

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 14, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Joshua Barrow, Ida Green, Thomas Newmeyer, Debra Turner
Caroline Van Alst

Superintendent: Will McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:04 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Barrow announced that no action was taken in closed session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Newmeyer led the pledge of allegiance.

Trustee Van Alst said that out of an abundance of caution and light of recent accusations regarding a common-law conflict of interest pertaining to board members who have children at the charter school, she will again recuse herself from voting on items that pertain to discretionary allocation of funds between the District and Willow Creek Academy. Trustee Newmeyer said that he would do the same.

Trustee Van Alst asked that 1. The minutes of January 10, 2017 and 2. Approval of the new furnace installation at Willow Creek Academy be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Van Alst/Newmeyer/All to remove 1. The minutes of January 10, 2017 board meeting and 2. Approval of the new furnace installation at Willow Creek Academy from the Consent Agenda.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Turner thanked parents, in particular Ms. Adams and Mr. McCrary, for faithfully coming to district and community meetings. She also thanked the district for facilitating her attendance at the Masters in Governance classes conducted by the California School Board Association.

Trustee Green said that she is also taking the Masters in Governance classes.

Trustee Barrow said a representative from the Marin City Center for Community Life Project will come to the next board meeting to talk about a major project spearheaded by the Marin City Community Services District.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jim Cerreta, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services at the Marin County Office of Education, commented on the district's first interim budget report. He noted that the District submitted the first interim report with a positive certification, but that the County changed this to a qualified certification in view of the district's structural deficit spending. He said that the district will be required to develop a fiscal recovery plan and present preliminary information on the subject in its second interim report.

Director of Maintenance

Director of Maintenance Alan Rothkop said the furnace at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy has a faulty electric motor. The district will ask for bids for a new furnace, expected to cost around \$20K. We hope to recoup some of the cost from our insurers, he told the Board.

Bayside MLK Jr. Academy Principal

Dr. Griffin gave a report on planned Black History Month celebrations and introduced 8th grader Stephania Glass, who talked about a class field trip to see the movie "Hidden Figures." Enrollment is at 162.

Willow Creek Academy

WCA Head of School Tara Seekins gave a report on the school's activities, which include plans for a two-week Summer Academy. Enrollment stands at 401.

Superintendent

Mr. McCoy gave a report on the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints and gave an update on fiscal discussions with Willow Creek Academy. He said that the District is in the process of choosing a firm of auditors and reconfiguring its administrative structure.

Marin County Office of Education – Terena Mares

Ms. Mares talked about corrective actions taken at the District, which include looking at teacher misassignments, performing textbook inventories and addressing an overall absence of systems.

California Collaborative for Educational Excellence – Community Advisory Committee

Superintendent McCoy said that the committee had its first meeting last Monday with good representation from the community. This will be a hub for connecting the many community

partners with the District and it will assist us in our continuing quest for a community school, he said.

Bay Area Parent Leadership Action Network – Pecolia Manigo

Pecolia Manigo, executive director of PLAN, gave a timeline of her organization's activities, including the inauguration of the school site council and preparations for the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instructional Outcomes (Green, Turner)

Trustee Turner asked that this committee be disbanded at the next board meeting.

District Structure – Ad Hoc (Turner, Barrow)

Trustee Barrow pointed out that the committee's members are Turner and Barrow.

Van Alst/Newmeyer/All to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- 2017-2018 Board Meeting Calendar
- Field Trip
- School Construction Academy and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Courses for Alan Rothkop
- Payment of Warrants – Batches 26-31

Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Board Meeting

Newmeyer/Turner/1 Abstain to Approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Board Meeting

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

Superintendent McCoy said this report accurately reflects the number of complaints that were received and addressed by the District.

Green/Turner/All to approve the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

Furnace Installation at Willow Creek Academy

Trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer recused themselves from consideration of this item and left the room.

Turner/Green/2 Absent to Approve the Furnace Installation at Willow Creek Academy

Resolution 741 – Immigrant Students

Superintendent McCoy said that similar resolutions have passed throughout the County and State in support of students in public schools.

Roll Call /Van Alst/Green/1 Abstain to approve Resolution 741 – Immigrant Students

Approval of the 2016 School Accountability Report Card

Ms. Mares said that this report card was a good communication tool in the past. It is now an antiquated system; nevertheless, it remains a State requirement.

Van Alst/Newmeyer/All to approve the 2016 School Accountability Report Card

2016-2017 Budget Update

Green/Turner/2 Absent to change item 9.01, 2016-2017 Budget Update from an action to a discussion item

Trustee Barrow said he would like to continue the discussion around balancing the budget in years two and three, the negative basic aid excess dialogue with WCA, as well as any other appropriate revisions.

Kurt Weinsheimer, President of the Willow Creek Academy Board of Directors, said that fiscal discussions with the District are continuing and that the focus is on getting to the right information.

Marilyn Mackel, a local resident and school volunteer, said that what she is hearing amounts to delay and obfuscation. It is a simple calculation to figure out the amount needed for each child, she told the Board.

Bettie Hodges, director of the Hannah Project, said she is disappointed at the lack of courage demonstrated by the Board this year. She said both the District and WCA know the calculations that must be made. There will be pain, but right now only the children of Marin City are bearing it, she concluded.

Michael Tabb, a Marin City resident, said it is disappointing that this item has moved from the action to discussion category. He continued: It appears that the situation is getting worse. People are frustrated. We can't put our children on pause while you figure out what to do.

At 9:12 p.m., Trustee Barrow said that the Board would take a short break. The Board reconvened the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

2016-2017 and 2017-2018 District Nursing Services

Trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst said that as this vote involves financial considerations for both schools, they would recuse themselves.

Turner/Green/2 Absent to approve the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 District Nursing Services

Policy Updates by California School Board Association


Superintendent McCoy recommended that the District work with CSBA to bring its policies up to date and be in synch with the regular adoption cycle.

FUTURE TOPICS

- MOU with County Library
- Presentation by the Marin City Center for Community Life Project
- LCAP Goals
- WCA Facilities Request
- In-District and Out-of-District Enrollment
- Refinancing of the Certificate of Participation
- Funds for Demolition of Annex Building
- Reports from Teachers
- Governance Workshop and Board Goal Setting Workshop

ADJOURNMENT

Green/Van Alst/All to adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

 3/14/17

Signature/Date

CLERK

Title