

SFUSD superintendent set to resign

Board considers separation deal for Wayne amid turmoil over leadership, closure plan

By Jill Tucker

San Francisco schools Superintendent Matt Wayne was expected to resign Friday, ending weeks of conjecture and debate over his ability to lead the district through a fiscal crisis and planned school closures.

The city's school board posted a notice for an emergency meeting at 5 p.m. Friday to vote in closed session on what sources said was a separation agreement tied to Wayne's departure.

If approved by the full board, in

the deal would immediately end Wayne's employment with the district, sources familiar with details told the Chronicle. Wayne's de-

parture is not unexpected given concerns about his leadership in recent months by school

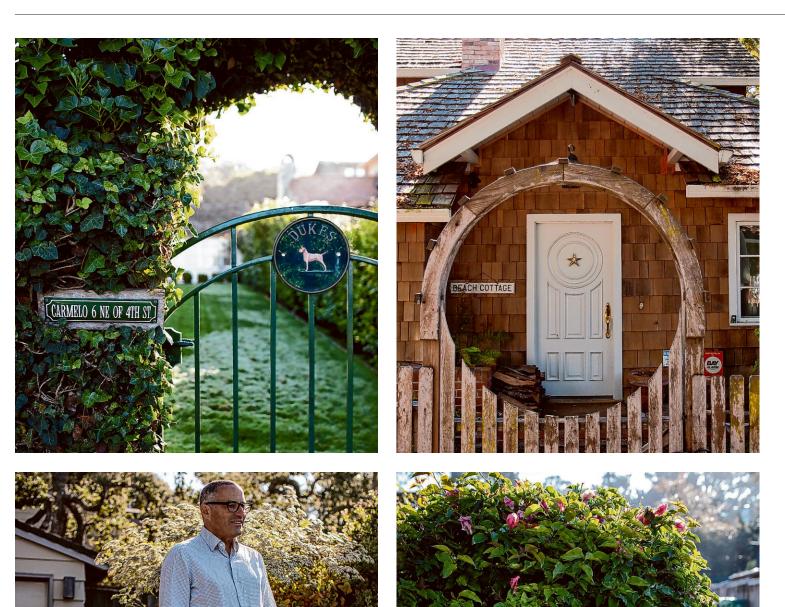
Wayne

board members, who convened a first emergency meeting in late September to address Wayne's performance after a series of missteps. More recently, Mayor London Breed said she had lost faith in his leadership amid a fractious and chaotic school closure process.

Wayne, who has a base salary of \$325,000, would presumably be replaced by an interim superintendent during what could be a monthslong search for a new leader for the 48,000-student district.

It was not immediately clear how Wayne's departure would affect the school closure process and whether the district would push forward with his initial plan or pause any effort to shutter sites.

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CCSF resorts to financial gimmicks, critics say

By Nanette Asimov

As he runs for reelection, Alan Wong, president of the City College of San Francisco Board of Trustees, has accused the college of using improper "financial gimmicks" in recent years to make its meager reserve funds look better than they were.

But some finance experts say it appears that Wong and the current leadership are now doing the same thing.

College administrators revised the new budget last month and made the emergency reserves look \$8.4 million fatter by including a noncash asset: a lease to rent their Mission District campus for 75 years that they paid off decades ago.

Wong and the board approved that budget on Sept. 12. Asked why he approved



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Carmel-by-the-Sea could vote by next year on whether to establish numbered addresses in a village that has relied on identifying names on homes. Mayoral candidate Jeff Baron, lower left, is among those who view the matter as a safety issue.

Numbers over names?

By Connor Letourneau

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA — Jeff Baron was walking his dog through a residential area of this moneyed beach town last month when the mayoral candidate paused to admire the view.

Butterflies perched on a moss-covered pedestrian bridge. Birds chirped in towering oak trees. Decorating the nearby Carmel divided on using a more conventional system of addresses Swiss Alpine chalets and storybook English cottages were, instead of numbered addresses, identifying names such as "Sunburst," "The Gazebo" and "Foggy Bottom."

"The beach here is spectacular," Baron said, "but neighborhoods like this are what's really magical about this place." Many residents worry that Carmel *Carmel continues on A9*

Most expensive park in city's history opening

By Sam Whiting

A security fence in place for decades along the Bayview-Hunters Point shoreline will come down Saturday to reveal the dramatic transformation of a derelict boatyard into the most expensive city-owned park in San Francisco history.

A preview this week provided a close-up look at 900 Innes Park, which will eventually be the centerpiece of a chain of parks and easements linking 1.7 miles of southeastern San Francisco shoreline and 64 acres of open space.

An inviting front porch terraces down steps to a newly constructed pier large enough to land a helicopter on. A gangway then ramps down to a floating dock that juts 300 feet into India Basin.

The view eastward from there is to the Oakland skyline. *Park continues on A10*

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this year's revised budget with the Mission lease in its reserves, which he has repeatedly called a gimmick, Wong suggested there was no problem in doing so.

"My entire point of bringing up this issue is to ensure we are not dependent on a financial gimmick" to meet the minimum reserves required by the state, he said, insisting that the budget would satisfy the minimum even without the lease.

Yet, without that lease, the college's reserves drop into the danger zone in just three years. Experts consulted by the Chronicle said colleges are not allowed to include "prepaid" expenditures in the re-CCSF continues on A8