

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting
November 20, 2008
Approved Minutes

1.0 ROLL CALL and ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Roll Call

President Jack Dilles called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

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:

Alice Talnack

Rowland Baker

Theresa Rouse

Bill Sullivan

Brunella Deeds

Jean Gardner

Harley Robertson

Sandy Mast

John Rice

Heather Hutchison, CSEA

Cathy Potts Sales, CSEA

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. (Maxwell/Sales) to approve the agenda as submitted.

Ayes: Unanimous

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Action #678

4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Remarks from the Audience

Deepika Shrestha Ross, Board President, Pacific College Charter School reported on the most recent developments relative to facility negotiations with Santa Cruz City Schools District. Individuals speaking in favor of Pacific Collegiate School were Kelly Van Der Burge, Terry Firenzi, and Tom Brown.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda
Action #679

It was M.S.C. (Levine/Sales) to approve the Consent Agenda.

Aye: Unanimous

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Health Improvement Partnership of Santa Cruz County

I attended the Health Improvement Partnership Board annual meeting on November 13. The mission of HIP is to reform health care at the local level by increasing access and advocating for sound health policies that benefit all residents. Larry Levitt, vice president of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation was the keynote speaker.

Class Site Visitations

In fulfillment of my duties and in conjunction with Inside Education sites visit planning, I have made several visitations to school sites, including our Special Education classes, during the past month.

CCSESA Quarterly Meeting

The Santa Cruz County Office of Education hosted the October quarterly meeting of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association meeting. County superintendents from throughout California attended. Barney Finlay lead a Professional Learning Community discussion on fiscal accountability and the budget. Bruce MacPherson gave the opening address on Monday. I have received many expressions of appreciation for the success of the three-day meeting, and I personally thank Brunella Deeds for her successful organization of the event. I also want to publicly thank the students from San Lorenzo Valley High, Soquel High and Aptos High who provided musical performances and to the many local businesses who provided Santa Cruz merchandise for gift baskets that were presented to all superintendents. Visiting superintendents and other attendees all expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of Santa Cruz County and their intent to return.

Second Harvest Youth Program

I have met with Willy Elliott-McCrea, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Ron Slack, Publisher of Good Times, to work with high schools in the county to implement a youth awareness program on the subject of hunger in our communities.

ACSA Conference / New Teacher Project Award

I attended the Association of California School Administrators Conference at which the Santa Cruz New Teacher Project received ACSA's Educational Excellence Award which recognizes exemplary school-community partnership programs.

**Technology Information Center for Administrative Leadership (TICAL)
Funding**

The State Legislature and the Governor authorized funding for TICAL for a three-

year contract renewable for an additional three years in 2011. Rowland will be devoting the larger amount of his time to TICAL and Theresa has assumed the operational responsibilities of the Educational Services Department, including Technology Services.

Homeless Services Center

The COE, as a participant with Cabrillo College and other community agencies in providing services through facilities sharing, will accommodate the Homeless Services Center by providing space and equipment for that agency to conduct a local fund-raising phone bank the evening of December 8.

Migrant Head Start Program

Program Manager, Maria Castro, and I travelled to Santa Nella last weekend for the MHS Regional Policy Committee meeting. This meeting included migrant parents and Stanislaus County Superintendent Tom Chagnon.

Chancellor Blumenthal Breakfast

UCSC Chancellor, George Blumenthal, hosted a breakfast meeting on campus last week. A diverse group of community and education representatives attended. Chancellor Blumenthal facilitated discussion on community strategic partnerships with a view to the future.

Election Coverage

Community TV of Santa Cruz invited me to participate as a commentator relative to educational issues in Santa Cruz County on election night.

MBEC Family Involvement Forum, CSUMB

The Monterey Bay Educational Consortium (MBEC) hosted a Family Involvement Forum: Pathways to College on November 14, at CSUMB. I had the honor of introducing the keynote speaker, Lilia Tanakeyowma, Dean, Student Affairs, Santa Ana College. Ms. Tanakeyowma, as Director of the Office of School and Community Partnerships, oversees several specially funded projects aimed at preparing students early for college and equips them and their families with the tools necessary to access college entry. Her emphasis was on parents as leaders.

Meeting with Don Miller, Sentinel

I met with Sentinel editor Don Miller and Mike Blaesser, operations manager, to discuss collaboration with the education community in broadening public awareness of education in Santa Cruz County.

8.2 APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY PLAN

Following discussion relative to the goal of the plan to bring the Alternative Education program out of program improvement status, it was M.S.C. (Bryant/Sanford) to approve the Alternative Education Local Education Agency Plan.

Ayes: Unanimous
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Approval of
Alternative
Education Local
Education Agency
Plan

Action #681

8.3 CSBA Delegate Assembly Nomination

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Bryant) to approve the nomination of Trustee Arnold Levine as CSBA Delegate Assembly nominee.

Ayes: Unanimous
Abstain: None
Absent: None

CSBA Delegate
Assembly Nomination

Action #682

9.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Reports and
Information Items

9.1 Santa Cruz County Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended September 30, 2008

Jean Gardner, Fiscal Director, provided a summary of the September 30, 2008, Santa Cruz County Treasurer's Investment Report.

County Treasurer's
Quarterly Investment
Report

9.2 Program Report – Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

Jason Tovani, Regional AVID Coordinator, informed the Board that the AVID Program prepares under-achieving, under-served students for eligibility and success in four-year colleges and university. High school and middle school students have equal access to college preparatory curricula. The program works within the regular school day. Five middle and high schools in Santa Cruz County participate.

Program Report
AVID

9.3 Williams Legislation Report

Williams Report

Superintendent Michael Watkins provided a summary of the annual Williams Legislation Report as provided to the governing board of the Pajaro Valley Unified School District and as required by law. Mr. Watkins reported that the investigating team found the District had made continuous improvement in all areas required to be monitored and no uncorrectable deficiencies against standards existed.

9.4 Board President's Report

Board President's Report

President Dilles reported he had attended the Pacific Collegiate School governing board meeting meeting called to address the District's facility negotiations with Pacific Collegiate School. Mr. Dilles attended the most recent Scotts Valley Unified School district board meeting. Two new members will be seated in December. The district superintendent and staff reported that the district utilizes the services of the County Office of Education and pleased that those services continue to expand.

9.5 Board Trustees' Reports

Trustees' Reports

Trustee Bryant reported that, as chair of the board's budget subcommittee, she had met with Associate Superintendent Finlay. The meeting resulted in standards being affected for reporting monthly budget revisions to the Board. Ms. Bryant offered suggestions to the Board for inclusion in the budget review process in the future. Those suggestions focus on 1) addition of a narrative in conjunction with major budget revisions that discloses the goal to be met by the action, and those items to be formatted by department. As well as how an expenditure is offset by income or not. 2) Transfers over a predetermined amount, per month or by quarter, be accompanied with a narrative. 3) Include any new FTE by division and measure impact. 4) Report losses, gains, replacements to management team.

Trustee Levine attended the most recent Santa Cruz City Schools District Board meeting. He reported the date of the county spelling bee as changed to March 8, 2009.

Trustee Maxwell expressed his enjoyment of being a Board member for the past eight years.

Trustee Mann expressed appreciation to departing Trustees.

10.0 SCHEDULE OF COMING EVENTS

Schedule

December 4-6, 2008	CSBA Annual Education Conference
December 18, 2008, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board
January 8, 2008, 6:00 p.m.	Board Trustees Training Workshop
January 15, 2009, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board
February 19, 2008, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board
March 19, 2009, 2:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting of the Board

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment

President Dilles adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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