

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2012**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Shirley Thornton, Ed. D., Karen Benjamin,
Thomas Newmeyer, Joshua Barrow, William Ziegler
Superintendent: Valerie Pitts, Ed. D.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

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 6:16 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Report Out from Closed Session

President Newmeyer announced that the board had unanimously agreed to the teachers' new contract.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Karen Benjamin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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There was no public comment.

REPORTS

Trustee Reports

Trustee Thornton reported that she, Superintendent Pitts and Marilyn Mackel had a productive meeting with the Housing Authority.

Trustee Ziegler reported attending the November 13 A team meeting, with candid discussion by everyone. Trustee Ziegler suggested regular, direct meetings between the board and the A Team.

Superintendent's Report

Celebrations

Trustee Karen Benjamin was celebrated and thanked for her tenure on the board and a job well done!

A Team Report

Superintendent Pitts described the A Team – a diverse group, all with a strong commitment to the district, who want more opportunity for input and direct input to the board. Trustee Ziegler suggested a study session before a board meeting, facilitated by the Superintendent, to hear the diversity of opinions represented on the committee; perhaps a couple times each year to make it easier for board members to attend. Mr. Ziegler suggested the A Team report to the board following A Team meetings, and as a part of their meetings, determine amongst themselves what would be reported out.

School Site Administrator Reports

Bayside Principal, Jonnette Newton, reported on:

- Field trips to Slide Ranch and a pumpkin patch
- Purposeful effort to study other cultures, including Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)
- National Equity Project (NEP) and staff development focus on academic mindsets: how students feel working in our classrooms
- A recent International Baccalaureate (IB) session
- Bayside Elementary Winter Concert: Tuesday, 18, 1:30 – 2:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy Principal, Daniel Norbutas, reported on:

- Field trips/community learning opportunities to the Mission District Heritage Museum, the Peer Summit for Students in Grades 7/8, and the San Francisco Opera
- Academic Excellence Hour: After school, 4 days/week with incoming tutors
- Expanded music in the afterschool program: Steel pan and African drums
- Drama to be offered in the second semester.

Carol Cooper, Head of School, Willow Creek Academy: No report.

ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS WITHIN SMCSO REACH HIGH LEVELS OF ACHIEVEMENT

California State Standards and Benchmark Assessment Reports

Principals Daniel Norbutas and Jonnette Newton presented a significant amount of data continually collected/evaluated to inform teaching to student needs. Their report included a power point presentation, titled Assessment Results 2012 Bayside and Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy. The district celebrates Bayside's 56 point increase! MLK's score went up less but is going up. MLK is in Program Improvement this year.

Bayside Principal, Jonnette Newton, reported that Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), for formative assessment, provides baseline data for teachers and progress monitoring through the year, across the grades. To a question regarding whether the school has enough materials to do guided reading, Ms. Newton explained that Open Court is still used but that teachers use supplemental materials to bridge the difference. An accelerated reading program is also in place. To a question regarding fluency vs. reading comprehension, and how that is going, Ms. Newton explained that teachers are using supplemental bridge materials; the state only released new supplemental materials yesterday. The district plans to adopt new texts in 2014/2015.

Assessment tools include: Study Island used across the grades, MARS Assessment for grade 5 math, and MDTP Math Assessment for grades 6-8. Mr. Norbutas noted that students are not feeling secure in their math knowledge. No tests are given on math not yet taught; staff is building on success. There is

challenge but no unreachable challenge. Math incorporates technology and there is individual help for students.

Terrie Green recommended Bayside's 56 point increase be publicized in the newspapers. Make sure the press knows we are making significant change! Ms. Green commended staff. She would like to help engage parents in workshops on what they need to do to keep the momentum going. She thanked Superintendent Pitts for allowing more students to join the district through Interdistrict Transfers.

Pre-K to 3 Report

Principal, Jonnette Newton, introduced Pre-K to 3 Committee members: Jennifer Banks and assistant Courtney, Kay Wernert, Ellen Franz, Ruth Nenabor, Jan Derby, Don Jen, Glenna Coleman, Terrie Green and Whitney Hoyt.

Kay Wernert, Executive Director, Marin Head Start, reported that the Pre K to 3 Grant is funded by Marin Community Foundation in four districts at nine sites across Marin County for early school success.

She gave a power point presentation, titled Promoting Early School Success for All – Update, November 15, 2012. Each member in attendance addressed a part of the focus, which included:

- National Equity Program
- GLAD Training and Project GLAD
- Alignment of Pre K to 3
- Last week's Parent Meeting; teachers teaching parents and parents teaching kids
- Family Engagement: Terrie Green was thanked for organizing a well attended camping trip
- Extended Learning – it is starting to feel collaborative
- Goals for 2012/2013.

All said the opportunity to be a part of the Pre-K to 3 Team was much appreciated.

Jan Derby, Consultant, discussed areas of the Kindergarten Observation Form (KOF):

- Self care/motor skills 2011 compared to 2012
- Self regulation
- Social expression
- Kinder academics
- Classroom organization.

FACILITIES

Superintendent Pitts reported that architects are still at work; a report will be made in December.

Ruth Nenabor expressed that it had been an amazing experience to be part of the A Team and interface with all the people on it. She encouraged the board to make any move feel special to the students being moved; to give them the opportunity to look forward to the event. Make it a family affair.

Budget Update

Superintendent Pitts reported that Proposition 30 passed and that property taxes increased 1.76%, more than expected. A board study session will be scheduled on Monday, November 26, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm to discuss facilities and budget.

Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1312.3 Uniform Compliant Procedure

The board conducted a first reading of updated policies. A second reading and action to approve will be agendized in December.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/s/c - Roll Call Thornton/Ziegler/ Ayes 5 Noes 0 to approve the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2012
- Payments of Warrants
- Personnel Action Report
- Field Trip Report
- Conduct a second reading and approve updated Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5144.1, Suspension and Expulsion /Due Process
- Conduct a second reading and approve updated Administrative Regulation 5144.2, Suspension and Expulsion /Due Process (Students with Disabilities)

ADJOURNMENT

Thornton/Benjamin/all to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

 12/13/12

Signature/Date

Clerk

Title

FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Annual Organizational Meeting

Regular Meeting

First Interim Report: District

First Interim Report: WCA

School Board Month Recognition

Grade Level/Program Report

Approval of Tentative Bargaining Agreements

Approve SARC Publication

Single Plans for Student Achievement (BA & MLK)

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.

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.

Upcoming Dates and Important Events

Please visit the District website www.smcsd.org