

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

July 17, 2008

Approved Minutes

1.0 ROLL CALL and ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
President Jack Dilles called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present:
Mary Bryant (arrived after roll call)
Jack Dilles
Arnold Levine
Kathy Mann
James M. Maxwell
Dana M. Sales
Brian Sanford
Michael C. Watkins, Secretary

Staff Present:
Barney Finlay
Alice Talnack
Bill Sullivan
Brunella Deeds

Cathy Potts-Sales, CSEA

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

Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
It was M.S.C. (Sales/Levine) to approve the agenda amended to place agenda item 7.5.2 Program Report following agenda item 5.0 and prior to agenda item 6.0.

Approval of Amended Agenda

Action #661

Ayes: Unanimous
Absent: Bryant

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

Remarks from the Audience

5.0 RETIRING EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
The Superintendent, Board, and audience participated in honoring retiring employee, Pat Reader, Instructional Aid, Special Education Department.

Retiring Employee Recognition

A short recess was called.

The Board reconvened at 2:20 p.m., all members present.

6.0 APPEAL HEARING: DENIED INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST
President Dilles facilitated the appeal hearing in the matter appellant Murphy, resident of Live Oak School District, the denying district and district of residence.

Appeal Hearing:
Denied Interdistrict
Transfer Request

(Agenda Item 6.0: Appeal Hearing, continued)

Following final statements, it was M.S.C. (Bryant/Sanford) to deny the appeal and uphold Live Oak School District's denial of request to transfer in the matter of case (Jacqueline Murphy), based on the fact that Live Oak School district did adhere to its own policy in denying the request; secondly, that there is no compelling reason for overruling the Live Oak School District Board in this matter as the request does not fit within the guidelines of Santa Cruz County Office of Education Policy and Regulation 5118.1 Sections 2.3 and 2.5; and third, the Soquel Union Elementary School District Superintendent's statement there is no room at the requested school of attendance, which in the County Office of Education policy, one rule is that the receiving district is able and willing to receive the student.

Action #662

Ayes: Bryant, Levine, Mann, Maxwell,
Sales, Sanford
Noes: Dilles
Abstain: None
Absent: None

7.5.2 (Out of order as amended) Program Report:
Regional Occupational Report, Marketing
Virtual Reality Enterprise Team

Program Report,
ROP Marketing

Pam Falke-Krueger, ROP instructor, and four Harbor High Virtual Reality Enterprise Team students presented their award-winning tradeshow booth, marketing plan and web site.

7.1 CONSENT AGENDA

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

Consent Agenda
Action #663

Ayes: Unanimous
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

7.2 CORRESPONDENCE

The Board packet included recent legal notices relative to legislative amendments to the Brown Act.

Correspondence

7.3 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's
Report

Superintendent Michael Watkins reported the following events and matters of interest:

Business Services Year End BBQ

Associate Superintendent Barney Finlay hosted his 10th yearend parking lot BBQ honoring the Business Services Division staff for their continuing service and successes.

Student Support Services – Teen Peer Court Program

The Santa Cruz COE Teen Peer Court Program co-sponsored the California Youth Court Summit conducted at UC Davis. JoAnn Allen, Coordinator, Student Support Services, and the Teen Peer Court project specialist, attended. Ms. Allen was appointed to the board of directors of the National Association of Youth Courts as well as chairperson to the Research and Data Committee.

Project IMPACT

Superintendent Watkins reported on the success of Project IMPACT. The teacher intern program has now provided over 100 hours of training to the twelve enrollees who expressed high regard for the instructors, curricula and opportunity to receive instruction locally. This three-year pilot program will enable cohorts to receive full mild-to-moderate special education credentials at the end of the program.

Education Leadership

Collaborating with the school districts, the COE is in the process of implementing *Experience Education*, a nine-week series of educational leadership seminars designed to build public awareness and support for education in Santa Cruz County. We have targeted October for the first event.

Encinal Parking

Superintendent Watkins met with representatives of Plantronics to discuss creating additional parking for the COE on Encinal Street. Our conversation was very positive and productive. The COE will provide Plantronics with a proposal as to the number of spaces required. The above named Plantronics representatives will recommend approval of a plan for dedicated COE parking spaces at minimal

cost at the Plantronics building at 345 Encinal to Plantronics' CFO. Encinal parking issues should be at least mitigated if not resolved by Plantronics' willingness to participate as a Harvey West community partner.

Board Candidates Forum

Following the June 19, regular meeting of the Board, Trustees Jack Dilles, Dana Sales and Arnie Levine were joined by district board trustees (Judy McGooden, Soquel Union Elementary School District, Lea Dakota, San Lorenzo Valley Unified, Barney Bricmont, Live Oak School District, and Superintendent David Paine, Live Oak School District) who informed potential board candidates of the duties and responsibilities of board members and responded to questions from the audience.

Meeting with Dorma Baker

Superintendent Dorma Baker, PVUSD, and Mr. Watkins met to discuss current and future collaborative ventures.

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association

The Superintendent attended the quarterly CCSESA meeting in June. Focus, of course was on the State Budget and CCSESA's and individual superintendents efforts in lobbying the Legislature and assisting districts in budget development. Attention was given to correcting collection of and entering drop-out data into the California School Information System. A panel presentation and ensuing discussion centered on District Assistance Intervention Team responsibility. The Chair of the Preschool Task force reported on the release of the third RAND preschool study which focused on children from minority backgrounds.

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education will for the first time host the October quarterly meeting here in Santa Cruz. Brunella Deeds is busy coordinating local venues and activities.

PAC 6 – Six County Consortium

Cabinet members will attend the annual consortium meeting for three days the first week of August. Consortium members are Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Solano,

Napa, Mendocino, Lake, and Marin COEs. Cabinet meets separately prior to the opening of the consortium meetings. We will refine the 2008-09 strategic plan and will focus on student achievement, creating partnerships, and goal outcomes.

Managers and Board Retreat

The date is Wednesday, August 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Seymour Center, Long Marine Lab, 100 Shaffer Road (end of Delaware Avenue), Santa Cruz.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Countywide Educators Event – Please calendar the evening of Monday, September 15th for this event. State Superintendent Jack O’Connell will present followed by a keynote speaker, yet to be determined.

COE Orientation – the Board is invited to attend the annual staff Orientation event the morning of August 25 at the Cocoanut Grove. Jennifer Abrams, a nationally recognized educator will provide the keynote address.

Monthly/Quarterly Meetings

Steinbeck Board of Directors	First 5 Commission
United Way Board of Directors	New Teacher Project
Migrant Head Start Board Meeting	Steering Committee
Children’s Network Board Meeting	Workforce Investment Board
Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council	

7.4 NEW BUSINESS AND ACTION ITEMS

7.4.1 Approval to Submit Application to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions

It was M.S.C. (Maxwell/Levine) to approve Submission of two requests, ROP and Alternative Education Programs for allowance of attendance due to emergency conditions caused by the Summit Fire.

New Business and Action Items

Approval: Submit Application for Attendance due to Emergency Action #664

Ayes: Unanimous
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

7.5 REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Reports and Information
Items

7.5.1 Santa Cruz County Ecology Action Report

Virginia Johnson, Executive Director, Santa Cruz Ecology Action, invited the County Board of Education to partner with that organization, the City of Santa Cruz, UCSC, and other local jurisdictions on the Climate Action Compact Committee to implement cooperative programs to address local climate issues.

Santa Cruz County
Ecology Action Report

7.5.2 Program Report (agenda item moved by motion)

7.5.3 Relocation Update

Associate Superintendent Finlay reported the relocation timeline. The move will occur Friday through Sunday, August 8, 9, and 10. The office will reopen for business on Monday, August 11, at the Encinal location. Mr. Finlay reviewed potential prospects and options regarding the current lease on the Bay Avenue property. Trustee Bryant requested that all matters pertaining to the Bay Avenue lease be brought before the Board.

Relocation Update

7.5.4 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Budget Review Subcommittee Report

President Dilles reported that the subcommittee met with Associate Superintendent Finlay and Superintendent Watkins. Discussion focused on long-term operations and a strategic review of any vulnerability and long-term sustainability should the COE lose specific programs. The committee specifically requested information relative to the Alternative Education Program, the function of the Deputy Superintendent, the functions of the Director of Communications and Educational Planning. The committee requested staff to provide for subcommittee review an analysis of function v. cost regarding Alternative Education

Budget Subcommittee
Report

FTE; how the COE has arrived in a deficit state, and a fiscal analysis as the Coe moves forward in order that the board has a process to understand fiscal consequence in decision-making. The committee will work with administration to develop a format that provides both the superintendent and the board to understand the current fiscal status, why and how the fiscal status reaches any given level. Trustee Bryant volunteered to communicate by email with Superintendent Watkins and Mr. Finlay what the subcommittee would like to have available regarding fiscal detail and breakdown. The Board requested that narratives be provided to monthly budget revision reports.

7.5.5 Board President's Report

Board President's

President Dilles reported that he talked with George Newell relative to forming a Tannery Arts Advisory Committee. Mr. Dilles met with the Exchange Club of Santa Cruz to find ways to recognize students. President Dilles talked with a school tutor to look at ways to support tutor programs. The President and other trustees commented on the recently released drop-out figures.

7.5.6 Board Trustee Reports

Board Trustee Reports

Trustee Bryant reported she had been approached by organizers of the car fair until now conducted locally at Harbor High School. The organization must relocate and is seeking a sponsor. Ms. Bryant is in conversation with Redtree Properties relative to that entity donating the overflow parking lot. Ms. Bryant reported she had been contacted by a district Trustee who expressed concerns about the process utilized by the COE in the recruitment for applicants for the Special Education director position.

Trustee Mann reported that Crossroads Books in Watsonville is hosting an author's book signing event, the author being Mrs. Mann.

Trustee Levine reported he took part on the public panel hosted by the COE to assist potential board trustee candidates in understanding the roles of trustees on both the county board and district boards.

Trustee Sales also was a panelist for the potential candidates forum.

8.0 Schedule

Schedule

President Dilles reviewed the schedule making note of the forum for prospective Board trustees candidates at 6:00 p.m., following the board meeting, as well as A reminder of the planned Board Retreat the morning of August 13.

Thursday, July 17, 2008 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Wednesday, August 13, 2008 9:00 a.m.	Board and Managers Retreats Seymour Center, Long Marine Lab
Thursday, August 21, 2008	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, September 18, 2008 4:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education

9.0 Adjournment

Adjournment

President Dilles adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Watkins
Secretary to the Board

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