

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2017**

ATTENDANCE

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

Absent: Caroline Van Alst

Superintendent: Will McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Newmeyer led the pledge of allegiance.

REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA

Trustee Newmeyer said that concerns have been raised by the County Superintendent that he 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 he has children attending the charter school. He 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: 6.02: Willow Creek Academy Proposition 39 Facilities Proposal, 7.01: Update on Corrective Actions and Facilities, 8.01: Willow Creek Academy Oversight Committee Report, 10.01: Document Tracking Services Contract, 11.01: 2016-17 Fund 40 Revised Unaudited Actuals, 11.02: Sausalito District Teachers Association – Collective Bargaining Negotiations Process, 13.01-8: Board Policies. He asked that these items be moved to the end of the agenda.

M/s/c Newmeyer/Turner to move all above items except 7.01 to the end of the agenda.

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Van Alst

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

In answer to a question from trustee Turner on the subject of regular board meeting dates, superintendent McCoy said that he would bring a revised calendar to the board in December.

Trustee Green said that a program to honor veterans will be held at the school and Rocky Graham Park on Saturday November 11.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

David Suto said the City of Sausalito is currently reviewing its General Plan. The school district should provide input to correct data errors and imprecision of language in the Plan as it relates to the district.

Sonja Hanson, a local resident, said that she has sent a letter to Caltrans regarding adequate lighting in the tunnel between Sausalito and Marin City. The project to Install LED lighting has been in various planning stages for seven years. She said that lighting should be in place by the end of the year. The community is ready to take action if this does not happen, she told the Board.

Eva Chrysanthe said she would like to reopen low-cost access to the Tam High swimming pool for students. Keeping in mind that passing a swim test is required for graduation from high school, every child should have the opportunity to swim; she would welcome input from the community on the subject.

Marilyn Mackel said that the Board conducted a Governance Workshop together with its legal counsel in March 2017, at the end of which there was no consensus. The plan was to schedule another meeting in six months, but this has not happened. She asked that the Board set a meeting date and resolve its governance issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Shirley Thornton said that the Rotary Club of Sausalito is funding all 14 mini grants for teachers at Bayside MLK Jr. and Willow Creek Academies this year.

At 6:20 pm, trustee Newmeyer left the meeting.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Superintendent

Superintendent McCoy said that following the most recent Facilities Workshop, trustees asked for more information regarding the status of district facilities. Much of that information has been put up on a shared computer drive for board members. He then discussed the options for the replacement of the district office building which was lost during a fire. He said that a revitalization of the Annex building seems the best way forward at this time.

At 7 p.m., trustee Newmeyer rejoined the meeting

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

Payment of Warrants – Batches 14-17

Minutes of the October 16 and October 24, 2017 Board Meetings

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Van Alst

Site Leadership – David Finnane

Principal Finnane said enrollment stands at 123. The school is collaborating with community organizations to make sure that their work is aligned with our goals and priorities. To connect with similar schools in the area and identify best practices, several staff members went to Kipp Academy in the Bayview - Hunters Point neighborhood of San Francisco. Mr. Finnane said that patience, persistence and high expectations are essential in this work - to create a school that this community expects and deserves takes more than one or two school years. He said that we are developing relationships with Tam High School staff and sending our students to visit Tam regularly to better manage the transition to high school. He told the Board that he is planning several professional development sessions for the summer so teachers are fully prepared to begin the school year in 2018-19.

7.03 Willow Creek Academy

Head of School Tara Seekins said she has been meeting with private and parochial high schools in Marin to explore the possibility of scholarships for WCA students.

At 7:43 p.m., trustee Newmeyer left the meeting.

Willow Creek Academy – Proposition 39 Facilities Request

Superintendent McCoy said that the district will respond to the request by December 1.

STANDING BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Willow Creek Academy Oversight (Barrow, Turner)

Trustee Barrow said that the committee has not met since the last board meeting. Superintendent McCoy said that the WCA site visit will take place during the last week of November. A report will be due to the Board in February 2018.

Marilyn Mackel said that the basic aid negative excess amount due back to the district from WCA should be on the agenda. She added that merely waiting for the Attorney General's response before we do anything is not enough. Our children are suffering; they are getting Fs in math and science at Tam High. The Board should step up and do what is right.

The interim CBO Amy Prescott said that WCA has requested additional information regarding the negative basic aid calculations, but that as of today, the amount owed to the district for 2016-2017 is \$52K. The Board agreed to bring back the issue until it is resolved. Superintendent McCoy said that given the difficulty in reaching an agreement regarding the basic aid negative excess, it is critical that we begin the process of renegotiating the terms of the MOU with WCA, a much larger undertaking. The current MOU sunsets on June 30, 2019, and after that the only funds to which WCA is entitled are the LCFF mandated funds and any federal and state entitlements.

Kate Stohr said we do not seem to have parents serving on the board committees. This means that you are not getting input in the process.

Superintendent McCoy said there are specific tools that have been adopted and approved regarding oversight, and it is the responsibility of staff to implement those guidelines. It is possible to have discussions around oversight, but implementation is the job of district staff.

Approval of the Revised 2016-2017 Unaudited Actuals, Fund 40 Only

Green/Turner to Approve the Revised 2016-2017 Unaudited Actuals, Fund 40 Only

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Sausalito District Teachers Association – Collective Bargaining Negotiations Process

Green/Turner to accept the Sausalito District Teachers Association – Collective Bargaining Negotiations Process

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Approval of the 2017-2018 Document Tracking Services Contract, \$695 (Renewal)

Green/Turner to Approve the 2017-2018 Document Tracking Services Contract, \$695 (Renewal)

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Policies

Superintendent McCoy said that these policies are being brought to the board ahead of the visit by the California School Board Association in light of their importance.

Michelle Giacomini of the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) said that with every policy update, CSBA sends a cover sheet explaining the reason for its recommendation and often more than one option that the Board can consider.


ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Green/Turner to Adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

 12/14/2017

Signature/Date

Clerk
Title