

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 8, 2011

**Attendance**

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

**Call to Order**

President Newmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Addressing the Board Prior to Closed Session**

There was no public comment.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board and Superintendent convened Closed Session at 5:01 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

Open session reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

**Report Out**

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

**Addressing the Board Prior to Open Session**

There was no public comment.

**Election of Officers**

Board members were unanimous in their discussion and decision to make no changes for the coming year. Officers for 2012 are:

- Board President - Thomas Newmeyer
- Board Vice President – Mark Trotter
- Board Clerk – Karen Benjamin
- Secretary to the Board – Superintendent Valerie Pitts, Ed.D.

**Governance Workshop**

Superintendent Pitts reviewed the **DRAFT** Vision and Mission Statement, revised following the meeting of November 17, 2011. Board members requested that the Superintendent rework the Mission section to show that the board needs accountability for future success of students.

Board members asked Superintendent Pitts to obtain data from Tamalpais Union High School District and Willow Creek Academy regarding high school follow-up.

Superintendent Pitts reviewed **DRAFT** Core Values. Board members requested that the Equity section be modified to make the word career plural (careers) and to read 'the right to access their own educational opportunities'.

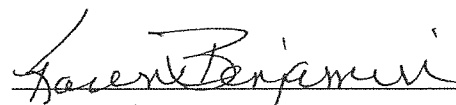
Superintendent Pitts reviewed **DRAFT** Components of a Comprehensive Educational Program. A request was made to add a foreign language to the list.

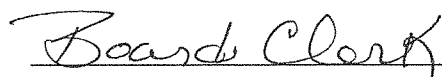
Superintendent Pitts reviewed **DRAFT** Problems/Issues and Challenges. Principal Jonnette Newton advised the board that behavior issues are affecting teaching ability as early as Kindergarten and especially in middle school; behavior education needs to begin in preschool; more services are needed for kids already in school. The board agreed that problems/issues and challenges are as listed.

Superintendent Pitts reviewed **DRAFT** Options and explained that these are not yet ready to be finalized. There was no further discussion.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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#### **FUTURE BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

Combined Annual Meeting/Organizational Meeting

- Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting
- Designation of Marin County School Boards Association (MCSBA) Representative
- Annual Board Meeting Calendar
- Annual Board Master Calendar
- Reading of Board Members' Pledge

First Interim Reports & Budget Revisions: District

First Interim Reports: Willow Creek Academy

Committee Designations/Appointments

School Board Month Recognition

Draft District Calendar 2012/2013

Grade Level Report

## **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 15 (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday due to holiday break)

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

December 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday due to holiday break)

January 18, 2012

February 15

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

### **Upcoming Dates and Important Events**

Please visit the District website [www.sausalitomarincityschools.org](http://www.sausalitomarincityschools.org)