



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

Regular Board Meeting  
 October 18, 2012  
 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	Mary Hart
Arnold Levine (President)	Mary Anne James
Gina Locatelli	Bryan Wall
Vic Marani	Cindy O’Conner
George Bud Winslow	Kyle Rucker
Michael Watkins, Secretary	Brunella Deeds
	Daniel Bechtel

Absent at Roll Call  
 Aaron Hinde – Arrived 2:09 p.m.  
 Dana Sales – Arrived 2:15 p.m.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
 Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
 It was M.S.C. (Marani/Locatelli) to approve the agenda as submitted.

Ayes:	Dilles, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Winslow	<u>Action # 923</u>
Nays:	None	
Absent:	Hinde, Sales	
Abstain:	None	

**4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**  
 There were no remarks from the audience.

**5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**  
 It was M.S.C. (Marani/Locatelli) to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

- 5.0.1** Minutes of Board Meeting of September 20, 2012
- 5.0.2** Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.3** Donations

Ayes:	Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Winslow	<u>Action # 924</u>
Nays:	None	
Absent:	Sales	
Abstain:	None	

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**  
 There were no deferred consent items.

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**  
 There was no correspondence to review.

**7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
 There was no unfinished business to discuss.

## **8.0 NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Adopt Resolution No. 12-16: Gann Amendment Appropriations**

It was M.S.C. (Winslow/Dilles) to adopt Resolution 12-16: Gann Amendment Appropriations.

Ayes:	Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Winslow	<u>Action # 925</u>
Nays:	None	
Absent:	Sales	
Abstain:	None	

## **9.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Watkins reported on matters and events that have occurred since the report of September 20, 2012:

#### **Cultural Council**

On September 20<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Watkins spoke at the Arts Education Breakfast, a special networking breakfast for school, community and business leaders to help raise awareness and strengthen support for arts education in Santa Cruz County.

#### **Women's Crisis Support – Defensa de Mujeres**

Women's Crisis Support held a reception on September 20<sup>th</sup> to inform the public about the important work they do in the community in an attempt to end domestic violence and sexual assault by providing intervention and prevention services.

#### **State of the Campus 2012**

At the invitation of Chancellor George Blumenthal, Superintendent Watkins attended his presentation on the State of the Campus 2012 where he presented on the progress, challenges, and achievements at the University of California, Santa Cruz this past year.

#### **Betty Jones**

Superintendent Watkins met with a former employee of our Alternative Education Department who now lives out of state. She provided him with resource materials to assist with our Transitional Kindergarten workshops. The books will be distributed by our Child Development Programs.

#### **Be the Difference Awards**

Over the past month, Superintendent Watkins served on the nomination committee for the Volunteer Center's Be the Difference Awards. Eight employees will be attending the luncheon next week representing our office.

#### **ETR Associates**

Superintendent Watkins met the new director for ETR Associates, Dan McCormick, to discuss his vision for the organization.

#### **Back to School Celebration**

At the invitation of Leon Beauchman, trustee, Santa Clara County Office of Education, Superintendent Watkins attended the Back to School Celebration presented by the Santa Clara County Alliance of Black Educators. The presentation was entitled **Beyond the Achievement Gap: Raising Expectations for Students, Parents and Schools**. I was also able to meet the new county superintendent for Santa Clara, Dr. Xavier De La Torre.

**Association of California School Administrators (ACSA)**

Superintendent Watkins met with Sylvia Mendez, ACSA President and principal of Ann Soldo Elementary School to discuss how the County Office of Education can collaborate with the organization to better serve the needs of administrators throughout the ACSA region.

**Watsonville Community Advisory Board**

As the Watsonville Community Advisory Board for Cabrillo College has reconvened, Superintendent Watkins has been asked to rejoin as a Board member. They held their first meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CCREC (Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California) Advisory Committee**

As a board member for CCREC, Superintendent Watkins attended their First Annual Advisory Board meeting and Fall Governance Council meeting. This program initiative links university researchers, community-based organizations, and policy-makers in collaborative projects to achieve creative solutions to the state's interconnected crises in the economy, education, employment, environment, health, housing, and nutrition. It is also part of CCREC's mission to prepare a new generation of engaged scholars and community leaders.

**Autism Trainings**

The first of the autism trainings have begun with a great group of Pajaro teachers that are attentive and excited to learn. Another group for Santa Cruz City Schools will be starting the program. We are very grateful to Dorothy Raab, Senior Director, Special Education who has taken on these added responsibilities.

**Santa Cruz County College Commitment (S4C)**

With the hiring of Ray Kaupp to serve as the director for S4C, the organization is moving along with Mary Anne James, Assistant Superintendent and Jim Howes, Assistant Director for Regional Occupational Programs representing our office.

**SELPA's (Special Education Local Plan Area) Ad Hoc Charter Committee)**

The Ad Hoc Charter Committee for SELPA met to review and revise the policy governing services to charter schools.

**Everybody Eats Event**

The County Office of Education is co-sponsoring the Everybody Eats Event to be held on October 25th on the campus of Santa Cruz High and features a conversation with bestselling author Michael Pollan and a panel of local food champions, moderated by John Robbins. The event will address healthy eating and sustainability and has already sold out.

**Criminal Justice Council - Gang Prevention and Youth Violence Taskforce**

On behalf of Superintendent Watkins, Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent, attended a subcommittee meeting of the Criminal Justice Council to discuss next steps in forming a Gang Prevention and Youth Violence Taskforce. Stakeholders met with an expert consultant for a strategic planning session to explore best practices and interventions to be used to address youth and gang violence.

**Sacramento Legislative Visit**

Superintendent Watkins joined members of the California Association of African American School Administrators in Sacramento for a day dedicated to meeting with legislative staffs. We met with State Superintendent Tom Torlakson and fifteen legislative staffers regarding education concerns.

### **TEDx Santa Cruz**

Lori Butterworth, board member for TEDx Santa Cruz invited Superintendent Watkins to attend the TEDx presentation on Saturday 9/15 with members of her newly formed Watsonville Youth City Council (WYCC.) The WYCC is a newly founded organization to teach high school students how to debate issues publicly, make recommendations to city councils, job shadow and play the roles of city clerk and attorney, provide opportunities for them to participate in city government and have a voice. In the spring, they will organize a TEDx Youth Conference where young people will be making presentations on ideas of note to other young people.

### **Pacific Collegiate Visit**

Assistant Superintendent Mary Anne James accompanied Superintendent Watkins on a visit to Pacific Collegiate Charter School to meet with the Board President and principal. They reviewed our oversight responsibilities and Ms. James' direct responsibilities.

### **BASTA Steering Committee**

Representatives of law enforcement, district attorney's office, probation, and other public agencies representatives gathered for the first BASTA meeting of the new school year. The meeting consisted of updates from various agencies that are working on ending youth and gang violence.

### **Arts Education Breakfast**

Superintendent Watkins spoke at the Arts Education Breakfast sponsored by the Cultural Council to encourage businesses and community leaders to support arts education in our schools. He spoke to the need to keep arts education in the curriculum as it plays a special role in teaching students discipline and creativity, working cooperatively, and how to solve problems.

### **Pilot Project for Promotion of Online Security and Privacy**

The U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) today announced more than \$9 million in grant awards to support the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC). Five U.S. organizations will pilot identity solutions that increase confidence in online transactions, prevent identity theft, and provide individuals with more control over how they share their personal information. In California, Resilient Network Systems, Inc. is the organizations receiving the grant and will partner with will partner with the National Laboratory for Education Transformation, LexisNexis, Neustar, Knowledge Factor, Authentify Inc., Riverside Unified School District, **Santa Cruz County Office of Education**, and the Kantara Initiative to provide secure, but privacy-enhancing verification of children, parents, teachers and staff, as well as verification of parent-child relationships.

### **San Mateo County Office of Education STEM CENTER**

A contingent of County Office employees traveled to the San Mateo COE to see their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Center in anticipation of promoting and supporting STEM education in Santa Cruz County.

### **Popsicles and Ping-Pong Party**

The first annual Popsicles and Ping-Pong Tournament brought together teachers, administrators and possible volunteers to kick off the new Santa Cruz Writes program. Volunteers will go into classrooms to work with students on teacher-initiated writing projects.

**United Way Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast**

A contingent of County Office employees attended the United Way Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast. One of our Summer Youth Employment students presented at the breakfast relating how much she learned from making public transportation work for her schedule to budgeting the money that she was able to earn through the Summer Youth Employment Program.

**Monthly Meetings**

**First 5 Commission**

**Tannery Executive Board**

**Inside Education Planning Committee**

**Migrant Headstart Videoconference**

**Children's Network Executive Committee**

**CCSESA Board of Directors**

**Superintendents Council**

**SECA – Special Ed Coordinating Agency**

**CCSESA Executive Committee**

**CCSESA Legislative Committee**

**CCSESA Finance Committee**

**Children's Network**

**Agenda Committee**

**Criminal Justice Council**

**9.2 Trustee Reports (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Marani reported that he attend an ETR Associates event with many community leaders. ETR is expanding and has a large presence in the Scotts Valley area. He also met with freshman Students at Stevenson College at UCSC. Trustee Marani also reported that the Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization, of which he is chair, held a public hearing in the Scotts Valley City Council Chambers to receive input from the public and school district on the proposed transfer of 18 parcels from the Scotts Valley District to the Loma Prieta Elementary and Los Gatos-Saratoga High School districts, noting the comments from both the Scotts Valley superintendent and trustees, as well as petitioners, were positive.

Trustee Hinde recognized the passing of Joe Miller, a pillar of the San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley communities and friend to the Board. He also acknowledged and thanked trustee's Levine and Marani for their dedicated service to the Board and public education.

Trustee Sales reported that he was very pleased to volunteer for Business Walk, organized by the Watsonville Chamber of Commerce. The purpose was to speak with business owners regarding their future plans. Mr. Sales shared that many were concerned with vocational education and not being able to find trained individuals when they have a need. He also noted that doctors he visited were concerned about children's activities and preschools, the concern being that programs that were designed to keep kids out of trouble are disappearing. Trustee Sales highly recommended participation in this event to find out what's happening in the community.

Trustee Dilles reported that he also attended the public hearing on the petition to transfer parcels. He noted that it was easy for the Scotts Valley district to agree that safety is of concern. He also reported that he will be attending science camp with his wife to visit fifth grade students.

Trustee Winslow reported that in Southern California Schools on Wheels fills the gaps for educating homeless youth.

Trustee Locatelli reported that she hosted a radio show on September 29<sup>th</sup> on the topic of public, charter, home, and private school education. Student representatives from each school model spoke about why their school choice works for them. Trustee Locatelli was also asked to join the advisory committee for the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Cruz.

President Levine reported that he attended the Countywide Board dinner, where Senator Sam Farr was the guest speaker. He also attended the public hearing of the County Committee on School District Organization.

*The Board recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m.*

Superintendent Watkins and members of the staff and audience recognized President Levine for his 18 years of service to this Board, and his outstanding community service, noting he will be missed.

**9.3 Constitution Day Essay Contest Award Presentations**

Trustee Locatelli thanked the Board for establishing the Constitution Day committee. She also thanked the Santa Cruz Host Lions for their donation and KSCO Radio for their support and free airwaves for commercials, and for the SCCOE for providing books to contest participants.

Trustee Locatelli also thanked Mary Anne James, who led the judging team and created a rubric for scoring, and thanked Brunella Deeds and Cindy O'Conner for their administrative support.

President Levine presented the winners with their awards:

First place - \$500: Jessica Suprlock  
Second place - \$300: Jeffrey Garcia  
Third place - \$200: Divi Navarro

**10.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)**

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

**11.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no additions to the agenda.

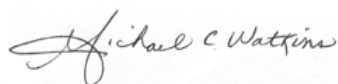
**12.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS**

Thursday, November 15, 2012 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, December 20, 2012	Regular (Organizational) Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, January 17, 2013	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, February 21, 2013	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Levine adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted



Michael C. Watkins  
Secretary to the Board