

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 2, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members Present: Joshua Barrow, Ida Green, Debra Turner, Caroline Van Alst

Absent: Thomas Newmeyer

Superintendent: Will McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Van Alst led the pledge of allegiance.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Marilyn Mackel said that the biographical information about Superintendent McCoy on the website of his new employer indicates that he is heavily involved in the education technology industry and has started two companies in the field, one of which has a consulting agreement with the California School Boards Association. This was not shared with the interview panel when he was a candidate for the superintendent position and raises ethical concerns as well as concerns about the search firm that was involved in his selection.

Superintendent McCoy said that he is a non-managing partner of the firm Disrupted, which was started after he became superintendent. He said that he has had no fiscal benefit from any work with CSBA and has disclosed all his affiliations on Form 700, the Statement of Economic Interests which he must file with the County of Marin every year.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Barrow said that the Board has received a letter from the Marin County Office of Education, offering assistance to the District during the transition period following Mr. McCoy's resignation. He then outlined the various scenarios proposed by MCOE.

Christine Durbin said she was glad to see a copy of the December 2016 letter from MCOE in response to the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team attached to the most recent correspondence. It is important to acknowledge that the results of the investigation by FCMAT were not refuted, she said.

**Superintendent Replacement**

Trustee Turner said that she feels the paramount duties of a superintendent include board empowerment, budget oversight, facilitating district communication with the public, supervision of the principal, corrective actions, charter school oversight, legal issues and LCAP. She asked for input from others.

Trustee Green said this is a small district with lots of challenges and combining the duties of the superintendent and principal, option 5 in the MCOE letter, is not viable at this time.

Superintendent McCoy said that option 2, appointing MCOE Deputy Superintendent Terena Mares as interim superintendent, would be the best choice.

Jamie Whittington said in the interest of continuity and compassion for the parents who have already gone through a lot of changes, it would be wise to appoint Ms. Mares .

Barbara Killey said she has witnessed the tragic effect on students of lack of continuity in the district.

Vicki Nichols said she is saddened that we are once again in this situation. We should have an open discussion with the Board about which option they prefer.

Richard Bohnet said that he has been a tutor with the district for close to 20 years. After the Attorney General's decision is announced, we must think outside the box to address the long term problems with completely new ideas, he said.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 6:05 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Open session reconvened at 9:02 p.m.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Barrow announced that no action was taken in closed session and that the Board intends to continue its dialog with the Marin County Office of Education.


**ADJOURNMENT**

M/s/c Turner/Van Alst to Adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

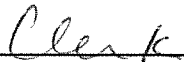
Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer

 5/18/18

Signature/Date



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