



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

Regular Board Meeting
 October 20, 2011
 Time: 1:00 p.m.
 Board Room

APPROVED MINUTES

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

<u>Board Present</u>	<u>Staff Present</u>
Jack Dilles	Mary Hart
Aaron Hinde	Cindy O’Conner
Arnold Levine	Theresa Rouse
Gina Locatelli	Bryan Wall
Vic Marani (President)	
Dana Sales	
George Bud Winslow	
Michael Watkins, Secretary	

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent Watkins led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Dilles) to approve the agenda, after moving item 7.0.3, Routine Budget Revisions, to item 7.1, Deferred Consent Items.

Ayes:	Unanimous	<u>Action#865</u>
Nays:	None	
Abstain:	None	
Absent:	None	

4.0 OPEN SESSION

4.1 CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE

President Marani disclosed that in closed session the Board will discuss matters relating to purchase of certain real properties, as noted in item 5.1, and give direction concerning price and/or terms to the Board’s negotiators. There was no public comment.

5.0 CLOSED SESSION

5.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

The Board considered the purchase of certain real property and gave further direction concerning price and/or terms for the purchase to the Board’s negotiator.

Agency Representatives:	Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services and Reuben Helick, Cassidy Turley / BT Commercial Real Estate Patrick Wilson, School and College Legal Services of California
Property:	399 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA, County of Santa Cruz APN 001-171-14
Negotiating parties:	Santa Cruz County Office of Education and Wave Crest Development, Inc.

6.0 OPEN SESSION

The Board resumed open session at 2:15 p.m.

6.1 REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION

President Marani reported there was no reportable action taken by the Board in closed session

6.2 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Alex Solano , a former Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) trustee, addressed the Board related to a current situation, where the PVUSD Trustee representing Area 3 has been residing outside of the PVUSD boundaries since May. He stated the PVUSD Board had given the trustee 60 days to relocate her residence within her trustee area, but he believed it to be wrong that she will continue to vote on school district matters while living outside of the district.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Dilles/Winslow) to approve the consent agenda, with the previous revision to move item 7.0.3 to 7.1, Deferred Consent Items.

7.0.1 Minutes of Board Meeting of September 8, 2011

7.0.2 Donations

7.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Action#866

7.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)

Item 7.0.3 Routine Budget Revisions was moved to deferred consent items. Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent of Business Services informed the Board that there are two items on the routine budget revision report related to the Pacheco Bill, which requires items over \$25,000 not in the original budget be reported to the Board.

It was M.S.C. (Locatelli/Hinde) to accept the Routine Budget Revision report as presented.

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Action#867

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was available for review at meeting location.

9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

10.0 SOLAR ENERGY and ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT

The Board received a report and presentation related to the potential installation of solar panels and other energy conservation measures at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education administration building located at 400 Encinal St., Santa Cruz.

After discussion, it was directed that the Superintendent continue moving forward on the project and it be brought back to the November Board meeting for action.

11.0 NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Appointment of Board's Representative to Personnel Commission

It was M.S.C. (Marani/Sales) to appoint Lawrence Lane as the Board's representative on the Santa Cruz County Office of Education's Personnel Commission.

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

Action#868

11.2 Adopt Resolution 11-13, Gann Amendment Appropriations Limits

Following a presentation by Michelle Coffman, Financial Analyst, Business Services, it was M.S.C. (Winslow/Hinde) to adopt Resolution 11-13, Gann Amendment Appropriations Limits.

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

Action#869

12.0 CONSTITUTION DAY ESSAY CONTEST AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Item 12.0 was timed to begin no earlier than 3:30 p.m. pending arrival of students and their families and will be conducted out of order.

13.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

13.1 Superintendent's Report

County Superintendent of Schools, Michael C. Watkins, provided an update on activities and matters of interest since the report of September 8, 2011.

State Superintendent Tom Torlakson

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education hosted Superintendent Tom Torlakson for a visit which began by talking with students in regards to mentoring programs for high school students. He then met with approximately 90 educators, trustees and business leaders. He spoke only for a few minutes then answered questions from the audience for the majority of the time.

SPIN (Special Parents Information Network) Workshop

The County Office partnered with SPIN to provide a workshop on Preventing, Recognizing, and Surviving Compassion Fatigue. It was a workshop for parents of special needs children who often have very strenuous schedules due to their children's disabilities.

Bocce Ball

Along with trustees Aaron Hinde, Gina Locatelli, Vic Marani, and Jack Dilles, Superintendent Watkins participated in a Bocce Ball fundraiser for Scotts Valley Education Foundation.

Agri-Culture Board

Superintendent Watkins attended the quarterly meeting of the Agri-Culture and was thrilled to report that the Santa Cruz County Agriculture Video/DVD has been selected for a national award from the America Farm Bureau Federation and will be featured at the National Convention in January 2012 in Honolulu, Hawaii. This is an unprecedented two year in a row win for our farm bureau.

Central California Migrant Headstart Programs

The U. S. Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Children & Families has named our Migrant Headstart Program as one of ten Centers of Excellence in Early Childhood. Programs must have long standing and consistent (see attached article)

Positive Discipline Workshops

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education is co-sponsoring Positive Discipline workshops for those who work with special needs students and another series of workshops intended for the parents of at risk youth. The first workshop is aimed at teachers, aides and parents. A second set of workshops will be held for parents of at risk youth.

Williams Reports

In November Superintendent Watkins will be making presentation before the Pajaro Valley Unified Board, the Live Oak Board and the Santa Cruz City Schools Board.

Workshops on Cyberbullying & Student Fees

The County Office of Education has the following workshops on tap:

November 1, 2011	Associated Student Body	Free to districts
November 2, 2011	Cyberbullying	Superintendents & School Administrators
November 10, 2011	School Fees	Superintendents & School Administrators

Your Future is Our Business Luncheon

Superintendent Watkins gave the welcome at the annual Your Future is Our Business Luncheon. It was a well-attended with over 100 business leaders, educators and students. The student speakers were very impressive.

County Office of Education Survey

Over 200 employees have responded to the COE Employee Survey. The results are being tabulated and will be presented at a future Board meeting.

Inside Education

The Inside Education cadre met for the first in the series on September 8th as they were introduced to the world of preschool. Just yesterday, they met again and learned more about Career Technical Education and Regional Occupational Programs. They are a great group and very excited about learning more.

League of Woman Voters

On September 16th, Superintendent Watkins spoke to the League of Woman Voters on *Confronting Issues and Creating Solutions for Schools in the 21st Century*. It was a great audience who were very receptive and asked good questions.

CCBE (California County Boards of Education) Social

Superintendent Watkins attended the CCBE Social at the conference in Monterey and was able to meet many trustees and Board members to discuss current issues in education.

Classified Staff Professional Development Series

We have had overwhelming response from our classified staff to an opportunity to attend a professional development series of eight sessions meeting once a month. Due to the great response, we have had to add a second session each month. The topics provide information that can be used both in relationships in the workplace as well as enriching your personal life.

Region V Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents Meeting

Superintendent Watkins and Associate Superintendent Theresa Rouse attended the Region V meeting at the San Benito County Office of Education to discuss the ways in which we can collaborate and leverage resources. We are fortunate to have outstanding cooperation and sharing of information in our Region.

School Employers Association of California

Superintendent Watkins has been appointed to the School Employers of California Board of Directors. They are an organization offering education and professional development to school administrators on collective bargaining, building and protecting fiscal integrity with a focus on putting the interests of students first.

Dominican Hospital 70th Year Anniversary

Superintendent Watkins attended the celebration held to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of Dominican Hospital. Our community is fortunate to have such a caring and stable hospital to serve our healthcare needs.

Pajaro Valley Shelter Services

Annette Melendrez, Program Manager, and Bert Post, Board President gave Superintendent Watkins an overview and a tour of the Pajaro Valley Shelter Services. They are a much needed and amazing resource for women and children in the Watsonville area. We will be partnering with them to provide after-school tutorial support for homeless youth.

Smart on Crime Organizing Commission

Superintendent Watkins was invited to be a member of the organizing committee for Smart on Crime. This committee will work on conducting outreach to the community to engage them in the dialogue around the reduction of state prison populations by releasing prisoners back to community and county facilities.

Community Corrections Partnership

Superintendent Watkins met with representatives of law enforcement and other community members to continue the discussion of the effects of the prison/jails realignment on the facilities of Santa Cruz County. We are looking into how our office can assist with the educational needs of the population that is coming to Santa Cruz.

Linda Darling Hammond

At the invitation of the Sixth District PTA of Santa Clara County, Superintendent Watkins was able to attend an invitation only reception for Linda Darling Hammond and then later in the day, a dinner and presentation by Ms. Hammond. She is the Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education at Stanford University and the education advisor to President Obama. She is a leader in the field of education and very well-respected among her colleagues.

Board Policy Review

Superintendent Watkins wishes to thank trustees for all the time they committed to reviewing Board Policies for our upcoming update. All of the policies have been reviewed by trustees and/or Cabinet members. Next steps include sending our results to CSBA (California School Boards Association), the compilation of our suggestions, a review of the results by our Board and the eventual adoption and posting to our web site.

SECA Retreat (Special Education Coordinating Council)

Along with all the North County superintendents, Superintendent Watkins attended the SECA Retreat where the previous year was reviewed and plans were made for the coming year.

Rountree Visitation

Superintendent Watkins accompanied Sheriff Wowak on a tour of the Rountree Jail Facilities and joined in a discussion of how we can provide education programs at the site as the inmate population increases with the redistribution of prisoners by the State.

Celebrate School Food

Superintendent Watkins was honored to address the attendees of the Celebrate School Food event along with State Assemblymember Bill Monning and Congressman Sam Farr held at the Cabrillo Farmers Market. It was a wonderful event with art and contests for children and informational tables for parents and teachers. Messages were emphasizing nutrition, wellness and fitness.

New Teacher Program Administrators Breakfast

Superintendent Watkins welcomed over 50 district office and school administrators for the annual New Teacher Program Breakfast. This year's theme was Learning to Teach; Teaching to Learn; Through Inquiry.

Second Harvest Foodbank Summit

Staff attended the Second Harvest Foodbank Summit. As a county, we are so fortunate to have this valuable resource to ensure that our lower income families are able to feed their families. They also support many of our children's programs and our own Alternative Education programs.

Homeless Services Center & Shelter Open House

Superintendent Watkins participated in the open house for the Homeless Services Center & Shelter. It was an informational time with tours of the facilities along with informational tables, entertainment, speakers and food served.

Pacific Collegiate Charter School (PCS)

At the request of the Board, Theresa Rouse and Superintendent Watkins met with Principal Archie Douglas and PCS Board President Sharmaine Cheleden to address the concerns voiced around the fundraising letter sent to PCS parents. As a result he will be more sensitive to this concern and will no longer be signing fundraising letters but instead they will be sent out from the Development Office.

Scott Daly, Optometrist

Superintendent Watkins met with local optometrist Scott Daly to discuss increased awareness and screening of infants and toddlers to avoid long term visual disease. They will be meeting with Susan True, Executive Director, First 5 to discuss a partnership to address this concern.

Foster Youth

Through a partnership with the National Center for Youth Law and the Stuart Foundation, Santa Cruz County is a demonstration site for Foster Ed Connect. A leadership team met to discuss implementation of this program which will support and improve conditions for foster youth.

School Mental Health Initiative

On September 26, 2011, Superintendent Watkins facilitated a meeting of Region V COE personnel assigned to the implementation of the new School Mental Health Initiative, which will be led by Santa Cruz COE managers, Jo Ann Allen and Michael Paynter. Regional Partners will include the Monterey, Santa Clara and San Benito COE as well as representatives from each counties mental health departments. A report of this project will be forthcoming at the November Board Meeting.

13.2 Trustee Reports (3 minutes each)

Trustee Hinde reported the he met with the president of the Bonny Doon School board and participated in the bocce ball fundraiser, benefiting the Scotts Valley Education Foundation. He also met with a candidate for 5th District Supervisor.

Trustee Sales reported he attended a ribbon cutting for the new gymnasium At E.A. Hall Middle School. Trustee Sales wanted to recognize PVUSD trustee Willie Yahiro's tireless efforts to make this project happen. He also attended the board policy review meetings and attended the luncheon with State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson.

Trustee Locatelli reported that she attended the CCBE Fall Conference in Monterey, and found it very informative. She also worked at the Santa Cruz County Fair from September 13-18, noting this year's fair was the best she's ever been involved with. A highlight was the PVUSD special education students who volunteered to work in the kitchen, assisting with preparation of soup for 60 and 300 strawberry deserts. Trustee Locatelli also attended the luncheon at the Cocanut Grove with Superintendent Torlakson.

Trustee Winslow reported he participated in his regular meetings and activities.

Trustee Dilles reported that he attended two League of Women Voter events, one of which was held at the Santa Cruz County Office of Education where Superintendent Watkins spoke. He also attended the BASTA meeting; the CCBE Fall Conference in Monterey; The luncheon with Superintendent Torlakson; the Scott Valley School District Board meeting; and the bocce ball tournament.

Trustee Levine reported that, as a member of the Board of Directors for CCBE, he attended the district meeting in Monterey, noting the attendance was very good.

President Marani reported that he attended the bocce ball fundraiser for the Scott Valley Education Foundation and the Falcon Club. President Marani attended the board policy review meetings and the agenda committee meeting and PCS college readiness event. He also met with Superintendent Torlakson and his staff on the matter of returning funds to various public agencies throughout California. Mr. Marani was the guest speaker at the Aptos/Capitola Rotary Club and met with the President of the Scotts Valley Water District, Chris Perry regarding an error in the water district collecting taxes, and their intention to return that money to schools. President Marani also attended a presidential debate in Las Vegas, and was asked by CNN to formulate a question on education. He also had the honor of meeting some presidential candidates at the debate.

Conducted out of order:

12.0 CONSTITUTION DAY ESSAY CONTEST AWARD PRESENTATIONS

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Trustee Locatelli, Trustee Levine, and President Marani, along with Superintendent Watkins, presented awards to Constitution Day Essay Contest winners: 1st Place winner Rebekah Shulman received \$500; 2nd Place winner Juliana Cornett received \$300; 3rd Place winner Cristina Hernandez received \$200. Honorable mention winners were Fatima Orta, Dulce Sixtos, Adrienne Smith, Shakira Nieto Zamora, and Brooke Brossard, each receiving \$50.

14.0 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (if any)

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

15.0 ADDITIONS, IF ANY, TO FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

There were no additional items placed on the agenda.

16.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 20, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Redistricting Task Force Meeting
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Thursday, November 17, 2011
2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Thursday, November 17, 2011
Time TBD

Santa Cruz County Committee on School District Organization

Thursday, December 15, 2011
2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

Thursday, January 19, 2012
2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education
Santa Cruz County Office of Education

17.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting 3:55.