

5.3 Communications Plan

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Superintendent Watkins reported that the Santa Cruz County Office of Education (SCCOE) will begin implementation of a Communications Plan to inform and educate the community of the services and programs SCCOE provides.

5.4 Strategic Plan

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Superintendent Watkins informed the Board that SCCOE is developing a Strategic Plan for the next three years and requested input from the Board on their visions and priorities.

Trustee Marani expressed an interest to have students be the priority. Mr. Marani stated that he would like Board Member roles to be more tangible beyond attending the regular monthly Board Meetings.

Trustee Dilles suggested focusing on safe and healthy school environments.

Trustee Levine recommended reviving the “Principal for a Day” Program, which kept community members connected to schools and provided them insight to a principal’s responsibilities. Mr. Levine also suggested recognition awards for outstanding educators.

Trustee Sales suggested acknowledging outstanding students publicly.

Trustee Mann reported that Alternative Education graduation ceremonies is one venue where many students receive acknowledgment.

5.5 FCMAT Study Review

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In the interest of time, discussion of the FCMAT Study was delayed.

5.6 Financial/Budget Update

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Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services reported the state was still without a budget, and there were no fiscal changes to discuss.

5.7 Health and Welfare Benefits

Superintendent Watkins informed the Board that because of a 44% increase to health benefit premiums, SCCOE employees and Board Members will be required to contribute to the cost of benefits. Plan options were distributed and following discussion, Board Members were informed that they could expect to receive documents to enroll in the new benefit plan.

Health and Welfare
Benefits

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Marani adjourned the meeting.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael C. Watkins
Secretary to the Board
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools

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