

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

Regular Board Meeting  
December 15, 2011  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Board Room

## APPROVED MINUTES

### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

President Marani called the Board to order at 2:00 p.m.

#### Board Present

Jack Dilles  
Aaron Hinde  
Arnold Levine  
Gina Locatelli  
Vic Marani  
Dana Sales  
George Bud Winslow  
Bryan Wall, Acting Secretary

#### Staff Present

Cindy O'Conner  
Brunella Deeds  
Kyle Rucker  
Jean Gardner  
Eric Sanders

### 2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Superintendent Wall led recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was M.S.C. (Levine/Winslow) to approve the agenda as submitted.

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

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### 4.0 REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Luke Babcock, a freshman at Aptos High School, thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the Constitution Day Essay Contest, sponsored by the County Board of Education.

Vicki Noble addressed the Board with her concerns regarding AB 499, which, in part, allows minors 12 years of age or older to consent to medical care related to the human papillomavirus (HPV) and the vaccine, Gardasil.

Martine Watkins, Community Organizer, Santa Cruz County Office of Education, thanked the Board for their support of the Teen Peer Court program, and in particular, Trustee Dilles for donating to the program with proceeds earned from the Scrabble Tournament. Ms. Watkins distributed a schedule for Teen Peer Court and invited Trustees to attend. She also provided an overview of the Real DUI in Schools program.

### 5.0 OPEN SESSION

Deputy Superintendent Bryan Wall thanked and acknowledged Trustee Marani for his service as Board president.

**6.0 ANNUAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD**

**6.1 Nominations for President of the Board**

Trustee Dilles nominated Trustee Levine for president of the Board.

**6.2 Election of Board President**

It was M.S.C. (Dilles/Hinde) to elect Trustee Levine to serve  
As Board president.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales, Winslow

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Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**6.3 Nominations for Vice President of the Board**

Trustee Sales nominated Trustee Locatelli for vice president of the Board

**6.4 Election of Board Vice President**

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Winslow) to elect Trustee Locatelli to serve as  
Board vice president.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales, Winslow

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Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**6.5 Appointment of Chairperson, County Committee on  
School District Organization**

It was M.S.C. (Levine/Winslow) to appoint Trustee Marani as  
Chairperson of the County Committee on School District Organization.

Ayes: Dilles, Hinde, Levine, Locatelli, Marani, Sales, Winslow

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Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**6.6 Establishment of Regular Meetings of the Board**

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Locatelli) that the regular meetings of the  
County Board of Education be scheduled for 2012 at 2:00 p.m.  
on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of the  
April meeting which will be scheduled for April 12, 2012, and the  
September meeting, which is mandated to be conducted following  
school hours.

It was M.S.C. (Sales/Locatelli) to approve the calendar as proposed.

Ayes: Unanimous

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Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

**6.7 Seating of New Officers to the Board of Trustees**

President Levine and Vice President Locatelli assumed their offices.

**7.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

It was M.S.C. (Winslow/Hinde) to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

**7.0.1** Minutes of Board Meeting of November 17, 2011

**7.0.2** Donations

**7.0.3** Routine Budget Revisions

**7.0.4** Quarterly Treasurer's Report, Quarter Ended September 30, 2011

**7.0.5** 2012-2013 Budget Development Calendar

Ayes: Unanimous

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Action # 879

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

There were no deferred consent items.

**8.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

**9.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

**10.0 NEW BUSINESS and ACTION ITEMS**

There were no new business or action items to discuss.

**11.0 REPORTS/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**11.1 Informational: 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Annual Audit Report**

Tze-Ki Lam, Auditor, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., provided the Board with notable facts and figures contained in the full Audit Report. Ms. Lam stated that the audit was conducted in accordance with government audit standards. Ms. Lam responded to questions and comments from Board trustees.

**11.2 First Interim Financial Report**

Mary Hart, Associate Superintendent and CBO, Business Services, Reviewed the published First Interim Financial Report as provided in Board packet. Ms. Hart called attention to deficit spending due to solar and energy conservation project, purchase of new building, and assistance provided to school districts.

**11.3 California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust Investment Report**

Associate Superintendent Mary Hart reviewed the report of investments for benefit trust accounts, as required annually. The SCCOE maintains its retiree benefit funds in the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS).

**11.4 Employee Survey Results**

Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent, presented results of the 2011 employee survey, which were very positive in all areas.

**11.5 Discussion – CSBA Agenda Online Service**

The Board discussed the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Agenda Online subscription service and its potential implementation for the SCCOE, noting that receiving Board agendas and packets online would be environmentally conscious, as well as more efficient. The Board requested that a representative from CSBA be invited to do a presentation to the Board at a future meeting.

**11.6 Superintendent's Report**

The following matters and events have occurred since the report of November 17, 2011:

**Barney Bricmont**

Long time trustee in Live Oak School District, Barney Bricmont, passed away on December 6<sup>th</sup>. He and his wife who had been a librarian at Branciforte Elementary School were both supportive of schools and ensuring that children came first.

**CAP Goals - Dominican**

On Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Superintendent Watkins attended the annual press conference and celebration to present the 2011, Year 17 Santa Cruz County Community Assessment Project findings. The report finds that there are more children living in poverty and more concerns with housing, and alcohol and drug use but also some positives as well. People are satisfied with schools and test scores are generally up with reported cases of child abuse down.

**BASTA**

The BASTA (Broad-Based Apprehension, Suppression, Treatment and Alternatives) Steering Committee held its quarterly meeting. It has become a great resource for bringing together all the people who work together to fight gang and youth violence. The North and South County Working Groups have been making an impact on individual students who have been redirected away from gangs.

**American Teacher**

The County Office of Education partnered with the New Teacher Center to present the movie American Teacher at the Nickelodeon Theatre. Approximately eighty educators gathered to watch the movie and then participated in a discussion following the screening. There has been very positive feedback from the event.

**California School Boards Association Annual Conference**

Superintendent Watkins attended the annual CSBA conference in San Diego, along with five of our trustees. Sal Khan of the Khan Academy was one of the General Session speakers. He and his colleagues have created a web site that is free of charge to students, teachers, home-schoolers, principals or anyone else who finds it of use to be sure that everyone is afforded a quality education anywhere in the world.

**SEAC, School Employers Association of California**

Superintendent Watkins attended his first board meeting for SEAC while at the CSBA Conference. This organization assists school districts in the areas of human resources and negotiations.

### **Expanding Support of Science in the Classroom**

Miguel Anzar, UCSC Cosmos Program, met with Superintendent Watkins to form a collaboration with our office for mentorship and professional development in the area of hands-on science exploration. (COSMOS is a summer school for Mathematics and Sciences designed for talented and motivated high school students taking place on college campuses.)

### **Project Impact Graduation**

The first Project Impact graduation was held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. We had 21 graduates who have clear Special Education credentials and are now able to work in the field of Special Education where the need is ever increasing as teachers retire. It was a very moving and emotional experience as each student had the opportunity to address the group expressing their appreciation for the opportunity that this creates for them in their career.

### **Special Education Services to Incarcerated Youth**

By law, schools are mandated to provide special education services to age 22. Harriet Maglin, SELPA, Bryan Wall, Deputy Superintendent, and Superintendent Watkins met with Sheriff Phil Wowak and Jim Hart, Chief Deputy Corrections Bureau, to discuss services to youth ages 18-22 that are incarcerated in the county jail facilities.

### **Miss Representation**

The 2011 Sundance selected documentary, "Miss Representation" was shown at the Museum of Art and History. It is a movie exploring the stereotypes that hold women back and/or depict women as weak and as sex objects. Discussion followed the showing to investigate programs that might lift up our young women and break the cycle of stereotypes.

### **Arts Professional Training**

Mary McLaughlin, arts consultant for our office, held the last in a series of three arts professional development trainings for teachers. Superintendent Watkins was able to go by and visit with the participants. Approximately 30 art specialists participated in the peer professional development where they took turns presenting actual lessons in visual, performance or musical art and then presenting the standards behind the lessons.

### **San Jose State Transfer Policy**

Superintendent Watkins met with Carolyn and Bert Post in regards to a new transfer policy between Cabrillo College and San Jose State. In the past if you graduated from a two year program at Cabrillo College you were assured to be accepted as a transfer student at San Jose State College. The policy has been revised to only automatically admit transfers from community colleges in Santa Clara County and Cabrillo students are put on a wait list with no promise of admittance to San Jose State. Although we have California State University Monterey Bay, there are at least 18 important majors that are not available to students including Engineering, Chemistry, nursing, Political Science and others. Superintendent Watkins will be writing a letter to Dr. Jon Whitmore, president, San Jose State with my concerns for the students of our county.

### **Renaissance High School and Ceiba Charter School**

Superintendent Watkins was able to visit the school sites for both Renaissance High School and Ceiba College Preparatory School. Ceiba is a middle school with grades 6-8. Students there are hard-working with aspirations to succeed through high school and go on to college. At Renaissance High, we have a number of Regional Occupational Classes that Mr. Watkins was able to visit along with a tour of the campus by Principal Artemiza Cortez.

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

Trustee Marani reported that he attended the annual CSBA conference in San Diego, where he met with CCBE and staff, and with State Superintendent Tom Torlakson regarding the unclaimed property program. He also met with Mike Walsh, newly elected delegate-at-large, from Butte County. He is committed to intersecting with other county offices of education and attending meetings when possible. Trustee Marani also worked with the charter school subcommittee and they will be submitting legislation related to California charter schools. He attended the Pajaro Valley School Board meeting where they discussed placing a \$200 million school bond on the ballot. Mr. Marani met with Scotts Valley superintendent and Board president regarding their parcel tax. Trustee Marani attended an agenda committee meeting and a reception at Lombardes and Gilles, where it was noted that the Santa Cruz County Office of Education was cited as an exemplary example of how to conduct the redistricting process.

Trustee Hinde attended the CSBA conference in San Diego, where he especially enjoyed the general assembly speaker, Salman Kahn, founder of the Kahn Academy. Trustee Hinde also acknowledged the passing of two important community members, Barney Bricmont, Live Oak Board member, and Alan Scarborough, a pillar of the community, and very active in the San Lorenzo Valley and Scotts Valley schools.

Trustee Sales also attended the CSBA conference in San Diego, where he attended a session presented by Mary Jane Burke, superintendent of the Marin County Office of Education on consolidation of services to districts. Trustee Sales plans to gather more information to pass on to our superintendent and Board president. He also attended a presentation on communications related to crisis situations, and the importance of each agency knowing their role and how to respond.

Trustee Locatelli thanked everyone for a wonderful year as a SCCOE trustee.

Trustee Dilles also attended the CSBA conference, where he enjoyed Salman Kahn's presentation. He spoke with State Superintendent Tom Torlakson, noting he is a great leader. Trustee Dilles also attended the Screening of American teacher at the Nickelodeon, and the BASTA meeting, adding he was happy to hear about the successes as a result of the BASTA efforts.

Trustee Winslow attended the screening of American Teacher and a fundraiser in Davenport for the teen center.

President Levine attended the CSBA conference in San Diego, and the Delegate Assembly meeting, which is the policy making body for CSBA. President Levine also attended the CCBE Board of Directors meeting and enjoyed general assembly speaker Salman Kahn. President Levine met with Vernon Billy, Executive Director of CSBA, about the possibility of him coming to an evening meeting for Santa Cruz school board meetings, to which he was agreeable.

**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 agenda items.

**14.0 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and COMING EVENTS**

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

Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education  
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Thursday, February 16, 2012  
2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education  
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Thursday, March 15, 2012  
2:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of the County Board of Education  
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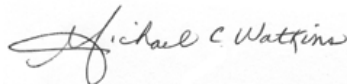
Thursday, April 12, 2012  
2:00 p.m.

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**15.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 3:39.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael C. Watkins  
Secretary to the Board