

**CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADOPTED MINUTES**

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>April 27, 2010</u>
Place:	<u>District Administration Office</u>	Time:	<u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>4034 Irving Place</u>		<u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u>
	<u>Culver City 90232</u>		<u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

Board Members Present

Steven Gourley, President
Scott Zeidman, Esq., Vice President
Karlo Silbiger, Clerk
Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Member
Patricia Siever, Member

Staff Members Present

Myrna Rivera Coté, Ed.D., Superintendent
Ali Delawalla
Gwenis Laura, Ed.S.
Patricia Jaffe, M.S.

Call to Order

Board President Mr. Gourley called the meeting of the Culver City Unified School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:05 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Mr. Ari Noonan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Mr. Gourley reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session regarding issues listed on today's Closed Session agenda and announced that no reportable actions were taken.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman to adopt the April 27, 2010 agenda with the removal of item 12.5 since it was not passed by the legislature. Ms. Siever seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Mr. Gourley called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Mr. Zeidman requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. Mr. Silbiger requested that item 9.4 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Silbiger to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1, 9.3, and 9.5 - 9.8 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Special Meeting - April 6, 2010; and Minutes of Regular Meeting - April 13, 2010

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts - Donations

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 18

9.6 Enrollment Report

9.7 Proclamation in Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-8, 2010)

9.8 Proclamation in Recognition of Classified Employee Appreciation Week (May 16-22, 2010)

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders

Mr. Zeidman requested this item be withdrawn to comment on Purchase Order numbers 54791, 54792, and 54794. He requested that all legal bills be made available for Board members to review. All Board members agreed to this request. Mr. Zeidman stated that he felt there would be a decrease in legal fees if the statements were reviewed. George Laase inquired as to why there was no quarterly report included with the Purchase Orders disclosing any Board member expenses. He stated his concern about no Board Policy being in place requiring disclosure, and requested that a Board Policy be made for regular disclosure. Ms. Paspalis inquired about #54784. Ms. Laura stated that the item was for research evaluation for the FLAP grant for El Marino, and was paid for by FLAP grant funds. Ms. Paspalis inquired about item #54811. Mr. Delawalla explained that this item was for new locks for the lockers at the high school. Ms. Siever requested balances for the accounts on a quarterly basis. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to approve purchase orders from April 3, 2010 through April 16, 2010 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 18

Mr. Silbiger withdrew this item so that he could state his opinion on item Ia, the Director of Pupil Services Position. He commented that his decision was nothing personal against the individual, but he would be voting no on this item because he felt the position should be opened up to the application process and not just be done on a promotional basis. Dr. Coté read a brief bio of Mr. Sotelo's accomplishments as he progressed through the District. It was decided that the Board would vote on this one item separately. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman to approve the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 18 not including item Ia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Paspalis. The motion was unanimously passed. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve item Ia on Certificated Personnel Reports No. 18. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - Ayes and 1 - Nay by Mr. Silbiger.

Mr. Gourley asked Ms. Siever to read the Proclamation in Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week. Mr. Mielke accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the teachers. Mr. Gourley read the Proclamation in Recognition of Classified Employee Appreciation Week. Debbie Hamme accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the classified employees.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**10.1 American Citizenship Awards**

Dr. Coté and the Assistant Superintendents read the names and accomplishments of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of April. The recipients were Adriana Marble from El Marino School; Ellen Yohannes from El Rincon Elementary; Michael Duran from La Ballona School; Julia Tan from Linwood E. Howe School; Isabel Kasch from Farragut School; Thu Win from Culver City Middle School; Tyler Fuchsberger Love from Culver Park High School; and Daisy Trinidad from Culver City High School. Board members presented each recipient with a pin and certificate; and thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting.

11. Public Recognition**11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté reported on her attendance at the State's 2010 Title I Academic Achieving Schools event at the Disneyland Hotel. La Ballona was the Culver City school recognized at the event. La Ballona will be honored again on June 4th as a 2010 California Distinguished School. Dr. Coté mentioned she was unable to attend the Farragut Art Auction but heard that it was amazing. She stated she had the pleasure of installing the members of next year's PTA Council at the annual PTA Honorary Service Awards Dinner, and that it was quite a party. Dr. Coté informed the Board of upcoming events including her attendance on May 7th at a special County meeting regarding the reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Act, *A Blueprint for Reform*, which recommends changes to the current No Child Left Behind Legislation. She will also be attending a meeting on May 6th at Las Virgenes School District with Mr. Sotelo to further discuss the challenges presented by the LAUSD permit mandate.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Laura reported on the Celebration of Integration of the Arts partnership. She stated that the Music Center has expressed their ongoing support for the upcoming school year. Ms. Laura also announced that the scheduling of the California Standards tests is in place.

Mrs. Jaffe reported on her attendance with Pam Magee, Culver City High School Principal, at Disney Hall to see a performance by AVPA students. She stated it was a great performance and thanked Lisa Michel and Tony Spano for their hard work and dedication. Mrs. Jaffe stated that each site and department would be receiving one of the Proclamations that were read honoring teachers and classified employees; and her department is now working on the Employee Appreciation event.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- David Mielke stated that he was happy La Ballona was being recognized as a California Distinguished School. He encouraged the Board to maintain the District's commitment to music. Mr. Mielke provided a bargaining update and felt that negotiations did not need to go to impasse. He would like to get back to negotiations and find common ground.

11.4 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

Evan Wilson, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including the upcoming testing dates; Teacher Appreciation Week; upcoming Spirit Week activities; and the middle school's last dance of the year.

Culver Park Student Representative

Jessica Romo, Culver Park High School Student Representative, was not present.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Noya Kansky, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including Earth Week events; the AVPA's performance of Pippin; the beginning of STAR testing; updates on sports; The Cove documentary being shown on May 7th at Robert Frost; and the last blood drive of the year taking place on May 25th.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Silbiger asked for support from his colleagues in his request to potentially move the location of the Board meetings. Mr. Gourley and Mr. Zeidman agreed. Mr. Silbiger reported on his attendance at the Board Workshop regarding "greening" the District. Mr. Delawalla stated he had been in touch with Edison and he has a meeting set up for the following day. Mr. Silbiger reported on his attendance at the AVPA performance of Pippin and encouraged everyone to see it. Other events he attended were Farragut's Art Works and the PTA Honorary Service Awards Dinner. He was very impressed with the Anti-Bullying Task Force and District Community Arts Team (DCAT) meetings he attended.
- Mr. Zeidman reported on his attendance at Farragut's Art Works, the PTA Honorary Service Awards Dinner, and the middle school dance. All were great.
- Ms Paspalis thanked Ms. Siever for bringing Mr. Larry Eisenberg to the District to present information on "greening" the District. Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the PTA Honorary Service Awards Dinner.
- Ms. Siever thanked Mr. Larry Eisenberg for his attendance at the Board Workshop and thanked Dr. Coté for facilitating the meeting. Ms. Siever thought the workshop was excellent.
- Mr. Gourley commented on Mr. Mielke's message to the Board on salary, and stated that the paradigm is shifting. Mr. Gourley stated that everybody will have to take a much larger cut. Mr. Gourley explained that a counter-offer is not an acceptance of the original offer.

12. Information Items

12.1 Potential Impact of Eliminating New Secondary Permits at CCUSD - Drew Sotelo

Mr. Sotelo gave a presentation on the potential impact from the elimination of secondary permits. Cary Anderson asked why the district can not have an application fee. Mr. Zeidman explained that it would be illegal. Mr. Anderson also inquired as to how many children living in Culver City are not attending the schools in the District. He also asked if the Board could revisit the Ladera Heights annexation. Neil Rubenstein asked what the District's drop-out rate was, and thought that trying to keep those students in school would help. Dr. Coté responded that the drop-out rate was very low. Ms. Paspalis inquired as to the percentage of students on permit from LAUSD. Mr. Sotelo said about 20% of the permit students are from LAUSD and only about 2% are from Inglewood. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Gourley stated that information from the Census might help the District to gather information. Ms. Siever stated that there are mythologies in the community about students on permits. She asked if the Board could get a demographic print-out or information about the students on permits. Mr. Zeidman read his statement where he expressed that the permits at the middle school and high school have been very high and

the schools are over crowded. He feels that the Board needs to slowly and methodically relieve the District's reliance on permits. Further discussion ensued about ways to come up with a cap for the number of permits accepted. Mr. Silbiger had questions for follow-up such as how many students can comfortably fit in each classroom; what size school would provide the student with the best education; and how permit students compare to resident students. Mr. Zeidman confirmed that there will have to be additional cuts and now is the time to make those cuts. Ms. Siever stated that the Board also would have to think about programs having to be cut.

12.2 2010-2011 Budget Update - Ali Delawalla

Mr. Delawalla provided an update on the 2010-2011 budget for the District. Mr. Delawalla responded to questions from audience members.

12.3 First Reading of Revised Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 4127/4227/4327, Temporary Athletic Team Coaches

Mrs. Jaffe presented the information to the Board. Further discussion ensued. The Board Policy and Administrative Regulation will be brought back for approval.

12.4 First Reading of Revised Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1240, Volunteer Assistance

Mrs. Jaffe presented the information to the Board. Casey Chabola stated his concern with volunteers that go on field trips. He did not think they had to go through the same clearance as volunteers that participate in the classrooms. He thinks there should be additional language in the policy. Further discussion ensued. The Board agreed to add language for a Live Scan requirement for volunteers who plan on attending field trips.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items

14.1a Approval is Recommended for a Board Member to Attend the California School Boards Association's (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Meeting in Sacramento, CA, May 22-23, 2010

Dr. Coté presented information. Mr. Silbiger congratulated Ms. Siever on her appointment. He felt that the Board needed to be consistent on what items they would approve for conferences. Mr. Silbiger stated he was okay with continuing with the policy as long as it stayed consistent. Mr. Zeidman stated that the Board needs to look at the item as a twice a year approval since there are two meetings a year. Ms. Paspalis moved to allocate item #1 only. The motion was seconded by Mr. Silbiger. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - Ayes; 0 - Nays; and 1 - Abstention.

14.1b Approval is Recommended for Board Member Protocols Suggested at Special Meeting, April 6, 2010

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve Board Member Protocols Suggested at Special Board Meeting, April 6, 2010 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Suspended Expulsion of Case #21-10

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Suspended Expulsion of Case #21-10 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Approval is Recommended for the Carl Perkins Grant Application 2010-2011

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Carl Perkins Grant Application 2010-2011 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for the Third Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment

Neil Rubenstein stated that he was totally against this item. He stated that the previous Board rejected the ideas presented in this Board Policy and inquired how many students would be in this "legacy program." Ms. Siever thanked staff for being so diligent and Mr. Sotelo for providing the information that she previously requested. She read a statement giving her views on the policy and possible negative impacts of approving this policy. Ms. Siever stated that even though she knows her colleagues will pass it, she would be voting against the policy. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board adopt Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - Ayes and 1 - Nay by Ms. Siever.

14.3 Business Items

14.3a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #37/2009-2010 Approval of Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2010-2011

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Silbiger that the Board approve Resolution #37/2009-2010 Approval of Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2010-2011 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items

14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #38/2009-2010 (HR), Implementing Certificated Layoff (Terminating Services of Certificated Employees) and Providing Direction to Issue Notifications to Employees Whose Services are Terminated

Mr. Silbiger stated his concerns about three of the positions. He moved to remove the music teacher from the list. His request failed for lack of a second to his motion. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve Resolution #38/2009-2010 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - Ayes and 1 - Nay by Mr. Silbiger.

14.4b Approval and Adoption of Indefinite Action for Management, Confidential and Other Unrepresented Employees for 2010/2011 School Year

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board adopt the Indefinite Action for Management, Confidential and Other Unrepresented Employees for 2010/2011 School Year as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4c Approval is Recommended for Confidential Job Description - Personnel Technician

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Confidential Job Description - Personnel Technician as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business - None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Ms. Paspalis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary