

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 12, 2016**

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members Present: Caroline Van Alst, William Ziegler, Thomas Newmeyer, Joshua Barrow,

Absent: Ida Green

Superintendent: Bob Ferguson

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:36 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Open session reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Van Alst announced that no action was taken in closed session.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Barrow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ORDER**

The agenda order was approved.

**TRUSTEE REPORT**

Trustee Newmeyer thanked everyone in the community who assisted in the superintendent search process. The comments that the Board received were very insightful and helpful, he said.

**DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Alan Rothkop said that the summer cleanup is well underway. Most of the rooms at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy have been cleaned and the custodians are working on the grounds at both campuses. We hope to finish everything before the start of school, he said. Regarding security, he said it would be helpful to have visitors wear an ID badge so that we can keep track of people on our campus at all times.

**PRINCIPAL REPORT**

Dr. Griffin said that he is finalizing the school's master schedule and filling some key positions in preparation for the start of the school year.

**WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY REPORT**

Head of School Tara Seekins said that she is also finishing the master schedule for WCA. Maintenance projects are going well. Teachers are excited about the upcoming year and looking forward to opportunities to collaborate with Bayside MLK Jr. teachers and students. The school has hired a new assistant head of school, she concluded.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Bob Ferguson said that five candidates for the superintendent position were interviewed on July 5 and 6. The pool has been narrowed to two finalists; will be interviewed this Friday and the Board's decision will be announced on at the August 2 meeting.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Marilyn Mackel thanked Superintendent Ferguson for including the community in the search for a new administrator to lead the district. She continued: I am concerned about some of the hiring decisions being made and feel that these will have a negative impact on the wellbeing of the children at the school. People should be assessed not only based on their words but by their actions. We have an opportunity to make sure that we have continuity at the school. Those who have been working to put systems in place for discipline and academic achievement should be actively involved in assisting the principal in his new role. Without this continuity, we are courting failure once again.

Terena Mares of the Marin County Office of Education said that her office had commissioned a study by the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team to examine this district's financial state. The County hopes to share the report from FCMAT at a joint MCOE/SMCSD board meeting on August 31. She added that a new agency, the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, will also be present at the meeting and its director, Dr. Carl Cohn, hopes to announce that the Sausalito Marin City school district has been chosen as one of four pilot projects to receive long-term assistance in closing the achievement gap and improving academic outcomes for our children.

Trustee Ziegler said that this sounds like a great opportunity, but the Board needs more information about the procedure and details of the program before proceeding. It is also not clear at this point whether a joint meeting for August 31 can be organized at short notice with all trustees in attendance. Sujie Shin, Director of Research and Strategy at CCEE, said that her agency does not have a preconceived agenda for the district and would want to work with the Board and administrators to come up with a plan that is acceptable to the district. Terena Mares added that Board members can ask more substantive questions at the August 31 meeting and discuss their concerns with Dr. Cohn in greater detail. Trustee Barrow suggested that both the FCMAT and CCEE matters be agendized at a future meeting so that trustees are free to have a conversation on these important topics.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Roll Call/ Barrow/Newmeyer/4 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent to approve the following consent agenda item:**

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

Minutes of the June 7, 14, 21 and 28 Board Meetings

Personnel Action Report

Payment of Warrants – Batches 46-50

**Presentation by Mr. Brent McClure of Cody Anderson Wasney, Architects**

Following up on the June 7 study session, Mr. McClure presented several revisions to the building and renovation master plan.

At WCA, savings in classroom finishes and lighting as well as restroom and multipurpose room renovations have resulted in a total estimated budget of \$22.4 million. Other projects, such as classroom technology, furniture, outdoor classrooms and work on the traffic circle remain as “on deck” and fundraising items.

At Bayside MLK Jr. Academy, a STEM Lab classroom has been added, while some of the expenditures on mechanical improvements to the atrium, portable classroom replacements and a parking lot have been reduced. The current estimate for the Bayside MLK budget is now \$7.7 million, with an additional \$607K as fundraising and “on deck” items.

Mr. McClure said that fitting the district office in the Bayside MLK building is not feasible; another 2200 sq. ft of space is needed. The current plan is to have a modular building at Bayside MLK, costing \$1.7 million, which could either be used for the district office, or additional classrooms and storage, depending on the preferred site for the DO. This brings the total projected cost for all sites to just under \$32 million.

Funding sources would include the bond measure, as well as \$2.4 million in insurance from the loss of the district office building at 33 Buchanan, and the retirement of the existing facilities loan of \$3.675 million. This gives us \$28.825 as a budget, resulting in a deficit of \$3 million.

Trustee Barrow asked about third party funding for the ball field. Superintendent Ferguson said that he is talking to interested parties who are focused on soccer, but will also talk to baseball and rugby groups to see whether a solution agreeable to all can be reached.

Trustee Barrow said that two of the main projects; the ball field and gymnasium, come to roughly \$19 million. It seems to me that if we want to build a gym and ball field for \$16 million instead of \$19 million, we should be able to do it, he said. Trustees agreed that with value engineering, it would be possible to make economies in these projects.

Steven Moore, a Willow Creek parent, said that he is a board member of the non-profit organization Friends of Willow Creek, which has raised funds and developed a plan for daylighting the creek at the school as well as along the rest of its trajectory along highway 101 and the Bay. He said that the district must replace the collapsing sewers at WCA and the 75 year old drain that runs through the center of the campus. Both creek and drainage improvements must be addressed in the bond measure, he told the Board. With this funding, the Friends of Willow Creek can apply for grants from federal, state and other sources. The creeks in Sausalito are unique in that they are always flowing, even during this historic drought. In addition, having money from the bond would assist in permitting from state and federal regulatory agencies to restore and daylight the creek. This is a special opportunity to restore an important asset and educate and inspire our community as well as our students, he told the Board.

Amy Pertschuk, parent of a WCA student, said that she would also like to give her support for the daylighting of Willow Creek. This is important for the health and wellbeing of our students and essential for our school and the community, she said.

**Van Alst/Newmeyer/4 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent to approve the list of projects put forward by Cody Anderson Wasney, Architects, with the modification of moving the \$500K Creek project from “on deck” to the priority list**

At 8:03 p.m., Trustee Van Alst said that the Board would take a short break. The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

**2016-2017 Instructional Minutes and Bell Schedule**

**Barrow/Ziegler/4 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent to approve the 2016-2017 Instructional Minutes and Bell Schedule**

**2016-2017 Consolidated Application for Funding**

Paula Rigney said this application for categorical funding is required every year.

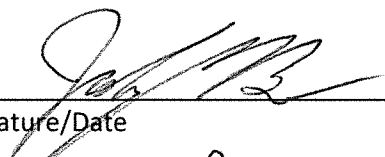
**Newmeyer/Ziegler/3 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain to approve the 2016-2017 Consolidated Application for Funding**

**2016-2019 Local Control Accountability Plan Revisions**

Superintendent Ferguson said that this plan will come back to the Board on August 2 with any added revisions that may be suggested in the interim. Trustee Barrow said that the Board should have time to discuss the proposed changes and keep the community in the loop as we go forward. Superintendent Ferguson said we know that the LCAP will be continually changed and revised to reflect the realities on the ground throughout the school year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Barrow/Newmeyer/4 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

  
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Signature/Date      Aug 2, 2016  
  
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