

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 12, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

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

Superintendent: Will McCoy

Deputy Superintendent Terena Mares of the Marin County Office of Education also attended the meeting

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 Barrow 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: 9.01, correspondence from Willow Creek; 10.01 and 10.02, public hearings on the LCAP and budget; 14.04, agreement with MCOE for Aeries hosting . She said that she would leave the meeting as needed.

M/s/c Van Alst/Green to remove item 14.04 from the consent agenda

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Turner said she attended the Open House event at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy. She witnessed lots of happiness, pride and good work, she reported.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

David Suto said a recent bill passed by the California Assembly may raise LCFF funding by 60%. This could have a large effect on our schools and take us out of basic aid and into revenue limit funding.

Marilyn Mackel said that she would like to address the issue of recusals by trustees. Conflict of interest has little to do with having children at Willow Creek Academy, but with the ability to commit fully to one's fiduciary duties to this Board. She continued that she is concerned about the Board's apparent inability to be wise and prudent. This Board has spent \$80K to respond to a FCMAT report which based its findings on existing law. If the Board finds those laws unacceptable, the correct remedy would be to file a suit. The Board also spent \$40K to respond to the complaint filed with the California Department of Education. "Your attorneys are not advising you well. You have been imprudent, wasteful", she told the Board.

PRESENTATION

Principal Finnane said that two of our students, Kyandre Calloway and A.J. Allen, went to a meeting of the Marin Board of Supervisors. A.J. presented his Lego warship, gave a rendition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and ended with the song Here Comes the Sun, to much applause from the audience.

At 6:15 p.m., trustee Van Alst let the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Willow Creek Academy – Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)

Superintendent McCoy said that Willow Creek Academy has written to inform the district that it may exercise its option to leave the Marin SELPA and join with another agency to coordinate its special education services.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2018-2019 Local Control and Accountability Plan and 2018-2019 Budget and Review of District Fund Balances

Superintendent McCoy said that the budget and LCAP should be discussed in tandem. He then gave a broad overview of the LCAP and budget. The District anticipates having a deficit of \$696K in 2018-2019. However, the expiration of the MOU in 2019-2020 is anticipated to end the deficit spending. The District expects to have a surplus of \$280K in 2019-2020 and \$390K in 2020-2021.

Mr. McCoy shared statistics from the California Department of Education showing that many students are performing below proficiency level in Language Arts and Math.

Barbara Killey said it is disappointing to see no budget restoration in arts instruction. One hour of music a week is not enough to allow our students to participate in music programs at the high school level. Children need to feel successful in at least one subject in order to risk failure in other areas. It is our responsibility to bring necessary resources to our kids.

Marilyn Mackel said that the LCAP and budget only minimally address the need for physical education; there is no provision for foreign language instruction and inadequate fine arts programming. She continued: These are three areas that are essential to the academic life of a child. You are continuing to fail our children. You have wasted money that could have served the well-being of the children. You have not done any fundraising. The waste of public money and the failure to educate our children is outrageous.

At 7:45 p.m., the public hearing was closed.

Trustee Van Alst returned to the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

REPORTS

Site Leadership

Principal David Finnane said current enrollment is at 130. The Summer Bridge program has 40 applicants for 20 spots. Trustees asked if all applicants could be accommodated. Mr. Finnane said that he would make every effort to enroll all children interested in Summer Bridge.

He continued: Next year, we will have 21 students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades. We intend to combine those grades and provide instruction based on individual need rather than by grade level. We have hired our top choices for teaching positions in 2nd and 4th grade, as well as for middle school math and science. We have also hired an instructional coach who is bright, capable and eager to get started.

He explained that the professional development plan for next year emphasizes core content in ELA and literacy. There will also be some training in mathematics and science, but the main emphasis will be on ELA until all teachers are well versed in the subject. Additionally, there will be diversity and cultural competency training for the staff.

Graduation will be on June 25 and the Step Up ceremony will take place June 26.

Willow Creek Academy

Head of School Tara Seekins said that Open House went well, with lots of good energy and proud kids. She thanked all board members who came to the graduation ceremony. The students took charge of every aspect, from readings and music to decorations.

For the rest of the school, there was a wonderful Crossing the Bridge ceremony to mark the passage of the year. Each class sang a song after crossing.

Kurt Weinsheimer thanked Tara Seekins for a great year at Willow Creek Academy.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Payment of Warrants – Batches 42-46

Minutes of the May 8, May 15 and May 29 Board Meetings

Approval of the 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar

Approval of MCOE Data Processing Consortium Contract for 2018-2019

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sausalito Marin City School District and Marin County Office of Education regarding Arts Education Week, September 12-18, 2018

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Aeries Hosting Agreement with the Marin County Office of Education for 2018-2019

M/s/c Turner/Newmeyer to Approve the MCOE Aeries Hosting Agreement for 2018-2019

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Van Alst

Memorandum of Understanding with the Marin County Office of Education for Interim Superintendent Terena Mares

Jeff Knowles of Willow Creek Academy said that the MOU stipulates a high rate of pay for a very small school district. There are also provisions that say the superintendent will not work on certain subjects: the FCMAT report, the Attorney General's investigation, the WCA charter renewal and anything else which may place the District in conflict with MCOE. This raises the question: Who will work on those subjects and how will the District pay for the service?

Trustee Van Alst said that it was her understanding that the exclusions are meant to prevent a situation where Ms. Mares is put between MCOE and the District.

M/s/c Turner/Green to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Marin County Office of Education for Interim Superintendent Terena Mares

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Resolution 754: Declaration of Emergency Requiring Contract for Repairs, Alterations, Work or Improvements without Advertising for or Inviting Bids

Roll Call Van Alst/Green to Approve Resolution 754: Declaration of Emergency Requiring Contract

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Resolutions 755 and Resolution 756: Authorization to Sign on Behalf of the Governing Board for the 2018-2019 fiscal year

Roll Call Newmeyer/Green to Approve Resolutions 755 and Resolution 756: Authorization to Sign on Behalf of the Governing Board for the 2018-2019 fiscal year

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Turner

Memorandum of Understanding between the Sausalito Marin City School District and Marin Head Start for the Summer Bridge Pre-Kindergarten Program for Summer 2018 in the Amount not to Exceed \$5,000

Trustees asked that the District make an effort to expand the program in order to accommodate all 34 applicants rather than the 20 slots currently envisioned.

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sausalito Marin City School District and Marin Head Start for the Summer Bridge Pre-Kindergarten Program for Summer 2018 in the Amount not to Exceed \$5,000

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Memorandum of Understanding between the Sausalito Marin City School District and the California School Employees' Association – Community School Coordinator Position

M/s/c Newmeyer/Green to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sausalito Marin City School District and the California School Employees'

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Personnel Action Report

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to Approve the Personnel Action Report

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Resolution 757 – Reduction of Classified Services

Amanda Otte of the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence said that CCEE supports the District's decision to take a pause and re-evaluate the position of community school coordinator. She said that she would be on campus next year to assist in that re-evaluation.

Roll Call Van Alst/Green to Approve Resolution 757 – Reduction of Classified Services

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Terena Mares asked the Board to consider moving its regular meeting days to Thursdays. Trustees will vote on this matter at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Green/Turner/Van Alst to Adjourn at 9:40 p.m.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abdullah 6/26/18
Signature/Date

clerk
Title