

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 24, 2013**

ATTENDANCE

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

The agenda order was approved.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:01 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 6:10p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Ziegler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report Out from Closed Session

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

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Thornton said that at a Supervisors' meeting for the Marin Housing Authority, the policy on school attendance was passed after the eviction provision, which would have tied student attendance to the parents' ability to stay in subsidized housing, had been dropped. City Supervisors will adopt more stringent rules if needed, she explained.

Trustee Newmeyer said that he is discussing the possibility of a grant from the Marin Bicycle Coalition to provide bike racks for the district.

Trustee Van Alst said that she has learned about a Bay Area program which provides leadership training for adolescent girls. She will get more information on the program and the possibility of a partnership with the district and report back to the board.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent reported that he represented the Association of California School Administrators during a visit to a community school in Oakland to see firsthand how such schools work.

He has been talking to the Marin City Health and Wellness Center about partnering with them to build on the community school idea in our district. Talks with the Marin Community Foundation regarding funding for the ball field are progressing well, he said.

The Rotary has kindly offered some mini-grants to our teachers to acquire more resources for their classrooms. These grants are competitive and open to both schools in the district.

We have received the Prop. 39 request from Willow Creek Academy and will be preparing our response.

Principal's Report

Principal Norbutas said that the school has kicked off its "All 150" program, which aims to engage all 150 families in school activities and to volunteer for a minimum of one hour during the school year.

The flag football season recently ended and our kids won some games and showed good sportsmanship. The basketball season is about to start. The fifth graders went to the Mosaic field trip and came back with lots of new knowledge. Middle school students have begun their book groups and are very excited to be reading new books. Redesigned report cards will be brought to the board at the next meeting. We will start weekly "whole-school" assemblies in two weeks' time to build school pride and community.

Willow Creek Academy

Clark Warden said that enrollment at Willow Creek Academy stands at 326, which is below projections made last year. Of these, 34 are in special education. We anticipate a gap in the budget with the reduced enrollment, he said. Trustees Thornton and Zeigler said that they would like to see a regular report on enrollment and demographics from the school.

Art Instruction Report

Art teacher Ellen Franz gave a report on the Arts program and showed photographs of students' work to the audience. She is developing a preK-8 visual arts program based on the latest standards and working on integrating art with all other disciplines as well as community projects. She said that she hopes this connection-based teaching of art will positively affect every child.

CONSENT AGENDA

Memorandum of Understanding with Loyola Marymount University

Williams Quarterly Report

Minutes of Board Meeting, September 26, 2013

Payment of Warrants

Student Field Trips

Roll Call Thornton/ Newmeyer/ All to approve the above consent agenda items.

Construction Update

Maintenance and Operations Director Forrest Corson reported that all play equipment has been installed. Landscaping and irrigation materials are 80% installed and we will be moving on to planting trees and flowers very soon.

The board emphasized that they would like to see more detailed cost accounting regarding change orders to construction agreements.

Annex Building

Superintendent Van Zant said that we should get a better sense of how the State will rule on the possible teardown of the building in a month or two.

Budget Update

Business Manager Paula Rigney gave an update on the budget. She explained the Local Control Funding Formula and Local Control Accountability Plan process in great detail and answered the board's questions on the subject.

Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association – Y Rate Pay for a school employee

Thornton/Newmeyer/All to approve the above MOU.

Memorandum of Understanding with Larkspur Corte Madera School District – Shared Services Agreement, Special Education Services

The Board agreed to move the approval of this item to the November meeting.

Agreement for District Website Development –Alicia Alexander

Newmeyer/Van Alst/All to approve the above agreement.

CBEDS – Enrollment Report

Paula Rigney said that this report is based on enrollment figures on the first Wednesday in October. The numbers for the district were 149 students at Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy and 322 at Willow Creek Academy.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Resolution 695 – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Roll Call Newmeyer/Van Alst/All to approve resolution 695

Adoption of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Newmeyer/Van Alst/All to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Supplies Stipend for New Teachers

Newmeyer/Van Alst/All to approve the award of stipend grants to new teachers

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Board Policy and Exhibit 6153 – Field Trips

Roll Call Newmeyer/Van Alst/All to approve Board Policy 6153

Board Policy and Exhibit 0210 - Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans: Equity –
Second Reading

This item will be brought back to the board next month for approval

Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 7160 – Charter School

Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 1330 – Use of School Facilities


Board Policy and Administrative Regulations 1330.1 – Joint Use of School Facilities

These items were brought before the board for a first reading


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Newmeyer/Thornton/All to adjourn the meeting.

 11/21/13

Signature/Date



Title