

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2019**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: Ida Green, Bonnie Hough, Debra Turner, Caroline Van Alst
Absent: Joshua Barrow

Interim Superintendent: Terena Mares

Trustee Hough participated via teleconference from the Conference Room at the Marriott Hotel, 614 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 5:04 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 6:12 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

Trustee Green said that the ongoing discussion with the California Attorney General's office in response to their investigation and letter dated December 11, 2018, is considered anticipated litigation, and therefore no information will be shared with the public at this time. A timeline for the resolution of this process has yet to be determined. The District will provide more information to the public as soon as it can.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Green led the pledge of allegiance.

REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA

Trustee Van Alst asked that the audit report be moved up to the Presentation category in the agenda.

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to Approve the Agenda as Re-organized

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Turner said that she was looking forward to an exhibit of Bayside MLK Jr. Academy students' artwork in Tiburon this coming Sunday.

Trustee Green said that on January 21, there will be a celebration of MLK Jr. Day at the Marin City Recreation Center. She said that the new standing desks are in place in the classrooms; many of the students are enthusiastic about using them.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ellen Franz said that the students' art exhibit will be at the Community Congressional Church's Rock Hill Gallery in Tiburon, with a reception this Sunday and a closing ceremony on February 23. This is the first event for the new Middle School Artists' Collective which has been set up to teach student every aspect of the work of an artist.

Julius Holtzclaw invited everyone to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event at the recreation center, when several people from the community, including staff at Bayside MLK, will be honored. These include Trellis Condra, LeShawn Holcomb and Julius Holtzclaw.

Jennifer Conway asked that the Board articulate a plan to bring in the larger community into the discussion around the Attorney General's report.

2017-2018 Audit Report

Michael Ash of Christy White Associates, the district's auditors, said that his firm looked at the financial statements and state compliance procedures of the District. He commended the District for going from 12 audit findings two years ago to five in 16-17, and none in 17-18.

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to Approve the 2017-2018 Audit Report

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

CORRESPONDENCE

Response to Potential Conflict of Interest Allegation – School and College Legal Services

Trustee Van Alst said that Board members have received a letter from Jeff Knowles in response to this correspondence. She asked that counsel prepare a reply for the next board meeting.

REPORTS

Superintendent

Ms. Mares said the Governor's new budget has some good news for schools in that it provides relief for all school districts by reducing their level of payment into the public retirement funds for teachers and classified employees.

Site Leadership

Principal Finnane said that the Tam high school registration event will be a cooperative event in conjunction with Willow Creek. In preparation for this, staff visited the home of every 8th grader and dropped off flyers to alert parents. Staff also visited families of English Language Learner students to hear their views of the school.

The search for an unconditional education coach continues.

The "scope and sequence" by grade level for history and social science will be presented to the Board in August.

Mr. Finnane said that he will be meeting with former principals Cherisse Baatin and Ruby Wilson to learn more about our school's history and strategies for helping our children. He said he is looking forward to making a proposal to the Board on the subject of capitalizing on the inherent strengths of our parents and students as we move forward.

Willow Creek Academy

Head of School Tara Seekins said that she will be leaving the school at the end of the school year to work in Central America as a member of the Peace Corps. She said that gaining international education experience has been an important goal and she is looking forward to the next phase of her career.

Kurt Weinsheimer said that Ms. Seekins has had an indelible impact on Willow Creek Academy. Her mission has been to educate all children to their highest capacity in a caring and inclusive environment.

Jennifer Conway said much of the WCA character is due to the care and spirit that Tara Seekins brings to her work.

Facility Report

This item was tabled until the February meeting.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION ITEMS

Superintendent Search

Trustee Green said that along with Trustee Barrow, she had a conversation with Bill Huyett of the search firm McPherson & Jacobson, which conducted the superintendent search for the District in 2016. She reported that the company has extended the period of its contract with the District to June 30, 2019. The Board hopes to begin the formal search process in March.

Interdistrict Attendance Report

Superintendent Mares said this report was written in response to public comments and a request from the Board. This year, BMLK has had eight requests for transfers in and 20 for transfers out of the school. Of the eight who wished to attend BMLK, seven were approved. In addition to these seven, there are eight other out-of-district students here who are siblings of students who were approved in previous years. Our record keeping in this regard must improve, so that we have a clear count of all transfer students and their siblings for every school year.

Regan Fulton said this is a challenge and needs to be addressed so that we know the actual figures.

Julius Holtzclaw said that there has been no intention to mislead the Board regarding the number of inter-district transfers. If the recordkeeping has not been adequate, it is because we have not had sufficient training to coordinate between school and district personnel.

Kurt Weinsheimer said he is surprised that 17% of BMLK students are out of district pupils. Over the years, out of district numbers at Willow Creek Academy have been called out by the Board, while at the same time, a similar situation was happening at Bayside MLK Jr Academy.

LCAP Goal #1, Student Achievement - Planned Actions and Services and Budgeted Expenditures

LCAP Goal #2, Community School, Metrics and Measureable Outcomes

Superintendent Mares said this work should be delegated to a sub committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the minutes of December 13 and 18, 2018 was tabled until the next regular meeting of the Board.

Roll Call Van Alst Turner/ to Approve the Following Consent Agenda item:

Payment of Warrants – Batches 19-20

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

At 8:06, the Board took a short break. The Board reconvened the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Public Hearing: California School Employees Association's (CSEA) Chapter #394 Initial Proposal for 2018 - 2019

Superintendent Mares said that this is the initial proposal to the District. The Board must approve receipt to allow negotiations to go forward.

M/s/c Van Alst /Turner to Approve Receipt of the Initial Proposal

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

Public Hearing: District's Initial Proposal to the California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #394 for 2018-2019

Trustee Mares said that the contract with CSEA requires that the District sunshine its proposal. This allows the negotiation to proceed.

M/s/c Van Alst /Turner to Approve District's Initial Proposal

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

Resolution 761 – Authorization to Sign on Behalf of the Board

Roll Call Van Alst/Turner to Approve Resolution 761 - Authorization to Sign on Behalf of the Board

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

Disposal of Surplus Materials

Ms. Mares said that she hopes to bring a similar list every month as we go through the materials in the Annex.

M/s/c Van Alst /Turner to Approve the Disposal of Surplus Materials

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

Superintendent's Goals

This item was tabled until next month.

Policy Updates

Trustee Van Alst said that this work has been moved to a separate committee to allow for ample review time.

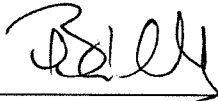
ADJOURNMENT

M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to Adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

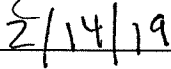
Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner, Van Alst

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow

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Signature/Date

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