

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 9, 2018**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

Absent: Thomas Newmeyer

Interim Superintendent: Terena Mares

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board and Superintendent convened to closed session at 4:37 p.m.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Open session reconvened at 7:04 p.m.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Van Alst led the pledge of allegiance.

**REORGANIZATION OF AGENDA**

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**M/s/c Van Alst/Green to Approve the Agenda Re-organization**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer**

## **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustee Green said that she was happy to see the school at capacity with students attending various programs throughout the summer.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Bettie Hodges of the Hannah Project, Paul Austin of Play Marin and Diana Lopez of the Marin City Library gave an overview of the summer immersion programs at Bayside MLK Jr. Academy. Other organizations leading programs were Bridge the Gap College Prep and the Manzanita Children's Center. This year the consortium of programs served 188 children in the community. As well as math, reading and library time, the children participated in tennis, swimming, volleyball and baseball. They enjoyed art lessons and visited the Marin County Fair.

Dr. Shirley Thornton said that children also took part in the end of summer music academy offered through the Center for Excellence. Students had lessons in choral music, drumming and music theory. The Center hopes to expand this offering for next year.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Superintendent Mares said that the update to the 2016 FCMAT Report (Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team) lists several recommended actions to the District. She said that she would compile an inventory of the District's current corrective actions, check for discrepancies and bring the results to future meetings.

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

Ms. Mares said that she hopes to finalize an agreement with a neighboring district for the shared services of a Maintenance & Operations Director.

Turning to pending legislation, she said that AB 2808 which proposes an increase in funding for California schools, is not likely to pass during the current legislative session.

Ms. Mares proposed that the Board discuss the LCAP in installments, rather than try to tackle the entire document in one meeting. She said that the overview of each of the four goals could take between two and three months.

## **SITE LEADERSHIP- David Finnane**

Principal Finnane said the school is fully staffed for the first day of school. We are working with the Marin County Office of Education to complete the paperwork for a provisional credential for a PE teacher.

Professional development days for our staff will include training in the teaching of math, as well as team building activities.

### **Willow Creek Academy**

Head of School Tara Seekins said that enrollment stands at 405. Orientation meetings will begin next week for all grades. Teachers have been participating in professional development training, including Next Generation Science Standards, project-based learning and restorative justice.

### **District Response to Case Matter No. 2017-0092**

Trustee Barrow said that while the discussions around the Uniform Complaint to the California Department of Education have been taking place in closed session, the district response is included here for full transparency.

Marilyn Mackel said that a review of the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) report on corrective actions and the District's response to the California Department of Education shows that there has been no change on the key issue of segregation. The FCMAT report says that the District has not monitored Willow Creek Academy's recruitment practices which have led to the current racial and economic imbalance of the student population in Sausalito/Marin city.

Your attorneys should be guiding you to make progress in these areas, she concluded.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Payment of Warrants – Batches 49-50 (2017-2018) and batches 1-5 (2018-2019)

Minutes of the June 26 and July 11, 2018 Board Meetings

Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

Donation of \$699 by the Howson, Lynch and Macleod Families for Field Trip Transportation to the Richardson Bay sanctuary in May 2018

Renewal of Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment Licenses Purchase from NWEA - \$1,912.50

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer**

Memorandum of Understanding with the Boys and Girls Club to Provide After School Services for 2018-19 (one year only) in the Amount of \$122,850 (Renewal).

The board directed administration to consider other after-school program opportunities, including a request for a detailed budget and cost for additional children.

**M/s/c Van Alst/Green to approve the MOU with the Boys and Girls Club**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer**

Renewal of Contract with Infinity Communications for eRate Consulting - \$4,500.00

**M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to approve the Contract with Infinity Communications**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer**

Memorandum of Understanding between the Sausalito Marin City School District and Seneca Family of Agencies for an Unconditional Education Coach

**M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to approve the MOU between the Sausalito Marin City School District and Seneca Family of Agencies for an Unconditional Education Coach**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer**

Governance Calendar

The board requested administration to re-work the Board Governance Calendar and to bring to a future meeting.

Memorandum of Understanding between the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence and the Marin County Office of Education to Reimburse the District for the Costs Associated with the Community School Coordinator during the 2017-18 School Year and to provide in-kind support during the 2018-19 School Year.

**M/s/c Green/Turner to approve the MOU between CCEE and MCOE to Reimburse the District for the Costs Associated with the Community School Coordinator during the 2017-18 School Year**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**M/s/c Van Alst/Turner to Adjourn at 9:53 p.m.**

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

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Newmeyer**



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