

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 28, 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 5:00 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

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

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Open session reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Turner led the pledge of allegiance.

**REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA**

Trustee Van Alst said that concerns have been raised by the County Superintendent that she has a conflict of interest in decisions that affect the relationship between the district and the charter school, arising from the fact that she has children attending the charter school. She continued: Although I do not believe that a conflict exists, given the nature of the allegations and the ongoing investigation of the district by the Attorney General, I am recusing myself from several items on the agenda: 10.01, Willow Creek Academy Oversight Committee Report, 10.02, District Structure Committee Report, 11.02, presentation by Mr. Mark Pressman, Bond Advisor, Wulff, Hansen & Co., and 13.03, Resolution 742 – Supporting the Request for Proposals Process for a Consolidation Feasibility Study.

Trustee Newmeyer said that the same concerns apply to him and repeated the language of the recusal. **Newmeyer/ Van Alst/All to move item 13.03 to the top of the agenda and consolidate items 10.01, 10.02 and 11.02 to minimize disruption to the meeting**

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer said that they enjoyed attending the Governance Workshop. Trustees Turner and Green said that they also attended the Masters in Governance class on school finance and facilities.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Terrie Green, a local resident, said the Corstone-Marin City Parent Academy has been given a portable facility by the Village Baptist Church in Marin City. She asked that the district allow the placement of the portable on the grounds adjacent to the old Annex building.

Michael Tabb, a local resident, said that some parents were surprised to learn that certain teachers were leaving the district. There should be a system in place to alert parents of any impending personnel changes, he said.

#### **SCHOOL BOND**

Mr. Pressman, bond advisor at Wulff, Hansen & Co., gave a summary of the district's options in bond financing. He suggested that the Board wait beyond the 2018 election cycle to bring a bond measure to the voters.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT**

Pecolia Manigo of PLAN gave an update on the new California Department of Education Dashboard. She explained that the Dashboard gives an overview of the District's performance in several areas, including academics, suspension rates, parent engagement and local climate.

Superintendent McCoy said that the district has made a commitment to provide compensatory education in the summer. The district's plan will include the Freedom School, directed by Bettie Hodges, with input from Bridge the Gap, Math Challenge, volunteers and others. Donors will add to the district's financial contribution so that we can increase enrollment beyond the usual 50 to 70-80 students.

A video about Freedom Schools across the country was shown. Superintendent McCoy said that the opportunity exists to look at the Freedom School as a year-round model for Bayside MLK Jr. Academy. He said that he hopes to have a representative from the Children's Defense Fund, founders of Freedom School, come to a meeting and speak to the Board.

#### **UPDATE FROM THE MARIN CITY HEALTH & WELLNESS CLINIC**

Dr. Blomquist, Chief Medical Officer at the Marin City Health & Wellness Clinic said that mental healthcare has been a part of the clinic for the last five years. Nine months ago, the clinic began a new program to medically assist those addicted to opioids or alcohol.

Mr. Dominique McDowell, director of the addiction program, said that no violent patients are allowed to be part of the program and that the school is not in any danger because of this program. He gave his personal assurance that no patient from the clinic would be outside without supervision while children are present.

#### **STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING and MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM**

Assistant Principal Beth Minor said that Natalie Nong, a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy, has been accepted to the week-long STEM program at Stanford University. This is a highly competitive residential program and Natalie is to be commended for her hard work and dedication, she said.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA –**

##### **Roll Call Newmeyer/Van Alst/5 Ayes, 0 Noes to Approve the Following Consent Agenda items:**

Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Board Meeting

Payment of Warrants – Batches 36-37

#### **LETTER OF RESIGNATION**

The Superintendent and Board of Trustees thanked teacher Debbie Cahoon for her service to the district.

**Green/Newmeyer/All to Accept the Resignation of Debbie Cahoon**

At 8:14 p.m. trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer left the meeting.

**DISTRICT STRUCTURE COMMITTEE – Ad Hoc (Turner, Barrow)**

Trustee Barrow said that some in the community have expressed an interest in a Marin City charter school. Trustee Turner said the response to the MCOE request for proposal to study the feasibility of a consolidation between the Mill Valley and Sausalito Marin City districts. She reminded the audience that this is up to the voters and cannot be forced on the community.

**Resolution 742 – SUPPORTING the REQUEST for PROPOSALS PROCESS for a CONSOLIDATION FEASIBILITY STUDY**  
Superintendent McCoy said this is merely an acknowledgment that a study will take place and does not imply support from the Board.

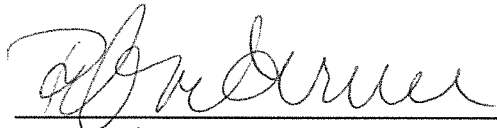
**Roll Call Turner/ Green/3 Ayes, 0 Noes, 2 Absent to Approve Resolution 742**

**FUTURE TOPICS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Green/Turner/2 Absent to Adjourn at 8:28 p.m.**

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Clerk  
Title