

SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SAUSALITO, CALIFORNIA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

July 23, 2009

CLOSED SESSION: 6:00 PM
REGULAR SESSION: 7:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Trotter, President

Karen Benjamin

Thomas Newmeyer

Shirley Thornton

William Ziegler

Debra A. Bradley, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

Others Present: Susanne Reed, Jonnette Newton, Clark Warden, Bill Gargan, Spencer Gargan, Megan Bolduc, Ellen Franz, Paula Hammons, Miko Lee, Jessica Mullins, Marika Bergsund, Danny Tarry, LaDonna Bonner, Patty Swisshelm, Cory Creath, Harold Oden, Margaret Bonardi and Kathy Blazei taking notes.

President, Mark Trotter, called the meeting of the Sausalito Marin City School District Board of Trustees to order at 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

M/s/c Thornton/Benjamin/all to approve agenda order

Agenda Order

CLOSED SESSION

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The Board, Superintendent and Jonnette Newton went immediately into closed session. Ms. Newton left closed session at 6:45 p.m. Legal counsel, Susanne Reed, joined closed session at 6:55 p.m. Closed session ended at 7:10 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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Open session was reconvened at 7:15 p.m.

President Trotter reported out from closed session:

Report Out

1. The Board is unanimous in its decision to select Ms. Jonnette Newton for the position of Principal at Bayside Elementary Elementary School. Ms. Newton was welcomed to the District.
2. The Board has no report regarding the property located at 33 Buchanan Street, Sausalito, CA.

Ms. LaDonna Bonner, Program Coordinator for the Marin City Readiness Program, delivered copies of the First 5 Marin 2007/2008 Annual Report.

Public Comment

FACILITIES

Superintendent, Dr. Debra A. Bradley, used a map to show the office location of the Marin City Readiness Project at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy. She noted that, hopefully, more space will evolve over time for the project.

M/s/c Thornton/Ziegler/all to approve the Marin City Readiness Project License Agreement

The Board considered renewal of the contract with Youth in Arts for the Twilight After-School Program. Ms. Miko Lee, Executive Director of Youth in Arts, discussed the program for the 2009/2010 school year and distributed a handout and photos of program accomplishments over the past year. Trustee Benjamin requested that the photos be posted on the District website.

Ms. Lee explained that the Twilight After-School Program creates an arts-learning community to make a difference in student achievement. During the 2008/2009 school year, daily attendance averaged 165 students, with approximately 200 students enrolled. Art forms were numerous and extended collaboration was achieved with Marin communities. Year end assessments have resulted in the following additions for the 2009/2010 school year:

- Increased professional development
- A staff member dedicated to recreation to increase access to sports.

Noting the distinction between the Twilight After-School Program and the arts education project funded by the Marin Community Foundation which takes place during the day, Superintendent Bradley reported that the Marin Community Foundation will have its own committees to identify art providers to work with the District.

M/s/c Newmeyer/Thornton/all to renew the contract with Youth in Arts for the Twilight After-School Program for the 2009/2010 school year

With regard to the Bayside Multipurpose Room, Mr. Bill Gargan, Senior Bond Project Coordinator, reported:

- A. Updated Schedule: The representative from MA Davies has told him that they should be pretty much out by the first part of August or by August 15.
- B. Installation of Kitchen Equipment: Equipment is basically in; the freezer needs to be installed.

Mr. Gargan reported that MA Davies is scheduled to move out this week and all other classrooms are cleaned and ready.

FACILITIES

Marin City Readiness Project

Youth in Arts

Bayside Multipurpose Room

Bayside 'Treehouse'

Mr. Gargan, Spencer Gargan and AXIS Architect, Cory Creath, are working together to complete the detail of a 90 Day Letter from the DSA inspector to get DSA approval.

AXIS/DSA

Mr. Harold Oden, Director of Maintenance and Operations, discussed:

Bayside Facilities

- Portables
- Ramps: Portables #2 and #3 require safety improvements
- Drinking Fountain: moved earlier; replace now?

Superintendent Bradley recommended that the Board direct ramp repairs but wait on the drinking fountain; due to the KPod paint issue, the portables may need to be called into use again. The Board concurred with her recommendation.

President Trotter suggested the need for plant material to eliminate erosion at a particular bare spot.

Harold Oden used a map to show use of the existing building. Superintendent Bradley indicated that she wanted the Board to specifically see space presently occupied by the MCOE class; Head Start and First Five.

Current MLK

Bill Gargan reported that construction is moving right along. There will still be some costs coming that will be compiled for presentation. Mr. Gargan anticipates mid-October completion.

New MLK

Ms. Marika Bergsund, garden designer, discussed development plans for garden infrastructure to include: access and ADA access, hardscape for walking/driving, a covered gathering space, garden boxes – both control and experimental, supply shed, irrigation, deer fence, fruit trees and boulders. Compost will be located in a corner. There is currently no budget for a large area referred to as 'turf area' which is yet to be covered; resources and community support are needed.

President Trotter asked for options to be identified for Board consideration.

Bill Gargan reported that the consultant information package for audio visual equipment for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy multipurpose room will be reviewed, and funding - with the use of QZAB monies, will be discussed with Margie Bonardi.

MLK AV Equipment

Mr. Gargan reported that Alten Construction is doing a good job and that he is satisfied with their performance.

Alten Construction

BUDGET AND PERSONNEL

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Margie Bonardi gave a state budget update:

State Budget Update

- The 2008/2009 state budget shortfall is currently 1.6 billion dollars
- School districts are getting ready to close their books
- Basic Aid 'fair share hits' will most likely be 3.5% of anticipated revenue limit for 2008/2009 and 2.5% of anticipated revenue limit for 2009/2010
- The loss will come in each successive year, approximately \$40,000/year for this school district
- The Board will have to look at budgeted items in categoricals if funding is lost
- If it is a one time loss, the Board might consider a back-fill from reserves.

Willow Creek Academy Treasurer, Clark Warden, reviewed financial reports for June 2009; there were no questions.

WCA Financial Report

Superintendent Bradley recommended that just in case the Principal position at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy is not filled before school begins, the Board should consider a waiver request for an Interim Principal at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy.

STRS Waiver Request

M/s/c Ziegler/Benjamin/all to approve the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS) Waiver Request.

CONSENT AGENDA

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M/s/c Newmeyer/Ziegler/Roll Call - Ayes 5 Noes 0 to approve:

- Minutes of the special meeting of April 2, 2009
- Minutes of the regular meeting of May 21, 2009
- Minutes of the special meeting of June 18, 2009
- Payment of warrants under:
 - Batch 80 Fund 01 in the amount of \$123,855.59
 - Batch 80 Fund 13 in the amount of \$2,252.31
 - Batch 80 Fund 21 BOND in the amount of \$39,642.77
 - Batch 81 Fund 01 in the amount of \$49,330.47
 - Batch 81 Fund 13 in the amount of \$62.20
 - Batch 81 Fund 21 BOND in the amount of \$779,670.67
 - Batch 82 Fund 01 in the amount of \$11,798.11
 - Batch 82 Fund 40 in the amount of \$22,900.16
 - Batch 83 Fund 01 in the amount of \$106,344.00
 - Batch 01 Fund 01 in the amount of \$28,259.08
 - Batch 01 Fund 21 BOND in the amount of \$20,759.11
 - Batch 02 Fund 01 in the amount of \$4,093.63
 - Batch 03 Fund 01 in the amount of \$56,809.68
 - Batch 03 Fund 13 in the amount of \$18.40
 - Batch 03 Fund 21 BOND in the amount of \$310.00
 - Batch 04 Fund 01 in the amount of \$36,012.08

- Batch 04 Fund 21 BOND in the amount of \$63,522.23
- Batch 04 Fund 40 in the amount of \$46,069.96
- Batch 05 Fund 01 in the amount of \$22,037.48
- Batch 05 Fund 13 in the amount of \$37.00
- Batch 06 Fund 01 in the amount of \$30,048.00
- Batch 07 Fund 01 in the amount of \$55,621.46
- Batch 07 Fund 21 BOND in the amount of \$262,406.77

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXTERNAL

None.

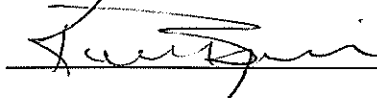
Trustee Newmeyer expressed his gratitude to Mr. Phillip Kerr for a donation of office furniture and supplies.

Superintendent Bradley reported that Harold Oden would inventory the donation for Board acceptance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executed copy of the Mill Valley and Sausalito Marin City School District Attendance Agreement, received July 1, 2009

M/s/c Thornton/Benjamin/all to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Clerk  Date 8-27-09

Secretary _____

FUTURE BOARD MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at the District Office, 630 Nevada Street, Sausalito at 7:00 pm unless otherwise noted. *The first meeting date of each month will be allocated to, additional special meetings on bond and facilities issues, special meetings, community forums, etc. as needed. The only or second meeting date of each month will be allocated to regular board meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS/IMPORTANT DATES

- August 17 Staff Development Day
- August 18 Teacher Work Day
- August 19 First Day of School
- August 28 Student Free Staff Development Day
- September 4 Minimum Day
- September 7 Labor Day Holiday
- September 16 Back to School Night – Bayside
- September 23 Back to School Night – MLK Academy

FUTURE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

All meetings are held at Willow Creek Academy campus at 6:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXTERNAL

President’s Report

Board Reports

Superintendent’s Report

CORRESPONDENCE

Mill Valley & District Attendance Agreement

ADJOURNMENT

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