



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

Regular Board Meeting
 May 17, 2012
 Time: 11:30 a.m.
 Board Room

Approved Minutes

OPEN SESSION

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

Jack Dilles
 Aaron Hinde
 Arnold Levine (President)
 Gina Locatelli
 Dana Sales
 George Bud Winslow
 Michael Watkins, Secretary

Staff Present

Bryan Wall
 Mary Hart
 Cindy O’Conner
 Kyle Rucker
 Margaret Merchat (Legal Counsel)

Trustee Vic Marani arrived after roll call.

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Unanimous
 Nays: None
 Absent: None
 Abstain: None

Action #894

4.0 OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

There was no public comment.

5.0 CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Levine disclosed that under Government Code 54956.9 the Board, in closed session, received information and conferred regarding existing litigation; One case, CCESA vs. CalPERS.

Open session resumed at 12:20 p.m.

6.0 REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Levine reported that there were no reportable actions taken in closed session.

7.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no remarks from the audience.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 8.0.1** Minutes of Board Meeting of April 12, 2012
- 8.0.2** Donations
- 8.0.3** Routine Budget Revisions
- 8.0.4** Treasurer's Report, Quarter Ending March 31, 2012

Ayes: Unanimous
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Action #895

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 is was no unfinished business to discuss.

11.0 APPEAL HEARING: DENIED INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER, SAN LORENZO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPELLANT MUDGE

In accordance with E.C. 46601, et seq. and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5118.1, the Board conducted an appeal hearing regarding reference Matter on Appellant Mudge.

11.1 Conduct Appeal Hearing

President Levine conducted the appeal hearing.

11.2 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 Locatelli to grant the appellants the interdistrict transfer that has been requested. There being no second, the motion failed.

Trustee Marani motioned to remand the matter to the San Lorenzo Valley School Board to allow Mr. Mudge the opportunity to research the Allen Bill. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sales.

Ayes: Levine, Hinde, Marani, Sales
Nays: Dilles, Locatelli, Winslow
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Action # 896

12.0 PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Public Hearing: Approval to Utilize Flexibility to Transfer Funds in Tier 3 Categorical Programs Authorized by SBX3 4

President Levine opened the public hearing to receive comment Relative to the flexibility to transfer funds in Tier 3 Categorical Programs Authorized by SBX3 4. Kyle Rucker, Coordinator, Internal Business Services stated that the state permitted flexibility to move categorical funds to unrestricted funds for any educational purpose. A requirement of implementing flexibility requires a public hearing. With no further comment, the public hearing was closed.

12.2 Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution No. 12-06: Approval to Utilize Flexibility to transfer Funds in Tier 3 Categorical programs Authorized by SBX3 4

Following discussion it was M.S.C. (Sales/Dilles) to adopt Resolution 12-06 as presented.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales, Winslow
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Action # 897

12.3 Public Hearing Regarding an Energy Services Contract for a Solar Installation Project

President Levine opened the public hearing to receive comment pursuant to California Government Code 4217.10 et seq. on the matter of consideration of approval of an Energy Services Contract. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed.

12.4 Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution No. 12-07 In the Matter of Entering Into An Energy Service Design-Build Contract Pursuant to Government Code Sections 4271.10 et seq.

It was M.S.C. (Marani/Dilles) to adopt Resolution 12-07 as presented.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales, Winslow
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Action # 898

12.5 Consideration and Possible Approval of a Solar Implementation Contract with Chevron Energy Solutions

It was M.S.C. (Hinde/Winslow) to approve of the solar implementation Contract with Chevron Energy Solutions.

Ayes: Unanimous
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Action # 899

**12.6 Consideration and Possible Adoption of 2012-2013
Santa Cruz County Office of Education School Year Calendar**

Deputy Superintendent Bryan Wall reported that the calendar was developed collaboratively over a series of meetings which included administration and union representatives from each school district in the county. The common cause was to establish similar start dates and the same winter and spring breaks. Superintendent Watkins noted this has been a nearly two decades long effort, and commended Deputy Superintendent Wall on this accomplishment, noting it is good for families and districts.

Trustee Levine inquired about observation of Jewish holidays. Margaret Merchat, legal counsel, stated that districts should not take religious holidays into consideration. Code allows for Christmas only. Spring breaks and others are tied to the educational calendar, not religious.

Trustee Marani inquired about holidays being observed on the correct day, notably Veteran's Day. Deputy Superintendent Wall explained that schools are required to observe Veteran's Day on November 11th of each year, unless the holiday fall on a weekend, as it does this year. Because November 11th falls on a Sunday schools are legally required to observe the holiday on the following Monday.

It was M.S.C. (Winslow/Hinde) to adopt the 2012-13 Santa Cruz County Office of Education calendar as submitted. Trustee Marani requested a roll call vote.

Ayes:	Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Sales, Winslow	<u>Action # 900</u>
Nays:	Marani	
Abstain:	None	
Absent:	None	

**12.7 Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution 12-08
Calling on U.S. Congress and Administration to Overhaul
the "No Child Left Behind Act"**

It was M.S.C. (Locatelli/Winslow) to adopt Resolution 12-08 as presented.

Ayes:	Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales, Winslow	<u>Action # 901</u>
Nays:	None	
Abstain:	None	
Absent:	None	

**12.8 Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution 12-09
In Support of Measure K, Scotts Valley Unified School District
Parcel Tax**

It was M.S.C. (Winslow/Hinde) to adopt Resolution 12-09 as Presented.

George Wylie, San Lorenzo Valley Board member, addressed the Board, saying that he believed he was speaking for everyone in the county, and applauded the Board for supporting the Scotts Valley School District, noting it was a very nice thing.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales, Winslow Action # 901
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

12.9 ADOPT RESOLUTION 12-10, Ordering Election, Requesting County Elections Department to Conduct the Election, Request Consolidation of the Election and Specifications of the Election Order

It was M.S.C. (Hinde/Winslow) to adopt Resolution 12-10 as presented.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales, Winslow Action # 902
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

13.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 Pacific Collegiate School Oversight Report

Deputy Superintendent Bryan Wall presented an oversight report on Pacific Collegiate School (PCS).

Sharmaine Cheleden, PCS Board President addressed the Board regarding the development of a non-profit foundation intended to benefit PCS. Ms. Cheleden stated there is no intention to transfer existing funds to the foundation.

George Wylie stated that as a taxpayer he believes PCS was considering doing something that broached legality and believes an independent audit should be conducted and made public.

Suz Howells addressed the Board stating her appreciation of the SCCOE looking into the matter of the non-profit foundation and noted that when accepting donations, best practices are that you are clear about what the donation will be used for.

Conducted out of order:

13.4 Presentation: Pajaro Valley Unified School District Model Technology Classroom Grant

Tim Landeck, Director and Murray Schekman, Assistant Superintendent of Pajaro Valley Unified School District presented on Model Technology Classroom Grant provided by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. They thanked the Board for their support and demonstrated how they used the funds.

13.2 Superintendent's Report

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on following activities and matters of interest since his report of April 12, 2012.

Inside Education

Inside Education has met twice since our last Board meeting since the meeting was a week earlier. In April, the cohort visited Alternative Education sites and learned more about the many programs we offer for at-risk youth. Yesterday, they had the fun visit to our Outdoor Science Program in Corralitos. When visiting the program, they get to go on hikes with the students and participate in other fun activities.

National Youth Law Center

The Plan for Educating Expelled and At-Risk Youth was updated by districts and signed by superintendents. The Plan lists all the resources available for our at-risk population. They have agreed to data sharing and tracking of Foster Youth as they are moved from home to home to ensure they are receiving the services they need to succeed.

WASC – Western Association of Schools & Colleges

The Alternative Education Programs participated in a WASC Review. The report-out by the reviewing committee was very positive with the Chair commenting that the self-study done by the department was one of the most complete he had ever seen. The actual term of accreditation will be announced once the report is reviewed by the WASC personnel. I want to thank all of the staff for the great job they do on a daily basis and especially for the comprehensive report for the WASC team.

Superintendent's Training

The last of the Professional Learning Communities training for our superintendents took place on 5/26 at the Monterey County Office of Education. It consisted of four different trainings to cover various aspects of leadership.

UCSC Interns

At the invitation of Will Rosse, Superintendent Watkins addressed his class of UCSC psychologist interns. He spoke on various topics of interest to them including counseling and mental health needs in schools, funding issues, testing, English Language Learners amongst others.

Santa Cruz County College Commitment

Approximately 3000 fourth-grade students, descended on Cabrillo College for "Samper Fourth Grade Experience" to give them a taste of college and get them thinking in terms of making college attendance a goal. They visited classrooms and participated in lectures on finance and accounting. Next year, a new crop of fourth graders will visit with fifth graders making the journey to California State University Monterey Bay and to UCSC the following year. It is hoped that more children will follow the path of a college education by making them comfortable with the idea early in their education pathway. (email from Murry Schekman, Assistant Superintendent, PVUSD attached)

SEAC – School Employers Association of California

Superintendent Watkins attended the SEAC Board meeting in Sacramento followed by a day of visiting various legislators and others to lobby them in regards to the challenges faced by schools in these tight budget times and to try to alleviate further cuts to classrooms.

Louden Nelson Community School

At the invitation of students and teachers, Superintendent Watkins attended a luncheon at the Loudon Nelson Community School. Students are taught about nutrition, growing food, and cooking what they grow. They did an amazing job of cooking a wonderful lunch.

Education Coalition

Superintendent Watkins attended the monthly meeting of the Education Coalition in Sacramento. Topics discussed were the State budget, the Weighted Pupil Formula and how to advocate for education in these challenging times.

Pajaro Valley Unified

Superintendent Watkins met with Dorma Baker, superintendent, and Brett McFadden on several topics including Adult Education, Foster Youth, and possible alternative programs for elementary students.

Classified Professional Development

With the close of the professional development program for our classified staff, a celebration was held. Participants shared how the program had influenced how they do their jobs and a celebratory luncheon followed. Superintendent Watkins was honored to attend and hear of the positive impact of the program.

Student Author Fair

Superintendent Watkins attended the Student Author Fair at the Capitola Mall and was impressed again with the participation of schools throughout the county. It was wonderful to see all the books written by children of various grade levels. .

Math Contest

The annual Math Contest was held at the beginning of May with the awards ceremony to be held on May 22nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Tech Center. The contest is for 5th through 8th grade students with both individual competitions and team competitions. Winners are on the website.

Prison Re-Alignment

Meetings continue with Sheriff Phil Wowak, Mark Rodgers, Jim Howes, Scott MacDonald from probation and myself in regards to providing educational opportunities for inmates at the Rountree Facility.

Regional Occupational Programs (ROP) Recognition Event

ROP held its picnic recognizing staff for their hard work throughout the year. They are often unable to attend our Teacher Appreciation Day event so hold their own when it will fit the schedules of these many teachers.

Pacific Collegiate Charter School

Cabinet members met with representatives of Pacific Collegiate Charter and legal counsel to discuss facilities, foundation formation and other current issues.

Pajaro Valley Unified Student Art Show

Superintendent Watkins spoke at the annual Student Art Show at the Watsonville Civic Center. In partnership between the City of Watsonville and the students of Pajaro Valley Unified School District, student art work is displayed at the Civic Center with a reception for the student artists.

Bully – the Movie

The County Office of Education sponsored a showing of the movie BULLY at the Aptos Cinema on Saturday, May 12th. Over 200 people attended the showing with approximately 60 remaining after to discuss the movie and its implications for Santa Cruz County and how we might fight the epidemic of bullying in our schools.

15th Annual Queer Youth Leadership Awards

Superintendent Watkins was honored to once again attend the Queer Youth Leadership Awards where students, adults and organizations are honored for their work in supporting gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth. The event began with a resource fair and culminated with the awards, a dinner and dance.

Senator Simitian's Town Hall

Superintendent Watkins attended the Town Hall meeting held by Senator Simitian at Santa Cruz High. He addressed the usual concerns of the education community including the Weighted Pupil Formula, the State Budget and Transitional Kindergarten among other topics.

Juvenile, Court, Community and Alternative Administrators of California (JCCASAC)

Superintendent Watkins attended the annual conference for JCCASAC in San Diego where he was asked to speak to the participants and was honored to introduce one of the keynote speakers, Dr. Yong Zhao, Presidential Chair and Associate Dean for Global Education, College of Education at the University of Oregon. The conference gives administrators the opportunity to review education code, review Average Daily Attendance funding mechanisms, and analyze best practices as they apply to enrollment, transition, special education, and working with partner agencies.

New Teacher Project Colloquium

Superintendent Watkins was honored to attend the New Teacher Project Colloquium where this year's mentored teachers were able to share their successes in the classroom. It is heartening to hear how the New Teacher Project has made an impact in the lives of our new classroom teachers and how their students benefit from the unique support they receive.

13.3 Trustee Reports (3 minutes each)

Trustee Marani stated that would be meaningful to meet with members of the Senate and Assembly regarding the proposed weighted student formula, noting it could be very positive, proactive and effective.

Trustee Hinde thanked Derek Timm and the agenda committee for creating the resolution in support of Measure K and the Scotts Valley School District. He also attended the Brook Knoll second grade music performance and congratulated the districts he represents on their positive certifications.

Trustee Sales commented that he has a commitment following the June Board meeting, and would appreciate action items be placed near the top of the agenda as possible.

Trustee Dilles attended the Eddy Awards, noting it was a wonderful event recognizing educators. He also attended a California Senior Alliance luncheon on pension reform; an Economic Summit in Santa Clara, where Thomas Freedman, Economist, shared his thoughts on the economy. Trustee Dilles participated in a CCBE Executive Committee conference call; attended two RDA oversight committee meetings; a luncheon regarding healthcare; participated in the Mt. Charlie Challenge, a bike ride benefiting Scotts Valley schools; attended the Green Acres Elementary teacher appreciation event and an Art Show at Santa Cruz High School.

Trustee Winslow attended a Women's International Peace and Freedom event. He also attended a Housing Authority meeting regarding homeless children; attended the movie Bully and attended a Senior Commission meeting.

Trustee Locatelli reported that she attended the WASC meet and greet for Alternative Education and met with WASC visiting team. She also supported the Corralitos firefighter spaghetti feed. Trustee Locatelli was asked to serve as special guest host on KSCO, where she interviewed supervisory candidate. Trustee Locatelli also attended the agenda committee meeting and a Santa Cruz County Fair meeting. Trustee Locatelli reported that Sons of Italy gave \$8,500 in scholarships to students.

President Levine reported that he attended the agenda committee meeting and Alternative Education WASC events. He also attended the S4C event for fourth graders at Cabrillo College, noting it was an excellent event. President Levine reported that he is the scholarship chair for the Santa Cruz Host Lions, and their organization gave \$2,500 in scholarships to students.

14.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS/ACTIONS (if any)

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

15.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional items added to the agenda.

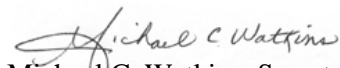
16.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 21, 2012 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, July 19, 2012 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, August 16, 2012 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, September 20, 2012 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael C. Watkins, Secretary to the Board