

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

Regular Board Meeting
May 21, 2015
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Board Room

Approved Minutes

1.0 ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

Jane Royer Barr
Jack Dilles
Sandra Nichols (president)
Dana Sales
Abel Sanchez
Bruce Van Allen
George Bud Winslow
Michael Watkins, Secretary

Staff Present

Mary Hart
Mary Anne James
Jim Guss
Cindy O'Conner
John Rice
Sony Sanson

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Dilles/Barr) to move agenda items 14.0-18.0 to be conducted before item 13.0 and approve the agenda.

Ayes: Barr, Dilles, Nichols, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen, Winslow

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent agenda are recommended actions, which are considered to be routine in nature and will be acted upon as one motion. Specific items may be removed for separate consideration. Item(s) removed will be considered immediately following the consent agenda motion as Deferred Consent Items.

5.0.1 Minutes of Board Meeting of April 16, 2015

5.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

5.0.3 Donations

5.0.4 Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report, Quarter Ended March 31, 2015

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

Ayes: Barr, Dilles, Nichols, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen, Winslow

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

There were no deferred consent items.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

7.0 DISCLOSURE OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

President Nichols disclosed that the Board, in closed session, conferred regarding anticipated litigation.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

8.1 Conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation (GC 54956.9(d)(2)), one potential case.

9.0 OPEN SESSION

9.1 Report of Action in Closed Session

President Nichols reported that the Board took no action in closed session.

10.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services provided an update on the Green Valley Community School project. Ms. Hart reported that the project is moving along smoothly, with all slabs having been poured, except the kitchen and gym. Trustee Barr inquired about the status of contingency spending and Ms. Hart responded contingency spending was approximately the same as previously reported.

11.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS and PRESENTATIONS

11.1 Youth Violence Prevention Task Force Report

Fernando Giraldo, Chief Probation Officer, Santa Cruz County, Sarah Emmert, Youth Violence Prevention Task force Coordinator, and Megan Joseph, Director of Community Organizing for United Way presented to the Board on the Youth Violence Prevention Task Force. The task force aims to reduce youth violence, increase school attendance, and increase youth employment and job training. County leaders participated in creating a strategic plan to improve school discipline rules and align best practices. The Youth Violence Prevention Task Force is working with Applied Research Survey to collect data to track the success of the program, and will use the evidence collected to obtain funding. Ms. Emmert stated that individuals can play a role by being a good role model and mentoring youth. Mr. Giraldo thanked Superintendent Watkins for his continued leadership and support.

Conducted Out of Order

12.2 Approve the Alternative Education Community Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Van Allen) to approve the Alternative Education Community Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Ayes: Barr, Dilles, Nichols, Sales, Sanchez, Van Allen, Winslow

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

12.3 Approve the Alternative Education Court Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA)

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Winslow) to approve the Alternative Education Court Schools Single Plan for Student Achievement.

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

Conducted Out of Order

11.2 Presentation: Santa Cruz Redwoods National Monument

Amanda Robinson, Campaign Field Manager, and Steve Reed, Campaign Manager for the proposed Santa Cruz Redwoods National Monument, provided a presentation on the proposed monument. Their organization is solely a public relations campaign seeking Presidential Designation for the Coast Dairies land to become a national monument by the end of 2015.

Trustee Dilles stated that he believes designating this land as a national monument would be of huge benefit to the community.

Trustee Barr stated that she has heard concerns from community members on this matter. Ms. Robinson replied that those with concerns should contact their elected representatives, as this organization is strictly a public relations campaign and has no authority to mitigate issues.

Following the presentation there was discussion about the name of the monument, with some feeling the term "Redwoods" in the title is misleading.

12.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Adopt Resolution 15-08 In Support of Proposed Santa Cruz Redwoods National Monument

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Winslow) to adopt Resolution 15-08 In Support of Proposed Santa Cruz Redwoods National Monument.

Trustee Van Allen moved to amend rename the resolution to: The Establishment of a National Monument in the Area Currently Known as Coast Dairies.

Trustees Sales and Winslow agreed to the amendment to the motion.

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

Conducted Out of Order

14.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since his report of April 16, 2015.

15.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Dilles attended the memorial service for Arnie Levine, beloved COE Board member. Mr. Dilles noted that Arnie was a great guy who inspired him. He also attended the Santa Cruz Pride fundraiser and a budget committee meeting.

Trustee Sanchez reported that he was a judge at the Science Fair in March and shared an email he received highlighting the continued success of Santa Cruz County students at the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles, and the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pennsylvania.

Trustee Sales reported that he attended a community briefing on education at the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County, where five different programs were presented: Santa Cruz County Regional Occupational Programs, Santa Cruz County College Commitment, Digital Nest, Food What?!, and the Academy for College Excellence and Youth. Trustee Sales also reported that he read an article in the Register Pajaronian offering ROP programs to Watsonville students during the summer.

Trustee Van Allen had no report.

Trustee Winslow had no report.

Trustee Barr reported that she attended a budget committee meeting and agenda committee meeting. She also attended the community briefing on education at the Community Foundation, noting the presentation was excellent, and the Budget Perspectives workshop presented by Capitol Advisors and hosted by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

Trustee Nichols reported that she attended the agenda committee meeting and the Santa Cruz County Reading Association's Annual Awards event, noting it was fabulous. Trustee Nichols also informed the trustees that the majority of Board policies are now online.

Item 13.0 occurred at 4:00 p.m.

13.0 SANTA CRUZ COUNTY EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Board and Superintendent Watkins recognized the Santa Cruz County Educators of the Year:

- Colleen Martin, Principal, Shoreline Middle School
- Sheila Gamban, Library Media Instructional Aide, Green Acres Elementary School
- George Feldman, Teacher, Ohlone Elementary School
- Carla Miller, Teacher, Freedom Elementary School

16.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

17.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Van Allen requested a resolution in support of the Youth Violence Prevention Task Force be placed on the June agenda.

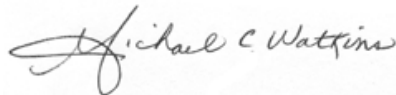
18.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS

May 27, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Employee Appreciation Picnic Harvey West Park
June 11, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Special Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education
June 18, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education
July 16, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education
August 20, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education

19.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Watkins
Secretary to the Board