

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 4:31 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

Report Out from Closed Session

Trustee Ziegler announced that no action was taken in closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ORDER

The agenda order was approved.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Thornton said that she went to a meeting of Marin Strong Start, a group of organizations concerned with scholastic opportunities for children from birth to five.

Trustee Van Alst said that she was elected treasurer of the Marin County School Boards Association.

Trustee Newmeyer said he enjoyed visiting classrooms during Open House and was excited to see the installed bike racks out front.

CSEA REPORT

Custodian Jeff McNaughton introduced himself as the new president of the CSEA chapter and thanked past president Julius Holtzclaw for his hard work on behalf of the classified employees in the district.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Alan Rothkop, the director of maintenance and operations, said that together with his staff and parent volunteers, he spent Saturday at Willow Creek Academy pulling weeds and cleaning the upper campus.

It appears that some of the trees in the northwest corner of the campus slated to be cut during the summer break do not belong to the district. The homeowners who have taken on the project will be asking for permission to go ahead with the cutting from the rightful owners.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Norbutas said that it has been a busy time at Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy. With the help of many volunteers, including dedicated room parents, the school celebrated its first Latin Heritage night. We also held a Volunteer Recognition Assembly to thank everyone for their help during the school year, he said. Graduation is on June 16.

Mr. Norbutas then gave a Power Point presentation of the highlights of the past year that included: Merging of Bayside and Martin Luther King Jr. Academy into one school, increased attendance, a greater number of students transferring from Willow Creek Academy, and more parental engagement.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Van Zant said that the district intends to expand foreign language offerings to all students and share the costs with Willow Creek Academy to make the venture possible. Despite initial misgivings, the new cafeteria program has worked very well, with our costs cut in half, he said. He then invited Judy Shils to give an overview of the Conscious Kitchen program. Ms. Shils introduced J.J. Foley as the new program manager. She said that the Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy cafeteria program was a pilot program for Conscious Kitchen and that she intends to make it a national and even international one that offers organic food to schools everywhere. Throughout the year, the opportunity to engage staff and students at the same time during breakfast and lunch has been very good for the kids. Attendance went up and disciplinary cases decreased. Chef Maggie received constant feedback from the students and she was able to tweak the menu in response to their requests. Many people and organizations, including Cavallo Point in Sausalito and its executive chef Justin Everett were crucial in helping to raise funds for Conscious Kitchen. We established working relationships with farmers and purveyors in Marin and received donations, such as flowers from Whole Foods, every week. We are moving forward for next year, she concluded.

Garden coordinator Paloma Collier showed slides of the garden and said this year she has had the opportunity to teach classes aligned with the standards to students in every grade. Next year, we want to grow the program and be more connected to the cafeteria by providing some of the food, more nutrition and cooking classes and try for zero waste with composting.

WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY REPORT

Head of School Royce Conner thanked Alan Rothkop for coming on Saturday to help clean the Willow Creek campus. WCA 8th graders graduated at the Bay Model. The Charter School is collaborating on a district-wide technology plan to get more bandwidth on its campus. We are working with Superintendent Van Zant to launch a foreign language program that offers more choices to our students, he concluded.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Teacher Karli Pierce said that she is sad to see the Spanish program being cut for next year. This is a decision based on the bottom line rather than program needs, she told the Board. Learning Spanish opened up another world for the students in Marin City, where there are many issues around race, culture and identity.

CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call Thornton/Newmeyer /All to approve the following consent agenda items:

Minutes of Board Meeting of May 13, 2014

Payment of Warrants – Batches 48-51

Memorandum of Understanding with Dominican University

Memorandum of Understanding with Head Start

Thornton/Newmeyer /All to approve the above memorandum.

FINANCIAL & BUSINESS

At 6.59 p.m., the Board President opened a public hearing on the district's 2014-2015 Local Control and Accountability Plan and budget.

The Superintendent said that we have a structural deficit of approximately \$200,000, which we must address within the next two weeks.

At 7.05 p.m. the public hearing was closed and open session was resumed.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Newmeyer/Van Alst/All to approve the following Board Bylaws:

Board Bylaw (BB) 9321 – Closed Session

Board Bylaw (BB) 9321.1 – Closed Session – Actions and Reports

Board Bylaw (BB) 9322 – Agenda Materials

Board Bylaw (BB) 9323.2 – Actions of the Board

Board Bylaw (BB) 9324 – Minutes and Recordings

The following bylaw was brought to the Board for a second read:

Board Bylaw (BB) 9323 – Meeting Conduct

The following bylaws and policies were brought to the Board for a first read:

Board Bylaw (BB) 9310 – Board Policies

Board Bylaw (BB) 9320 – Meetings and Notices

Administrative Regulation 3516.1 - Fire Drills and Fires

Administrative Regulation 3516.3 - Earthquake Emergency Procedure System

Board Policy 3580 - District Records

Board Policy 3600 – Consultants

ADJOURNMENT

Thornton/newmeyer /All to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

 6/24/14

Signature/Date



Title