

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

Regular Board Meeting
December 18, 2014
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

Dana Sales

Abel Sanchez

George Bud Winslow

Michael Watkins, Secretary

Staff Present

Mary Anne James

Mary Hart

Melanie Martin

Jim Guss

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. (Barr/Winslow) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

5.0 ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Superintendent Watkins administered the Oath of Office to elected trustee Abel Sanchez, and to Jack Dilles, appointed in-lieu of election for the term December 2014 to December 2018.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Trustee Dilles administered the Oath of Office to Michael Watkins, Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools, appointed in-lieu of election for the term January 2015 to January 2019.

7.0 ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

The Board shall organize at a meeting held in each year by electing one of their number as president of the board. The meeting shall be the first meeting on or after the last Friday in November. (E.C. 1009)

7.1 Nominations for President of the Board

Trustee Barr nominated Trustee Nichols for president of the Board. There were no further nominations.

7.2 Election of Board President

It was M.S.C. (Barr/Sales) to elect Trustee Nichols to serve as Board president.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7.3 Nominations for Vice President of the Board

Trustee Dilles nominated Trustee Barr for vice president of the Board. There were no further nominations.

7.4 Election of Board Vice President

It Was M.S.C. (Dilles/Sales) to elect Trustee Barr to serve as Board vice president.

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

7.5 Seating of New Officers of the Board of Trustees

New officers were seated.

7.6 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on School District Organization

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Barr) to appoint Trustee Dilles to serve as Chairperson of the County Committee on School District Organization.

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

7.7 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board

The Board discussed selection of the day of the month and time for regular meetings of the County Board of Education.

Trustee Barr expressed concern that conducting the meetings in the afternoon prevents full community involvement. She stated that she felt meetings should be held in the evening, or at least 4:00 p.m. to allow more community members to attend.

Trustee Winslow stated he prefers the 2:00 p.m. start of meetings, and would welcome 1:00 p.m. start time, citing traffic issues.

Trustee Dilles noted the idea of changing meeting times had been discussed before and that it seemed that for those who are engaging the Board, afternoon seemed to be best. He stated that he would be open to change if circumstances dictated, but that he is comfortable with continuing the meetings at 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Sanchez inquired as to whether it was worth revisiting a poll with the community and then base the decision on those results.

Trustee Nichols stated that during her campaign she asked voters about preferred meeting times and was told evenings would be preferred. However, she noted that since that time she has not heard from anybody about the time of the meeting and does not think the public is concerned about the time of the meetings, adding she would want to know from the public if there was an interest in changing the time.

Following discussion, it was agreed that staff would poll the COE communities, such as Special Education and Alternative Education, to determine their interest, and the matter will be revisited at the regular February meeting.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Winslow) that the date and time of the regular Board meeting of the County Board of Education continue to be the third Thursday at 2:00 p.m. until the matter is revisited in February.

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

7.8 Appointment to Board Ad Hoc Committees

7.8.1 Board Budget Committee

Trustee Sales, Trustee Dilles, and Trustee Barr were appointed to the Board Budget Committee.

7.8.2 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

Trustee Dilles, Trustee Nichols, and Trustee Winslow were appointed to the Community Outreach and Legislative Committee.

7.8.3 Charter Schools Committee

Trustee Barr and Trustee Sanchez were appointed to the Charter Schools Committee.

7.8.4 Policy Committee

Trustee Sales, Trustee Nichols, and Trustee Sanchez were appointed to the Policy Committee.

7.8.5 Other committee as determined:

Representatives at the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association

Trustee Dilles and Trustee Barr were appointed as representatives to the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association.

Committee to Review Board Vacancy Applicants

Trustee Barr, Trustee Sanchez, and Trustee Nichols were appointed to the Committee to Review Board Vacancy Applicants.

8.0 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.

8.0.1 Minutes of Board Meeting of November 20, 2014

8.0.2 Routine Budget Revisions

8.0.3 Donations

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

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

8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

There were no deferred consent items.

9.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

11.0 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT

The Superintendent and Board recognized the contributions of retiring employee, Melanie Martin.

**12.0 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION of SUPERVISION and CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT
OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER AWARD**

Eric Andrew, Superintendent of the Campbell Union School District, presented Rowland Baker, Executive Director, TICAL, the Outstanding Instructional Leader Award, on behalf of the California Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

RECESS

Trustee Barr requested the Board revisit item 7.8.5 to appoint representatives to the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association. Superintendent Watkins asked that the Board also create a committee to review applications for the Board vacancy. These committee appointments are reflected under 7.8.5.

13.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS and PRESENTATIONS

13.1 First Interim Financial Report

Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, presented the first interim financial report to the Board in public session, as required.

**13.2 Alternative Education End-of-Year Evidence of Progress for LEA's in Program
Improvement Year 3**

John Rice, Senior Director of Alternative Education, presented a report to the Board on the Alternative Education End-of-Year Evidence of progress as required.

14.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS/NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

14.1 Approval of the 2015-2016 Budget Development Calendar

Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, presented the Board with the 2015-16 Budget Development Calendar.

Trustee Barr asked if budget committee meetings could be added to the calendar. In response, Trustee Sales noted that this public calendar isn't meant to schedule Board input and that typically budget committee meetings are scheduled when there is a specific issue to discuss. It was agreed that a tentative meeting would be scheduled in April, if necessary, and that it may be cancelled if not needed.

It was M.S.C. (Dilles/Winslow) to adopt the calendar as presented with a note that the budget committee will be consulted in April if necessary.

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

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

14.2 Determine Vacancy for Trustee Area 2 and Timelines for Filling Potential Vacancy

Following discussion, it was agreed that a special meeting of the Board would be scheduled on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to interview candidates and select an appointee to the Board vacancy.

It was M.S.C. (Sanchez/Winslow) to declare a vacancy in Trustee Area 2 and schedule a special meeting of the Board on February 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to interview candidates.

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

14.3 Pacific Collegiate School (PCS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mary Anne James, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services, explained to the Board that the PCS petition renewal was contingent upon completing the MOU by January 15, 2015. Colleagues at PCS requested an extension of one month, extending completion of the MOU to February 19, 2015.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Barr) that extension of completion of the MOU be granted until February.

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

15.0 SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest.

16.0 TRUSTEE REPORTS (3 minutes each)

Trustee Barr reported that she was excited about the CSBA conference, having attended Sunday through Tuesday. She noted the three general speakers were exceptional.

Trustee Dilles reported he enjoyed the CSBA conference and speakers, and also enjoyed attending Melanie Martin's retirement party.

Trustee Winslow reported that he attended two events at the Resource Center for Non-Violence.

Trustee Sales reported that he also enjoyed the CSBA conference, and concurs that the speakers were the highlight.

Trustee Sanchez reported that he also attended the CSBA conference, including a session on Saturday for new trustees. He noted he enjoyed getting together with other trustees as well as the emphasis on early education.

Trustee Nichols reported that she attended the agenda planning meeting and the CSBA conference. She reported that she had been invited to a happy hour event by a group called Evolve and that she is very interested in their project and intends to call a meeting of the legislative committee to discuss.

17.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

18.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

The Board requested that establishment of regular meetings of the Board, following a poll of alternative education and special education families regarding meeting times, be placed on the February agenda.

19.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS

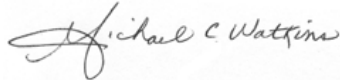
January 15, 2014
2:00 p.m.

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20.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael C. Watkins
Secretary to the Board