

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Superintendent: Will McCoy

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 6:12 p.m.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Trustee Barrow announced that the Board took action to approve a settlement agreement in case # 2017070980

Ayes: Barrow, Turner, Green

Noes: None

Abstain: Newmeyer, Van Alst

**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: Items 8.01 8.02 8.03: Correspondence; 9.01: Superintendent's Report; 12.03: Blackboard Connect Contract; 13.03: Revised 2017-2018 LCAP; 13.04: Unaudited Actuals 2016-17 District Budget; 13.05: Resolution 750 – GANN Limit.

She requested that items 8.01 to 8.03 be moved to the top of the agenda and the rest to the end of the agenda.

Trustee Newmeyer made the same comment.

**M/s/c Van Alst/Newmeyer to re-order the agenda as requested**

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

**Noes: None**

**AT 6: 17 p.m., trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst left the meeting.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Referring to the correspondence from the Marin County Office of Education, Jeff Knowles of the Willow Creek Academy Board of Directors said that this Board has the ultimate responsibility for all students, including those at WCA. We should consider the option of a single school to end this divisiveness, he

## **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustee Green said the first day of school was very enjoyable for both parents and students.

Trustee Turner said the first day of school was a joyous and outstanding beginning.

Trustee Van Alst said that she was very impressed with the art room exhibit at Back to School Night. Teachers Michael Stern and LeShawn Holcomb's teamwork was wonderful to see. She thanked Principal Finnane for all his hard work.

Trustee Newmeyer said the energy at the Back to School Night was electric.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Marilyn Mackel said that it is important to point out that the basis for the recusal of two of our trustees is not solely having children at the charter school but also the conflict that arises out of district board members acting in violation of their fiduciary duty to the Sausalito Marin City School District, the only entity for which they have governance responsibilities. Their sole responsibility to the charter school is one of oversight.

## **PRINCIPAL**

David Finnane thanked the Board for their comments regarding the first day of school. He said: We have a complete and competent staff with high expectations of themselves as well as the students. We have some work to do to clearly underscore our expectations of our students. Current enrollment is 129.

During our ten days of professional development, we worked on cultural competency, freedom school methodology, capturing kids' hearts, trauma informed systems and training with the publishers of the books in our curriculum. We are prepared to offer academically strong and relevant curriculum to our students. We will use the expertise of the WCA math teacher to offer training to our teachers for MAP testing.

## **COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

Jennifer Puckett gave a report on her visit to Venetia Valley Community School, where the focus is on the whole child as well as the community. The school offers help with nutrition, housing, employment support as well as parent education classes.

At Bayside MLK Jr. Academy, clubs have been set up in robotics, yearbook, cooking.

## **PARENT LIAISON**

Felicia Younger gave an overview of the Parent Center. She said that the school is laying the foundations for family engagement.

## **WILLOW CREEK ACADEMY**

Jeff Knowles read the report on behalf of Head of School Tara Seekins. Enrollment stands at 412.

## **MINDFULNESS PLAN**

Superintendent McCoy said that through a referral from Barbara Sapienza, we have found a coach, Chelsea True, who is willing to offer mindfulness training to our students - at no cost to the district - provided outside funding is found.

M/s/c Van Alst/Newmeyer to remove item 12.05, Approval of the 2017-2018 Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club, from the Consent Agenda

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

**Noes: None**

## **Roll Call Newmeyer/Van Alst to Approve the Following Consent Agenda items:**

Payment of Warrants – Batches 5-8

Minutes of the August 15, 2017 Board Meeting

Flocabulary Subscription for 2017-2018

2017-2018 Contract with Martha Merchant, Psy.D. for the “Transforming Trauma Workshop”

2017-2018 Educator Effectiveness Plan

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

**Noes: None**

## **2017-2018 Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club**

Amy Prescott said that the Boys and Girls Club has notified the district that it will be able to access \$20K in grants to supplement its budget.

M/s/c Newmeyer/Turner to approve the 2017-2018 Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club

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

**Noes: None**

## **Revised 2017-2018 Board Meeting Calendar**

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to approve the revised 2017-2018 Board Meeting Calendar with the exception of the May meeting which will be determined at a later date

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

**Noes: None**

## **2017-2018 Governance Calendar**

M/s/c /Turner/Newmeyer to approve the 2017-2018 Governance Calendar

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

**Noes: None**

## **Approval of Hiring of LeShawn Holcomb under a Variable Term Waiver, Multiple Subject Credential, 7/8 Grades, ELA and Social Science**

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to approve the Hiring of LeShawn Holcomb under a Variable Term Waiver, Multiple Subject Credential, 7/8 Grades, ELA and Social Science

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

**Noes: None**

**At 7:59 p.m. trustees Newmeyer and Van Alst left the meeting.**

## **Update on Corrective Actions Matrix**

Superintendent McCoy discussed several actions that have been completed or are still in progress.

## **2017-2018 Blackboard Connect Contract**

M/s/c /Turner/Green to approve the 2017-2018 Blackboard Connect Contract

**Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst**

**Revised 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan**

Superintendent McCoy explained that this revision contains a few technical corrections which were pointed out by the Marin County Office of Education.

M/s/c Turner/Green to approve the Revised 2017-2018 Local Control Accountability Plan

**Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst**

**2016-2017 District Budget Unaudited Actuals**

Interim Chief Business Official Amy Prescott gave a report on the 2016-2017 unaudited actuals.

M/s/c Turner/Green to approve the 2016-2017 District Budget Unaudited Actuals

**Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst**

**Resolution 750 – 2017-2018 “GANN” Limit**

Roll Call Green/Turner to Approve Resolution 750 – 2017-2018 “GANN” Limit

**Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst**

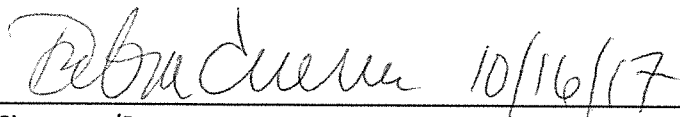
**ADJOURNMENT**

M/s/c Green/Turner/Green to Adjourn at 9:17 p.m.

**Ayes: Barrow, Green, Turner**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer, Van Alst**

 10/16/17

Signature/Date



Title