CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADOPTED MINUTES

Meeting:	**Regular Meeting**	**Date:**	**December 8, 2009**
Place:	**Linwood E. Howe Elementary Cafetorium 4100 Irving Place Culver City 90232**	**Time:**	**5:30 p.m. – Public Meeting 5:31 p.m. – Closed Session 6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting**

Board Members Present	**Staff Members Present**
Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., President	**Myrna Rivera Coté, Ed.D., Superintendent**
Saundra Davis, M.A., Vice President	**David El Fattal, M.B.A.**
Steven Gourley, Clerk	**Gwenis Laura, Ed.S.**
Scott Zeidman, Esq., Member	**Patricia Jaffe, M.S.**
Dana Russell, D.D.S., Member	

Call to Order

Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos 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 5:31 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 6:03 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Mayor Andrew Weissman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Dr. Beagles-Roos 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

Dr. Beagles-Roos pulled item 11.2a from the agenda and moved item 11.3a to follow Board Business. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adopt the December 8, 2009 agenda as amended.

9. Consent Agenda

Dr. Beagles-Roos called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Mr. Gourley requested that 9.1 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.2 – 9.4 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants
9.3 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 10
9.4 Classified Personnel Reports No. 10

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – November 24, 2009

Mr. Gourley withdrew this item to include information in the Minutes that were omitted. He stated that Karlo Silbiger had provided suggestions on how to improve CBAC including specifying the frequency of meetings, including students and MACCS representatives, and allowing members to choose their own chairperson. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Minutes of Regular Meeting – November 24, 2009 be approved as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Information Items

10.1 Official Election Results

Dr. Beagles-Roos presented the Official Election Results and asked if there were any comments. There were no comments from audience members.

11. Action Items

11.1 Superintendent's Items – None

11.2 Education Services Items

11.2a Approval is Recommended for the Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #07-09

This item was pulled from the agenda.

12. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

12.1 Recognition of Measure EE Campaign Committee

Dr. Beagles-Roos explained what the purpose of Measure EE was and stated that there was a wide range of work that was done in order to get the Measure passed. Board members took turns briefly mentioning the work of each committee member and presented them with a certificate. Mr. Gourley took a moment to point out that the Measure passed with the help of the successful Board candidates and overwhelming support of the community.

12.2 Recognition of and Remarks from Retiring Board Members

Dr. Coté asked the retiring Board members Dr. Beagles-Roos, Mrs. Davis, and Dr. Russell to stand up and join her near the podium to receive their Proclamations. She gave a brief introduction to the Mayor of Culver City Andrew Weissman who presented Proclamations from the City of Culver City to the retirees. Jackie Hawthorne, a representative from the Los Angeles African American Political Action Committee spoke in salute of Saundra Davis and presented her with a commendation. Mason Frazier, a representative from the Blair Hills Homeowner Association, thanked the outgoing Board members and gave a special note of appreciation to Saundra Davis. He presented Mrs. Davis with a plaque of appreciation on behalf of the Blair Hills community. The Culver Marina Pacesetters spoke in recognition and appreciation of Saundra Davis for her service to the youth of Culver City and presented her with a plaque. In closing, Dr. Coté thanked the Board retirees for their years of dedicated service and presented them with a plaque.

Dr. Russell thanked the voters and citizens of Culver City, and stated that serving on the Board had been a wonderful experience. Mrs. Davis read a speech where she expressed her gratefulness and appreciation to the voters of Culver City and supporters in Los Angeles. She also thanked the students and stated she felt that they taught the Board great lessons. Mrs. Davis also read her accomplishments that she was proud of while serving on the Board; and stated that she plans to continue working for the people of Culver City only in a different capacity. Dr. Beagles-Roos read a speech where she noted her involvement with the District over the past thirty years. She stated that she would be continuing to volunteer for the District; and that the District has had significant progress over the past eight years and will continue to do so.

13. Board Business

13.1 Oath of Office for Incoming Board Members

Ms. Kathy Paspalis introduced her family members that were present and introduced the Honorable D. Zeke Zeidler who was the swearing her in. Judge Zeidler spoke of his experience as a Board member in another school district and gave his thoughts on the accomplishments of Ms. Paspalis. Patricia Siever was sworn in by Dr. Mark Rocha, President of West Los Angeles College. He spoke of his relationship with Ms. Siever and stated that it was a privilege to do the installation. Ms. Siever introduced her family members that were present and spoke about how she was looking forward to serving in the District. Karlo Silbiger was sworn in by his parents, Gary Silbiger and Barbara Honig. Gary Silbiger introduced the rest of their family that were present and expressed how proud he was.

13.2 Annual Governing Board Organizational Meeting – Ed. Code 35143

Dr. Coté opened the nominations for President. Mr. Zeidman nominated Mr. Gourley. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Paspalis. With no further nominations the Board voted unanimously for Mr. Gourley to serve as President. Mr. Gourley thanked the new Board for electing him as President, and thanked his wife Sharon for all of her support. Mr. Gourley called for nominations for Vice President. It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to nominate Mr. Zeidman. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to close the nominations. With no additional nominations, the Board voted unanimously for Mr. Zeidman to serve as Vice President. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to nominate Mr. Silbiger as Clerk. There being no additional nominations the Board voted unanimously for Mr. Silbiger to serve as Clerk. It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to nominate Ms. Siever as the Voting Representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) and Representative to Elect Members to the County

Committee on School District Organization. There being no additional nominations, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Silbiger to close the nominations. The Board voted unanimously to elect Ms. Siever as the Voting Representative to LACSTA and Representative to Elect Members to the County Committee on School District Organization. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Silbiger to nominate Ms. Paspalis as Parliamentarian. There being no additional nominations, the Board voted unanimously to elect Ms. Paspalis as Parliamentarian. Volunteering to serve as the Representative to the Board of Education/City Council Liaison Committee were Mr. Zeidman, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Siever as the alternate. The Board voted unanimously to keep the representatives as stated. Volunteering to serve as the Representative to the Youth Health Center Committee was Steve Gourley. The Board voted unanimously to keep the representative as stated. Volunteering to serve as the Representative to the District Community Arts Committee was Karlo Silbiger. The Board decided at this time there would be one representative instead of the usual two. The Board voted unanimously to keep the representative as stated. The Board unanimously decided to discuss at a later date if anyone would serve as a Representative to the Career Advisory Committee. Volunteering to serve as the Liaison to the Culver City Education Foundation was Ms. Siever. The Board voted unanimously to keep the liaison as stated.

13.3 CSBA Delegate Assembly Nomination

Ms. Siever inquired as to what the position would entail. Dr. Coté responded and gave her a brief description of the position with CSBA. Ms. Siever stated that she would be interested in the position after doing more research with CSBA.

Dr. Coté reminded the Board that they still needed to vote on item 11.3a.

11. Action Item

11.3 Business Items

11.3a Certification of Signatures for Warrants, Orders for Salary Payment, Notices of Employment and Related Documents

Mr. El Fattal presented the information to the Board. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certification of Signatures for Warrants, Orders for Salary Payment, Notices of Employment and Related Documents as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14. Public Recognition

14.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Coté welcomed the new Board members on behalf of herself and the Assistant Superintendents.

14.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

No reports at this time.

14.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- David Mielke thanked all of the Measure EE volunteers for their hard work. He thanked the outgoing Board members and welcomed the new Board members; and wished them all well on behalf of the teachers.
- Jonathan Abud the President and Founder of the CCHS Student Union provided the Board with information on what the Student Union does.

14.4 Members of the Board of Education

Board members spoke about:

- Mr. Zeidman welcomed the new members.
- Mr. Silbiger thanked everyone for their support. He spoke about what CCUSD has given him and shared the history that he has with the District. Mr. Silbiger commented on what topics would be coming up for

the Board during the rest of the school year. He thanked the Board, the Superintendent and staff for taking time out of their days to meet with him; and his parents for all of their support.

- Ms. Siever gave a brief bio of her upbringing and spoke about her passion with education. She spoke of how she's seen first hand how education can change a person and how the students are the future. She thanked her family for their support. Ms. Siever expressed that the Board should also give Ari Noonan credit for all of his hard work.
- Ms. Paspalis thanked her parents and the rest of her family for coming to the meeting and supporting her.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Mr. Gourley and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Approved: _________________________ _________________________

Board President Superintendent

On: _________________________ _________________________

Date Secretary