

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Ida Green, Thomas Newmeyer, Debra Turner, Caroline Van Alst
Absent: Joshua Barrow
Superintendent: Will McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:31 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

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 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: 8.01, 8.02: Correspondence, 10.02: Superintendent's Update, 11.01: Willow Creek Academy Oversight, 12.01: Facilities Workshop discussion, 13.06: Document Tracking Services Contract (Consent) and 14.04: Revised 2016-2017 Unaudited Actuals, Fund 40 be removed from the agenda.

Trustee Newmeyer made the same comment.

Superintendent McCoy said that after consulting with legal counsel, it has been decided to pass on the enumerated items and bring them to the Board at the next meeting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Van Alst expressed her condolences to those affected by the wildfires and commended County Superintendent Mary Jane Burke for her continued efforts on behalf of teachers and students.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jamie Whittington said that implementing the LCAP mandated Freedom School model at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy would be very beneficial for our students.

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent McCoy pointed out that the \$7000 given to the Hannah Project was a contribution and not a donation.

Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Superintendent McCoy said that last year we struggled with this issue. This year, with the help of the Marin County Office of Education, we have been able to supply sufficient instructional to our classrooms.

As there were no comments, the hearing was closed.

Update on the Center for Community Life Project by David Schnee, Group 4 Architecture

Mr. Schnee said the Buck Family Fund has pledged just under \$4 million for the Community Life Project, a \$24 million plan to improve senior and recreation buildings in Marin City. The first phase will be completed around 2020-21. The next public meeting on the project will be held in November.

School Leadership

Principal Finnane thanked Willow Creek Academy for its assistance in MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessments. He said that parents and community members have emphasized the need for consistency and reinforcing positive academic results and attendance in their meetings with him. He reported that there has been significant growth and positive changes in these areas since the beginning of school.

Principal Finnane recognized the outstanding work and character of 6th grader Asia Williamson, who received a plaque and much applause from the audience.

School Partners Report

Jennifer Puckett gave an update on the district's progress in transforming Bayside MLK Jr. Academy into a community school. She said that we now have a database of all our outside partners and have identified areas of importance to the school, such academic and behavior support, as well as health and wellness. In each area, we have identified a number of partners who will assist the district in our work.

Willow Creek Academy

Head of School Tara Seekins gave a report on the charter school. Nine teachers have applied for yearly the Rotary Club mini grants. The school has collected donations for the Sonoma Fire evacuees staying at the San Rafael Civic Center. Enrollment stands at 411.

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

Approval of the District Information Brochure

Payment of Warrants – Batches 9-13

Minutes of the September 14, 2017 Board Meeting

Donations: \$1578.70 from Marin Rocks for the music program

Payment of \$3720 to the Marin City Community Development District for Additional Summer School Services

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

Mosaic Project Field Trip – Grades 4 & 5 – October 23-27, 2017

Donation of Surplus School Furniture to the Global Book Exchange

Approval of the Downing Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. Proposal for HVAC Repair at Bayside Martin Luther King Junior Academy in the Amount of \$5,225 (Paid for with Deferred Maintenance funds)

Ayes: Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

Resolution 751 – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Roll Call Newmeyer/Van Alst to Approve Resolution 751 – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Ayes: Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

Approval of the 2017-2018 Policy Development Workshop Contract with the California School Boards Association (CSBA) in the amount of \$3,815 (New)

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to approve the 2017-2018 Policy Development Workshop Contract with the California School Boards Association (CSBA)

Ayes: Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

Approval of the Request by Conscious Kitchen to Serve Alcohol at the Harvest Dinner Fundraiser on November 2, 2017

The Board concluded that allowing alcohol at a school site event would set an undesirable precedent. Trustee Green asked for a motion. As there was none, the motion failed.

Approval of the Mike Brown Electric Company Proposal to Install a Variable Speed Drive (Soft Start Switch) to the New HVAC Unit to be Installed at Bayside Martin Luther King Junior Academy in the Amount of \$7,110 (paid for from the deferred maintenance fund)

M/s/c Newmeyer/Van Alst to approve the Proposal for HAVA Repair by the Mike Brown Electric Company

Ayes: Green, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow


ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to Adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Ayes: Green, Turner, Newmeyer, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

 11/9/17

Signature/Date

Clerk

Title