

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 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 6:14 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Barrow announced that the Board accepted the resignation of a certificated employee. He announced the vote as follows:

M/s/c Newmeyer/Turner to accept the resignation of a certificated employee.

Ayes: Newmeyer, Turner, Barrow, Van Alst

Noes: 0

Absent: Green

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Newmeyer 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, 11.01, 12.01, 12.02, 12.07, 13.01 through 13.05.

Trustee Newmeyer made the same comment.

Trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer requested that the above matters be grouped together to minimize disruption to the meeting.

M/s/c Van Alst/Newmeyer to Group Together the Items Pertaining to the Recusal

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Green said that she had enjoyed attending family reunions during a visit to the South.

Trustee Turner thanked the audience for faithfully attending all board meetings.

Trustee Van Alst apologized for being absent during the last two meetings due to an especially heavy workload.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Marijke Smit, a Willow Creek Academy board member, read a letter from WCA Board President Kurt Weinsheimer, which addressed remarks made by a local resident during the April 25 board meeting. The letter emphasized that the WCA Board and leadership do not condone the tone of the remarks, nor do they agree with its substance.

At 6:34 p.m., trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer left the room.

Refinancing of the Certificate of Participation (COP) – Mark Pressman of Wulff, Hansen & Co.

Mr. Pressman explained the points in the proposed agreement with the district and said the task would be to explore the benefits or viability of refinancing the COP and looking at how insurance proceeds might be applied. There is also a long-term possibility of a bond measure.

Trustee Turner asked if the district has money available to it to build another district office space that would have multiple uses: Is it advisable to spend close to \$1 million to pay down the COP? Mr. Pressman said the analysis that his firm would undertake would give the figures to allow the board to make an informed decision.

Consider Approval of the Updated Municipal Advisory Agreement with Wulff, Hansen & Co.

As no board member made a motion, the matter was not brought up for a vote.

At 7:09, trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer returned to the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights – Public Records Act Request – Language Access/Translation
California State Controller – 2015-16 Audit Certification
Willow Creek Academy
Marin County Office of Education

Superintendent McCoy gave background information on the correspondence received by the district.

California Collaborative for Educational Excellence

- Community Advisory Committee Update

Sujie Shin of CCEE gave the quarterly update on the committee's activities.

Superintendent

Superintendent McCoy discussed the community school staffing options. Option A includes a superintendent, a principal, a community school coordinator, a counselor and a parent liaison. Option B consists of a superintendent/principal, a community school coordinator, a counselor and a parent liaison.

At 8:32 p.m., trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer recused themselves from participating in the rest of the superintendent's budget discussion and left the room.

Bettie Hodges, executive director of the Hannah Project, said that the community's concern has been that staffing and enrichment activities were not sufficient last year. She asked how this concern would fit into the conversation about "baselines" and supplemental spending. The baseline was not sufficient for the students or for the goal of improving proficiency, she said.

Superintendent McCoy said the priorities of the LCAP document should be used as a baseline to define sufficient.

At 9:26 p.m., trustee Barrow said that the board would take a short break. The Board reconvened the meeting at 9:35 pm. Trustees Van Alst and Newmeyer rejoined the meeting.

Corrective Actions Update

Superintendent McCoy gave an overview and said that many of the actions are still in progress.

Willow Creek Academy

Marijke Smit, speaking for Head of School Tara Seekins, gave an update on the school's activities.

The Board elected to remove item 12.04, Payment of Warrants, and item 12.05, Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Southern California for Possible Placement of Trainee Social Workers at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy from the consent agenda.

M/s/c Van Alst/Newmeyer to pull item 12.04 from the Consent Agenda

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

M/s/c Turner/Van Alst/All to pull item 12.05 from the Consent Agenda

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer

Noes: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call Newmeyer/Van Alst to Approve the Following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes of the April 11 and 25, 2017 Board Meetings

Renewal of Math Assessment Software with Northwest Evaluation Association - \$2212

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Payment of Warrants – Batches 40-43

Marilyn Mackel, a local resident, said she is concerned about payments to WCA when it is clear that articles of the MOU between the charter and the district undermine the essence of the law.

M/s/c Turner/Newmeyer to Approve Payment of Warrants – Batches 40-43

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Van Alst

Noes: None

Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Southern California for Possible Placement of Trainee Social Workers at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy

As no motion was made, the matter failed.

Approval of Agreement with Marin Head Start for the Summer Bridge Program

M/s/c Newmeyer/Green to Approve the Agreement with Marin Head Start for the Summer Bridge Program

Ayes: Barrow, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Resolution 744 – Close Building Fund 21 (Bond Proceeds)

Roll Call Newmeyer/Van Alst to Approve Resolution 744 – Close Building Fund 21 (Bond Proceeds)

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Resolution 745 – Close Building Fund 22 (Bond Proceeds)

Roll Call Newmeyer/Green to Approve Resolution 745 Close Building Fund 22 (Bond Proceeds)

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

At 10:09 p.m. trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst left the meeting.

District Structure Committee – Ad Hoc (Turner, Barrow)

Trustee Turner said the committee met with WCA representatives and discussed collaborative opportunities as well as the idea of a district-wide charter school.

Cafeteria Software Subscription for 2017-2018 – CLM Group - \$1397.00

Greenfield Learning Special Education Reading Software Subscription -2017-2019 - \$4760.00

Contract with ConE Solutions for Aeries and CalPads Support - \$20,400

M/s/c Green/Turner to Approve the Renewal of Software Subscriptions with CLM Group and Green Learning as well as the Contract with ConE Solutions

Ayes: Green, Turner, Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Approval of Staffing Configuration to support the Community School Model

Trustee Turner said she is comfortable with option A as outlined earlier by the Superintendent. Trustee Barrow said he does not like either option. We have to find a solution that does not result in debt, he said.

Marilyn Mackel, a local resident, said there is no way we will accomplish anything without deficit spending. It is impossible to provide an excellent education to our students without spending the money that is needed.

M/s/ Turner/Green to Approve Staffing Configuration Option A

Ayes: Green, Turner

Noes: Barrow

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

The motion failed.

Approval of the Position and Job Description for the Community School Coordinator

Superintendent McCoy said that this position is vital for the community school model. Trustee Barrow said that he would be reluctant to approve the position if it has a multi-year impact on the deficit. Terena Mares of MCOE said that this position has been designated a requirement in the LCAP and a funding source has been identified. Dr. Thornton, the former Assistant Principal, said inaction means that the recommendation of the community and the superintendent is being ignored.

M/s/ Green/Turner to Approve the Position and Job Description for the Community School Coordinator

Ayes: Green, Turner

Noes: Barrow

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

The motion failed.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Marin City Community Development Corporation regarding the Placement of a Parent Liaison at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy for the remainder of the current school year and the 2017-2018 Academic Year

M/s/c Green/Turner to Approve the Placement of a Parent Liaison at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy

Ayes: Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Approval of Willow Creek Academy's Request for Charter School Facility Funding

Lisa Mori of Friedman, Fagen & Fulfroost said the district was notified on May 5 that the charter school would like to apply for grant monies under Proposition 51 for rehabilitation projects at the Nevada Street campus. She said that this would entail some additional agreements including a facilities use agreement with WCA. She explained that

the district has ultimate discretion to approve future projects, but that the use of this grant money would mean that the facilities would be at the disposal of the charter school for the foreseeable future. In addition, the charter school would have to come up with matching funds to qualify, she concluded.

As no motion was made, the matter failed.

Trustee Barrow said there has been a request to bring back item 13.02, Approval of the Position and Job Description for the Community School Coordinator.

Sujie Shin of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) said that her organization would contribute to the funding of the position for the first year and work with the district to build better capacity for future years. Trustee Barrow said he would be willing to go forward if the Board can revisit the sustainability of the position in the context of a multi-year projection.

M/s/c/ Green/Turner to reconsider item 13.02, Approval of the Position and Job Description for the Community School Coordinator Based on the offer from CCEE

Ayes: Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Approval of the Position and Job Description for the Community School Coordinator

M/s/c Turner/Green to Approve the Position and Job Description for the Community School Coordinator

Ayes: Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

FUTURE TOPICS

Bullying

Freedom school

Facilities

ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Turner/ Green to Adjourn at 12:02 a.m.


Ayes: Barrow

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

 6/20/17

Signature/Date



Title