



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

Regular Board Meeting
 June 16, 2011
 Time: 2:00 p.m.
 Watsonville City Council Chambers
 275 Main St., 4th Floor
 Watsonville, CA

Approved Minutes

1.0 ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Board Present

Jack Dilles
 Aaron Hinde
 Arnold Levine
 Gina Locatelli
 Vic Marani
 Dana Sales
 George Bud Winslow
 Michael Watkins, Secretary

Staff Present

Mary Hart
 Theresa Rouse
 Bryan Wall
 Brunella Deeds
 Kyle Rucker
 John Rice
 Ali Chapin Kele

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Action #842

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

4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no remarks from the audience.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

Action #843

- 5.0.1 Minutes of Board Meeting of May 19, 2011
- 5.0.2 Donations
- 5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.4 Disposal of Surplus Equipment
- 5.0.5 Resolution 11-06 Board Member Absence

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

5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

There were no deferred consent items.

6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

7.0 RECOGNITIONS

7.1 Retiring Superintendents

Superintendent Watkins and the Board acknowledged the contributions of Santa Cruz County retiring superintendents: Kathleen Howard, Soquel Union Elementary School District, Susan Silver, Scotts Valley Unified School District, and Sharon Smith, Pacific Elementary.

7.2 Employee Recognition

Superintendent Watkins and the Board honored Theresa Rouse, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, for having earned her Doctorate of Education degree.

8.0 PRESENTATIONS

8.1 Redistricting

Dr. William D. Barr, L.L.C., and attorney Soren Diaz provided an overview of post census trustee realignment process, which is required by law. Dr. Barr informed the Board that he will be working with Mr. Diaz on the redistricting process for SCCOE.

Dr. Barr stated that a taskforce consisting of nine to fourteen people representing the county's population would be created for the purpose of ensuring equitable cross county representation. Dr. Barr recommended that if the Board had names of potential taskforce representatives to that they forward them to the superintendent's office.

Mr. Diaz informed the Board that he is available to answer questions on California Education Code and related to compliance to the federal voting rights act, noting that pursuant to the federal voting rights act, a precise document must be submitted to the Department of Justice if changes are made to boundaries.

Superintendent Watkins inquired as to whether or not there was a way to partner with districts in the realignment process. Dr. Barr stated that while much of the data collected can be used mutually, each jurisdiction must go through the process separately.

8.2 Therapy Dog Introduction

Ali Chapin Kele, teacher of the visually impaired, Special Education, introduced Ruthie a trained therapy dog, due to complete her Therapy Dog International (TDI) certification this summer. Ms. Kele explained the benefits of a therapy dog for special education student to the Board, and requested the Board create a policy allowing therapy dogs to be used in SCCOE classrooms.

Superintendent Watkins stated he believed the issue of a therapy dog in the classroom would be an administrative regulation, not a board decision. He noted his interest in assisting Ms. Kele in establishing a regulation, and would solicit input from legal counsel.

9.0 APPEAL HEARING: DENIED INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER, SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPELLANT BENJAMIN MILLER

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 Benjamin Miller.

9.1 Conduct Appeal Hearing

President Marani conducted the appeal hearing.

9.2 Board Deliberation, Finding of Facts, and Call for Motion of Final Action

Action #844

Following the hearing, deliberations and consideration of findings, it was moved by Trustee Levine and seconded by Trutee Winslow to overturn the district's denial and grant the interdistrict transfer.

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

10.0 APPEAL HEARING: DENIED INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER, SCOTTS VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT APPELLANT BREE MILLER

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 Bree Miller.

10.1 Conduct Appeal Hearing

President Marani conducted the appeal hearing.

10.2 Board Deliberation, Finding of Facts, and Call for Motion of Final Action

Action #845

Following the hearing, deliberations and consideration of findings, it was moved by Trustee Dilles and seconded by Trutee Hinde to overturn the district's denial and grant the interdistrict transfer.

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

11.0 PUBLIC HEARING/NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

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

President Marani 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.

11.2 Adopt Resolution No. 11-07: Approval to Utilize Flexibility to transfer Funds in Tier 3 Categorical Programs Authorized by SBX3 4 Action #846

Following discussion it was M.S.C. (Hinde/Sales) to adopt Resolution 11-07 as presented.

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

11.3 Adopt Resolution No. 11-08: Establish Authority to Assign Fund Balance as Required by Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Action #847

Following an explanation of GASB 54 by Kyle Rucker, Coordinator, Internal Business Services, it was M.S.C. (Hinde/Winslow) to adopt Resolution 11-08.

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

11.4 Approve Local Education Agency (LEA) Plan In Program Improvement Year 3 Action #848

John Rice, Project Director, Alternative Education, provided an overview of the requirements for LEAs identified for Program Improvement Year 3. Following discussion, it was M.S.C. (Winslow/Levine) to approve the Local Education Agency Plan for June 16, 2011-June 30, 2014.

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

11.5 Public Hearing: Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2011-2012 Budget

President Marani opened the public hearing to receive comment Relative to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education 2011-2012 Budget. There being no public comment, the public hearing was closed.

11.6 Adoption: 2011-2012 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Budget Action #849

Following a presentation by Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent/CBO, and discussion by the Board, it was M.S.C. (Locatelli/Dilles) to adopt the 2011-2012 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Budget as presented.

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

11.7 Approve Addendum to 2011-2012 Proposed Budget

Action #850

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Levine) to approve the addendum
To the 2011-2012 proposed budget.

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

12.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

12.1 Superintendent's Report

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins,
provided an update on activities and matters of interest
since May 19, 2011.

Special Education Graduation

Superintendent Watkins spoke at the Special Education graduation last week. Nine students graduated from our program. He thanked Trustees Arnie Levine, Gina Locatelli and Vic Marani for attending and addressing the graduates. As always, it was a very joyous occasion.

Alternative Education Graduations

In nine ceremonies over three days, the alternative education department is graduating a total of 201 students. We are extremely proud of this program that gives at-risk students a chance at a diploma and a better life.

Hartman School Mural

On June 7th, the Hartman School unveiled its mural that was designed and painted by Hartman students. Precita Eyes in San Francisco, an inner city community-based mural arts organization, assisted in locating muralists in the Santa Cruz area who might be interested in working with incarcerated youth. We were given the names of Rafael Arana and Mauricio Ramirez, two art majors attending UCSC, who had worked with Precita Eyes in previous years. Superintendent Watkins was honored to be part of the dedication program. There is an article with pictures on our home page.

SELPA Director

Since the last Board meeting, we have hired a replacement in the position of Senior Director, North County Special Education Local Plan Agency. Harriett Maglin comes to us from Southern California and has an extensive background in special education.

SPIN - Special Parents Information Network

Superintendent Watkins met with SPIN personnel to talk about collaborating for the upcoming school year. The County Office of Education will once again co-sponsor a workshop for parents and others caring for handicapped children. The focus of the workshop is to help professionals and caregivers to acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to maximize their efficiency, effectiveness and impact while minimizing burnout, compassion fatigue, and stress.

Community Corrections Partnership

Superintendent Watkins met with various law enforcement personnel, judges, county health and human services and others to discuss the impact on county services by the return of prisoners from state prisons to county jails.

Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission

Superintendent Watkins spoke with Mark Haberman regarding a potential new transportation information system to guide the Commission and the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' decision on how to implement this new system.

Pajaro Valley Unified School District Student Art Show

Superintendent Watkins addressed the attendees at the reception for the 4th Annual Student Art Show at Civic Plaza. It was a wonderful to share this event with students and their families. The County Office assisted in the support of this event.

Monterey Region Climate Action Compact Summit

At the invitation of Fred Keeley, Superintendent Watkins attended the Climate Action Compact Summit to discuss how to address economic and environmental opportunity while still taking into account the effects of development on climate change.

Central Coast Education Forum

On May 25th, Superintendent Watkins attended the Central Coast Education Forum with special guest, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson at the Steinbeck Center. In addition to Superintendent Torlakson's address, other topics included healthy food options in schools, dual immersion and bilingual education and school funding.

Special Education Staff Meeting

At the last Special Education staff meeting, four staff members who were retiring were honored along with six others who were moving on to other jobs. Superintendent Watkins acknowledged their service to the County Office of Education.

Negotiation

Negotiations with both unions have been completed with the CTA having already ratified their tentative agreement and the classified union expected ratify by the end of the month.

Math Contest

The awards ceremony was held for our annual Math Contest. It was well attended by students and parents. It was thrilling to see the smiles on the faces of students as they were called forward to receive their medals.

Santa Cruz County Reading Association Awards Ceremony

The County Reading Association met in our Board Room to hand out their annual Literacy Awards. They acknowledge both teachers and librarians in the public library system.

Esperanza Middle School Sailing Program

Our Alternative Education school, Esperanza Middle School enjoyed a day on Pinto Lake sailing the two person El Toro's that they have refurbished over the past year. Teacher Dan McGuire leads the students through restoration of the donated boats and then teaches them to sail. Students acquire not only the skills involved, but increased self-esteem.

Pajaro Valley High School Commencement

At the invitation of Principal Pancho Rodriguez, Superintendent Watkins attended the graduation ceremonies for the students of Pajaro Valley High School. He was honored to assist in the distribution of the diplomas. Of the 248 graduates, 190 are going on to community colleges with another 54 heading to four-year institutions. Four are enrolling in vocational training programs.

Beat Within Workshops

We are in discussion with Beat Within to provide a series of 1 to 1 ½ hour workshops to teach students the appreciation of various forms of literature and to develop writing skills. Journalists, writers and poets from the community will be invited to do guest presentations with the students. Older and more proficient students will be encouraged to mentor younger students.

Santa Cruz Promise

Meetings with other educators from all levels of education, including Cabrillo College, are continuing in an effort to bring about the Santa Cruz Promise: Academic and Career Success Initiative. This program will address college awareness beginning in the fourth grade with special curriculum and visits to college campuses. A public announcement is scheduled for August.

Cabrillo's Annual High School Principals Meeting

Cabrillo College hosted its annual meeting of high school principals and superintendents. Discussion centered on career and technology education and introducing high school students to the college experience.

2010 California Business for Education Excellence

Pacific Collegiate Charter School has once again been named a California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll School. The criteria is based on student achievement data, grade level proficiency and closing the achievement gap. Pacific Collegiate is one of 1,315 high schools recognized in California.

ROP Young Entrepreneurs Project

Superintendent Watkins attended the Regional Occupational Programs' Young Entrepreneurs Project where ROP students presented their business plans.

Model School Technology Integration

Along with representatives from Educational Services, Superintendent Watkins met with Dorma Baker, superintendent, Pajaro Valley Unified and her director of technology, Tim Landeck to discuss ways to provide 21st Century classrooms in Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

Retirement Events

Superintendent Watkins attended various retirement events over the last month including ones for Sharon Smith, Superintendent, Pacific Elementary; Kathleen Howard, Superintendent, Soquel Union Elementary; Curt Coleman, Principal, Small Schools.

Monthly and Regularly Scheduled Periodic Meetings

CCSESA Finance Committee
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Migrant Headstart Videoconference
SECA

12.2 Trustee Reports (3 minutes each)

Trustee Sales reported that he had the privilege of attending the Aptos High graduation ceremony, where he was able to present his niece with her diploma. He also reported that he received a check in the amount of \$1,000 from the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) to support his attendance at the annual CSBA conference. Trustee Sales also attended the legal committee meeting prior to the Board meeting.

Trustee Hinde reported that he attended Brook Knoll Elementary's open house. On June 18th he also attended the Scotts Valley Library ribbon cutting ceremony. Trustee Hinde informed the Board that beginning June 26th the Kiwanis would be sponsoring a monthly concert series to benefit education.

Trustee Locatelli reported that her son graduated from Delta Charter School. She also attended the special education graduation on June 9th, which she noted was very meaningful and remarkably entertaining.

Trustee Dilles reported that his son graduated from UCSC with his master's degree in education.

Trustee Winslow met with several senior organizations regarding students who are absent from school to attend to elderly relatives.

Trustee Levine attended the special education graduation on June 9th, and the alternative education graduation this morning.

President Marni reported that he is trying to educate himself on the redistricting process. He also attended the agenda committee meeting and legal search committee meeting and the special education graduation. President Marani also reported that he has been honored to become more involved with CCBE and is involved in planning the fall conference in Monterey, with hopes that Tom Torlekson, State Superintendent, will speak.

13.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (if any)

Trustee Locatelli reported that both the charter school committee and constitution committee met.

13.1 Mid-Year Review of Committee Assignments

President Marani reviewed ad hoc committees and members. Trustee Sales recommended the legal search committee name be changed to legal committee. Trustee Locatelli recommended the charter schools committee name be changed to charter schools review committee.

14.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items added to future agendas.

15.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS

TBD CSBA Policy Workshop

Thursday, August 18, 2011 Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
2:00 p.m. Santa Cruz County Office of Education

In order to accommodate activities at the Santa Cruz County Fair, the September Board meeting has been moved to the second Thursday in September.

Thursday, **September 8, 2011** Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
4:00 p.m. Santa Cruz County Office of Education

TBD Board Retreat

The Board recessed at 5:22 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:01 p.m.

16.0 Public Hearing on the Charter School Petition to Establish Connected Schools' Pajaro Preparatory Academy Public Charter School on Appeal

President Marani opened a second public hearing at 6:03 p.m. to receive comment from the public, parents and teachers relative to Connected Schools' Pajaro Preparatory Academy Public Charter School petition.

Mitch Barlas, lead petitioner provided the Board with a powerpoint presentation outlining the proposal for a new K-8 charter school in south county. Mr. Barlas stated it is their interest to work alongside the Pajaro Valley Unified School District, noting student achievement as a priority, with an intense focus on literacy. Mr. Barlas stated there had been an outpouring of support for the charter school at meetings.

Members of the public addressing the Board included Lupe Macias, Maria Torres, Eli Gregory, Laura Rider, Vanessa McCroskey, Catalina Martinez, Murray Schekman, Willie Yahiro, Javier Muniz, Jorge Bru, and Mitch Barlas.

President Marani closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

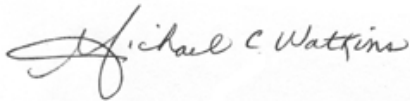
17.0 **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no additional correspondence.

18.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

President Marani adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael C. Watkins". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Michael C. Watkins
Secretary to the Board

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