



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Mr. Jack Dilles  
Mr. Aaron Hinde  
Mr. Arnold Levine  
Mrs. Kathy Mann  
Mr. Vic Marani  
Mr. Dana M. Sales  
Mr. George "Bud" Winslow

SANT CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
October 21, 2010  
Approved Minutes

- 1.0 ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM** Roll Call  
President Hinde called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.
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| <u>Board Present</u><br>Aaron Hinde<br>Kathy Mann<br>Vic Marani<br>Dana Sales<br>George Bud Winslow<br>Michael Watkins, Secretary | <u>Staff Present</u><br>Mary Hart<br>Cindy O’Conner<br>Theresa Rouse<br>Bryan Wall<br>Brunella Deeds<br>Kyle Rucker<br>Margaret Merchat, Counsel |
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- Absent at time of Roll Call  
Jack Dilles (Arrived at 2:22)  
Arnie Levine (Arrived at 2:14)
- 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Pledge of Allegiance  
Superintendent Watkins led the Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Approval of Agenda  
It was M.S.C. (Marani/Winslow) to approve the agenda as submitted.
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| Ayes: Hinde, Mann, Marani, Sales, Winslow | <u>Action #801</u> |
| Noes: None                                |                    |
| Abstain: None                             |                    |
| Absent: Dilles, Levine                    |                    |
- 4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE** Remarks from the Audience  
Stephanie Siddens, Superintendent of Bonny Doon Elementary, welcomed the Santa Cruz County Board of Education to Bonny Doon Elementary.
- 5.0 DISCLOSURE OF CLOSED SESSION AGENDA** Disclosure of Closed Session Agenda  
President Hinde disclosed that the Board will, in Closed Session, receive information and confer regarding existing litigation.
- 6.0 CLOSED SESSION** Closed Session
- 6.1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation** Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
The Board received information and conferred with legal counsel Regarding existing litigation, Amit Nahum vs. Santa Cruz County Office of Education
- 7.0 REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION** Report Out On Closed Session Action #802  
President Hinde reported that the Board rejected the claim of Amit Nahum vs. The Santa Cruz County Office of Education.

**8.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent Agenda

Trustee Levine requested item 8.0.6, Senior Senate Proposal No. 1, Reform Parcel Tax, be pulled and moved to item 8.1. Following further discussion, it was M.S.C. (Marani/Sales) to approve the Consent Agenda after deferring item 8.0.6.

Action #803

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

**8.1 DEFERRED CONSENT ITEMS (if required)**

Deferred Consent Items

**8.0.6 Senior Senate Proposal No. 1 Reform of Parcel Tax**  
After some discussion and clarification provided by Trustee Winslow, it was suggested that any recommended changes be communicated to Trustee Winslow to potentially be incorporated into the proposal.

**9.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

**10.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to conduct.

**11.0 NEW BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS**

New Business/Action

**11.1 Adopt Resolution 10-14, Gann Amendment Appropriations Limits**

Adopt Resolution 10-14  
Gann Amendment  
Appropriations Limits

Following a presentation by Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, it was M.S.C. (Sales/Levine) to adopt resolution 10-14, Gann Amendment Appropriations Limits.

Action #804

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

**11.2 First Reading: Board Bylaw BB-9290 Conflict of Interest**

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Bylaw BB-9290 Conflict  
of Interest

Following discussion, the Board ordered that the policy be brought back to the Board for a second reading.

**11.3 First Reading: Board Policy BP 5020 Parent Rights and Responsibilities/Noncustodial Parents**

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Rights and Responsibilities

Following discussion, the Board ordered that the policy be brought back to the Board for a second reading.

**11.4 First Reading: Board Policy BP 5022 Student and Family Privacy Rights**

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**11.5 First Reading: Board Policy BP 5111 Admission to Student Programs**

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First Reading: Board Policy BP 5111 Admission to Student Programs

**11.6 First Reading: Board Policy BP 5113.1 Truancy**

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First Reading: Board Policy BP 5113.1, Truancy

**11.7 Appointment of Classified Employees Representative to Personnel Commission**

Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent, reported that CSEA had nominated Jim Rapoza as their representative on the Personnel Commission. It was M.S.C. (Sales/Marani) to approve appointment of Jim Rapoza.

Appointment of Classified Employees Representative to Personnel Commission

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

Action #805

**12.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Reports/Discussion Items

**12.1 Legal Services Contract**

Margaret Merchat, General Counsel for School and Colleges Legal Services of California (SCLSC) reported to the Board the scope of services SCLSC performs as a public agency law firm for the Monterey Bay Legal Consortium, of which SCCOE is a member. After some discussion, Trustee Sales and Trustee Marani agreed to meet with Superintendent Watkins to discuss SCCOE's participation in the Monterey Bay Legal Consortium further.

Legal Services Contract

**12.2 2009-2010 Unaudited, Closing Financial Statement**

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

2009-2010 Unaudited Closing Financial Statement

**12.3 Budget Update**

Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, updated the Board on the recently passed State Budget.

Budget Update

**12.4 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Membership**

The Board discussed recent events and reports surrounding the former Executive Director of CSBA. After discussion, the Board agreed to continue support and maintain membership in CSBA.

California School Boards Membership

**12.5 Superintendent's Report**

The following matters and events have occurred since the report of September 16, 2010:

Superintendent's Report

**California Legislative Staff Education Institute**

Approximately 20 legislative staffers who concentrate on education issues, came 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 met with managers from different departments throughout the office. We took them on site visits to Harbor High to view

Regional Occupational classes and Special Education classes. They also made a visit to Pacific Collegiate Charter School and spent a day and a half visiting Pajaro Valley Unified School District. I want to thank our managers and teachers who did an exemplary job of informing these staffers of how they can positively influence what we do.

**Waiting for Superman**

SCCOE co-sponsored a showing of the movie, Waiting for Superman along with the Santa Cruz Education Foundation. Superintendent Watkins introduced the discussion panel moderated by John Laird.

**Special Education Employer Recognition Event**

Assemblyman Bill Monning was in attendance at the Special Education Employer Recognition event to hand out certificates of appreciation to 10 local businesses that make it a priority to hire developmentally challenged young people. Santa Cruz Mayor Michael Rotkin also acknowledged these businesses and the young people whose dreams for employment came true when given the chance to prove themselves. Mayor Antonio Rivas accepted one of the awards for the City of Watsonville which participates in the program.

**Children's Network Nominating Committee**

Members of the Children's Network met to nominate new officers for the upcoming year. This group is a collaborative of agencies from throughout Santa Cruz County that serve the needs of children.

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

Superintendent Watkins participated in the monthly meeting by phone for the Star Community Index of the ICLEI group. ICLEI brings together governmental leaders across the country to look at sustainable development of communities, and climate protection. The subcommittee Superintendent Watkins works with is dedicated to arts and education.

**Superintendents Council**

Superintendents from the Santa Cruz school districts held their monthly meeting. Some of the topics discussed this month include truancy strategies, virtual learning, API/AYP, and update on BASTA.

**Inside Education/Your Future is Our Business Luncheon**

This month's Inside Education Program focused on Regional Occupational Programs and Career Technical Education. After receiving background information on the programs, participants visited school sites and attended the Your Future is Our Business Luncheon at the Coconut Grove. At this luncheon honoring the current and future students of the program, Mr. Watkins gave the welcoming address.

**YRB Cabaret**

Once again Superintendent Watkins is participating in the planning of the annual Cabaret fundraiser for the Youth Resource Bank. He will be assisting with the auction and raffle.

### **Migrant Headstart Program**

Maria Castro, Migrant Headstart Programs and Mr. Watkins visited both Migrant Headstart Childcare Centers and Childcare Homes. We are fortunate to have such quality programs available for our most needy population of youngsters. The staff people are amazing and do a great job of preparing these youngsters for their Kindergarten experience.

### **Leadership Santa Cruz 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Superintendent Watkins attended the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner for Leadership Santa Cruz. He was able to go through the program a number of years ago and wholeheartedly endorses the program as a way to get to know all the various aspects of our county, its businesses, government and educational institutions.

### **SECA, Special Education Coordinating Agency**

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the SECA Board met to discuss next steps in the implementation of the results of the FCMAT study done earlier in the year. Earlier today Superintendent Watkins attended the regularly scheduled meeting for SECA. Budget was one of the main topics discussed including the line item veto by Governor Schwarzenegger of the AB3632 funding for mental health services.

### **AB3632**

One of Governor Schwarzenegger's line item vetoes was AB3632. This bill funded the mental health services for children with disabilities. The services are required by children's Individualized Education Plans and will have to be provided by districts regardless of this funding cut. It is just one more way that Special Education impacts General Education Funding. Superintendent Watkins met with Dane Cervine and Kathy Citron, County Mental Health; Salli Welsh, North County SELPA; Roy Houser, Pajaro Valley Unified SELPA to discuss strategies for addressing the impact of the governor's veto.

### **Visit to Gault Elementary**

Mr. Watkins visited Gault Elementary School to observe the services of Dientes. Dientes is an organization committed to providing oral health services to the underserved children and adults of Santa Cruz County. They go directly into the schools to provide these services.

### **What's Happening in Education**

Superintendent Watkins took part in the October 4<sup>th</sup> taping of What's Happening in Education program on Community Television hosted by Jon Silver. The main topic of the broadcast was budget cuts and the impact on education. (The program is available on their website.)

### **Rudy Marez**

Superintendent Watkins met with Rudy Marez who, working through Harbor Light Church and the Probation Department, has a program to address youth and gang violence.

### **Bob Fitch**

Superintendent Watkins was fortunate to be able to attend a reception for Bob Fitch, renowned photographer from the Civil Rights period. He was honored with a

proclamation from the state legislature which was presented by Assemblymember Monning. The photos are on display at the Santa Cruz Government Center.

#### **Assemblymember Sam Blakeslee**

Several district superintendents convened to meet with Assemblymember Sam Blakeslee to discuss education concerns and the effects of budget cuts on local school districts. Superintendent Watkins wants to thank Trustee Vic Marani for his assistance in organizing this meeting.

#### **Bike to School**

Mr. Watkins attended the Bike to School event hosted by Gault Elementary. The program encourages children to get more exercise and be more green by walking and/or biking to school.

#### **BASTA Steering Committee**

Approximately 45 leaders of community and law enforcement met at the County Office of Education to discuss next steps in the implementation of BASTA – Broadbased Apprehension, Suspension, Treatment and Alternatives. The subcommittees for north county and south county continue to meet monthly.

#### **Day of Action**

Members of the community, including many educators, held a rally opposing cuts to education at the Town Clock on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Watkins attended the event and addressed the participants.

#### **Early Childhood Conference**

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Watkins provided the opening remarks for the local Early Childhood Conference held at Cabrillo College. He also received an award for my support of quality preschool education.

#### **Response to Intervention**

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education provided a workshop on Response to Intervention – a program focused on prevention through assessment and intervention to maximize student achievement and minimize behavior problems. Over 250 teachers and educators attended the event at the Soquel Union Elementary multipurpose room. Anita Archer was the presenter.

#### **Clean Ocean Business Award**

Santa Cruz City presented Barry Kirschen, Regional Occupational Programs instructor the Clean Ocean Business Award for the tenth year in a row. He teaches Engine Repair, Engine Performance, and Smog Certification classes at Santa Cruz High. We congratulate Mr. Kirschen and recognize that we are very fortunate to have teachers of his caliber on our staff.

#### **City Schools Superintendents Conference**

Superintendent Watkins attended the City Schools Superintendents Conference in San Francisco focusing on accountability, leadership, the achievement gap, and Race to the Top.

### **Positive Discipline**

Mr. Watkins met with Jane Weed to discuss the ways in which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education can support parents through education and outreach. Although this has not been a focus of the County Office recently, we are looking forward to exploring ways in which to increase efforts to provided workshops and other ways in which to address support for parents.

### **Monthly and Regularly Scheduled Periodic Meetings**

Children's Network  
Agenda Committee  
Policy Committee

Migrant Headstart Videoconference  
Special Education Coordinating Agency  
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## **12.6 Board Trustee Report (3 minutes each)**

## **Board Trustee Reports**

Trustee Sales reported that he and other school board leaders Met with Senator Blakeslee. Mr. Sales stated that the Senator was very positive and open, and then congratulated Trustee Marani, a Legislative Aide for Senator Blakeslee, for arranging the meeting.

Trustee Dilles reported that he attended the BASTA meeting and would be attending the Santa Cruz County School Boards Association meeting this evening. Mr. Dilles also attended the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) fall conference, watched part two of the cyberbullying webinar, and Waiting for Superman at the Nickelodeon and was impressed by issues the movie raised.

Trustee Winslow reported that he attended the extended version of Associate Superintendent, Mary Hart's, budget presentation. Trustee Winslow also visited Rancho Cielo, an organization working with at risk youth, in Monterey, and the Teen Center housed at Loudon Nelson.

Trustee Marani reported that he also attended the CCBE fall conference in Monterey and that nominations committee was active in seeking fresh leadership, including the recommendation of Ken Berrick, Alameda County Office of Education Trustee, for President-Elect. Mr. Marani reported that the "binder project" could be on-going and mean thousands of dollars in supplies for Santa Cruz County schools.

Trustee Levine reported that he attended the screening of Waiting for Superman, watched part two of the cyberbullying webinar, attended the Legislative Education meeting at COE, attended the CCBE fall conference in Monterey, and attended the Policy Committee meeting.

President Hinde reported that he attended the screening of Waiting for Superman and the Forestry Challenge event. He also acknowledged Michael Paynter in Alternative Education and Judge Guy for their efforts and coordination of the "binder project". President Hinde attended a fundraising event at Beauregard Vineyards, met with the editors of the Santa Cruz Sentinel and the Press-Banner, and attended a fundraiser to

keep a home housing adults with brain injuries open. Mr. Hinde also reported that he contacted City Council candidates to discuss his personal concerns of violence and crime in Santa Cruz.

**13.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee Reports

**13.1 Agenda Committee**

Agenda Committee

Trustee Marani informed the Board that at the November meeting the Board would need to designate a voting representative at CCBE meeting.

Superintendent Watkins reported that because his current term expires and his new term begins in January, 2011 the superintendent's compensation would need to be reviewed and come before the board. Trustee Sales and Trustee Dilles volunteered to serve on the review committee.

**13.2 Community Outreach and Legislative Committee**

Community Outreach and Legislative Committee

Trustee Marani reported that he met with UCSC staff to discuss methods for attracting and recruiting Santa Cruz County students to UCSC. He stated that there was interest in reaching out to local students in 2011.

**13.3 Policy Advisory Committee**

Policy Advisory Committee

Trustee Mann, Committee Chair, reported that the Policy Committee would meet again before the next Board meeting.

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

Additions to Future Agendas

November meeting: Designation of CCBE voting representative

**14.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS**

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

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

President Hinde adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m.