that he appreciates being part of a respectful group and credits this for being able to accomplish many good things for kids.

Trustee Barr acknowledged Superintendent Watkins' gift for recognizing and being open to diverse opinions.

Trustee Locatelli stated she appreciates that, with his busy schedule, Superintendent Watkins always makes time to speak to her when she calls.

Trustee Sales state that he believes the collaboration with the Board and superintendent works well because each knows their role. He requested that the Board be apprised of information being sent to the media in advance, so they are aware if asked about it. Superintendent Watkins responded that he will have his assistants keep the Board updated on events and matters of interest in advance.

8.0 BOARD GOALS

The Board agreed to set the following goals for the year:

- Advocate for students
- Maintain community relations
- Promote student achievement
- Reduce budget deficit
- Update Board policies

9.0 STRATEGIC PLAN

Superintendent Watkins explained that in light of LCFF, the SCCOE is seeking input from staff and the Board to update the strategic plan. It was requested that the Board send any input to Cindy O'Conner.

10.0 MAINTAIN FISCAL SOLVENCY

10.1 Transition to Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)

10.2 Fee for Service Models

Mary Hart gave a brief overview of changes being implemented regarding charges to districts, which include a small increase in technology fees and to the New Teacher Project She explained the importance of districts understanding the shift in funding will make it necessary for the COE to charge if they are to maintain programs.

11.0 LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP)

As a follow-up to her presentation at the January Board meeting, Mary Anne James provided the Board with a summary of key points to consider when reviewing the Alternative Education LCAP.

12.0 BOARD POLICIES

12.1 BP-8230 Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses

It was agreed that this item be tabled and reviewed during the policy update process.

13.0 BOARD SELF EVALUATION

The Board discussed tying their self-evaluation to goals. It was agreed that the agreed upon goals would be evaluated as a group and not individually. The Board will review goals in November and determine whether or not their activities supported their goals.

It was also agreed that Trustee reports at Board meetings will be related to the Board goals and work directly related to the county Board of education.

Cindy O'Conner will compile Board activities as a group for the upcoming calendar year to be reviewed by the Board.

14.0 MISCELLANEOUS

14.1 iPad Support

The Board was reminded that they can contact the technology department for iPad support.

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.