



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

Regular Board Meeting  
 February 18, 2016  
 Time: 4:00 p.m.  
 Board Room

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**1.0 ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

<u>Board Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Jack Dilles	Cindy O’Conner
Sandra Nichols	Jim Guss
Dana Sales	Mary Anne James
Abel Sanchez	Jean Gardner
Bruce Van Allen	
George Bud Winslow	
Jane Royer Barr (President)	
Michael Watkins, Secretary	

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Dilles led the pledge of allegiance.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

George Wylie, Board member, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District (SLVUSD), addressed the Board regarding the Library Facilities Measure that has been placed on the June ballot. Mr. Wylie noted that the measure is a tax of \$49.50 per parcel annually, which will benefit branches in Santa Cruz County, not including Watsonville, as it has it’s own library system. Mr. Wylie stated that the SLVUSD Board would be supporting the measure and encouraged the SCCOE Board to consider doing the same.

**5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5.0.1** Minutes of Board Meeting of January 21, 2016
- 5.0.2** Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3** Donations
- 5.0.4** Treasurer’s Report for Quarter Ended December 31, 2015

Following spelling corrections to the minutes of January 21, 2016, it was M.S.C. (Nichols/Winslow) to approve the consent agenda.

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

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

There were no deferred consent items.

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received correspondence from Cynthia Mathews regarding the Library Facilities Measure.

**7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Superintendent Watkins provided an update on the Green Valley project, noting it is currently 60% complete. To date the rough electrical has been completed and work on insulation and drywall has begun. The roof is nearly complete and work on lath and plaster will begin. There is a revised completion date of May, 2016 due to recent rains.

**8.0 LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**

**8.1 Information Item: Labor Negotiations – “Sunshine” the Santa Cruz Education Association’s (SCEA) 2016-2017 Negotiations Proposal to the County Superintendent of Schools**

Elizabeth Burnham-Grau, SCEA President, sunshined the certificated bargaining unit’s 2016-2017 negotiations proposal, opening all articles of the contract.

**8.2 Information Item: Labor Negotiations – “Sunshine” the County Superintendent of School’s 2016-2017 Negotiations Proposal to the Santa Cruz Education Association**

Superintendent Watkins reported that the County Superintendent of Schools will sunshine compensation and health and welfare benefits for the 2016-2017 negotiations proposal to the certificated bargaining unit.

**9.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS and PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 Discussion: Update and Possible Options for Refunding of 2007 Certificates of Participation**

Craig Hill, Principal NHA Advisors, addressed the Board regarding refinancing opportunities of the 2007 Certificates of Participation. Mr. Hill noted that in July, 2015 the Board set a minimum savings threshold of \$55,000 per year, asking the Board whether or not they want to revisit that threshold. Following further discussion, it was determined that the Board Budget committee would convene to get information from Mr. Hill and place the matter on the March Board agenda with a recommendation.

**9.2 Cyber Threats**

Detective David Pawlak, Santa Cruz Police Department, provided an overview of cyber threats to schools.

**9.3 Report – Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Liabilities**

Jean Gardner, Sr. Director of Fiscal Services, Business Services reviewed the report of the Actuarial Study of Retiree Health Benefits, as required every two years in compliance with GASB43/45. Ms. Gardner reported that the Santa Cruz County Office of Education has established an irrevocable trust to fund retiree benefits, with a liability of approximately \$8,000,000 and assets of approximately \$6,000,000, leaving a net liability of approximately \$2,000,000.

**10.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS**

**10.1 Public Disclosure: Educator Effectiveness Funds**

Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reviewed the local plan for the Educator Effectiveness Funds as required. The local plan will be placed on the March agenda for its adoption by the governing board.

**10.2 Second Reading: Board Policy 7310 – Naming of Facility**

Modification and new polices may be adopted by the County Board of Education following a first and second reading by the Board. The Board may accept the proposed policy as submitted, move forward to take action; order changes, or order changes and bring back for a final reading.

Trustee Nichols outlined the changes that were made to the policy, considering the Board input at the January Board meeting.

Following discussion and clarifications, the Board requested the committee revisit the policy and consider including the following changes to bring back to the Board for approval:

Under Naming Schools/Buildings<sup>1</sup>:

- 1.: Change to read the Superintendent and Board shall discuss the naming of schools/buildings
- 2. Line 4: Add the word committee following advisory, so it reads “advisory committee”
- 2. Line 4: Eliminate the word citizens, so it reads “advisory committee”
- 2. Before bullets 1-4: Add language – “The Superintendent shall nominate”
- 2. Before bullet 5: Add language “The Board shall nominate.”
- 2. Following bullets: Add language “Advisory committee nominees shall be submitted to the Board for approval”
- 2. Bullet 1: Add language to read “2 Students who attend or have attended a county school program within the last three years”
- 3. Line 1: Strike the word will and change to shall

**11.0 PRESENTATION: 2015 FORESTRY CHALLENGE**

Diane Dealey Neill, Forestry Challenge Founder and Coordinator, presented to the Board on the 2015 Forestry Challenge, which was held from November 16-19, 2015. Ms. Dealey Neill reported that the goal of the program is to teach students about forest ecology, natural resources and environmental stewardship by providing them with hands-on learning experience in a real-world setting, which includes providing students the opportunity to interact with natural resource professionals, including foresters, hydrologists, soil scientists, wildlife biologists, and fire scientists.

**12.0 SUPERINTENDENT SALARY**

At the request of Superintendent Watkins, an ad hoc committee was established to conduct a study of the superintendent’s salary schedule. President Barr appointed Trustee Sales, Trustee Dilles and herself to the committee.

**13.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since his report of January 21, 2016.

President Barr congratulated Superintendent Watkins for receiving the Tony Hill award.

**14.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Sanchez reported that he visited the Pajaro Valley Historical Association to gain more knowledge and background about the Pajaro Valley community.

Trustee Dilles reported that he attended an event of Senator Monning and Assemblyman Stone, where Trustee Winslow was honored for his 25 years of service as a Senior Legislature. He also attended site tours, remarking he was especially impressed by the opportunities for students to take classes at Cabrillo free of charge.

