

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 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 was also in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Turner led the pledge of allegiance.

Discussion of Superintendent Position

Trustee Barrow said that the Board has had a series of discussions in open and closed meetings and among other options, has explored the choice of having Terena Mares step in as interim superintendent.

Trustee Turner asked trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst to clarify their position on the necessity to recuse themselves from the superintendent replacement discussion. Trustee Newmeyer said that both he and trustee Van Alst had discussed the matter with counsel and concluded that these discussions will not move the district one way or another financially and consequently, there is no need for a recusal.

Trustee Barrow outlined some of the questions that the Board must answer when considering its options. Among them are whether to appoint a permanent or interim superintendent, whether to hire a search firm and the timeline for looking at resumes and conducting interviews.

Deputy Superintendent Mares asked that the process be conducted in a timely manner so as to allow the County Office of Education to arrange for the possible absence of its employees.

Trustee Turner said there are two big issues regarding the appointment of Terena Mares as interim superintendent: one is Willow Creek Academy's apprehension that their concerns may not get the consideration they expect, and the other is Ms. Mares's lack of pedagogical expertise. In light of this, we could have Ms. Mares perform 75% of the duties of a superintendent and hire a consultant to address the classroom matters.

Dr. Shirley Thornton said that the Board must work to maintain as much stability as possible.

Ellen Franz asked that the Board select an interim candidate who is already part of the team to allow the district to start from a place of stability in its search.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 6:27 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Barrow announced that no action was taken in closed session.


ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Newmeyer/Turner to Adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

 6/12/18

Signature/Date

Clerk

Title