



NOVATO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Highlights December 8, 2015

STUDENT PRESENTATION

Two seniors from San Marin's Global Academy described the program and presented their current environmental engineering projects. One project was redesigning the San Marin garden and the other project redesigned the layout of the school. Here is the link to the student project for redesigning the school:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWnNTiif8qs&feature=youtu.be>



BOARD REORGANIZATION

The Board of Trustees honored Cindi Clinton for her 20 years of dedicated service on the Board.

Greg Mack, newly elected Board Member, and reelected Board Members were sworn in by County Superintendent of Schools, Mary Jane Burke.

The Board then nominated and elected Derek Knell as the new Board President and Tom Cooper as the new Board Clerk/Vice President. Congratulations Trustees Knell and Cooper!



STAFF REPORT

- **Update on Proposed Solar Photovoltaic Project:** Karen Maloney, Assistant Superintendent Business & Operations, reported that Sage Renewables has completed the feasibility study and that three of NUSD sites would either not produce savings or present barriers to construction. Those sites are the Hill Education Center, the District Office and the corporate yard.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued December 4 and responses are due January 15, 2016 for potential solar vendors. A selection committee will review the top two or three firms on January 22, 2016, with a recommendation to the Board on January 26, 2016.

The district is moving somewhat quickly due to the Net Energy Metering (NEM) rules changing in June or July 2016 and the Federal Tax Credit of 30% reverting to 10% on January 1, 2017 (this is significant to those who use Power Purchase Agreements.) These are important financial incentives that the district wants to benefit from as well as stabilize and reduce energy costs for the next 25 years.

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Information regarding possible placement of solar panel structures was presented to school principals on November 6, 2015, and they have since been sharing this information with their school communities. Information can also be obtained on the [NUSD website](#).

In January 2016, the District will hold two community meetings to present the findings of the feasibility studies and will ensure that school neighbors are informed of the date, time and location of these meetings. Those two meetings are:

- **January 14, 2016, 6-8 pm, San Marin High School Library**
Proposed solar projects for the following schools will be reviewed: San Marin, Sinaloa, Pleasant Valley, Lu Sutton, San Ramon and Olive
- **January 19, 2016, 6-8 pm, Novato High School Library**
Proposed solar projects for the following schools will be reviewed: Novato High, San Jose, Rancho, Lynwood, Loma Verde and Hamilton

Please see the Staff Report for more information. ([Staff Report 8.a.](#))

DISCUSSION/ACTION

- **Approve WLC Architects as Selected Firm for the Development of a District-Wide Educational Facility Master Plan:** The Board of Trustees approved the selection of WLC Architects to develop the NUSD Educational Facility Master Plan. It was determined that an educational facility master plan was needed to completely understand the district's education facility needs, including the impact of the shift to 21st Century learning on classrooms and learning spaces. Three firms were interviewed by the Facilities Committee and WLC Architects was recommended. The contract will be presented to the Board at the December 15, 2015, Board Meeting. ([Discussion/Action 12.a.](#))
- **Student Technology Pilot:** The Board of Trustees approved the proposal to begin a district-wide student device pilot in January 2016. The objective of the pilot is to increase students' and teachers' access to technology in the classroom and collect data about how to support a larger technology plan.

The pilot will be for a select group of teachers at each school level (elementary, middle, and high school) and they will be able to choose the technology they would like to use (iPad, Chromebook, etc.) ([Discussion/Action 12.b.](#))

- **Joint-Use Agreement between NUSD and the New Media Learning Center, Inc.:** The Board of Trustees approved the Joint-Use Agreement with the New Media Learning Center that will be located at the NUSD Community Education Center (CEC). The NUSD CEC currently is home to the new South Novato Library and with the addition of the New Media Learning Center, the NUSD CEC will offer a library, makerspace lab, media center and model classroom in four learning pods. These learning pods will provide the space for programs that will allow teachers and students the opportunity to explore new technology, develop new teaching pedagogies, and to build and create projects that might be the results of Project Based Learning curriculum. A grand opening for the NUSD CEC is tentatively scheduled for January 29. ([Discussion/Action 12.c.](#))