## SAUSALITO MARIN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 5 2019

**ATTENDANCE** 

Board Members Present: Joshua Barrow (Present for Open Session Only), Ida Green, Bonnie

Hough, Debra Turner

Absent: Caroline Van Alst

Interim Superintendent: Terena Mares

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened the closed session at 5:39 p.m.

## **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Open session reconvened at 6.05 p.m.

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

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Turner led the pledge of allegiance.

## **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Trustee Barrow said that in light of recent assertions by the Attorney General's office, that he has a potential conflict of interest in participating in matters arising from the Attorney General investigation and their ongoing process, due to the proximity of his home to Bayside MLK Jr. Academy, he has chosen to abstain from all matters involving BMLK until further guidance can be provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission.

Trustee Barrow said that he does not agree with the assertion and hopes to be back as soon as possible.

At 6:10 p.m., trustee Barrow left the meeting.

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Jennifer Conway said that trustee Barrow has been a trustee for some time and she wondered why this issue has been brought up at this time. She said that she hopes there will be some communication from the District to make clear the exact nature of the issue.

Marilyn Mackel said it appears that there are planned demonstrations which aim to use kids to bring petitions to the Board at its February meeting. She said it is clear that the ruling by the Attorney General, which reflects a breach of fiduciary duty by previous boards, has not been understood.

# Superintendent Search – Discussion and possible action related to the search for a new Superintendent

Trustee Turner said that the brochure previously used by McPherson & Jacobson must be updated. She added that the skills and know-how of the search firm should be supplemented with the district's own process, so that this becomes a robust effort to hire the right person. The brochure must make clear our intention to make this a community school, include the history of Marin City, and enumerate our specific criteria, she added.

Ms. Mares recommended forming an ad hoc committee of two, including trustee Van Alst who was Board president during the last search as one member, to proceed with the search effort. Trustee Green said she will reach out to trustee Van Alst to ask if she is interested. Trustee Turner said that she would be interested in being the other member.

M/s/c Turner/Hough to Form an Ad Hoc Committee to Move Forward with the Superintendent Search with McPherson & Jacobson

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner

**Noes: None** 

Absent: Barrow, Van Alst

## Copier Lease - Discussion and possible action related to the conversion of the district's copier lease

Ms. Mares said that the district's copiers are both color machines and require a lot of maintenance. We are now nearing the end of the 5- year lease for these copiers, so we have reached out to the company and asked for options for replacing them. The proposal is to have three copiers, with a separate color machine for school use. This will mean that the main copier for the school will be black and white and not subject to frequent breakdowns. The new lease agreement will save the District approximately \$2300 a year.

M/s/c Hough/Turner to Contract with Discovery Systems for Three New Copiers, Two for Bayside MLK and One for the District Office

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: Barrow, Van Alst

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

The Board convened the closed session at 6:31 p.m.

## RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Open session reconvened at 7.45 p.m.

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

**ADJOURNMENT** 

M/s/c Turner/Hough to Adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes: Green, Hough, Turner

**Noes: None** 

Absent: Barrow, Van Alst

Signature/Date

Title