

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 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 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Green 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 common law 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: 6.01, 7.01, 7.02, 7.03 and 8.01. She said that this would mean that she would leave the meeting after the public comments.

Trustee Newmeyer made the same comment.

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to approve the agenda

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer

Noes: None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Turner said that she attended the Open House at BMLK and saw excited children, rooms filled with artwork and supportive parents. She then presented the interim CBO Amy Prescott with flowers to thank her for her hard work on the budget.

Trustee Green said that the Center for Excellence is holding a benefit in support of the arts programs at BMLK on June 3rd.

Trustee Van Alst said that she was impressed by the art work displayed in the school's hallways.

Trustee Barrow thanked the Superintendent and CBO for their work on the budget.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Several members of the audience spoke in support of the proposed community school plan.

Jeff Knowles, a member of Willow Creek Academy's board of directors, said that he had hoped to be allowed to make a presentation to the Board to address concerns that the current MOU unfairly benefits WCA.

Members of the public spoke about their children's struggles with bullying and the absence of critically needed teachers at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy. They expressed the hope that the coming year would be

better. Others mentioned the need for a broader community discussion of the available options regarding the restructuring of the district.

At 7:22 p.m., trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer left the meeting. The Board announced a short break and returned at 7:33 p.m.

Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Pecolia Manigo of Parent Leadership Action Network (PLAN) gave a presentation on the LCAP. She asked the audience to look at the California School Dashboard and the student needs reflected in it. She then opened the discussion to public comments on the plan. Several parents spoke about their concerns about the school.

Bettie Hodges of the Hannah Project thanked Ms. Manigo and said that the district must have a framework in place to help the Board keep on top of the goals set out in the LCAP.

Trustee Green said it was difficult to listen to the parents' comments regarding the lack of a good education for their children.

Trustee Barrow said that we are failing our families, but this LCAP is a big step forward. The metrics in it are very helpful.

2016-2017 Third Interim Budget Report

M/s/c Turner/Green to approve the 2016-2017 Third Interim Budget Report

Ayes: Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Approval of the Principal Position

Trustee Green said it is late in the year to get a "rock star" candidate for this position.

Bettie Hodges said we need a leader who can turn the school around academically; that person can be a principal or a lead teacher. The idea is to create a school climate where you do not need a behavior specialist at all times. The title is not critical. We need someone who has experience turning a school around.

M/s/c Green/Turner to approve the Principal Position

Ayes: Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Approval of the Community School Coordinator Position

M/s/c Turner/Green to approve the Community School Coordinator Position

Ayes: Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget Adoption

Superintendent McCoy went through the highlights of the proposed budget and showed its tie-in to the LCAP.


ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Green/Turner to Adjourn at 10:24 p.m.

Ayes: Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

 6/17

Signature/Date

Clerk

Title