



Trustees also received e-mail correspondence, dated September 10, 2010, from Gary Bloom, Superintendent of Santa Cruz City Schools, requesting delay of Board vote on the PCS charter petition renewal pending further discussions between PCS and SCCS.

**7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Unfinished Business

None.

**8.0 NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

**8.1 Pacific Collegiate School Charter Renewal  
Petition – Determination of Action**

Pacific Collegiate  
Charter Renewal Petition  
Determination of Action

Andrew Townsend, PCS Board President, addressed the Board and thanked the Board for their continued support. Mr. Townsend stated that PCS and SCCS representatives had attended four meetings, resulting in tremendous progress towards resolving issues between the two entities and strengthening an ongoing relationship. Mr. Townsend stated that while the issues currently being negotiated between PCS and SCCS are separate from the petition to renew the charter, they do effect the charter. Mr. Townsend commended SCCS for having an open mind during this process and requested the SCCOE Board delay voting on the petition renewal one final time so an agreement between PCS and SCCS could be finalized.

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Rachel Thorsett, SCCS Board President, mirrored Mr. Townsend's statements, noting that meetings between the entities have been productive and that they are expecting a resolution by September 17, 2010, which will allow them the opportunity to move forward without any outstanding issues. Ms. Thorsett encouraged the Board to delay voting on the charter petition renewal in order to provide time to finalize the agreement between PCS and SCCS.

Cynthia Hawthorne, SCCS Board Vice President, requested the Board delay voting on the renewal of the PCS charter petition to allow the entities to finalize an agreement and stated meetings between SCCS and PCS have been positive and productive. Ms. Hawthorne said PCS and SCCS would be exchanging draft proposals and that Mr. Townsend would be presenting the proposals to the PCS Board on Monday, September 20, 2010. Ms. Hawthorne stated that those representing SCCS had their Board's permission to move forward. Additionally, Ms. Hawthorne said that during the collaboration process with PCS that they have been able to dispel rumors and misconceptions and that the meetings have been positive in nature.

Sue Roth, Scotts Valley Unified School District Board member, concurred with the first three speakers and urged the Board to grant an extension.

Superintendent Watkins reviewed the PCS petition renewal process and timelines to date, noting that on May 20, 2010 PCS

indicated to the Board their intention to request a waiver of the renewal application timeline; June 17, 2010 the SCCOE Board granted the approval of request for waiver of the PCS application timelines; July 2, 2010 SCCOE received PCS petition for charter renewal; July 15, 2010 the SCCOE Board conducted the first public hearing relative to the PCS petition for charter renewal; August 19, 2010 the SCCOE Board conducted a second public hearing relative to the PCS petition for charter renewal in order to provide all interested community members the opportunity for input; August 26, 2010 held a Special Board meeting, at which a 30 day extension of the petition renewal timeline was agreed upon between PCS and SCCOE.

Theresa Rouse, Associate Superintendent, Educational Services reported that SCCOE staff had conducted a thorough review of the PCS petition for charter renewal and is prepared to present the full report.

After further discussion it was M.S.C. (Levine/Dilles) to delay the vote on the PCS petition for charter renewal until September 23, 2010 at a Special Board meeting.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Mann, Marani, Sales  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: Winslow

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

Instructional Materials

President Hinde opened the public hearing at 4:35 p.m. John Rice, Project Director, Alternative Education Programs Reviewed the requirements, processes and procedures Established by Education Code 60119 in ensuring sufficiency of instructional materials. Mr. Rice noted that textbooks are aligned to content standards and are consistent with curriculum framework adopted by the state.

Salli Price Welsh, Assistant Superintendent, Special Education Programs and Hal Ledbetter, Sr. Director of Special Education stated that special education students also have sufficient instructional materials as required.

There being no public comment, President Hinde closed the public hearing at 4:40 p.m.

**8.4 (Out of Order) Nomination(s) California School Boards Association Director-at-Large, Hispanic**

Nomination California School Boards Association Director-at-Large, Hispanic

Following discussion it was M.S.C. (Sales/Levine) to Nominate Kathryn Ramirez for the California School Boards Association Director-at-Large, Hispanic position.

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

**8.3 Adopt Resolution No. 10-11: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

It was M.S.C. ( Marani/Winslow) to adopt Resolution 10-11 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Adopt Resolution No. 10-11: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

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

Action #797

**8.4 Nomination(s) California School Boards Association Director-at-Large, Hispanic**

This item was conducted out of order and was previously recorded.

**9.0 REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS**

**9.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent's Report

The following matters and events have occurred since the report of August 19, 2010:

**California Legislative Staff Education Institute**

Approximately 25 legislative staffers who concentrate on education issues, will be coming to Santa Cruz County to learn more about our school system and how the Assembly and Senate can best meet the needs of education in California. They will be meeting at our office on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and a half day on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The second half of Tuesday will be spent at Pajaro Valley Unified School District.

**October Managers Meeting**

The October Managers Meeting will take place at our Outdoor Science School site, Koinonia Conference Grounds, 1605 Eureka Canyon Road, Watsonville, California 95076. From 9:00 to 10:00, the group will be getting a general overview of the program and going on a tour of the grounds. If you would like to visit the camp with us, please let Cindy know and be sure to wear casual clothes and walking shoes.

**Child Welfare System Improvement Committee**

The System Improvement Steering Committee (SIP) met on September 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss strategies for supporting foster youth and ways in which agencies can collaborate so as to maximize services. The County Office of Education provides bus passes to ensure transport of students to school, how to access testing to assess the level of education and needs for students, provides tutors to a limited number of students, and assists schools and others in how best to assist this special group of students taking into account their emotional and physical needs.

**2010-11 Santa Cruz County Office of Education Budget**

The California Department of Education reviewed our budget and found it in compliance and able to satisfy its multiyear financial commitments. Congratulations to Mary Hart and her staff for another exemplary report.

**Kevin Vogel, Interim Chief, Santa Cruz City Police**

Superintendent Watkins met with Santa Cruz City Interim Chief of Police Kevin Vogel as he performs outreach to community organizations to better understand issues and/or needs facing Santa Cruz City and also where gaps still exist for serving our youth. Issues

discussed were regarding student safety, gangs, possible partnerships and/or programs, and continuing collaboration on BASTA.

**Phil Wowak, Sheriff, Santa Cruz County Sheriff**

Sheriff Wowak and Mr. Watkins met to discuss moving forward on BASTA, the sharing of vital information, multiple agency collaboration, and possible new programs. Mr. Watkins requested that the Sheriff or his representative co-chair the BASTA meetings.

**Superintendents Council**

Superintendents from the Santa Cruz school districts held their monthly meeting. Some of the topics discussed this month include truancy strategies, the Federal Job Fund, BASTA, and professional development needs.

**SECA, Special Education Coordinating Agency**

Bill Gillaspie, FCMAT (Fiscal Crisis Management Team) Chief Management Analyst, met with SECA, which is composed of the superintendents of the nine northern school districts. He reviewed the results of the FCMAT Special Education Review from last spring. Some of the items reviewed in the report include funding model, governance and communication, roles and responsibilities of program specialists, staff development, and policies.

**Positive Discipline Community Resources**

Superintendent Watkins attended the launch of Positive Discipline Community Resources, a new resource to support respectful relationships at home, in school, and in our communities. They will be holding workshops for parents of students at differing age levels including preschool, the early school years, and teen years.

**Taste of the Harbor Fundraiser**

O'Neill Sea Odyssey held a fundraiser at the Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor featuring food from the harbor area restaurants and local wineries. The Sea Odyssey program furnishes a living classroom on the water for grades 4-6 with lessons about the marine habitat and the relationship between land, sea, and environment. The program is free to students but they must "earn" their trip by doing community service of some kind. Events like this fundraiser, and sponsorships and donations are vital to the programs continuance on a for-free basis.

**TAC6: Education, Arts & Community Phone Conference (Technical Advisory Committee)**

September 16 conference call focused on:

1. leveraging resources in creative ways to improve schools and other community buildings;
2. explored community joint use of facilities;
3. promoting activities and guidelines that support safe passage to school;
4. building schools that promote opportunities for physical activity both during the school day and after in an effort to find obesity in children.

**API/AYP/PI Report**

This past Monday, the California Department of Education released the 2010 Accountability Progress Report for districts and schools. This report is in compliance with both state and federal requirements for reporting school accountability data. More information can be found at the California Department of Education website at [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov).

**Nane Alejandrez, Barrios Unidos**

Met with Nane Alejandrez, Executive Director, Barrios Unidos, to look at ways to prevent gang violence. Barrios Unidos is a non-profit dedicated to providing activities in schools and in the county targeted at keeping young people out of gangs.

**United Way Kickoff Event**

Brunella Deeds, campaign coordinator, and I attended the United Way Annual Kickoff event. This year's motto is *One More: One More Donor, One More Dollar, One More Life Changed*. Employees of the County Office of Education donate approximately \$4000 each year.

**IMAGINE – CASA Fundraiser**

Superintendent Watkins attended the annual fundraiser for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) that took place at Chaminade. This organization provides volunteers to assist social services by watching over and advocating for abused and neglected children. The volunteers provide a constant and steady adult presence in their lives.

**Orientation Day**

The school year began with Orientation Day which was well attended by approximately 260 SCCOE employees. Managers addressed the attendees providing information on their department's responsibilities, successes and priorities for the upcoming year. Thank you to the board members who took time from their schedules to attend the meeting.

**Inside Education**

Inside Education began its new year with a presentation on preschool programs on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The group met at the County Office for an overview before visiting head start programs, a state pre-K classroom, and touring the facilities at Cabrillo College for early childhood education. We have a cohort of 25 community members participating this year.

**Santa Cruz County Medical Society**

Dr. Donaldo Hernandez, SCCMS president, invited Mr. Watkins to attend their monthly meeting to address their concerns including obesity, dental care, nutrition, and medical care for young children and how to reach the families who have the greatest needs. Career education mentoring was also discussed.

**United Way Board Meeting**

At this month's United Way Board meeting, Board members received statistics on the first month of the 211 System being in service. A total of 287 calls were received with 260 in English and 27 in Spanish. Greatest needs were in the area of housing/utilities (69), legal, consumer/public safety (46), food/meals (31), information services (28), and health care (26.) We have shared this information through our backpack giveaway, our in-house staff, and with our alternative education staff and students. The County Office of Education is proud to have supported this service in its startup year.

**The School Food Alliance - Celebrate School Food 2010**

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the School Food Alliance is holding a major community outreach event, *Celebrate School Food 2010*, during National School Lunch Week. Between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., innovative and exciting practices being implemented at schools throughout Santa Cruz County will be displayed. There will also be a documentary film playing.

**Monthly and Regularly Scheduled Periodic Meetings**

Migrant Headstart Videoconference	PCS Liaison Committee
Special Education Coordinating Agency	Agenda Committee
CCSESA Board of Directors Videoconference	

**Introduction of Human Resources Director**

Superintendent Watkins introduced Megan Booth as the new Human Resources Director for SCCOE.

**9.2 Board Trustee Reports**

**Board Reports**

Trustee Sales reported that he attended the annual Orientation Day meeting welcoming SCCOE employees back for the new school year.

Trustee Dilles reported that he attended the annual Orientation Day meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup>. He also served as a guide to parents and students on the first day of school at Green Acres Elementary, where his wife is the Principal. Mr. Dilles attended the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association meeting where the FCMAT report was reviewed and Assemblymember Bill Monning spoke.

Trustee Winslow also attended the annual SCCOE Orientation Day event.

Trustee Marani reported that he attended the opening day of the Santa Cruz County Fair, described as wonderful and magical. Trustee Marani hosted an official member of the Congress Bundestag from Germany and connected him with school personnel while his family joined the Inside Education group. He also attended the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) nominations meeting. Trustee Marani met with Senator Tony Strickland, candidate for State Contoller, and discussed unclaimed property for public agencies.

Trustee Levine reported that he attended the annual Orientation Day event for SCCOE employees and met with various members of the delegate assembly in our area to discuss recent California School Board Associations (CSBA) events.

President Hinde attended the Agenda Committee meeting, the Kiwanis Club meeting, and the Second Harvest Food Bank Fundraiser.

**10.0. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**10.1 Agenda Committee**

President Hinde reported that the agenda committee will meet on the second Tuesday of the month and will discuss placing Trustee Winslow's legislation item on the agenda as well as Trustee Marani's suggestion to place CSBA on the agenda.

**10.2 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee**

Vice President Marani reported that the visit from the California Legislative Staff Education Institute on September 27-28, 2010 will be an important opportunity to learn and for the guests to see an efficient, effective, and productive county office of education. Mr. Marani also discussed Constitution Day, which is September 17<sup>th</sup> of each year. Theresa Rouse noted that SCCOE sent a link with Constitution Day activities to school principals and received positive feedback. Trustee Marani reported that next year there is an interest in more activities related to Constitution Day and may involve service organizations.

**10.3 Policy Advisory Committee**

Trustee Mann reported that the Policy Committee will review the Conflict of Interest Policy at the next meeting as it is required biennially.

**10.4 Budget Committee**

No report.

**10.5 Report: Pacific Collegiate Charter School Liaison**

Trustee Dilles reported that topics addressed were regarding Pacific Collegiate School and Santa Cruz City Schools collaborating to resolve issues between the two.

**10.6 Additions, if any, to Future Board Agenda Items**

The Board may give direction regarding placement of future Board agenda items.

- a) November Meeting: Annual Williams Legislation Report
- b) Report: Student and Community Safety and Violence Suppression; Formulation of Broad-based Apprehension, Suppression, Treatment Alternatives (BASTA)
- c) Media Relations, Op Ed Submittals, Board Newsletters
- d) Legal Services Review

**11.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS**

Thursday, October 21, 2010 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Bonny Doon Elementary
Thursday, November 18, 2010 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, December 16, 2010 2:00 p.m.	Regular (Organizational) Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education
Thursday, January 20, 2011 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education Santa Cruz County Office of Education



**12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Hinde adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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