



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

Regular Board Meeting
 July 16, 2015
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

<u>Board Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Jack Dilles	Jim Guss
Sandra Nichols (president)	Mary Hart
Dana Sales	Mary Anne James
Abel Sanchez	
George Bud Winslow	
Bruce Van Allen	
Michael Watkins, Secretary	

Absent
 Jane Barr (absent at roll call – arrived after)

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Carole Mulford, Manager, Child Development Programs introduced Santa Cruz Toy Makers, who make beautiful wooden toys and generously donate them to the SCCOE’s Child Development Programs, who in turn get the toys to children in the community who may not have toys otherwise. The Board thanked them for their on-going donation of quality, hand-made wooden toys.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Winslow/Sales) as submitted.

- 5.0.1** Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of June 18, 2015
- 5.0.2** Donations

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

There were no deferred consent items.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, stated that the Green Valley Community School project continues to progress and encouraged the Board to drive by to see the progress. Trustee Dilles inquired about contingencies and the status of the fence. Ms. Hart stated the contingencies continue to be adequate and that the fence was to be completed by August 3rd, but will be delayed a bit beyond that date.

8.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Adopt Resolution 15-10: In Support of Senate Bill 124, Limiting Solitary Confinement in Juvenile Facilities

Merle Lustig, resident of Santa Cruz County and volunteer with the Ella Baker Foundation, provided a background and overview of Senate Bill 124. As related to education, Ms. Lustig stated that often juveniles in isolation are not provided their required education and that there is no rehabilitation value in isolation.

Trustee Barr asked about support from law enforcement agencies, to which Superintendent Watkins replied that he has not approached the subject with Sheriff Hart or Chiefs of Police, but has discussed it with Fernando Giraldo, Santa Cruz County Chief Probation Officer, who fully supports the resolution. Ms. Lustig stated that the Probation Officer's Association does not support this bill.

Following discussion, Trustee Nichols suggested tabling the resolution to allow trustees more time to research the bill further.

It was M.S.C. (Van Allen/Barr) to adopt Resolution 5-10 in Support of Senate Bill 124, Limiting Solitary Confinement in Juvenile Facilities.

Trustee Sales stated that passing a bill is typically a very long process, and many changes may be made between now and when the bill actually becomes a law. He stated that, though he fully supports the resolution, he would vote no to allow trustees more time to learn more about the bill.

Ms. Lustig stated that the bill passed the State Senate and the Assembly's Public Safety Committee and is scheduled to be heard in Appropriations on August 17th.

Trustee Barr stated she would remove her second to the motion.

Superintendent Watkins suggested trustees visit juvenile hall prior the August Board meeting to see first-hand what the facility looks like, what a cell looks like and what a classroom looks like.

Trustee Sales motioned to table the resolution until the August 20th Board meeting. Trustee Van Allen withdrew his original motion. The Board agreed to table the resolution until the August 20th Board meeting, and staff will organize a tour of juvenile hall prior to that meeting.

8.2 Adopt Resolution 15-11 Approving Refunding of 2007 Certificates of Participation and Authorizing Execution of Related Trust Agreement, Escrow Agreement, Site Lease, Lease Agreement, and Approving Delivery and Sale of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 Principal Amount of 2015 Refunding Certificates of Participation and Related Documents and Matters

Mary Hart, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services introduced Craig Hill, representative from NHA Advisors, serving as the SCCOE's financial advisor. Mr. Hill explained that, because interest rates are currently lower than in 2007, benefits of refinancing the property would be an estimated \$50k-\$90k savings per year.

Mr. Hill explained that adopting the resolution would be to authorize staff to move forward on refinancing, subject to parameters. The transaction would not move forward unless certain thresholds are met.

Following discussion, Mr. Hill recommended amending the resolution to include wording regarding the minimum target dollar amount to be saved annually.

It was M.S.C. (Dilles/Winslow) to adopt Resolution 15-11, Approving Refunding of 2007 Certificates of Participation and Authorizing Execution of Related Trust Agreement, Escrow Agreement, Site Lease, Lease Agreement, and Approving Delivery and Sale of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 Principal Amount of 2015 Refunding Certificates of Participation and Related Documents and Matters, changing wording of 6% net present value savings to a minimum of \$55,000 per year in cash flow savings and authorizing staff to make minor corrections to resolution language.

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

9.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since his report of June 18, 2015 .

Conducted Out of Order

13.0 APPEAL HEARING: DENIED INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER, HAPPY VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT /APPELLANT MAZI

The Board will conduct an appeal hearing as prescribed by E.C. 46601, et. seq. and Board Policy 5118.1 relative to the denied interdistrict transfer application filed by appellant.

13.1 Conduct Appeal Hearing

President Nichols conducted the appeal hearing.

13.2 Board Deliberation, Finding of Fact, and call for motion of final action

Following the hearing, deliberations and consideration of findings, it was moved by Trustee Sales and seconded by Trustee Barr to uphold the district's denial of the interdistrict transfer.

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

10.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Dilles reported that his service exchange club handed out American flags at the Fourth of July parade in Scotts Valley, primarily to kids.

Trustee Sanchez had no report.

Trustee Sales had no report.

Trustee Van Allen reported that he met with a parent from the Santa Cruz City School District who will be spearheading a finance measure this fall, which he may get involved with.

Trustee Barr reported that she attended the agenda planning meeting.

Trustee Nichols reported that she attended the Fourth of July parade, where she saw Trustee Sales drumming with his band.

11.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

12.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

The Resolution regarding juveniles in solitary confinement will be placed on the August agenda.

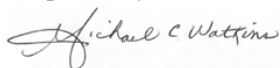
14.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS

August 20, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education
August 24, 2015 8:30 a.m.	SCCOE Employee Orientation Santa Cruz County Office of Education
September 10, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Santa Cruz County School Board Trustee Dinner Santa Cruz County Office of Education
September 17, 2015 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education
October 15, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education
November 19, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education
December 17, 2015 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education County Board of Education

15.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Watkins
Secretary to the Board