

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 22, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Interim Superintendent: Terena Mares

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Van Alst 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 a child 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: All three correspondence items, 11.02: discussion of Local Control and Accountability Plan Review Timeline, 11.03: Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team/SMCSD - Corrective Actions Comparison, and 13.03: Consideration of an Early Payment to the Certificate of Participation Debt.

**M/s/c Green/Turner to approve the agenda**

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

**Noes: None**

**BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustees Green and Turner said they spent some time on the Bayside MLK Jr. Academy campus and were heartened to see students thriving and doing well.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Kenneth Wayne Price

Superintendent Mares said that like all classified staff at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy, Wayne Price has a deep connection to our children. As well as helping students in the classroom as a para-educator, he has coached students in several sports for many years. Now that he is at Tamalpais High School, we are happy that there will be another set of eyes looking out for our middle school graduates.

Mr. Price received a plaque from board president Barrow in appreciation of his 19 years of service to the district's children.

Big Ideas- Math Professional Development

Superintendent Mares said that Big Ideas has donated all our math textbooks for this year and provided professional development to our staff at no charge. They are valuable partners of our district and have offered to come back for more professional development in November.

## Candidate Forums

The Board expressed its appreciation to the following community partners for hosting candidate forums in the run-up to the November elections:

- Christ Episcopal Church
- Sausalito Presbyterian Church
- St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church
- Sausalito Cruising Club
- The League of Women Voters/Sausalito Woman's Club

At 6:24 p.m., trustee Van Alst left the meeting.

## CORRESPONDENCE

In reference to the letter received from the Marin County Office of Education regarding its review of the district's adopted budget, Superintendent Mares said that MCOE has asked the district to provide evidence of progress in its MOU negotiations with Willow Creek Academy and forward its agendas and minutes following the second interim budget.

Jim Henry, treasurer and board member at WCA, said it would be helpful to have a presentation on district spending in both schools to use as a baseline as we move forward with negotiations.

At 6:35 p.m., trustee Van Alst returned to the meeting.

## Superintendent

Superintendent Mares asked Diana Lopez, branch manager of the Marin City library, to give an update on the school library.

Ms. Lopez said that library technician Kayla Thompson has been key in transforming the library into a welcoming space for Bayside MLK Jr. Academy students. As a result of her work, many more students are eager to spend time at the library and read books.

Kayla Thompson said that she is working to keep the library doors open every day and concentrate on getting books in the hands of the students. The county library has provided Write Boards to cover the library tables so students can make notes as they are reading. Ms. Mares pointed out that this is an example of how a community school should operate.

Ms. Mares said that superintendents in Marin have been meeting with Dr. Nancy Dome in a series of workshops that look at our personal biases, institutional racism and how these manifest in our day-to-day lives. This has been deep and meaningful work and to see all superintendents participate is very heartening, she told the Board. She also attended a school-wide Safety Summit by Sandy Hook Promise.

## Site Leadership - David Finnane

Principal Finnane and instructional coach Andrea Keenan gave a presentation on the most recent Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) data.

Pointing out some of the low scores, Mr. Finnane said that Bayside MLK Jr. Academy will concentrate on the MAP assessment, which gives more information on current learning outcomes and the direction that our teaching should take. He said that he will continue providing a robust professional development curriculum as well as guidance on trauma informed instruction for all staff. He reminded the Board that this work will take time – the transformation of a school usually takes 5-7 years. He continued: We are committed to helping all students reach their highest potential. Culture and climate building has been very important on the campus. We want to foster and support our partnerships. We want to have kids see themselves in the books they read in our library. We have to learn from schools that have populations like ours. Currently, we do not have an intervention program at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy. We want to identify programs that have been successful with students of color and implement them at BMLK. We must also reach out to the families of our students and get out into the community to help our families in need.

### **Willow Creek Academy**

Superintendent Mares read out Head of School Tara Seekins's report in her absence. Ms. Seekins and the leadership team at BMLK discussed the recent CAASPP results and ways in which students achievement could improve. The goal at WCA is to increase student proficiency in math and language arts by four percentage points each year.

WCA had a great Walk and Bike to School Day, as well as a successful Fall Garden Party and Campus Work Day. Staff attended a professional development session centered on trauma-informed care facilitated by Angela Hopper, a special education teacher at Tamalpais High School.

### **Measure J – Tamalpais Unified School District Parcel Tax**

Superintendent Mares said that a letter of support for the Tamalpais Unified High School District Parcel Tax measure from Superintendent Tara Taupier has been included in the board packet.

Trustee Turner said that this measure is crucial to the education of all the children in our county.

At 8:10 p.m., trustee Van Alst left the meeting

### **Local Control and Accountability Plan Review Timeline**

Superintendent Mares said that Principal Finnane's comprehensive discussion of our assessment results is just one component of the district's resolve to align our actions, supports and resources with our LCAP goals. For the November board meeting, she proposed an analysis of some of the actions outlined in Goal 1 of the LCAP and how they align with our current activities and future objectives.

Trustee Barrow suggested having a workshop or sub-committee meeting in order to more fully discuss Goal 1 objectives.

### **Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team/SMCSD- Corrective Actions Comparison**

Superintendent Mares said the district received an update to the 2016 FCMAT report in August. Prior to this, the Board had created its own set of priorities for addressing the most pressing items in the list of corrective actions. Looking at both sets of reports, it seems that FCMAT and the District are in agreement regarding our

progress. Ms. Mares suggested bringing a regular update on corrective actions to the Board to help maintain focus on its priorities.

At 8:42 p.m. trustee Van Alst returned to the meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Payment of Warrants – Batches 7-10

Minutes of the September 13 and October 15, 2018 Board Meetings

Service Agreement with the California School Boards Association to Complete the District's Actuarial Study

Service Master Proposal to Clean Cafeteria Kitchen

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

**Noes: None**

**Sausalito District Teachers' Association Tentative Agreement with SMCS D for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019  
M/s/c Green/Turner to approve the Sausalito District Teachers' Association Tentative Agreement with  
SMCS D for 2017-2018 and 2018-2019**

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

**Noes: None**

**Tentative Agreement with the Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy Principal – Fiscal Years 2017-2018  
and 2018-2019**

**M/s/c Van Alst/Green to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy  
Principal – Fiscal Years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019**

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

**Noes: None**

At 8:43 p.m., trustee Van Alst left the meeting.

##### **Early Payment to the Certificate of Participation Debt**

As there was no motion, the item failed.

At 8:54 p.m., trustee Van Alst returned to the meeting.

##### **Public Hearing - Resolution 760 – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

Dr. Thornton asked the Board to consider the absence of foreign language instruction in the curriculum.

David Suto said that because we have not had a stable roster of teachers in our classrooms for a number of years, we do not have an adopted curriculum for most grades in science and history. He pointed out that instruction in science reinforces math and reading skills.

##### **Roll Call Green/Turner to Approve Resolution 760 – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**


**ADJOURNMENT**

**M/s/c /Turner/Van Alst to Adjourn at 9:12 p.m.**


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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: None**

 11/8/18

Signature/Date

  
Title