

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
September 18, 2008
Approved Minutes

- 1.0 ROLL CALL and ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**
President Jack Dilles called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Staff Present:
Barney Finlay
Alice Talnack
Theresa Rouse
Mike James
Bill Sullivan
Harley Robertson
John Armstrong
Johnny Rice
Clare Davies
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. (Maxwell/Mann) to approve the agenda as submitted.

Approval of Amended Agenda

Aye: Unanimous
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Action #675

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

Remarks from the Audience

- 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**
Trustee Bryant requested that the Board appoint Trustee Sanford to the budget subcommittee at the end of Ms. Bryant's term. The Board agreed. Ms. Bryant stated her intent to propose a format for future budget revision presentation during a subcommittee meeting later in the day. It was M.S.C. (Sales/Levine) to adopt the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Consent Agenda
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Aye: Unanimous
Abstain: None
Absent: None

County elementary school youth. The three components of Basic Aid Training, First aid for Children Today and Safety Watchers Fire Safety will be integrated into twelve PVUSD elementary schools.

Santa Cruz County Fair

The Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau invited the Superintendent to be one of four judges for the annual Apple Pie Baking contest on the opening day of the County Fair. Superintendent Watkins was partnered with a Rio Del Mar 6th grader judge who had no difficulty in tasting nearly forty pies. The Superintendent acknowledged Jody Akimoto, COE employee, who took over this year as Fair Board president, for having organized a wonderful Fair.

Monterey Bay Educational Consortium Meeting

The September 9 meeting of the Executive Council of the Monterey Bay Educational Consortium focused on regional education efforts, in particular the Cal-PASS data system, collaborative efforts to prepare students to enter colleges and universities, and Family Involvement Forum planning for parents. The event was hosted by CSUMB.

Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools

Chuck Weis, the newly appointed County Superintendent of Schools in Santa Clara County, and Assistant Superintendent Linda Aceves, met with Rowland Baker and Superintendent Watkins to discuss areas of collaboration between the two counties as well as regional opportunities. Included in the current regional collaborative programs include District Assistance Intervention Program (DAIT), Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP); and Regional System of District and School Support (RSDSS).

Emergency Response and Crisis Management Program

Jo Ann Allen, ERCM Coordinator, invited me to make opening comments at the first meeting of the school year of the Emergency Response and Crisis Management Team. The team is composed of all relevant local government agencies, schools, and emergency organizations. As coordinator, Jo Ann is responsible for publishing the finished ERCM plan.

Arts Programs / The Tannery

Alan Pagano, Superintendent, Santa Cruz City Schools District, Brian King, President, Cabrillo College, Ceil Cirillo, and Superintendent Watkins met with representatives of the Tannery to explore the possibility of collaborative opportunities to provide students with performing and visual arts studies utilizing the Tannery facilities and artists.

COE Managers and District Superintendents Forum

District Superintendents joined with COE managers during the monthly managers' meeting to provide an opportunity for superintendents in an open forum to provide input on services and collaborations. The superintendents were very positive in their assessment of services offered and of the quality of employee performance in providing those services.

Aptos High Performing Arts Center

Superintendent Watkins attended the Aptos High opening ceremony of the school's new performing arts center and congratulate everyone involved. The state-of-the-art facility provides for theatrical as well as gymnasium use with a seating capacity of 500.

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, Bay Area Regional Forum

Alameda County Superintendent Sheila Jordan and Superintendent Watkins hosted the seven-county forum. The Superintendent was joined by Sandy Mast, Director, Alternative Education, Bryan Wall, Director, ROP, other student program staff and leaders from the Santa Cruz County arts community last Friday. The objectives of the meeting were to share and learn about creative and innovative strategies to provide opportunities for every child to be successful in school with a particular focus on integration of the arts.

Inside Education Orientation

The County Office of Education hosted the first event of the *Inside Education* series this past Monday. The orientation session was attended by the eighteen first cohort enrollees. The interest and enthusiasm of the participants indicates this endeavor will be a success. The second session is scheduled for October 23 with a focus on Career Technical Education. Participants will visit Career Tech programs at both Aptos and Watsonville High Schools.

Jack O'Connell Visit

The COE hosted State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell this past Monday. His first appearance was a visit to Radcliff Elementary School in the Pajaro Valley Unified School District. Radcliff is a Program Improvement school that has made significant gains in student improvement over the past few years. Later in the afternoon, Superintendent O'Connell addressed a group of civic and business leaders, including the Inside Education enrollees. In the evening, he was guest speaker at the countywide educators event. He and keynote speaker Professor **Manuel Pastor** attracted a significant number of attendees. The response from district and school educators has been very positive in regard to Professor Pastor's presentation which focused on the changes in education that are necessary to meet the changing demographics in California and locally.

David and Lucille Packard Preschool Planning Grant Steering Committee

Superintendent Watkins met with other participating agencies leads relative to the Santa Cruz County Preschool Plan which will allow the COE, child Care Planning Council and First-5 to lead a countywide effort to produce a comprehensive blueprint for offering voluntary universal preschool to all county children in the last two years before entering kindergarten. This is an ambitious undertaking that will put Santa Cruz County in the forefront to implement a preschool program. Thanks to Trustee **Bryan Sanford** who has participated in the preschool planning Advisory Council meeting.

Second Harvest Food Bank's Third Annual Agency Nutrition Summit

The Second Harvest Foodbank board invited Superintendent Watkins to deliver the keynote address at the annual Nutrition Summit. The topic is Healthy Food, Healthy Children. The topic of the role of schools in promoting and providing for the health of children is a critical one that Superintendent Watkins stated his intent to put more focus on children's health issues. Assemblyman John Laird will provide opening remarks and Watsonville Coast Produce will be honored as Food Industry Donor of the Year.

State Budget Update

Associate Superintendent Barney Finlay provided an in-depth update regarding recent developments affecting passage of a state budget.

Bay Avenue Facility Update

Assistant Superintendent Finlay and Superintendent Watkins updated the Board relative to the Bay Avenue facility lease and responded to trustees' questions and comments.

Monthly/Quarterly Meetings Attended

First 5 Commission	Pre-school Steering
Committee	
PVPSA	Migrant Head Start Board
Steinbeck Board of Directors	First 5 Commission
United Way Board of Directors	Superintendents' Council
New Teacher Project Steering Committee	Children's Network

8.0 NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS:

8.1 PUBLIC HEARING: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

President Dilles opened the public hearing. There being no public comment, the President closed the hearing.

Public Hearing
Sufficiency of
Instructional
Materials

8.2 Adoption of Resolution No. 08-07; Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Following discussion regarding the possible biased Political influence of a novel on the State Board of Education approved list of instructional materials, It was M.S.C. (Maxwell/Sales) to adopt Resolution Number 08-07, affirming the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Aye: Bryant, Dilles, Levine, Maxwell, Sales, Sanford
No: Mann
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Adoption of Resolution #08-07 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials Action #677

8.3 Personnel Commission Vacancy: Appointment of Nominee

The Board was advised that the incumbent Board Appointed Personnel Commissioner, Mr. Larry Lane, placed his name as a nominee for reappointment. Following discussion, it was M.S.C. (Bryant/Maxwell) to announce Mr. Lane as the Board's intended nominee.

Aye: Unanimous
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Personnel Commission: Appointment of Nominee

Action #678

9.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Public Disclosure, Tentative Agreement between The Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools And the California School Employees Association

Associate Superintendent Finlay made disclosure of of the major provisions of the agreement, notably that the salary schedule remains the same as the prior year.

9.2 Disclosure of Compensation Agreements, Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

Deputy Superintendent Mike James disclosed that certificated and classified management, confidential and Regional Occupational Program teachers all reached the same agreement as that reached with

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Disclosure of Compensation Agreements with Non-bargaining Unit Employees

classified employees with no salary schedule adjustment for the current year.

9.3 Board President's Report

President Dilles reported that he the countywide educators' event earlier in the week and found the keynote address regarding demographics of interest. President Dilles also attended COE employees Orientation, a Scotts Valley District Board meeting during which compliments were made relative to COE services to the District. President Dilles reminded trustees that during the recent Board Retreat, it was determined an article would be included in future editions of the Spotlight newsletter providing perspectives from the Board. Mr. Dilles will draft a proposed article for review by the Board.

Board President's Report

9.4 Board Trustees' Reports

Trustee Sanford has commented on the book, *What Does it Mean to be Well Educated*. He attended both Scotts Valley and San Lorenzo Valley District boards meetings, the countywide educators' event and the COE employee Orientation. Trustee Sanford attended a pre-school planning meeting and expressed his interest in placing personal focus on the issue of preschool.

Trustees' Reports

Trustee Mann also has been reading *What Does it Mean To be Well Educated*. She attended the COE employee Orientation, a PVUSD North Zone meeting, and Expressed confidence in the District's appointment of Ms. Stefanki as the new zone assistant superintendent.

Trustee Levine noted the oversight in the prior meeting minutes of his attendance at the August 13, Board and Managers Retreat. He attended the countywide educators' event, the Santa Cruz City Schools District board meeting.

Trustee Maxwell attended employees' Orientation and expressed appreciation for the program and overall good feeling shown by employees. Mr. Maxwell attended

attended the countywide educators' event, and expressed appreciation for the good job COE employee Jody Akimoto did as County Fair Board president.

10.0 SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

Schedule

October 16, 2008, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board
November 20, 2008, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board
December 18, 2008, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board
January 15, 2009, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board
February 19, 2008, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Dilles adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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