

**SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2014**

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present: William Ziegler, Caroline Van Alst, Thomas Newmeyer, Shirley Thornton Ed. D.
Absent: Joshua Barrow
Superintendent: Steve Van Zant

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board and Superintendent convened closed session at 4:31 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened 6:02 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Thornton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ORDER

The agreement with Skoollive to provide informational kiosks was dropped from the agenda. The remainder of the agenda order was approved.

Newmeyer/ Thornton/All to approve the amended agenda order.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee Thornton said that she has enjoyed being the acting principal at Bayside MLK for the past week. It has been a wonderful experience and I have learned a lot. It is a rewarding job, she said.

Trustee Van Alst said that she had attended her second meeting as a trustee of the Marin County School Board Association. MCSBA is starting to plan events for superintendents and trustees; there will be a meeting in December and another one in March. The focus of the first meeting will be math articulation, with breakout groups for trustees of high schools, middle schools and elementary schools to start conversations and plan future events.

Trustee Newmeyer said that Michael Harris, an exceptional member of this community, died this past week. His wife Barbara served on the school board in the sixties and all three of his children went to Bayside school. He was a San Francisco Chronicle reporter and in 1953 wrote a 12 part series entitled "Your Secret Government" after being continually kicked out of school board meetings. This led Assemblyman Ralph Brown to propose what eventually became the Brown Act.

Trustee Newmeyer added that for the past year, despite our preliminary agreement with Johnathan Logan and the Marin City Community Services District, no action has been taken regarding the ball field, so the board will start to look at all options to get the necessary work done in a timely manner.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Alan Rothkop, the director of maintenance and operations, said that all the bike racks are installed and being used. The pathways at Willow Creek Academy have been completed. Soon we will have a perimeter fence around Bayside MLK. The special education van is working well. We had an earthquake drill at Bayside MLK and it went well. Next month, we will have a fire drill and have the fire department critique it so that we can improve our procedures. After that, we will practice with a lockdown drill. Trustee Thornton asked if teachers could drive the van. Mr. Rothkop said yes, provided the schedule is coordinated with him.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Van Zant said it is good to see Dr. Thornton back in the saddle as principal. He said that he will be attending a meeting with Marin Promise regarding community schools. Julie Auslander is acting as our coordinator in this endeavor, he explained. The Board will be looking at a tentative agreement with the teachers' union tonight; we have negotiated a very similar agreement with the classified employees which we will bring to the Board at next month's meeting. We are also putting together a committee to look at health insurance options for the district. We may get a tenant for 33 Buchanan to generate a little revenue for the district.

WCA REPORT

Clark Warden said that enrollment at Willow Creek Academy stands at 357. Over 100 students have signed up for the After School Program; so far it is working well and everyone is pleased. WCA community very much appreciates the new pathways, he said.

CONSENT AGENDA

Roll Call /Thornton /Van Alst/ All to approve the following consent agenda item:

Minutes of the September 9, 2014 Board Meeting

Memorandum of Understanding with Marin Head Start

Quarterly Report: Williams Uniform Complaints Act

Agreement with the Spaulding Wooden Boat Center

Personnel Action Report

Payment of Warrants – Batches 11-15

Field Trips

Tentative Agreement with the Sausalito District Teachers Association

Superintendent Van Zant said this agreement calls for a 2% increase in the salary schedule, as well as a one-time 2% off-schedule payment in December. In addition, salaries will increase by 2% next year. The hourly rate for teachers will go up to \$45 from the current \$35.

Thornton/Van Alst/All to approve the Tentative Agreement with the Sausalito District Teachers Association

Board Requests Update

Superintendent Van Zant said that the teachers just completed training in the instruction of Spanish. He has met with Tom Demund, a Sausalito resident who has offered to assist us with starting a foundation for the

school. We hope to make it an arts-focused foundation, a long-term institution that serves as a legacy of our tenure at the district.

We had five students who transferred from MLK to WCA, this time with ample advance notice. Enrollment at MLK is now at 162 students.

Bond Capacity and Financial Calendar for Potential Bond Election

Superintendent Van Zant said that he met with Mark Pressman of Wulff, Hansen & Co., the district's municipal bond advisor. He said: The attached chart shows a timeline of the bond payments due from the district. I have asked him to come back for our next meeting and explain his recommendations for refinancing some of the bonds which will save the taxpayer considerable sums of money. If the District decides to propose a new Bond issue in the 2016 election, we will begin the process of polling to see at what level taxpayers are willing to support us.

Resolution 710 – Elimination of Certain Classified Positions and Layoff of Classified Employees

As a result of a Memorandum of Understanding with Willow Creek Academy, which stipulates that the charter school will be responsible for its own custodial services, the district will be restructuring its custodial/maintenance department. This calls for the elimination of one custodial position and the reclassification of two positions from custodial worker to custodial worker/driver/groundskeeper.

Roll Call /Newmeyer/ Van Alst/All to approve Resolution 710 – Elimination of Certain Classified Positions and Layoff of Classified Employees

CBEDS/Enrollment Report

Chief Business Officer Paula Rigney said that each year, we report the number of students enrolled on the first Wednesday in October. This year's enrollment of 159 is up by 10 students over the same time last year. The number for Willow Creek Academy on that date was 354.

Change Order No. 1 – MLK Landscape Improvement Project

This change order will result in a credit which will be added to our deferred maintenance funds.

Van Alst/Newmeyer/All to approve change order #1 – MLK Landscape Improvement Project

Change Order No. 3 – MLK Civil Improvement Project

Thornton/Newmeyer/All to approve Change Order No. 3 – MLK Civil Improvement Project

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Newmeyer/Van Alst/All to approve the following Board Policy:

Board Policy 1150 – Community Relations–Commendations and Awards

Thornton/Van Alst/All to approve the following Board Policy:

Board Policy 1160 – Community Relations – Political Processes

The following policies were brought to the Board for a first read:

Administrative Regulation 1321 – Community Relations – Solicitation of Funds from and by Students

Trustees asked that the paragraph relating to door-to-door sales by students be made clear to indicate if this activity will be permitted and if so for which age groups. Superintendent Van Zant said that he would discuss it with the teachers and amend the regulation for the next meeting.

Board Policy 1325 – Community Relations – Advertising and Promotion

BOARD REQUESTS

Trustee Van Alst asked for an update on assessments.

ADJOURNMENT

Thornton/Newmeyer /All to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Caroline Velt 11/18/14

Signature/Date

Clerk

Title