

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 16, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Caroline Van Alst, William Ziegler, Joshua Barrow, Ida Green

Trustee Newmeyer attended via teleconference from 241 Sunnybrook Farm Road Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882

Superintendent: Will McCoy

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent McCoy led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Noa Zimmerman, a Redwood High School student, said that she began giving guitar lessons to Bayside MLK Jr. Academy students last year and hopes to have the opportunity to continue this year. She said that she was shy growing up, but music lessons gave her the courage to speak out and perform. She continued: Kids here have gone through a lot of hardships and music is a wonderful way for them to feel accomplished, find community and friends. She asked the Board for the opportunity to use the music room on Saturdays to give music lessons from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Former Principal Jonnette Newton said that she offered to teach music this year but has not heard back from the administration. It would be a shame to stop this program and leave the kids mid-stream in their musical education, she told the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Start-up

Superintendent McCoy said that he spent the day with the school staff and was impressed by their genuine passion and dedication to the school. The Conscious Kitchen's array of good food was impressive and everyone was working hard to get the cafeteria ready for the first day. Turning to personnel matters, he said that a science teacher has been hired and we have contracts in place for art, music and PE with credentialed staff. Each class will have two days a week of PE at 40 minutes per session. We will have Art on Monday and Music on Thursday. In addition, Marin Theater will teach drama on Fridays for grades TK through 8.

California Collaborative for Educational Excellence – Update

Superintendent McCoy said that he will meet with Dr. Carl Cohn, the executive director of CCEE, on August 24 to get more details on the opportunities for collaboration between our district and the Collaborative. They have my full endorsement at this time, he concluded.

Contract with Fagen, Friedman and Fulfrost for Legal Services

Superintendent McCoy said that he has worked well with the legal team at Fagen, Friedman and Fulfrost in the past. He continued: This is a firm with a deep bench; they have a local office in Oakland and they offer a range of services on all legal matters including special education issues.

Trustee Newmeyer asked if the superintendent's experience has been with the team in Oakland. Mr. McCoy said that he has worked with the staff in Oakland as well as Sacramento. Trustee Ziegler said that this firm has an excellent reputation and he supports the choice.

Ziegler/Barrow/All to approve the contract with Fagen, Friedman and Fulfrost for legal services

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:35 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

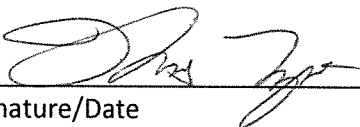
Open session reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION


Trustee Van Alst announced that no action was taken in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

Barrow/Ziegler/All to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

 9/13/16

Signature/Date



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