

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 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 6:02 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF 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

Trustee Van Alst asked to remove the payment of warrant from the agenda. The remainder of the agenda order was approved.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Thornton said that she was pleased to see so many kids actively participating in so many summer programs, but that she wished that the academic programs were more rigorous. She asked that next year the school prepare a report of what instruction each student needs and where he or she will be placed in the summer to best address those needs.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Alan Rothkop, the director of maintenance and operations, said that we are making progress with the removal of trees on district property. A total of 26 trees may be cut, with four still in question because they are on the border of district and neighbors' properties.

The bike rack installation at WCA will be completed this week. The buried racks for WCA and the rest of the racks for MLK should be completed shortly after that.

The district will be fencing the perimeter of the campus and is awaiting a bid from Able Fence.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Van Zant said that it was nice to see all the children here during the summer. The district has hired some very experienced teachers this year, he reported. One has taught for 15 years in Long Beach and

another for 10 years in Detroit in Alum Rock. I was very impressed with the candidates that the panel chose, he said.

The district hopes to help two of the young Hannah Project teachers who taught summer school this year to train and get their credentials. We hope to be able to hire teachers who better represent our community, he said.

For Spanish instruction, we will use the Middlebury Online Spanish course for sixth through eighth graders. This will be a brand new experiment in online instruction for the district.

WCA Report

Clark Warden said that the sharing of technology services with the district has begun and Willow Creek looks forward to expanded services for its classrooms. The After School Program has got off to a good start and the school is projecting an enrollment of 347 students.

Trustee Thornton asked how both Willow Creek and Bayside MLK are addressing the problem of students not performing at grade level in math and other subjects. Mr. Warden said that Willow Creek Academy has an after school tutoring program to bring kids up to speed. Superintendent Van Zant said that at Bayside MLK, there will be intervention blocks during the day when students get special assistance. Furthermore, the Reading Partners program will be replaced with something more focused. There is also a plan to bring in the Hannah project to work with middle schoolers. Trustee Thornton asked what is the consequence if a student is still not ready. Superintendent Van Zant said that retention is an option, as well as guidance from special education teachers for students who need more structure. Trustee Thornton said that the board must have a discussion regarding retention policy and that the reality must sink in with students that if they do not achieve a standard, they must repeat the work until they do.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Science teacher Denise Suto said that the school website will be more interactive this year. She invited everyone to have a look and volunteer for school events.

In the science program, she said that the school is looking for donations to send a student to the Sea Explorer program in Tiburon. Board members donated on the spot to the fund.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes of the June 24, 2014 and July 8, 2014 Board Meetings

Personnel Action Report

Payment of Warrants – Batches 1-6

Trustee Van Alst said that she would like to have the key to the warrant codes distributed to all board members.

Van Alst/ Newmeyer/ All to approve the payment of warrants.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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

Board Policy 1000 – Community Relations - Concepts and Roles

Board Policy 1020 – Community Relations - Youth Services

Board Policy 1112 – Community Relations - Media Relations

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

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1113 – School Websites

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1114 – School sponsored Social Media

BOARD REQUESTS

Trustee Thornton asked what the uniform policy will be this year. Superintendent Van Zant said that principal Newton will address this issue at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board honored Olivia Delessi, a teacher for over 40 years in the district who passed away recently.

Thornton/Van Alst / All to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Caroline Vals 9/9/14

Signature/Date

Clerk

Title