

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

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

Superintendent: Will McCoy

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 Green 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: 12.02, 13.04 and 14.02. She requested that those items be moved to the end of the agenda.

Trustee Newmeyer made the same comment.

M/s/c Van Alst/Newmeyer to Reorganize Above Items in the Agenda

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Newmeyer, Van Alst

Noes: Turner

Absent: None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Green said that she enjoyed seeing the Facebook postings from students who visited Washington DC and Philadelphia last week.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bridget Harris said that it seems that one school is treated better than the other and children are being cheated because it is not possible to adequately fund both schools. She suggested that having one elementary school in Sausalito and a middle school in Marin City might be the solution.

Sonja Hanson said she is concerned about the selection of the next superintendent. It would be good not to lose the momentum that the district has demonstrated in rebuilding arts and music and other programs. Race and class are at the heart of all that goes on here, she said.

David Suto said losing two middle school teachers next year would mean a big gap in continuity. It would be good to see the Freedom School model fully implemented here, he concluded.

Marilyn Mackel said that repeatedly reorganizing the agenda of board meetings is disruptive. She asked the Board to wait for the Attorney General's answer to the complaint filed against the District and only then hire a superintendent who can run the district effectively.

Julius Holtzclaw thanked Growth Circles for facilitating the student trip to Washington DC and Philadelphia during Spring Break. Pictures and comments will be posted to Growth Circles' Facebook page.

CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

Barbara Killey, board chair of the Center for Excellence, gave a presentation of the draft five-year plan for arts education at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy. She said that students' experiences in creating works of art or participating in a musical or performance event carry over into their academic attainments.

Glenda Gentry said that she would like to see the Arts restored and expanded at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy. She added that CFE stands ready to supplement and augment district expenditures in arts programs.

Marilyn Mackel said she is looking forward to the day when Bayside MLK Jr. Academy has a core program that includes arts and music as well as foreign language instruction.

PRINCIPAL

Principal Finnane said that the Transformation Team, which includes teachers, staff, parents and community members, has met twice so far. Vision, mission and guiding principles were the focus of the first meetings. The next area of focus will be LCAP actions and services. He said that he is looking forward to hiring excellent staff for next year and that he is committed to turning things around at BMLK.

WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY

Head of School Tara Seekins congratulated classified and certificated nominees for the Golden Bell Award. Seventh and eighth graders are preparing for their Outward Bound trips to the Santa Cruz Mountains and to Angel Island. Testing for grades 3-8 will run through the end of May.

(Conditional) Memorandum of Understanding with Seneca Family of Agencies

Superintendent McCoy gave an overview of the programs at Seneca. He said that District staff has visited the school and there is an opportunity for a grant that will allow us to an "Unconditional Education Coach" at BMLK.

Bettie Hodges said it is important to be able to ask the right questions when embarking on a new program. Is this about a positive school climate or individual student intervention? If the former, you must view it with differentiation in mind.

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

Payment of Warrants – Batches 35-38

Minutes of the March 13 and April 2, 2018 Board Meetings

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Resolution 753 – Consolidation of Election Services

Roll Call Newmeyer/Turner to Approve Resolution 753 – Consolidation of Election Services

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Payment to Epoch Consulting

M/s/c Newmeyer/Green to Approve a Payment to Epoch Consulting

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

MOU with the Hannah Project for the 2018 Freedom Summer School Session

M/s/c Turner/ Green to Approve MOU with the Hannah Project for the 2018 Freedom Summer School Session

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Technology Upgrades at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy

Principal Finnane gave an overview of the technological needs in the middle school classrooms and special day classroom.

M/s/c Turner/Newmeyer to Approve Technology Upgrades at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Personnel Action Report

M/s/c Newmeyer/Green to Approve the Personnel Action Report

Superintendent McCoy acknowledged the work of outgoing Maintenance Director Alan Rothkop. Trustees and members of the audience acknowledged the work of librarian Fran Nelson, who will be retiring after 15 years with the district.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

At 8:45 p.m., trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst left the meeting.

Continuing Disclosure Annual Report – Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017

Superintendent McCoy said this report is issued annually to disclose any risks that may impact the district's bond rating.

Facilities Use Agreement with the Red Cross

M/s/c Turner/Green to approve the agreement with the Red Cross

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Contract with Wulff, Hansen for Bond Counseling Services

M/s/c Turner/Green to Approve Contract with Wulff, Hansen for Bond Counseling Services

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst


ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Turner/Green to Adjourn at 9:06 p.m.

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

 5/8/18
Signature/Date

Clerk
Title