

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 29, 2018**

ATTENDANCE

Present: Joshua Barrow, Ida Green, Thomas Newmeyer, Debra Turner, Caroline Van Alst
Superintendent: Will McCoy
Terena Mares of the Marin County Office of Education was also in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Newmeyer led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY CHARTER RENEWAL PETITION

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 the public hearing on Willow Creek Academy's Charter Renewal Petition.

Trustee Newmeyer made the same comment.

At 5:40 p.m., trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst left the meeting.

David Suto said it would be useful if WCA could show the current year's data instead of information that is 2-3 years old. In the process of coming up with a future memorandum of understanding, the WCA Board should take into account the effect of its decisions on the wider community. In both schools, we have kids who are third or fourth generation members of this community and their lack of achievement is everyone's responsibility. We own this problem – it is a legacy of our past, and we must ensure that it does not continue for future generations.

Referring to WCA's achievements listed in the petition, Trustee Turner said that she cannot ignore the fact that Bayside MLK Jr. Academy does not have parallel programs in music, art, foreign language instruction and physical education. These were dismantled over the last six or seven years and my hope is that we can act as a district to change this legacy, she concluded.

Barbara Sapienza said the Mill Valley School District superintendent is also leaving. That district's letter to the Mill Valley community was very clear and explained that they are giving themselves a year to find a suitable candidate. She suggested that this district do the same.

The public hearing concluded at 5:54 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:55 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Barrow announced that the following action was taken in closed session:

In order to secure the services of a highly qualified certificated teacher for a difficult-to-fill math and science teaching position, the Board approved the offer of a \$5000 pre-employment incentive to one candidate.

Ayes: Barrow, Newmeyer, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Abstain: Green

Absent: None

Approval of the Memoranda of Understanding with the California School Employees' Association

M/s/c Van Alst/Newmeyer to Approve the Memoranda of Understanding with the California School Employees' Association

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Personnel Action Report

Superintendent McCoy asked that an additional hire for the position of second grade teacher, Jennifer Kelly, be included in the personnel report.

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to approve the personnel action report with the addition of the hiring of teacher Jennifer Kelly

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Consideration of Interim Superintendent Candidates and Potential Action to Employ/Contract for an Interim Superintendent - Discussion/Action

Trustee Barrow said that following deliberations in closed session, a majority of the Board has decided to enter into a contract with the Marin County Office of Education to designate Terena Mares as interim superintendent. However, there are still details in the contract that need further clarification. This means that the Board will not take action tonight, but will do so at the next board meeting.

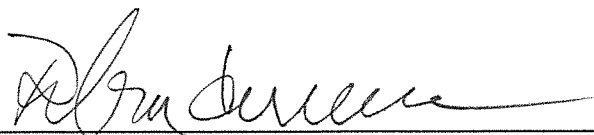
ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Newmeyer /Turner to Adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

 6/12/18

Signature/Date

Clerk

Title