



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

Regular Board Meeting  
 November 17, 2011  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 Board Room

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Board Present

Jack Dilles  
 Aaron Hinde  
 Arnold Levine  
 Gina Locatelli  
 Vic Marani (President)  
 Dana Sales  
 George Bud Winslow  
 Michael Watkins, Secretary

Staff Present

Bryan Wall  
 Cindy O'Conner  
 JoAnn Allen  
 Michael Paynter  
 John Rice

**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/Locatelli) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

Action # 870

**4.0 OPEN SESSION**

**4.1 CLOSED SESSION DISCLOSURE**

President Marani disclosed that the Board will, in closed session, discuss matters relating to purchase of certain real properties, as noted in item 5.1. He noted that comments from the public would be taken prior to commencing closed session. There being no public comment, the Board commenced closed session.

**5.0 CLOSED SESSION**

**5.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

The Board will consider the purchase of certain real property and/or give further direction concerning the potential agreement.  
 (Govt. Code Sections 54956.8)

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**

**6.1 REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION**

President Marani reported that, in closed session, the Board voted unanimously to approve a purchase agreement whereby the Santa Cruz County Office of Education agrees to purchase the property at 399 Encinal St., Santa Cruz, CA, County of Santa Cruz from Wave Crest Development, Inc. for \$1,450,000.

The SCCOE will continue its due diligence investigation, and if there are no unexpected issues, escrow is estimated to close in January, 2012.

**6.2 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no remarks from the audience.

**7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Dilles) to approve the consent agenda, moving item 7.0.4, Resolution 11-14 Second Harvest Food Bank to item 7.1, Deferred Consent Items.

Action #871

- 7.0.1** Minutes of Board Meeting of October 20, 2011
- 7.0.2** Donations
- 7.0.3** Routine Budget Revisions
- 7.0.4** Resolution 11-14 In Support of Second Harvest Food Bank

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

Item 7.0.4, Resolution 11-14 In Support of Second Harvest Food Bank was pulled from the consent agenda. Danny Keith, Chief Development Officer at Second Harvest Food Bank and founder of Grind Out Hunger, a Second Harvest Food Bank program, provided the Board with an overview of the program. Grind Out Hunger is a youth leadership development program that conducts educational outreach in local schools county wide, challenging local elementary, junior high, high school and college student to raise food and funds to benefit hungry children in the community. Their goal for 2011 is to raise 500,000 pounds of food.

Following the presentation, it was M.S.C. (Sales/Locatelli) to approve Resolution 11-14 Supporting Second Harvest Food Bank.

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

Action # 872

**8.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to review.

**9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**9.1 Chevron Energy Solutions Program Development Agreement and Final Construction Contract**

It was M.S.C. (Locatelli/Hinde) to approve the Chevron Energy Solutions Company Program Development Agreement and authorize the Board President and Superintendent or designee to authorize the final construction contract.

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

Action # 873

**10.0 NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS**

There was no new business or action items to conduct.

**11.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**11.1 Santa Cruz County Office of Education School Mental Health Initiative (SMHI)**

JoAnn Allen, Manager, Student Support Services, and Michael Paynter, Manager, Student Support Board presented a report on the School Mental Health Initiative for which the Santa Cruz County Office of Education is the lead agency and one of four member counties in Region 5, which also includes Santa Clara, San Benito, and Monterey.

**11.2 Forestry Challenge Report**

Diane Dealey Neill, Forestry Challenge Founder, and Soquel High student Alex Shear, provided a report to the Board of this year's successful Forestry Challenge, which took place from October 26-29, 2011, expanding from one day last year to four days this year. A total of 45 students from several local and out of area schools participated.  
Presenter: Diane Dealey Neill

*Conducted out of order:*

**11.5 Pacific Collegiate School Annual Report**

Sharmaine Cheleden, PCS Board President and Archie Douglas, Principal provided an annual report of the charter purpose and goals as required by the memorandum of understanding.

George Wylie, San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District Board member, addressed the Board regarding addressed the Board regarding PCS's cash reserve and his concern that donations collected from current students may be used for future purchases.

**11.3 Annual Report – Williams Legislation: Status of Decile 1-3 Schools – SCCOE Alternative Education Programs**

John Rice, Project Director, Alternative Education Programs, reported to the Board that, as required by Education Code 1240(2)(B), pursuant to the Williams Settlement Legislation, a county superintendent of schools report the finding of visits and review of schools within the county designated

as decile 1-3 schools, based on the 2009 base API. A team from San Benito County Office of Education visited thirty percent of the Alternative Education program. The review included ensuring each student had text books and inspection of facilities.

**11.4 Annual Report – Williams Legislation: Status of Decile 1-3 Schools - Live Oak School District, Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Santa Cruz City School District**

Superintendent Watkins introduced Adam Wade, Coordinator, who reported on the findings relative to Williams Legislation requirements during site visits at designated decile 1-3 schools in Santa Cruz County.

**11.5 Pacific Collegiate School Annual Report**

Sharmaine Cheleden, PCS Board President and Archie Douglas, Principal provided an annual report of PCS goals and, as required.

**11.6 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Watkins reported on the following matters and events that occurred since his report of October 20, 2011:

**Redistricting Taskforce**

The Redistricting Taskforce has completed the redrawing of trustee areas. Superintendent Watkins thanked the members of the taskforce for their dedication to this process and for their timely completion of the redistricting. He also wants to thank Bill Barr and his team for their leadership and knowledge to make this a straightforward process.

**Support to Districts**

In our continuing effort to support districts, we have the following projects that we are funding:

**Happy Valley** - Overdue maintenance for buildings and septic systems; **Soquel Union Elementary** - A demonstration site for a new software for English Language Learners; **Mountain Elementary** – upgrading of technology infrastructure.

**American Teacher**

The County Office of Education is partnering with the New Teacher Center to present the movie, American Teacher, this Saturday at the Nickelodeon Theatre. The movie looks at teacher compensation. A brochure is at your seat and registration is online.

**County Office of Education Survey**

A survey was sent out to employees with an overwhelming response. We have some areas to look at that came up in the comments but the overall responses were very good. The following eight questions were asked:

1. I would describe my department as positive and productive.
2. I am encouraged to continue to learn by the manner in which my department functions as a learning environment.
3. I feel supported to do my work successfully in my department.
4. I feel that I personally, make a contribution to the success of my department.
5. I would describe the county office of education as positive and productive.
6. I am encouraged to continue to learn by the manner in which county office of education functions as a learning environment.
7. I feel supported to do my work successfully in the county office of education.
8. I feel that I personally, make a contribution to the success of the county office of education.

**SECA, Special Education Coordinating Agency**

We have had two meetings of the North County SECA. Highlights include the signing of the Mental Health MOU with the County of Santa Cruz and the formation of a new ED classroom for fifth graders at Vine Hill Elementary.

**Green Valley Community School**

We have reached an important step in the building of our new permanent Alternative Education facility in Watsonville. The Department of the State Architect has approved our plans. As soon as construction funds are available from the state, we will be able to begin the construction.

**Meeting with Noted Author Geoff Dunn**

Superintendent Watkins met with Geoff Dunn to explore ways to integrate Santa Cruz County history into the fourth grade classrooms. Geoff was born, raised and educated in Santa Cruz and has a wealth of information and artifacts that he would like to share with students and teacher.

**Professional Learning Community for Superintendents**

Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz County are partnering to provide a regional executive leadership program called "The Resilient and Courageous Superintendent: Building the Culture for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century School District." The program consists of four sessions and is just one more way in which we are collaborating to stretch our education dollars. All of our superintendents will be participating.

**Together for Youth**

Superintendent Watkins attended a meeting sponsored by Together For Youth Board where he spoke on the program CURB, Community United to Reduce Binge Drinking. The program was launched in 2005 to spread awareness of the negative results of teenagers and binge drinking and reducing it by changing community policies and practices.

**Aptos Chamber Monthly Meeting**

Brian King, president, Cabrillo College was the keynote speaker at the November meeting of the Aptos Chamber. President King spoke about the College Commitment Program to encourage youngsters to pursue a college education. He also reported on the results of the Student Success Task Force of the California Community Colleges. Suggestions included increasing college and career readiness, strengthening support for entering students, align course offerings to student needs, revitalizing and re-envisioning professional development, enabling efficient statewide leadership and increasing coordination among colleges. The report can be found on the Community Colleges web site: <http://www.cccco.edu/>.

**Williams Reports**

This past Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Superintendent Watkins gave presentations before the Pajaro Valley Unified Board, the Live Oak Board and the Santa Cruz City Schools Board on the findings of our Williams reviews of their affected schools.

**Positive Discipline Workshops**

The County Office partnered with the Positive Discipline Resource Center to present a workshop for staff and parents on discipline for special needs students. They will also be presenting workshops for parents of at risk students at a later date.

**Commission on Teacher Credentialing**

The New Teacher Project was just accredited to support Special Education Teachers in clearing their credentials for mild/moderate and moderate/severe. In preparing for the mentoring of these Special Education educators, the Project collaborated with the New Teacher Center to develop formative assessment tools and resources to support not only our educators but will be used statewide and nationally.

### **Smart on Crime**

Community members came together on November 7<sup>th</sup> to continue to share information with the public about the challenges faced by the overcrowding of prisons and jails and to invest in safe communities, and ensure the public safety.

### **Community Corrections Partnership**

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Watkins attended the Community Corrections Partnership meeting. At this meeting the committee received a presentation on the use of data to develop meaningful outcome measures and then reviewed findings from the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, the Alternatives Initiative and local staff data analysis. Data Work groups were organized, development of tasks were identified and timelines were set.

### **Inside Education**

The Inside Education met on November 16<sup>th</sup> to take a look at Small Schools. Bonny Doon Elementary students used this visit to produce a video on a video entitled "Day in the Life" to share with participants when they visited the school. The video posted on our website.

### **American Association of University Woman**

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Superintendent Watkins spoke to the American Association of University. They were interested in bullying and what is done to control it; the effects of gang activity on the classroom; social pressures affecting programs, policies and staff; availability of alternative programs; programs for students not attending colleges; availability of counseling and scholarships; and how the state and federal budget cuts are affecting local students.

### **CCSESA Quarterly Meeting**

Superintendent Watkins attended the Quarterly Meeting of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association. Topics covered included: Transitional Kindergarten Planning Guide, E-Learning Framework, current state of the budget, Elementary and Secondary Education Act, among other topics. Mick Founts (San Joaquin) joined me in leading a discussion on leveraging resources for successful student programs focusing on community day programs.

### **11.7 Trustee Reports (3 minutes each)**

Trustee Hinde attended the San Lorenzo Valley school board meeting, where unanimously approved a resolution supporting the proposed SCCOE trustee realignment.

Trustee Sales had no report.

Trustee Locatelli reported that she attended a conference in Lake Tahoe celebrating the Constitution and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. She also has been in touch with Aptos High administration to honor two students who serve on the agriculture/horticulture committee. Ms. Locatelli has also been volunteering in the snack shack at the Santa Cruz High School football games.

Trustee Dilles reported that he attended a Scotts Valley School District community meetings where they discussed a potential parcel tax. Mr. Dilles attended a chamber of commerce meeting at the new Sentinel building, where he met the publisher. Trustee Dilles was a presenter at a League of Women Voters meeting, where the topic was equity in federal funding. He also attended the Second Harvest Food Bank kick-off and a Senior Coalition meeting, visited Georgiana Bruce Kirby School and attended the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce awards dinner.

Trustee Winslow reported that he attended a gala at Branciforte Middle School, celebrating folklore and he also attended a Santa Cruz City School Board meeting.

Trustee Levine reported that he attended the 61<sup>st</sup> reunion at San Jose State University. He also attended the Scotts Valley School District community meeting related to a potential parcel tax. Mr. Levine also attended an agenda committee meeting and the Santa Cruz City School Board meeting.

President Marani reported that he attended the agenda committee meeting. Mr. Marani attended the Second Harvest Food Bank kick-off at the Boardwalk, where he met the two brothers who own Yogurt Land, and they are interested in getting involved with schools. He attended a fundraiser for the arts, called Sing For Your Life, put on by the Gold Standard Chorus at the civic, where schools from the county were represented. He also attended the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce awards, noting that they are the only chamber in the county that honors a youth of the year. President Marani also attended the Aptos Chamber of Commerce meeting, where the community heroes

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

There were no ad hoc committee reports.

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

There were no future items placed on the agenda.

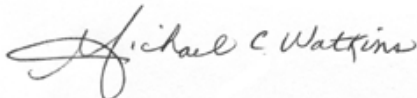
**14.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS**

Saturday, November 19, 2011 10:45 a.m.	Screening of American Teachers Nickelodeon Theatre
December 1-3, 2011	CSBA/CCBE Conference San Diego, CA
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

**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,



MICHAEL C. WATKINS, SECRETARY TO THE BOARD