

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 25, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Joshua Barrow, Ida Green, Debra Turner

Absent: Thomas Newmeyer, Caroline Van Alst

Superintendent: Will McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Turner led the pledge of allegiance.

REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA

Superintendent McCoy asked to move the presentation by the Freedom School be moved to the top of the agenda.

Turner/Green/2 Absent to move the presentation regarding the Freedom School to the top of the agenda following oral communications

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Turner thanked the audience members for faithfully showing up at board meetings. She said that she and trustee Green attended another class in the Governance Workshop series; she thanked the district for facilitating this valuable experience.

Trustee Green said she was happy to know that several students from the BMLK community went on a field trip to New York. She thanked Julius Holtzclaw and teacher Louis Edney for chaperoning the trip.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Cherie Sinclair, a Willow Creek Academy parent, said she would prefer a dialogue to the one-way emails she receives from WCA regarding the budget numbers that are disputed. As things stand, the students at BMLK are being deprived of their civil rights, she told the Board.

Julius Holtzclaw, the school secretary, said that during Spring Break, 11 students went to New York with funding from the community organization Growth Circles. They visited the Stock Exchange, the World Trade Center Museum, the Juilliard School of Music and several other important sites.

FREEDOM SCHOOLS

Bettie Hodges of the Hannah Project introduced Saira Soto of the Children's Defense Fund's Los Angeles office.

Ms. Soto, deputy director of the CDF California office, gave an overview of the organization's activities since its inception in 1973. CDF's aim is to ensure that all children have access to a quality public education and a path to college or work readiness, she said.

Review a Request from Marin City Parent and Leadership Academy (MCPLA) to Place a Portable Building on District Property and Provide Direction to Administrative Team on Next Steps

Terrie Green, director of MCPLA, said that her organization is in a position to take on all costs related to the placement of the portable building on district property. She said that this could be a good partnership between the Academy and the District.

Trustee Green said that this idea fits in with the plan for a community school, but there might be concerns about the amount of space that would be needed.

Trustee Turner said that she would like to have more time to have a better understanding of the program and how it would fit into the community school model.

Trustee Barrow asked how long MCPLA would want use of that space.

Green/Turner/2 Absent to Continue the Dialogue with MCPLA Regarding its Request

SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent McCoy gave a presentation on the findings of the Budget Advisory Committee. He said that the committee was set up to find solutions to the problems facing all of our children, at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy and Willow Creek. He continued: We have a \$300K structural deficit that is ongoing. The aim is to have two healthy schools. The committee gave several recommendations, but its mandate is solely to advise – it cannot authorize any cuts. He went on to explain each recommendation made by the committee.

Trustee Turner said that as WCA has grown, BMLK has suffered. We are faced with a lot of difficult choices - I hope we can make the right ones for the kids, she said.

Several community members made comments on the work of the committee. Speaking on various provisions of the MOU, audience members suggested that both sides compromise to come to an agreement. The burden of legal bills should not be borne by the students at BMLK, one speaker said.

Doug Lloyd, a local resident and past president of the Willow Creek Foundation, said that attempts by the Budget Advisory Committee and Mary Jane Burke, the Marin County Superintendent of Schools, to “decimate the Willow Creek budget” are outrageous and should be stopped immediately.

Jeff Knowles of the WCA board said the committee recommendations reflect those of the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team and take \$1 million from WCA. This would be a devastating blow to the school and the many high-need students who attend it, he said. There are other options that do not entail taking money from either school. He added that paying down the construction debt would reduce the debt service costs to the district and improve its financial situation.

Bettie Hodges of the Hannah Project asked: What will education be like at BMLK next year? Given that this year there was one teacher for the entire middle school and contract teachers for math and science, what will the budget committee recommendations do to change that picture?

At 8:15 p.m., Trustee Barrow said that the Board would take a short break. The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Consider Approval of Contract with Burkell Plumbing to Replace the Water Heater in the Kitchen at Bayside/MLK in the amount of \$6,800

Green/Turner/2 Absent to Approve the Contract with Burkell Plumbing to Replace the Water Heater in the Kitchen at Bayside/MLK in the amount of \$6,800

Consider Approval of Contract with Swift Tree Care for Tree Removal on the Willow Creek Campus in the Amount of \$2,400

Turner/Green/2 Absent to Approve the Contract with Swift Tree Care for Tree Removal on the Willow Creek Campus in the Amount of \$2,400

Consider Approval for Contract with Downing Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. to Repair Multi-Purpose Room HVAC Unit at Bayside/MLK in the Amount of \$7,617

Green/Turner/2 Absent to Approve the Contract with Downing Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. to Repair Multi-Purpose Room HVAC Unit at Bayside/MLK in the Amount of \$7,617

Consider Approval of HVAC Maintenance Service Agreements with Downing Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. for the 2017-2018 School Year Totaling \$4,422

Turner/Green/2 Absent to Approve the HVAC Maintenance Service Agreements with Downing Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. for the 2017-2018 School Year Totaling \$4,422

Consider Approval to Open a Local Checking Account for the Purposes of Clearing Checks and Cash

Turner/Green/2 Absent to Approve the Opening of a Local Checking Account for the Purposes of Clearing Checks and Cash

Consider Approval to Collect Facility Use Fees from Willow Creek Academy to for Out of District Students Attending Willow Creek beginning in the 2017-2018 School Year. Estimated New Ongoing Revenue - \$142,800

Green/Turner/2 Absent to Further Discuss the Issue with WCA and Legal Counsel

Consider Approval to Create an Additional Combination Class at Bayside/MLK in 2017-2018. Estimated Costs Savings - \$90,000

Green/Turner/2 Absent to Approve the Creation of an Additional Combination Class at Bayside/MLK in 2017-2018

Consider Approval to Reconfigure Administration Staffing for District and Bayside/MLK beginning in the 2017-2018 School Year. Estimated Cost Savings - \$20,000

Green/Turner/2 Absent to Table this Motion and Review it Further

Consider Approval to Relocate District Office to the Bayside/MLK School Site in 2017-2018 and Sub-Lease District Office Space at 3030 Bridgeway in Sausalito

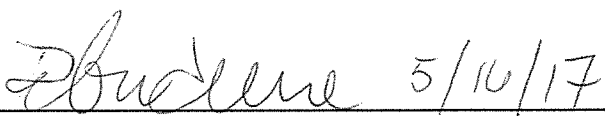
Turner/Green/2 Absent to approve the Relocation of the District Office and Sub-Leasing of the current Space at 3030 Bridgeway in Sausalito

Consider Approval to Reduce LCFF Funds Moved to the Deferred Maintenance Fund by \$25,000 in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019


The Board decided to defer action on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Turner/ Green/2 Absent to Adjourn at 11:19 p.m.



Signature/Date



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