

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>January 27, 2015</u></b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b><u>District Administration Office</u></b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b><u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>
	<b><u>4034 Irving Place</u></b>		<b><u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u></b>
	<b><u>Culver City 90232</u></b>		<b><u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>

**Board Members Present**

**Nancy Goldberg, President**  
**Steven M. Levin, Ph.D., Vice President**  
**Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Clerk**  
**Susanne Robins, Member**  
**Laura Chardiet, Member**

**Staff Members Present**

**David LaRose, Superintendent**  
**Kati Krumpe**  
**Leslie Lockhart**  
**Mike Reynolds**

**Call to Order**

Board President Ms. Goldberg 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 7:00 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. El Marino student Darren Chew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report from Closed Session**

Ms. Goldberg 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 Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Dr. Levin that the Board adopt the January 27, 2015 agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**9. Consent Agenda**

Ms. Goldberg called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. No items were withdrawn from audience members or Board members.

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Chardiet to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.8 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 13, 2015

9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts

9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 10

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 10

9.6 Acceptance of Enrollment Report

9.7 CCMS Teacher Kelly Wilcox and CCS Math Department Chair, Keao Tano to Attend the NCTM 2015 Annual Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, April 14-19, 2015

9.8 CCMS Counselors Sarah Slemmons, Jeanine Lizotte and Christina Monroy to Attend the American School Counseling Association 2015 Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, June 28-July 1, 2015

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**

**10.1 American Citizenship Awards**

Mr. LaRose and the Assistant Superintendents read the names and accomplishments of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of January. The recipients were Darren Chew from El Marino School; Rebecca Levine from El Rincon Elementary; Harrison Reilly from La Ballona School; Nicolas Johnson from Linwood E. Howe School; Andrew Ward from Farragut School; Julianna Santillana from Culver City

Middle School; Anthony Guerro from Culver Park High School; and Taylor Selfridge, Deja Yopp, Daniel Butler and Jamme Rice 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.

### **10.2 Spotlight on Education - Linwood E. Howe Elementary School**

Kim Indelicato, Principal at Linwood Howe, presented information to the Board about the school's new instructional programs such as guided reading and the Writers Workshop. The students are loving writing and increasing their vocabulary in the Writing Workshop. She also presented information on CGI (Cognitive Guided Instruction). A total of three-hundred and ninety students and eighteen teachers have participated in the program. Ms. Indelicato presented information on the Professional Learning Community (PLC) and what they have been working on at the school site such as intervention programs for students that need more time, and Positive Behavior Intervention (PBI). Other programs Ms. Indelicato reported on were the TK through 5<sup>th</sup> Music Program for 2014-2015; and the new Sailing to Success College and Career Program which launched January 12, 2015. The Sailing to Success Program will get the students learning about college and starting to have the conversation about going to college and what they want to be when they grow up. The school also had a mural installed as part of the program launch. There is now a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Recognition Program that is sponsored by the Culver Hotel. The students being recognized will be allowed to invite one person to have breakfast at the Culver Hotel. Ms. Indelicato also spoke about the Linwood Howe classic programs such as academic, music, art, and physical education which are all very important.

### **10.3 Music Center Art Integration**

Leonardo Bravo, Director of School Program and Cammy Truong, Project Director at the Music Center shared a presentation celebrating the five year partnership with the District in arts education and integration. The presentation emphasized the sustained progress that was made in the classrooms for our students. The presenters thanked Superintendent LaRose for having a vision for the District and Dr. Krumpke for her continued support of the program. They discussed the professional development for 30-40 teachers per year who then bring what they've learned to the classrooms. They also spoke about using the Anchor Work Approach where each grade level has a different focus. They thanked the principals and teachers for embracing the program and Traci Pumilia for her program implementation. Ruth Morris also spoke about the opportunity to work with the Music Center and how it reinvigorated her in her teaching.

## **11. Public Recognition**

### **11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mr. LaRose reported on the all staff district emergency training that took place on Pupil Free Day. CCFD Chief White and Christine Parra from CCFD helped to facilitate the day. He informed the Board of the events that took place. He gave a follow-up report on the ROP funds from LACOE. Mr. LaRose also spoke about the evolution of growth of the capital projects and commended Mike Reynolds for his dedication working with the construction at each individual school site.

### **11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Dr. Krumpke reported on the growth of teachers in one year. She stated that she has been in classrooms observing what the teacher have learned in their respective trainings. Dr. Krumpke has also noticed that student confidence has increased. The Guided Reading has kicked off with the dual language teachers today, and they working very hard with acceleration pathways for the immersion students. There will be a meeting on Friday for the Math Acceleration Committee.

Mrs. Lockhart informed the Board that she will be submitting the school calendar at the next Board meeting for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years. She stated that in 2015-2016 school will begin on August 24<sup>th</sup> and end on June 10, 2016. She will be working on the 2016-2017 school year calendar tomorrow.

Mr. Reynolds reported that there will be a summer calendar for the capital projects so that the schools and community will be aware of what improvements are being made at the sites. He stated that he had a great meeting at Robert Frost regarding the improvements to that site. There will be the audit presentation later in the evening and it looks like the District is in great financial shape.

**11.3 Student Representatives' Reports****Middle School Student Representative**

Falon Legeaux, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including their Pennies for Patients fundraiser that earned \$2,000 which was \$750 more than last year. Tickets to the Valentine Fest will be on sale as of Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. She informed the Board about the school celebrating Green Pride and they are starting the Water Bottles for School Program. Miss Legeaux also informed the Board about that there is no field for the baseball team right now which is raising concerns.

**Culver Park Student Representative**

Ya'Elle Wright, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on the progress being made with the beautification efforts at Culver Park High School. She stated that the Director of M.O.T. Mike Korgan has attended the last meeting to discuss Culver Park's campus into more of a park setting.

**Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member**

Natalia Saucedo, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the Centaur Plus assembly on January 28<sup>th</sup>; the Talent Show to take place on February 20<sup>th</sup>; and the Non-Profit Fair to connect students with other businesses for their community service hours taking place on February 6<sup>th</sup>. She spoke about the success during the trial period of having the library open until 5:00 p.m. Mr. LaRose stated that he has received positive feedback about the extension of the library hours. He also stated that the stoplights on Elenda and Barman are a top priority as Miss Saucedo has expressed the concerns of the students regarding traffic at previous meetings.

**11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- George Laase commented about the lack of lighting maintenance at the Del Goodyear Gym. The same four lights that were out last June are still out. Last Friday three more lights were out for a total of seven lights that are not working. This speaks to a sense of pride at the school and they should be fixed.
- Eileen McDonald stated that she serves on the Alameda Board of Education and she is impressed with the District. There are so many wonderful things happening in the District and she is impressed with the iAcademy. She also stated that the Counseling Center had wonderful speakers.
- Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin who is representing the United Parents of Culver City (UPCC) spoke about recent reports in the news about students in the District and stated that she realizes some information regarding litigations is sensitive. The UPCC would like to see more information for the parents regarding additional programs for student safety and well being. Mr. LaRose stated that he has been in touch with UCLA to look into possible programs regarding student safety and well being.

**11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Paspalis wanted to wished her twins a Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Their birthday was on January 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Chardiet stated that she likes the way the District emergency training trickled down to the classrooms. She supports Culver Park High School's campus looking more like a park. She informed the Board about her attendance at the Adult School Conference which she enjoyed and the Budget Priorities Forum at Dorsey High School. Ms. Chardiet acknowledged Mr. LaRose for his leadership last week which was a difficult time with the District receiving negative news reports over alleged student activity.
- Ms. Robins reported on her attendance at the Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting; Professional Development; Power of US Meeting; and the Budget Priorities Forum.
- Dr. Levin wished Ms. Paspalis' children a Happy Birthday and to his son Brian who turns ten on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Levin suggested that Culver Park possibly get some parents to help with their beautification efforts and possible fundraising. Dr. Levin also suggesting having a meeting regarding safety at the school sites to bring the community together. He announced the there will be an Improv Show at the Middle School on February 7<sup>th</sup>. He also suggested sharing the Spotlight on Education presentation with the other schools to publicize each site.

- Ms. Goldberg stated that State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson opposes the cap on the district reserves which is a big topic of conversation in education right now. She also reported on the installation of the new West Basin Municipal Water Board Members; her attendance at the Democratic Club; and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration. Ms. Goldberg saw the movie Selma which she said was excellent. The Sandy Segal Health Center Fundraiser will take place on February 21<sup>st</sup> and they will be honoring David LaRose, and Michael and Judy Bauer.

**12. Information Items**

**12.1 Environmental Sustainability Committee Presentation**

This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**12.2 HplusF Frost DSA Submission Timeline Update**

Three representatives from HplusF provided the Board with an update on the DSA submission. They provided information on controlling costs and stated that the stage will be the majority of costs. The explained to the Board what would be necessary to comply with all codes/regulations. They met with the Division State Architect who was pleased with their work. The catwalk will also fit in the budget; and Black Box Studio will now have 112 seats and will also serve as a dance studio. Further discussion ensued regarding the timeline. There is a possibility for construction to start in June and end by January 2016. George Laase asked if there will be one large air conditioning unit. Alex Sexsmith stated that there will be several smaller units instead of one large unit.

**12.3 2013/2014 Audit Report**

Ms. Tanya Rogers, Partner of the certified public accounting firm of Christy White, Professional Accountancy Corporation presented information regarding the 2013/2014 Audit Report. She highlighted certain pages and provided a summary. There were no federal findings to report. She thanked the staff for their assistance and cooperation from the whole audit team.

**13. Recess**

The Board recessed at 9:02 a.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

***RECESS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CONVENE THE MEETING OF CULVER CITY SCHOOL FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (CCSFFA)***

Ms. Goldberg recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:11 p.m. and opened the meeting of the Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority.

**1.0 Approval of Construction Project Payments**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board of Directors of Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority approve payment to Balfour Beatty Company as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes by Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

***Ms. Goldberg adjourned the Meeting of the Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority at 9:12 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.***

**14. Action Items**

**14.1 Superintendent's Items - None**

**14.2 Education Services Items**

**14.2a Approval is Recommended for the contract between S.T.A.R.**

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the contract between S.T.A.R, Inc. and Culver City Unified School District as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.3 Business Services Items****14.3a Resolution #10/2014-2015 Continued Funding to Support CTE/ROP Programs**

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Dr. Levin that the Board approve Resolution #10/2014-2015 Continued Funding to Support CTE/ROP Programs as amended. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.3b Approval is Recommended for the Ratification for the Filing of the Notice of Completion for Solar Panel Project**

It was moved by Mr. Chardiet and seconded by Dr. Levin that the Board approve the Ratification for the Filing of the Notice of Completion for Solar Panel Project as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.3c Approval is Recommended for the Agreement with SCI Consulting Group**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Agreement with SCI Consulting Group as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.4d Approval is Recommended for the Ratification of Agreement with UCLA**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve the Ratification of Agreement with UCLA as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.4e Approval is Recommended for the Agreement with Christy White Associates to Conduct the Financial and Performance Audits of Measure CC Bond**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve the Agreement with Christy White Associates to Conduct the Financial and Performance Audits of Measure CC Bond as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.4f Approval is Recommended for the Agreement with Christy White Associates to Conduct Annual Financial Audit of Measure EE Parcel Tax**

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Agreement with Christy White Associates to Conduct Annual Financial Audit of Measure EE Parcel Tax as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.4g Approval is Recommended for the Agreement with Encorp Environmental to Provide Environmental Services**

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Agreement with Encorp Environmental to Provide Environmental Services as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.4 Personnel Items**

**14.4a Approval is Recommended for the Ratification to the 2014/2015 Adult School Kids Enrichment Summer Program Schedule**

Ms. Paspalis asked why the program was being changed from four weeks to three weeks. Mrs. Lockhart responded that it will be easier to hire teachers to work the program and they will not have to cancel classes. The teachers will still have some time off for the summer. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve the Ratification to the 2014-2015 Adult School Kids Enrichment Summer Program Schedule as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.4b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #9-2014/2015 (HR) Regarding Variable Term Waiver Request**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve Resolution #9-2014/2015 (HR) Regarding Variable Term Waiver Request as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**14.4c Approval is Recommended for the Agreement with Reilly Workplace Investigations**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Agreement with Reilly Workplace Investigations as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

**15. Board Business**

**15. Board Self-Evaluation**

Ms. Robins completed the Board Self-Evaluation. She answered most of the items yes except for item number 3; and item number four she was not very sure how to answer. She felt that most times they treated each other with respect and courtesy.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Ms. Chardiet and unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board President Ms. Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

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Superintendent

On: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Secretary