

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 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 also attended the meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 6:08 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Barrow announced that three memoranda of understanding with the California School Employees' Association were approved in closed session with all trustees voting in the affirmative: 1. reclassification of the playground supervisor position, 2. temporary change in hours for one paraprofessional position and 3. a stipend for additional duties performed by the school site secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Newmeyer 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: 9.01 and 9.02, correspondence from the Department of General Services and Marin County Office of Education, 14.04, approval of the Willow Creek Academy oversight report and 14.06, the third interim budget. She said that she would leave the meeting during those discussions.

Trustee Newmeyer made the same comment.

M/s/c Newmeyer/Van Alst to Approve the Agenda

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Turner said she attended a presentation by Shore Up Marin where Marin City community members discussed ways to prevent erosion and stave off flooding. This was the culmination of a permaculture course for the community which was organized by Terrie Green.

Trustee Van Alst said she volunteered at the San Francisco Food Bank with her family. This is a great volunteer project for everyone, she told the audience.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jamie Whittington asked for a transparent rationale as to why two trustees on the Board have not recused themselves from the selection of a new superintendent. The options under discussion have varying financial implications which would warrant such a recusal, she said.

Presentation by the Seneca Family of Agencies - Unconditional Education Program

Robin Detterman of Seneca gave an overview of her agency's history and functions. She then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Unconditional Education Program and how it could be implemented at BMLK Jr. Academy.

Trustee Green asked about training for school staff. Ms. Detterman said that there would be five or six specific training sessions tied to the school's culture and climate goals. There would be between 3 to 5 training sessions throughout the year. She added that in a district such as Sausalito Marin City, which already has many outside service providers, Seneca would attempt to streamline those efforts.

At 6:57 p.m., trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst left the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Department of General Services Notice - Seismic Project 04-12-18

Superintendent McCoy said this notice from DGS frees up \$374K in grant money to go into the district's general funds.

Marin County Office of Education - Second Interim Review Memo

Superintendent McCoy thanked Kate Lane of MCOE for attending the board meeting and pointed out that, as expected, the district's budget certification has changed from positive to qualified.

At 7:4 p.m., trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst returned to the meeting.

Marin County Health & Human Services – Grant Notification -Unconditional Education Coach

Trustee Turner asked if the required 20% district contribution mentioned in the grant notification will come from general funds. Superintendent McCoy confirmed

Site Leadership Report

Principal Finnane said the administration has interviewed 13 candidates for elementary positions and will make offers on May 9. He thanked Dr. Shirley Thornton as well as school staff and parents for participating in the interview process.

A writing workshop will take place May 22-23 for TK-8 teachers as part of the district's professional development plan. He said that the kindergarten teacher Lauren Bunting will be honored tomorrow at a 10,000 Degrees function as outstanding teacher in Marin.

Willow Creek Academy

Head of School Tara Seekins said that the school submitted its charter renewal petition to the district this week. She reported that eight of the school's 8th graders will be taking courses at the College of Marin through Tamalpais High School's COMPASS program, which targets students who will be the first generation in their families to attend college. Willow Creek's K-2 students had a joyful and well-organized spring concert.

At 7:30 p.m., Trustee Barrow convened the special board meeting to continue the discussion around the superintendent search. The special meeting ran concurrently with the regular meeting.

Trustee Barrow said that the search firm retained by the District two years ago has guaranteed that it will conduct a new search at no cost if the District chooses to hire a superintendent in a permanent position.

Trustee Green said that there are several people in the community who would be interested in being a superintendent on an interim basis.

Trustee Barrow said he is leaning towards choosing an interim superintendent, given that we are going into elections in November which might change the composition of the Board.

Jeff Knowles, a member of the WCA board, said that he would advocate for starting the search right away. He also suggested looking at structural issues and principal/sup.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Payment of Warrants – Batches 39-41

Minutes of the April 2, April 17 and May 2 Board Meetings

Renewal of 60 Month Lease with Pitney Bowes for a Digital Postage Machine

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Approval of the Recreational Services and Facilities Use Agreement with the Marin City Community Services District

Trustee Green said that she would recuse herself from the vote as her husband is an employee of MCCSD.

M/s/c Turner/Van Alst to Approve the Recreational Services and Facilities Use Agreement with the Marin City Community Services District

Ayes: Barrow, Turner, Newmeyer, Van Alst

Noes: None

Recusal: Green

Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Seneca Family of Agencies

Trustee Green said we have not maximized the counseling resources that we already have. We are too quick to bring in new programs and organizations. We have also talked about our lack of space and the addition of this program will add to the problem.

M/s/c Turner/Newmeyer to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Seneca Family of Agencies

Ayes: Barrow, Turner, Newmeyer, Van Alst

Noes: None

Abstain: Green

Approval of the 2017-2018 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

M/s/c Green/Newmeyer to Approve the 2017-2018 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Approval of the 2018-2019 School Calendar

M/s/c Van Alst/Green to Approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

At 8:25 p.m., trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst left the meeting.

Approval of the Willow Creek Academy Monitoring and Oversight Report

Superintendent McCoy said WCA staff's commitment to curriculum and professional development is commendable. He thanked WCA and District staff members for their hard work on the project.

Kurt Weinsheimer thanked Tara Seekins as well as the WCA community for their hard work. He said that the academic performance of low-income and African American students is still a concern. He noted the improved achievements of that group and said that WCA's low-income and English learner students outperform their cohorts in Marin County and across the State. This is a nationwide problem and we are addressing it in each student, he told the Board.

M/s/c Green/Turner to Approve the Willow Creek Academy Monitoring and Oversight Report

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

At 8:42 p.m., trustee Barrow announced that the Board would take a short break. At 8:45 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

Approval of the Third Interim Budget Report

Interim CBO Amy Prescott said that the certification of the budget changed from positive to "qualified" at the second interim report. She then outlined the main changes reflected in the third report.

M/s/c Green/Turner to Approve the Third Interim Budget Report

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Approval of the Marin Community Foundation Grant Application for a Teacher on Special Assignment – Instructional Coach

Superintendent McCoy clarified that this is a one-year grant.

Bettie Hodges said there is not a lot of accountability for the various people who come into the district to offer services. We could have the best programs and intentions, but without a clear directive and leadership, efforts are wasted. Capacity building only works with prior preparation. She asked whether the District has prepared the children and staff for the new service providers coming in.

M/s/c Green/Turner to Approve the Marin Community Foundation Grant Application for a Teacher on Special Assignment – Instructional Coach

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Personnel Action Report

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

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

Approval of Teacher on Special Assignment (Instructional Coach) Job Description

M/s/c Turner/Green to Approve the Teacher on Special Assignment (Instructional Coach) Job Description

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst


ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Green/Turner to Adjourn at 9:24 p.m.

Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst

 6/12/18

Signature/Date

Clerk
Title