

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2012**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Thomas Newmeyer, William Ziegler, Mark Trotter,
Shirley Thornton, Ed. D. and Karen Benjamin
Superintendent: Valerie Pitts, Ed. D.

President Thomas Newmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

M/s/c Thornton/Ziegler/all to approve the agenda order

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 6:01 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

Report Out from Closed Session

President Newmeyer announced that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Ziegler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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There was no public input.

MAINTAIN SOUND FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND OPERATIONS

Public Hearing: District Budget 2012/2013: 7:00 PM

President Newmeyer opened the public hearing at 7:04 pm. Superintendent Pitts announced that Governor Brown signed the state budget today. Due to the illness of Business Manager Paula Rigney, Superintendent Pitts gave a power point presentation, titled SMCS D 2012/2013 Budget Adoption Overview, which included information on:

- Revenue Limit vs. Basic Aid School District Funding
- Revenue Detail
- Total Revenues
- Revenues – Federal, State, Local
- Special Education Program Costs
- Expenditure Details

- Expenditures Combined Restricted and Unrestricted
- Revenue and Expenditure Summary
- SMCSD 10 Year Overview of Revenues and Expenditures
- Common Message

This year's budget is a worst case scenario; it anticipates a net decrease of \$195,956.

Superintendent Pitts next reviewed budget assumptions and multi-year projections. All documents have been posted on the district's website. Superintendent Pitts responded to President Newmeyer's questions about decreased budgets for non-capitalized equipment and travel.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

Approve District Budget 2012/2013

M/s/c/ Benjamin/Newmeyer/all to approve the District Budget for the 2012/2013 School Year

Trustee Trotter thanked Superintendent Pitts and Business Manager Rigney for holding the budget together under difficult circumstances. Superintendent Pitts showed SMCSD reductions.

President Newmeyer noted that the charter school has suffered as well; we need to begin next year's budget discussions in August inclusive of decreasing supplemental funding to Willow Creek Academy.

Resolution #668 - Establishing Fund Balance Policies (GASB 54)

M/s/c Trotter/Benjamin/Roll Call 5 Ayes 0 Noes to approve Resolution #668 - Establishing Fund Balance Policies (GASB 54)

Resolution #670 - Budget Transfers to Permit Payment Obligations at Close of Year

M/s/c Trotter/Benjamin/Roll Call 5 Ayes 0 Noes to approve Resolution #670 - Budget Transfers to Permit Payment Obligations at Close of Year

REPORTS

Trustee Reports

Trustee Benjamin requested the topic of preparing students for high school be placed on an upcoming agenda. It is important for 8th grade students and their parents. Consider joint MLK/WCA meetings about what it takes to get accepted into college; provide a checklist; include what portfolio one needs to get into free academies, what students need in classes, names of counselors and tutors, etc.

Superintendent's Report

Update on Robin's Nest and Playground Trees for Screening

Superintendent Pitts spoke of a recent community meeting with Robin's Nest staff and neighbors; neighbors want more protection from noise; an arborist will prescribe fast growing trees and/or screening suitable to the location.

Principal's Report

Principal, Jonnette Newton was away with other staff at an International Baccalaureate training and was unavailable to report.

Head of School's Report

Head of School, Carol Cooper had no report.

RACE AND ISOLATION

Board Statement on Equity, Resolution #662 – Second Reading

Trustee Ziegler thought that the statement of policy was promising; he recommended a board study session to continue the work, which Superintendent Pitts will schedule after test results are out.

Trustee Trotter thought the importance of the task should be a focus district wide.

FACILITIES

Town Hall for Community Input on Facilities Bond and Grade Level Structure

Victoria Bergsagel, Architects of Achievement, and Debra McGuire, Quattrocchi Kwok Architects, were introduced. Victoria Bergsagel reviewed guiding principles for design work that has been accomplished by committee to date. Debra McGuire discussed the group's feedback as a conceptual facilities plan; the solutions will evolve from the discussions. The conceptual plans today are not yet the solution.

Question - What is the status of Bayside campus; two schools/one? How do we plan without that answer? Ms. Bergsagel explained designing for flexibility and adaptability; there will be a number of scenarios to think through.

Ms. Bergsagel distributed a handout used during the afternoon's joint meeting of the A Team and Design Team, which asked participants to prioritize on a scale of 1 to 10 the needs and the wants. That data will be compiled for the next piece of planning.

Public Input

- Forrest Corson: Look at bigger maintenance yards.
- Julius Holtzclaw: Some of the facilities needs on our facilities needs wish list already exist; discuss sharing those spaces.
- Jeff Knowles: Don't we need a decision on schools before more planning? What is the decision on the bond going to be?
- Julius Holtzclaw: I would like to see conversation move from naming a campus to what the district needs for the campuses without specification of what school it will be for.
- Sue Krenok: I echo Julius Holtzclaw on planning for growth and for all three schools; the 'us versus them' is apparent; we need to plan holistically; look across all three schools to get to a plan to take to the community.

Facilities Master Plan and Bond

Superintendent Pitts observed that this has been a good process over the last several months; what we've heard is that we need to take more time, look at needs and do more planning. There is also a fiscal reality to consider. I believe strongly in a K-8 program. Consider with input heard and continue the process; there are many things we can consider for the Facilities Master Plan that we can present to the community.

Board Discussion

Trustee Benjamin: There is \$1.6M worth of deferred maintenance; we need a bond to cover that. Do we wait for a decision on what we want to do beyond deferred maintenance?

Trustee Thornton: We do not have consensus on direction - what we want to do.

Superintendent Pitts: For deferred maintenance, there may be other ways/recommendations that can keep us going the next of couple years. Keep setting aside money from general funds to take care of what must be done in the interim. I don't know that you can get where you need to be in time for the public to support a bond in November.

Trustee Benjamin: We are missing a golden opportunity in a presidential election year; I understand process but we have a limited amount of time; I am frustrated at this point.

Trustee Ziegler: I am frustrated as well. Everyone has their own piece but I don't see a program; the public has to pay for the resolution we come up with but we haven't resolved fundamental issues. It will take more time to get a concrete message to the public; all this work and we still don't have it together. It has to be one community because it is one bond. We haven't resolved segregation or K-8 yet. We can sell what we all agree upon.

Trustee Benjamin: Meeting location changes help bring in more people for community input but we're no closer than we were 2 years ago. We started planning with FSG – planning costs money.

Superintendent Pitts disagreed with Trustee Benjamin: We've continued the FSG work; it's just not over.

President Newmeyer: There are things that resonate with me: The Measure I bond did not get a positive reception; at every meeting, there is a new voice, someone who is hearing all of this for the first time; we don't have unanimity on this board; the bond is not the magic bullet. I don't like racial divide; we are facing a fiscal crisis; budgeting is brutal because all schools want to build really good programs but there is duplication. Everyone hears only negative intent; until that behavior changes, we aren't going to get there. We will continue to plan for the future; we are not moving for a bond in November.

There was no discussion or comment from either Trustee Thornton or Trustee Trotter.

CONSENT AGENDA

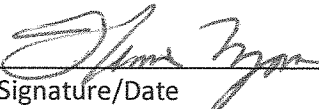
M/s/c Trotter /Thornton/Roll Call **Ayes 5 Noes 0** to accept or approve:

- Willow Creek Academy Budget 2012/2013
- Payments of Warrants
- Personnel Action Report

Due to scheduling conflicts, the board and superintendent decided to forgo meetings in July unless unavoidable.

ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Thornton/Trotter/all to adjourn the meeting

 5/23/12

 Signature/Date

President

 Title

FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

- Enrollment and Facilities Update
- Summer Facilities Update
- Quarterly Report: Williams Act
- Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

SAVE THE DATES

Future District Meeting Dates

All meetings are held at the District Office, 200 Phillips Drive, Marin City at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. *The first meeting date of each month will be allocated to additional special meetings on facilities issues, special meetings, community forum, etc. as needed. The only or second meeting date of each month will be allocated to regular board meetings.

- July 10 & 26 Cancelled
- August 9*
- August 23
- September 13*
- September 27
- October 11*
- October 25
- November 15 Third Thursday; one November meeting due to Holidays
- December 6* First Thursday due to Holidays
- December 13 Second Thursday due to Holidays

Future Charter School Board Meeting Dates

Meetings are open to the public and generally held on the school campus, 33 Buchanan Street, Sausalito. With the exception of the December meeting, meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
To Be Determined