

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

Regular Board Meeting  
September 8, 2011  
Time: 4:00 p.m.  
Board Room

## 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  
Eric Sanders  
Brunella Deeds  
Kyle Rucker  
Cindy O'Conner  
Margaret Merchat, Legal Counsel

### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Action# 859

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

### 4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no remarks from the audience.

### 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Levine) to approve the consent agenda, with an amendment to the minutes of August 18, 2011 Board meeting to reflect that Trustee Sales was present and that item 5.0.5 be delayed until Supervisor Caput's arrival.

Action# 860

- 5.0.1 Minutes of Board Meeting of August 18, 2011
- 5.0.2 Donations
- 5.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions
- 5.0.4 Santa Cruz County Quarterly Treasurer's Report
- 5.0.5 Constitution Day Proclamation

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

#### 5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

Item 5.0.5 was removed from the consent agenda and delayed until Supervisor Caput's arrival to present the Constitution Day Proclamation.

**6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence available for review at meeting location.

**7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board discussed a letter sent from Pacific Collegiate School (PCS) to parents requesting donation. It was determined that Superintendent Watkins would meet with PCS administration and Board President on the Matter and report back to the Board on the meeting at the October Board meeting.

Conducted out of order:

**5.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS**

Agenda item 5.0.5 Constitution Day Proclamation was conducted out of order. Greg Caput, Santa Cruz County 4<sup>th</sup> District Supervisor, stated he was honored to present a Constitution Day Proclamation to the Board.

**8.0 INCREASED SERVICES TO DISTRICTS**

Superintendent Watkins and Associate Superintendent's Theresa Rouse and Mary Hart conducted a presentation to the Board on supplemental services and additional support provided to local school districts by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education. Following questions and comments, it was noted that the estimated dollar figure of the additional support to districts is just under \$2 million.

**9.0 2010-2011 UNAUDITED, CLOSING FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, reviewed the J-400 Annual Closing Financial Report with the Board.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Locatelli) to receive the report.

Action#861

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

**10.0 NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS**

**10.1 Public Hearing: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

President Marani opened the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. John Rice, Project Director, Alternative Education programs and Dorothy Raab, Director, Special Education reviewed requirements and processes ensuring sufficiency of instructional materials as required by Education Code 60119.

There being no public comment, President Marani closed the Public hearing at 5:40

**10.2 Adopt Resolution No. 11-12: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

It was M.S.C. (Levine/Dilles) to adopt Resolution 11-12  
Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Action# 862

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

**10.3 Approval of Redistricting Task Force**

Dr. William Barr, L.L.C., consultant for the Santa Cruz County Board of Education Redistricting Task Force, reported to the Board that the redistricting process was progressing quite well, and shared his commitment to an open and transparent process.

Dr. Barr reported that the process had entered a stage of securing volunteers to serve on a task force, which would include seven members representing each trustee area, and seven at large members. Dr. Barr noted that the spirit of community involvement in Santa Cruz is very strong. After placing advertisements for task force members, he received a number of applications with great cross-representation of the county.

Dr. Barr noted that the task force meetings will be publicly noticed and open meetings. Participants are welcome to attend and participate in discussions. The task force will be charged with reviewing maps and considering all criteria with a goal of bringing a recommendation to the Board at its November meeting.

After further discussion, it was M.S.C. (Hinde/Locatelli) to approve the Redistricting Task Force as submitted.

Action# 863

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

**10.4 Personnel Commission Vacancy: Appointment of Nominee**

The Board was advised that the incumbent Board Appointed Personnel Commissioner, Mr. Lawrence Lane, placed his name as a nominee for reappointment.

Following discussion it was M.S.C. (Levine/Hinde) to announce Mr. Lane as the Board's intended nominee.

Action#864

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales  
Nays: None  
Absent: Winslow (at time of vote)  
Abstain: None

**10.5 Adopt Resolution 11-13, Gann Amendment Appropriations Limits**

Presentation of this item has been delayed until the October Board meeting.

**11.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**11.1 Superintendent's Report**

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since his report of August 18, 2011.

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

State Superintendent Tom Torlakson will be in Santa Cruz on September 30<sup>th</sup> to meet with superintendents, trustees, and selected business and civic leaders. Plans are in the works for him to possibly visit some school sites as his limited schedule allows. Information will go out when our site is prepared to accept reservations.

**Letter from California Highway Patrol**

Superintendent Watkins received a letter thanking our office and JoAnn Allen, specifically, for the support of their Impact Teen Drivers Program. JoAnn assisted them in contacting schools to participate in the program and the ensuing study.

**FoodWhat**

Superintendent Watkins attended the first anniversary celebration for Food What?! It is a youth empowerment program using food, through sustainable agriculture and health, as the vehicle for bringing about personal growth and transformation. They partner with some of our alternative education programs teaching students to grow, cook, and eat healthy sustainably raised food. It is a project of the UCSC Life Lab program.

**California Association of African-American Superintendents and Administrators (CAAASA)**

Superintendent Watkins attended the annual conference of the CAAASA and chaired a panel for aspiring superintendents. CAAASA is committed to increasing graduation rates for African-American students and reducing incarceration rates through improved educational opportunities.

**Soquel Union Elementary School District**

Henry Castaniada, superintendent, Soquel Union Elementary invited Superintendent Watkins to address his staff for their opening day meeting. It was a momentous occasion with a staff band playing and Superintendent Castaniada presenting his vision for the district.

**Tannery Arts**

Superintendent Watkins met with Steve Edmonds of the Tannery Arts Board to address ways in which to obtain funding for the Performing Arts Center planned for the Tannery Arts complex.

**Model United Nations and Green Kids Conference**

Superintendent Watkins met with June Gorman to discuss Model United Nations and the Green Kids Conference to be held in Monterey in October. Her organization is building outreach for all schools along the Central Coast to increase attendance at this student-oriented and student-run sustainability education conference.

**Santa Cruz County Committee Coalition to Overcome Racism (SCCCOR)**

Superintendent Watkins met with Hannah Garcia and Mavel Armijo of the Education Action Group of the Santa Cruz County Committee Coalition to Overcome Racism to discuss education equity issues. They are trying to build alliances of grass-roots community organizations together with school administrators, teachers, parents, and students to promote educational access and equity. They have received a \$150,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation to pursue their goals.

**Santa Cruz County Community Corrections and Re-entry Partnership**

Superintendent Watkins attended the latest meeting of the state mandated Community Corrections and Re-Entry Partnership met to determine roles and responsibilities and initiate an effective and efficient planning model in the realignment process moving criminal offenders from the state prisons to local jails.

**Meeting with Chief Manny Solano**

Representatives from Pajaro Valley Prevention Student Assistance, Applied Survey Research, and Pajaro Valley Unified School District met with me and Watsonville Chief of Police Manny Solano to discuss different ways to attain gang related data from within and around Watsonville schools in order to focus resources targeting gangs in a more efficient way.

**SPIN Awards**

Congratulations to Special Education teacher Christine Johnson who won the 2011 SPIN Educator of the Year award, a well-deserved honor.

**Orientation Day**

This year's Orientation Day was one of the most energizing due to the wonderful student speakers who inspired us with their narratives on how education assisted them in turning their lives around. We had an amazing number of longevity awards with two 30 year awards and two 36 year awards. Thank you to those trustees who were able to fit this meeting into their schedules.

**United Way Kick Off Breakfast**

Superintendent Watkins attended the United Way Kick Off Breakfast at Seascape Golf Resort. They have set a goal of at least \$1,000,000 again this year. My thanks to the many employees who support this very worthwhile organization that in turn supports many organizations that work with the less fortunate and with our student programs.

**Harvey West Association**

Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent, is our representative at the meetings of the Harvey West Association. We hosted the last meeting at our office. The two major issues discussed at the meeting were the ingress/egress issues and security. First Alarm has handled quite a number of incidents from dogs off leash to trespassing and continues to monitor the area on a daily basis. Mark Dettle and Chris Schneider of Santa Cruz Public Works Department addressed the Highway 9 improvements to date and additional improvements to come including left turn lanes. In the future, in case of emergency, Santa Cruz City will be responsible for traffic control at the intersection of Highway 1 and 9 rather than awaiting Caltrans which has caused the delays in the past. Caltrans will attend the next meeting scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> to address the ingress/egress issues from their standpoint.

**Palo Alto Medical Foundation**

Superintendent Watkins attended a meeting hosted by the Palo Alto Medical Foundation to address the spiraling cost of healthcare and ways in which to be more efficient in delivery of healthcare services. They also addressed how to make implementation of new federal health care legislation as

**Santa Cruz County College Commitment**

The press conference was held for the Santa Cruz County College Commitment. See copy of article attached.

**Inside Education**

The first meeting of Inside Education will take place on Friday, September 9, 2011 with a luncheon and a presentation on school finance from Brett McFadden, CBO,

**Monthly Meetings**

<b>Museum of Art &amp; History Taskforce</b>	<b>Board Agenda Committee</b>
<b>CCSESA Executive Committee</b> (phone conference)	
<b>CCSESA Finance Committee</b> (phone conference)	
<b>Children's Network Executive Committee</b>	<b>Children's Network</b>

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**League of Woman Voters**

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Watkins will be speaking to the League of Woman Voters on *Confronting Issues and Creating Solutions for Schools in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. The luncheon meeting will take place in our Tech Center and a flier is attached for your information.

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

Trustee Hinde asked Trustees and Superintendent Watkins for a final commitment to participate in the bocce ball tournament, a community event in Sky Park in Scotts Valley. Trustee Hinde also attended the Music at Sky Park event in Scotts Valley, which was a fundraiser for the Scotts Valley Education Foundation.

Trustee Sales reported he planned to attend the ribbon cutting of the E.A. Hall gymnasium tomorrow.

Trustee Dilles reported that he enjoyed the SCCOE Orientation event, and especially the speakers, and also enjoyed the Countywide Board Dinner on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.

Trustee Locatelli reported that she attended gathering where Supervisor Caput donated a portion of his salary to Pajaro Valley Unified School District athletic programs. She also attended the County Fair Board meeting to remind them of Constitution Day Essay Contest activities. Trustee Locatelli reported she also enjoyed the Countywide Board dinner and the opportunity to network with educators.

Trustee Levine reported that he read the Fifth Amendment at the KSCO radio station to promote the Constitution Day Essay Contest. Trustee Levine also attended the SCCOE Orientation Day event and the Countywide Board dinner.

Trustee Marani reported that he attended the Countywide Board dinner and the agenda committee meeting. He also attended the SCCOE Orientation meeting and met with solar committee. Trustee Marani reported he would be attending the California County Boards of Education conference at the end of the week and that Senate Bill 467, Senator Blakeslee legislation, is now on the Governor's desk. This legislation allows students to take the GED earlier than age 18.

**12.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (if any)**

Solar committee – Trustee Dilles met with Mary Hart to review proposals for a solar/energy conservation project at the SCCOE. He reported that he felt encouraged by what he saw as potential savings in operating costs. Ms. Hart will be arranging tours of other facilities who have installed similar technology.

Constitution Day – Trustee Locatelli reported that the promotional commercials recorded at KSCO turned out very well. A total of 18 essays were received and are being judged tonight. She also reported that more than \$300 beyond the original goal was raised and so will be able to award honorable mention prizes to students.

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

There were no future items added to the agenda.

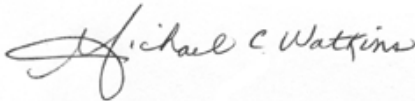
**14.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS**

September 9 – 11, 2011	CCBE Fall Conference Hyatt Regency, Monterey
September 22-23, 2011	CSBA Policy Workshop
Thursday, October 20, 2011	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, November 17, 2011	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, December 15, 2011	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
TBD	Board Retreat

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Marani adjourned the meeting at 6:30

Respectfully submitted,



Michael C. Watkins  
Secretary