

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Strategic Planning  
March 23, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members Present: William Ziegler, Caroline Van Alst, Shirley Thornton, Ed. D.,  
Thomas Newmeyer, Joshua Barrow  
Superintendent: Valerie Pitts, Ed. D.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

The agenda order was approved.

**PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION**

There was no public comment.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 9:02 a.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Open session reconvened at 10:33 a.m.

**Report Out from Closed Session**

President William Ziegler announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Trustee Shirley Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Anita Fowler, a member of staff, spoke about the importance of transparency and community inclusion in the district's decision making process. Mary DeMund, a Sausalito resident, spoke about the dangers of racial isolation and shared an article on integration from Stanford University. Fran Nelson, a member of staff, asked the board to consider whether there has been enough discussion about alternative uses for the K-Pod classrooms at Bayside. Phil Kerr, a Willow Creek Academy board member, said that the charter school's priority is to serve in-district students and that we must change the current culture of negativity and work to support both schools in the areas of marketing and public relations so that we send out a positive message.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

**Willow Creek Academy Proposition 39 Request/District Response**

The board discussed the WCA request for facilities for the 2013-14 school year. The charter school’s “Option 1”, which asks for rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 11 and to retain rooms 5, 5a/b, 8, 10, 21 and 29, was amended so that:

1. The District retains one full-size classroom as a learning center, and
2. The District recaptures 33 Buchanan Street, allowing WCA to use the current Bayside offices for Administrators (contingent on WCA review of the Bayside offices/Admin 1 space).

Trustees agreed to table discussion of the pro-rata share charge or 3% oversight fee for facilitates currently paid by WCA until the upcoming meeting on finance and budget.

**M/s/c – Newmeyer/Barrow/All** to approve the WCA facilities request as outlined

**GOVERNANCE**

**Governance Team - Long Range Planning**

The Board decided to postpone discussion of this item and asked the superintendent to solicit input from individual board members for presentation at a later board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

 4/18/13

Signature/Date



Title

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