



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

Regular Board Meeting  
 February 16, 2012  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Board Room

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

<u>Board Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Jack Dilles	Mary Hart
Arnold Levine (President)	Bryan Wall
Gina Locatelli	Brunella Deeds
Vic Marani,	Dorothy Raab
George Bud Winslow	Troy Cope
Michael Watkins, Secretary	Cindy O'Conner

Aaron Hinde not present at roll call. Arrived at 2:25 p.m.

**2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Ayes:	Unanimous
Nays:	None
Absent:	Hinde, Sales
Abstain:	None

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**4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Samantha Abeling of Women' Crisis Support – Defensa de Mujeres addressed the Board to inform them that February is Teen Violence Prevention month. Ms. Abeling informed the Board that forty percent of teen violence reported occurs at school. She continued that her organization is doing a lot of work related to dating violence, sexual harassment and assaults. Defensa de Mujeres provides counseling services, and a primary focus is engaging youth to take responsibility and to educate them to recognize abuses, and to provide them skills to address the issue.

Edith Driscoll, Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller, County of Santa Cruz addressed the Board regarding the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. After some discussion, Trustee Marani stated he believed it more appropriate to have this matter properly agendaized to allow full participation.

Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, explained that issues surrounding redevelopment agencies are moving quickly and felt it important for the Board to receive current information quickly. It was agreed that the matter of dissolution of redevelopment agencies be placed on a future agenda.

**5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**5.0.1** Minutes of Board Meeting of January 19, 2012

**5.0.2** Donations

**5.0.3** Routine Budget Revisions

**5.0.4** Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter Ended December 31, 2011

Ayes: Unanimous

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Nays: None

Absent: None

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 is no unfinished business to discuss.

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Adopt Resolution # 12-2, Authorizing Temporary Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts**

It was M.S.C. (Hinde/Dilles) to adopt Resolution 12-2 Authorizing Temporary Cash Loans to Santa Cruz County School Districts.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Winslow

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Nays: None

Absent: Sales

Abstain: None

**8.2 Approve Revisions to Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan In Program Improvement Year 3**

It was M.S.C. (Hinde/Locatelli) to approve revisions to Local Education Agency plan.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Winslow

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Nays: None

Absent: Sales

Abstain: None

**9.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**9.1 Program Report: Special Education**

Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent, introduced Dorothy Raab, Director of Special Education and Troy Cope, Coordinator, Special Education. Ms. Raab and Mr. Cope presented a video highlighting special education programs.

- 9.2 Information Item: Labor Negotiations – “Sunshine” the California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #484, 2012-2013 Negotiations Proposal to the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools**  
Heather Hutchison, co-president, California School Employees Association, Chapter #484, “sunshined” the 2012-2013 negotiations proposal to the County Superintendent of Schools. Copy of proposal included on file with these minutes.
- 9.3 Information Item: Labor Negotiations – “Sunshine” the County Superintendent of School’s 2012-2013 Negotiations Proposal to the California School Employees Association, Chapter #484**  
Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent, “sunshined” the 2012-2013 County Superintendent of Schools negotiations proposal to the California School Employees association (CSEA), Chapter #484. Copy of proposal included on file with these minutes.
- 9.4 Information Item: Labor Negotiations – “Sunshine” the Santa Cruz Education Association’s 2012-2013 Negotiations Proposal to the County Superintendent of Schools**  
Elizabeth Burnham, co-president, Santa Cruz Education Association, “sunshined” the 2012-2013 negotiations proposal to the County Superintendent of Schools. Copy included on file with these minutes.
- 9.5 Information Item: Labor Negotiations – “Sunshine” the County Superintendent of School’s 2012-2013 Negotiations Proposal to the Santa Cruz Education Association**  
Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent, “sunshined” the 2012-2013 County Superintendent of Schools negotiations proposal to the Santa Cruz Education Association. Copy of proposal included on file with these minutes.
- 9.6 Superintendent’s Report**  
County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, reported on activities and matters of interest since his report of January 19, 2012:

**Administrators Breakfast**

Our annual Administrators Breakfast featured Dr. Anthony Muhammad, a leading expert on organizational change. We had 175 administrators from school districts all across the county. Reviews of the presentation were very positive and we plan on bringing Dr. Muhammad back later in the year to work more in-depth with administrators.

**Rachel Goodman**

The new executive director of the Tannery Arts Center, Rachel Goodman, met with me to discuss strategies and possible partnerships to maintain arts education in the public schools.

**Santa Cruz Rotary Club**

Superintendent Watkins spoke at the Santa Cruz Rotary Club meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup> focusing on our services to districts from business services, to fiscal oversight, staff development and direct student services such as Career Technical Education through our Regional Occupational Programs and Special Education classes. They had an outstanding turnout for the meeting and my presentation was well received.

**CCSESA Quarterly Meeting**

The California County Superintendents Educational Services Association met for its quarterly meeting on January 23-25<sup>th</sup> in Monterey. Topically discussions included the Governor’s budget, dismantling of redevelopment agencies, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Initiative, and implementation of the K-12 Student Mental Health Initiative.

### **ACSA Superintendents Symposium**

In January, Superintendent Watkins attended the annual ACSA (Association of California Administrators) Superintendents Symposium. State Superintendent Tom Torlakson spoke to the gathering along with other impressive speakers focusing on the challenges facing today's school administrators.

### **Alternative Education – Mid-Year Graduations**

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, our Alternative Education Programs held a mid-year graduation for 58 students. The graduations were held at the Portuguese Hall which provided a better sized room for the graduation and the required parking. Thanks to Arnie Levine and Gina Locatelli for attending and participating in this important event.

### **Roberts A. Hartman School Graduation**

Superintendent Watkins attended the graduation ceremonies at the Hartman School at the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall. Two students participated in the ceremonies. Special thanks to teacher Bonnie Dankert for making this a very special event in these students' lives.

### **Redevelopment Agencies**

Superintendent Watkins has been meeting with Mary Jo Walker, city managers, mayors, and superintendents and their CBO's as the process of dismantling Redevelopment Agencies continues. Oversight committees must be formed for each agency and as County Superintendent of Schools, he is required to appoint one member to oversee the interests of the affected school districts. There are five agencies and a different school CBO has been appointed to each depending on the area they cover.

### **Science Collaboration**

Adam Wade is leading the effort to provide a networking system for science educators throughout the county. Superintendent Watkins was able to do the welcome at the first meeting held on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Science educators across the county will come together regularly to share information on curriculum and resources.

### **High School Voter Registration**

Ron Glass and Jonathon Fox, UCSC professors, met with me to discuss registration of students 18 years and older. We discussed how registration could possibly be incorporated into the high school curriculum.

### **Revolution of Electronic-Based Instruction**

The San Mateo School Boards Association held a joint meeting to discuss the evolution of online learning and other electronic-based resources for students and schools. Jason Borgen represented our office at this meeting.

### **New Teacher Center Symposium**

The focus for this year's New Teacher Center Symposium was 'Shining the Light on Good Teaching' and featured a number of keynote speakers. Superintendent Watkins was able to attend one day of the symposium where he was able to learn more about the *826 Writing Project* that is the basis for the *Santa Cruz Writes* program being proposed by Jory Post and his collaborators.

### **Santa Cruz Writes: Young Writers Program for Grades 4-8**

Retired educator Jory Post and his colleagues have been meeting with Superintendent Watkins to discuss the development of a new program emphasizing a passion for learning and the necessity of good writing and thinking skills in grades 4 through 8. The program is currently still in the planning stages and will be piloted in the spring of this year.

### **Criminal Justice Council**

The rejuvenated Criminal Justice Council held its first meeting in January. This Council existed many years ago, was dismantled but has been brought back to assist in the continuing emphasis on the abatement of youth and gang violence. It has grown out of the BASTA meetings that are held 3-4 times a year and is made up of a smaller group of people representative of the judicial, law enforcement and education.

### **Agri-Culture Board Meeting**

Topics discussed included: Twenty seven applications have been submitted for participation in this year's Focus Agriculture workshops. The National Ag Day luncheon has been scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>. The annual scholarship for students entering or continuing college studies in agriculture has been doubled to \$2000. The annual poster and poetry contests are in full swing. Winners of the contests get a \$200 savings bond.

### **Inside Education**

Inside Education participants met on February 15<sup>th</sup> to learn more about middle schools. They visited Aptos Junior High and New Brighton Middle School. Brian King, president, Cabrillo College spoke to them about SC4, Santa Cruz County College Commitment, a program to instill in children in elementary schools the aspiration to go to college.

### **Pajaro School Bond**

Mary Hart and Superintendent Watkins met with Dorma Baker and Brett McFadden to discuss the possibility of and strategize in regards to placing a bond issue on the November ballot.

### **Leadership Santa Cruz**

We hosted the Leadership Santa Cruz cadre for Education Day. They began the day at our office with a breakfast and presentation. They then visited Watsonville and Harbor High Schools and returned to lunch and a presentation on school finance by Brett McFadden, CBO, Pajaro Valley Unified. The afternoon was spent with Brian King, president, Cabrillo College and Chancellor George Blumenthal from University of California, Santa Cruz.

### **Football Pool Luncheon**

The annual Football Pool Luncheon was a fun event with much camaraderie and good food. The "below the line" participants supplied a great lunch to all of those who scored above the line. Kirk Osborn, Tina Dinsmore, Pam Crowell, Melanie Martin, and Bryan Wall did a great job of coordinating this fantastic event that brings employees together for some fun competition.

### **Freshman Transition Study**

Lori Butterworth, Executive Director, Boomerang Foundation met with Superintendent Watkins to share the results of a freshman survey on transition to high school and how the instruments developed for this study might be used countywide.

### **Support to Districts**

Discussion has begun on how the County Office of Education will support the districts of Santa Cruz County in the next school year whether through our personnel or other resources in support of the education of our county's children.

### **Rama Khalsa's Retirement**

Superintendent Watkins attended the retirement celebration for long time Health Services Agency administrator. Ms. Khalsa worked closely with the schools in promoting community health and childhood wellness. She has been replaced by Poki Stewart Namkung, MD who is very familiar with the department having worked with Ms. Khalsa for many years.

**Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction**

Superintendent Watkins will be meeting with State Superintendent Tom Torlakson next week to discuss improving the graduation rates for high school students. He will also be testifying in a legislative hearing on programs and adequate funding for alternative education programs. Having successfully instituted innovative alternative education programs in our county, Superintendent Watkins has been asked to elaborate on our programs and how to replicate these throughout the state.

**Monthly Meetings**

**Tannery Board**

**Agenda Committee**

**Migrant Headstart Videoconference**

**CCSESA Executive Board Phone Conference**

**CCSESA Legislative Committee Phone Conference.**

**Children's Network Executive Committee**

**Inside Education Planning Committee**

**Superintendents Council**

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

Trustee Marani reported that he met with State Superintendent Torlakson and other education officials from Monterey and San Benito counties. He also met with Diane Dealy-Neill, founder of the Forestry Challenge, as a follow-up to this year's program, and how it could potentially be more effective in the future. Trustee Marani also attended the COE football luncheon, noting it was a lot of fun, and great to see so many employees participate.

Trustee Hinde reported he had been contacted by MTV regarding a Scotts Valley High School student who was scheduled to be on their show "Made", because he is the student's chiropractor. Trustee Hinde also spoke to Louie Walters, SVHS athletic director, who asked him to serve on an ROP advisory panel.

Trustee Dilles reported that he attended the BASTA parent education meeting at Live Oak Elementary, noting it was well attended and very well done, thanking Bryan Wall for coordinating the event. Trustee Dilles also reported that he submitted his name for consideration as treasurer for CCBE. Trustee Dilles reminded the Board, staff, and audience that the Scrabble Tournament will be held March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Law Library, with proceeds benefitting the Teen Peer Court program. Mr. Dilles also met with Ken Wagman, Board President, Santa Cruz City Schools. He also attended Senator Simitian's update in Palo Alto.

Trustee Winslow reported he attended a meeting at the Santa Cruz Housing Authority and at the Santa Cruz Community Action Agency. He also attended Santa Cruz Senior Commission.

Trustee Locatelli reported that she attended the Alternative Education graduations and the Administrator breakfast on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Locatelli also attended the agenda committee meeting, Santa Cruz County Fair meetings, and a Board President training in Millbrae.

President Levine reported that he attended and worked at the chocolate festival and attended the Administrator breakfast on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Levine also attended the COE football luncheon and Alternative Education graduations. Trustee Levine attended a Santa Cruz Host Lions program featuring scholar athletes in the county and met with Ken Wagman. He also reported that he would be a science fair judge on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

Constitution Day ad hoc committee - Trustee Locatelli reported that she already has a promise of \$250 for awards and will likely hold the first meeting in March.

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

Dissolution of redevelopment agencies will be placed on a future Board agenda.

**12.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS**

Thursday, March 15, 2012 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
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Thursday, April 12, 2012 2:00 p.m. (Please note: Second Thursday)	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
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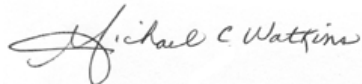
Thursday, May 17, 2012 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
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Thursday, June 21, 2012 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
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**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Levine adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael C. Watkins  
Secretary to the Board