

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2013**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: William Ziegler, Caroline Van Alst, Shirley Thornton, Ed. D.,
Thomas Newmeyer, Joshua Barrow
Superintendent: Valerie Pitts, Ed. D.

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

The agenda order was approved.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD PRIOR TO CLOSED SESSION

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:01 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 6:02 p.m.

Report Out from Closed Session

President William Ziegler announced that no reportable action was taken in closed session.

Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Shirley Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD PRIOR TO OPEN SESSION

There was no public comment.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Thornton reported that she attended graduation ceremonies at Bayside and Martin Luther King Jr. Academy and felt that they were both outstanding events. Trustees Newmeyer and Ziegler also reported that Principal Newton was an inspirational presence at the Bayside graduation. Trustee Barrow reported that he continues to meet with the Marin Promise organization and that he has been discussing the idea of Pre-K community networks with them.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Pitts congratulated Principals Newton and Norbutas and thanked them for an excellent year at both schools.

School Site Administrator Report

Principal Norbutas reported that the sub-committee on merit pay unanimously chose Jennifer Banks and Paula Hammons to receive the award for this year. Superintendent Pitts thanked Jennifer Banks for going beyond the call of duty to serve the children in her kindergarten class and reminded everyone that Paula Hammons, who is retiring this year, has been with the district for more than 30 years. The results of that kind of longevity can be seen in the success of our fourth grade students, she added. Paula will be coming back to the district as a Math Coach in 2014. She also thanked retiring Principal Jonnette Newton for her outstanding service to Bayside in the last four years. We are happy that Jonnette will be returning to our school next year as a part-time music teacher, she said.

MAINTAIN SOUND FISCAL DISCIPLINE AND OPERATIONS

Public Hearing 2013/2014 State Categoricals – Tier III Program

Trustee Zeigler opened the hearing. Superintendent Pitts explained that in 2008, the State gave school districts more flexibility in the use of categorical funds. Given that all funds designated for Tier III are now completely flexible, this will probably be the last time we take action on this matter. We ask that you approve the use of categorical funds to offset general fund expenses, she concluded.

Newmeyer/Thornton- Roll Call Ayes 5 Noes 0 to approve Resolution #684, use of Tier III Categorical funds as proposed.

District Preliminary Budget 2013/2014

Trustees asked for consideration of the restoration of the custodial and paraprofessional positions that were eliminated in March. They also asked for further clarification of the WCA supplemental amounts.

Discussion: Willow Creek Academy Preliminary Budget 2013/2014

Willow Creek Academy Treasurer Clark Warden gave a report on the WCA preliminary budget.

FACILITIES

Facilities/Construction Update

Superintendent Pitts gave background information on two proposed action items. The first is to award a contract for landscaping to Marina landscaping. This bid came in below the projected amount.

Thornton/ Newmeyer/All to approve the award of the landscaping bid to Marina Landscaping.

The second action item was to reject all bids for electrical and civil engineering as they all came in over the projected amount. The general contractor Greystone West will either go out to bid again or adjust the scope of the work.

Newmeyer/ Thornton/ All to approve rejection of all bids for electrical work.

School Naming Process

Superintendent Pitts said that Principal Daniel Norbutas has been working with the school site council to decide on a name for the combined Bayside/Martin Luther King Jr. schools. It was decided to use this combined name for the coming school year and give time to the community to come together to choose a new name for next year.

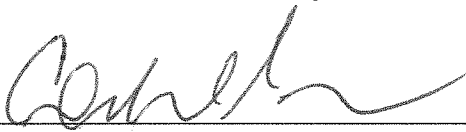
CONSENT AGENDA

Van Alst/Newmeyer - Roll Call Ayes 5 Noes 0 to approve the following consent agenda items:

- 12. Minutes of the special board meeting of May 9, 2013
- 13. Minutes of the special board meeting of May 16, 2013
- 14. Minutes of the regular board meeting of May 21, 2013
- 15. Minutes of the special board meeting of May 30, 2013
- 16. Payment of Warrants – 2012/13 – Batch 50 to 53.
- 17. AB 1200 Disclosure
- 18. Field Trip Report

ADJOURNMENT

Thornton/Van Alst/all to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

 6/27/13

Signature/Date



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Upcoming Dates and Important Events

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