

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>September 24, 2013</u>
Place:	<u>Culver City City Hall</u>	Time:	<u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>Mike Balkman Chamber</u>		<u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u>
	<u>9770 Culver Blvd.</u>		<u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>Culver City 90232</u>		

Board Members Present

Katherine Paspalis, Esq., President
Patricia Siever, Professor, Vice President
Nancy Goldberg, Clerk
Laura Chardiet, Member
Karlo Silbiger, Member

Staff Members Present

David LaRose, Superintendent
Kati Krumpe
Leslie Lockhart
Mike Reynolds

Call to Order

Board President Ms. Paspalis 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 7:15 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Jerry Chabola's grandchildren, Sierra, Hannah, Kayla, and Joey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Ms. Paspalis 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.

7. Public Hearing

7.1 Williams Textbook Sufficiency

Ms. Paspalis opened the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. With no comments from the audience Ms. Paspalis closed the Public Hearing at 7:17 pm.

8. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Paspalis suggested amending the agenda by moving the item 14.1a up on the agenda to follow the Consent Items. It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Chardiet to adopt the September 24, 2013 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Ms. Paspalis called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Mr. Silbiger requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn. Ms. Siever requested that items 9.2 – 9.4 and 9.8 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.5 – 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 4

9.6 CCHS Girls Basketball Team and Girls Soccer Team Overnight Field Trips to Participate in Tournaments

9.7 Enrollment Report

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – August 27, 2013; and Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 10, 2013

Mr. Silbiger corrected the name Laura Balkman on page 14 to Flora Balkman. He also requested that the word "consider" be added to page twelve under his comments so that it reads "...suggestions to consider." It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve the Minutes of Regular – August 27, 2013 as amended and Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 10, 2013 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Ms. Siever requested to withdraw this item to comment on the matter of non-public schools. Ms. Siever requested status as to the staff looking into lowering the expenditures. Mr. LaRose stated that he believe at the time staff was thinking that more services could be brought to the District. The challenge turned out to the space needed. Culver Park moved into the location that was being considered. He stated that focus has no been shifted to Santa Monica to see if they have the space. Mr. LaRose stated that the first SELPA meeting was this week where it could be further discussed.

9.3 Approval is Recommended for Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

Ms. Siever asked about the HVAC donation that previously was for El Marino and wanted to know exactly what it was, and why it states “all schools” now. Mr. Reynolds stated that a local vendor has donated a system to figure out the air particular which includes air conditioning.

9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 4

Ms. Siever asked for this item to be withdrawn to inquire about the extra assignments. She wanted to know how much was being spent quarterly on extra assignments. She has previously requested this information and stated that she was curious to know before she leaves the Board. Mr. Reynolds agreed.

9.8 Acceptance of Board Compensation Report

Ms. Siever requested this item be withdrawn because she wanted it noted that she has donated her salary for serving on the Board for the past two years to the Culver City Education Foundation. This amount was over \$5,000.00. George Laase the amount stated reflected an 8% increase in the Board’s salary instead of the Board approved 2% that the staff received. Ms. Paspalis explained to him that it shows the same 2% but the amount reflected the whole year plus the retro amount. Mr. Reynolds informed Mr. Laase that he has the figures and that Mr. Laase was welcome to come by his office to provide any further clarification.

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Silbiger that the Board approve items 9.1 as amended, and 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, and 9.8 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14. Action Items**14.1a Approval is Recommended for the Naming of CCUSD Facility**

The following are comments from audience members regarding the naming of the Culver City High School Athletic Stadium:

- Roy Gonzalez, Student Board Member, read a memo from Carlos Valverde, Teacher at Culver City High School, recommending that the athletic stadium be named the Jerry Chabola Stadium.
- Ms. Paspalis read a Resolution from the High School Student Council of 2013-2014 endorsing the naming of the CCHS Stadium in honor of Jerry Chabola.
- George Laase read a statement from his daughter, Katie Laase, who attending the High School. She spoke of her experience with Jerry Chabola as one of her teachers and how much he impacted her. Mr. Laase also read his own statement in support of the stadium being named after Mr. Chabola.
- Mr. LaRose asked the Board if he could interrupt. He informed the Board of the Facility Naming Committee that was put together and what members were on the committee.
- Jodi Reichel, PTA President, spoke about the contributions Mr. Chabola has made to the District and his accomplishments. She shared with the Board how he had such a positive impact on her children and how much of a difference he has made in the community. Ms. Reichel stated her support of the stadium being named in honor of Mr. Chabola.
- Mike Cohen stated that in two decades Mr. Chabola changed the world of Culver City high School. Mr. Cohen spoke about all of the programs that Mr. Chabola implemented at the High School. He also praised Mr. Chabola for his encouragement to donors who assisted in different upgrades for the athletic fields over the years. Mr. Chabola was the Athletic Director for 16 years.
- Lloyd Dixon President of the Culver City High School Booster Club informed the Board of what the Booster Club does for the High School and stated that Jerry Chabola was one of the founders of the

Boosters. Mr. Dixon informed the Board that the Booster Club Board endorses naming the stadium in honor of Jerry Chabola.

- Nancy Burne, representative from the CCHS PTA, read her statement on behalf of the PTA who unanimously approved Mr. Chabola as the name for the stadium. Ms. Burne also read many of Mr. Chabola's accomplishments at the High School.
- Tom Salter, current Athletic Director, spoke to Mr. Chabola's accomplishments in the Athletic Department and how he has hired most of the great coaches that the Athletic Department has. On behalf of the department Mr. Salter endorsed the naming of the Athletic Stadium after Jerry Chabola.
- Dylan Farris, Principal of Culver City High School, spoke about how he worked alongside Mr. Chabola for twelve years and what a great experience it was. Mr. Farris said that no person has advised more students, been more of a mentor, or spent more time on campus than Mr. Chabola. He stated that Mr. Chabola is the epitome of servant leadership. Mr. Farris thinks that recognition should be given to Mr. Chabola by naming the Athletic Stadium after him.

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the naming of the athletic stadium at Culver City High School the Jerry Chabola Stadium. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jerry Chabola thanked the current and previous Board of Education. He thanked the coaches and especially thanked Mr. Tom Salter for his continued support and hard work. Mr. Chabola thanked Mr. Farris as his colleague and for all that they have learned from each other over the years. Mr. Chabola stated that we all need to work on behalf of the students. He thanked the Balkman family, especially Flora who really pushed to move forward with the athletic field. Mr. Chabola thanked his family and his son Casey who he knows was very supportive of getting the field named after him. Mr. Chabola also thanked his wife of over forty years, Janet Chabola. Mrs. Chabola came up and shared the moment with Jerry Chabola as he thanked her for always being supportive of his endeavors.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 Celebrating US – Summer Lunch Program Presentation

Jennifer Slabbinck, Principal at La Ballona Elementary, opened her remarks by stating that Jerry Chabola has been someone that she has been seen at her sight very often and is always supportive of the needs of the schools. He has really set his mind on helping those students that are less fortunate and has been a big part of the Backpack Program at her sight. Ms. Slabbinck spoke about how the program came to fruition and the partners that came together to help feed children over the summer that are low on food at home. Julie Garcia, Food Services Director, spoke about the lunches that were served and how many children were served over the summer. Audrey Stephens, Director of the Office of Child Development, informed the Board of the many community members that volunteered, and the business community that provided activities for the children, and other business partners that came to the program to volunteer. Mr. LaRose introduced some of the community partners that were in attendance and thanked them for all of their time that they put into the program. He introduced "Celebrating the US in CCUSD" which is a goal for monthly celebrations and acknowledgments of those who model our belief that "Success for All Takes US ALL!" This represents the first time honoring those who made our Summer Program enriching, rewarding and memorable for so many children. Mr. LaRose gave certificates and specially made District t-shirts. Ms. Goldberg mentioned that in one of the Power Point slides there was a photo of community member Andy Alexander playing the guitar. She said that Ms. Alexander stated that she had such a good time volunteering and would like to do it next summer. Madeline Ehrlich commented on a woman who took her child on the bus to the program and thought it was great. Mrs. Ehrlich hopes that the program grows next year.

10.2 Student Achievement Presentation

Dr. Krumpke presented information on student achievement in the District. She spoke about what assessments and evaluations are given in the District and compared the District scores to the County and the State in Mathematics and English Language Arts. She stated that the trend is that Culver City performs higher than Los Angeles County and State averages both overall and in all significant subgroups; that significant achievement gaps exist between our higher and lower performing subgroups of students in both demographic (African-American,

Hispanic) and programmatic (English Learners, Socio-economically Disadvantaged) students; and while our English Language Learners are making progress, specific grade level gaps exist. Mr. Silbiger stated that it was a little hard to read the slides in his Board packet so he appreciated that there was more information provided in the presentation. He suggested taking an even broader look at the information. He would like to see what the next steps would be, and have a discussion on where the Board would like to see education go in the District. Dr. Krumpke stated that this was just an “initial exposure” and it shows that this is the way the District is moving. We will be soliciting more input from the Board in the future. Ms. Paspalis commented on a book that Mr. LaRose has called *Data Wise* which does not just look at the data, but looks at it in a broader spectrum. Dr. Luther Henderson stated that it is gratifying that we are leading the way in comparison to the County. California is forty-seven now but he wanted to know how the District ranked not only nationally but globally. Dr. Krumpke stated that NAPE is a national ranking company and that she can bring that information forward at a future Board meeting. Further discussion ensued.

11. Public Recognition

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

There is no Middle School Student Representative at this time.

Culver Park Student Representative

There is no Culver Park High School Student Representative at this time.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Roy Gonzalez, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including sports updates on the football team's loss, the girls volleyball team being undefeated and an update in tennis. He stated that on November 7th the AVPA will have their fall play which is “Twelve Angry Men.” Mr. Gonzalez stated that Dance is making the curriculum at the High School and the Youth and Government class has begun. There was a record time open and closing for sign-ups for the class. The planning for the Centaurian Leadership Conference is almost complete. He stated that he invited Mr. LaRose to a leadership planning session. Mr. LaRose commended Mr. Gonzales and the ASB on how they were planning for the conference using their creativity and innovation. Mr. LaRose encouraged everyone to participate. The Leadership Conference is on October 29th.

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mr. LaRose reported on his attendance at an Emergency Preparedness meeting which focused on the District-wide objective and how we prepare and partner with other resources in the City. The emphasis throughout the school year is the training of our leaders. It is important that all of the departments at the District office are all aware of how we should operate in case of an emergency. Mr. LaRose also participated with the Fire Department meeting today.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Dr. Krumpke reported that CDE is reporting trailer legislation for AB 484 that includes the recommendation for no API scores for both the current year (2013-2014) and for the 2014-2015. She will keep the Board informed of any updates and implications that we will face because of this legislation. Last Thursday all site and district administration participated in a principal's PLC that focused on what we do when students aren't learning. Dr. Krumpke and Mr. LaRose led them through an activity of identifying what strategies, programs, and processes currently exist at their sites followed by a discussion on how they know whether they are effective (or not). Utilizing a book we gave them on Simplifying response to intervention, four essential guiding principles, we will continue working on this topic monthly with our administrators. Educational Services is busy preparing for a County visit to ensure we are implementing our Title III Improvement plan. They will visit both La Ballona and CCMS on October 14th.

Mrs. Lockhart received CCFT's proposal and will be bringing it to the Board at the October 8th Board Meeting. She is sure that she will be receiving ACE's proposal soon. Mrs. Lockhart also reported that the District's Inspired Living activities kicked off this week with Zumba classes, Boot Camp, and Yoga classes.

Mr. Reynolds provided a budget status report. He said that the budget is looking really good for the first time in a long time and that the District has a \$1 million surplus. He attended several of the Open House events and they were all very organized. It was very rewarding to attend the Open Houses which were at El Rincon Elementary, Linwood Howe Elementary, and the Office of Child Development. Ms. Paspalis stated that she is happy to see that there is a surplus and she would like to see what the budget is looking like three years ahead. She would also like to see a different schedule for the Open Houses where there are not three scheduled on the same night. It makes it hard for some parents who have children at different schools.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Robert Zirgulis spoke about the Natatorium. He provided the Board with estimates that he has received to fix the pool. He requested that the Board open up a needs assessment and thinks it will assist in getting a bond passed.
- Abdullah Sulaiman stated that Mr. Zirgulis asked him to come speak in favor of getting the pool fixed. He spoke about the opportunity for more students to learn how to swim. We should reconstruct the pool.
- Robert Smith provided a handout. He stated that the hand-out showed the percentage of students going through the District that will not know how to swim. He was in support of fixing the Natatorium.
- Sue Robbins commented on the facilities for Special Education needs. She is letting the Board know that there are stakeholders out there that are talking about the fact that facilities are needed for our Special Education community.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Goldberg wanted to go on record as a Board Member that is not in awe of data as some people are. She feels that some things cannot be measured and that is what data is. All of the data means that there is more testing being done and she does not agree with Arnold Duncan's proposal. There are many other aspects involved in education other than testing. The idea of project based learning is great, and thinks that so much testing is pervasive. Ms. Goldberg attended the Open Houses which she really enjoyed and stated they were lovely. Ms. Paspalis agreed that at the very least we could end testing of second grade students.
- Mr. Silbiger commented on the book *Data Wise* and stated testing alone is not good. It provides a foundation. He is glad we will have a discussion on the Natatorium. Mr. Silbiger appreciates those that spoke about the Natatorium topic. He stated that he attended the last Liaison Meeting with the City and stated that topics discussed were 1) Election Consolidation. Council Member Meghan Sahli-Wells would be interested in consolidating the elections with the District but there is a lot of legal work that needs to be looked at; 2) Construction Projects. Mr. Silbiger stated that they discussed if there was anything that the City could support the District with and that any projects are still in the early stages; and 3) Parking regulations. He stated that there was ninety minutes of public comments on this issue but only one piece related to the District. Part of the discussion was providing the school district with parking at the curb right in front of each school site. Also discussed was parking during special events. The City proposes exemptions if we inform them of the dates. The next Liaison Meeting is on December 16, 2013. Mr. Silbiger stated that he mentioned two weeks ago that he would like to see a presentation from staff regarding the Immersion Program and the end goals for the program.
- Ms. Chardiet stated that having meetings at the Spotlight School of the month might make parents more involved. At Open House parents were really involved. The Middle School Open House was really well attended. She asked Dr. Krumpe if there was a plan to inform the Board how the Common Core will be rolled out. Dr. Krumpe confirmed that she will. She asked Mr. Reynolds if attendance was going to be a part of the local control funding formula. Mr. Reynolds confirmed. Ms. Chardiet suggested discussing the tree trimming schedules at the next liaison meeting.

- Ms. Siever requested follow-up information regarding Prop 30. She knows that we did not necessarily receive more money, but she would like to know what areas were balanced where did not have to pay-out more money. She stated that she loved the presentation on the Summer Lunch Program. Ms. Siever thinks it is great that yoga is being offered to staff. She asked for the status on collaborating with Mark Pracher from West L.A. College. She previously met with Mr. LaRose and discussed Mr. Pracher assisting the District with grant writing. Ms. Siever announced that West L.A. College is having an environmental event on September 28th. She thought that possibly someone from the District's Environmental Sustainability Committee would like to attend. She joked with Mr. LaRose that with all of the work that he is doing in the District he must have a clone. She told him that he has changed the tenor of the District in such a positive way. She stated that the Board is moving forward with the bond and is tired of hearing that sixty-seven percent of voters were in favor of the bond when in fact it was sixty-seven percent of people that took the survey. Not all of the voters in Culver City took the survey. Only approximately six hundred people took the survey. So that comment is not accurate to represent the number of voters in the City or to say that it is sixty-seven percent of the voters.
- Ms. Paspalis stated that the survey was given to four hundred people and that statistically it was done correctly. She had a good time helping to dust at El Marino and said it was nice to see some old friends. Ms. Paspalis also attended Open House events and said they went very well. She attended the football game and the football field is beautiful.

13. Recess

The Board agreed to move recess up on the agenda. The Board recessed at 9:38 p.m. and reconvened at 9:58 p.m.

12. Information Items

12.1 2012-2013 Board Goals Update and 2013-2014 Areas of Focus

Mr. LaRose presented the Board with the Board goals which included what the Board and District has accomplished and where we would like to go in the future. He also discussed what we are doing to make sure that all students are successful. Following Mr. LaRose, all three Assistant Superintendents informed the Board of their departmental goals and visions for the District. Mr. Silbiger thanked Mr. LaRose for the update and Ms. Siever for bringing the topic of Board goals to the Board. He is sure that the Board will be updating their goals for many years to come. Mr. Silbiger commended Mr. LaRose and thought he did a great job but felt that the information provided was more District goals rather than goals for the Board. Ms. Chardiet agreed with Mr. Silbiger. She stated that it is hard to have the conversation we need to have with such little time. Ms. Chardiet suggested having a workshop and asked the Board to commit to being timely at getting back to the Superintendent when scheduling to reconvene for meetings. Ms. Siever asked Mr. LaRose to put his presentation on the website so the community could see that the Board has done the work and met the goals of last year. She sees that Mr. LaRose did a lot of work on the presentation. She congratulated him on all of his achievements. Ms. Goldberg stated that the Superintendent is the one person that the Board hires and they have to oversee everything. She stated that we have an obligation that we feel is vitally important which are the water fountains. She has also received emails regarding this topic. Ms. Goldberg stated that Mr. LaRose did a fabulous job with his presentation. Ms. Paspalis stated that she would like to read the information provided in the presentation and digest it more. At that point she will possibly have more to comment on.

14. Action Items – (cont.)

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Extension of Expulsion through January 21, 2014 of Pupil Services Case #11-11-12

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Extension of Expulsion through January 21, 2014 of Pupil Services Case #11-11-12 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Approval is Recommended to Expunge the Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #23-09-10

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board Expunge the Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #23-09-10 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for Resolution #2 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Ms. Paspalis requested that the school year be included in the title of the Resolution to read “Resolution #2-2013/2014.” It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve Resolution #2 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2d Approval is Recommended for the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP)

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2e Approval is Recommended for Instructional Material Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provisions of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Instructional Material Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provisions of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Services Items**14.3a Approval is Recommended for the 2013-2014 Site Service Agreement between Culver City Unified School District and School Innovations and Achievement**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approves the 2013-2014 Site Service Agreement between Culver City Unified School District and School Innovations and Achievement as presented. Mr. Silbiger asked how this particular firm was chosen and was it reviewed by the District’s attorneys. Mr. Reynolds stated that it is a very well known and trusted firm and to the best of his knowledge it was not reviewed by the District attorneys. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for the Agreement between Culver City Unified School District and Engineered Storage Systems, Inc.

It was moved by Moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Agreement between Culver City Unified School District and Engineered Storage Systems, Inc. as presented. Ms. Goldberg asked if the project was for something that is on site. Ms. Paspalis stated that the Agreement was for lockers. Mr. Silbiger again asked how the contractor was chosen. Mr. Reynolds stated that the contract was prepared by the District’s attorneys. Ms. Paspalis asked who is responsible to haul away the old lockers. Mr. Reynolds will confirm that information and get back to her with an answer. Ms. Paspalis also asked how quickly the work would be completed. Mr. Reynolds stated it would manufactured in six to seven weeks, and be installed over Spring Break. Ms. Paspalis stated that two weeks should be included for a completion date. Ms. Paspalis amended the motion by stating, “Subject to work being completed during the two weeks of Spring Break and they will haul the old lockers away.” The amended motion was unanimously approved.

14.3c Approval is Recommended for the Agreement between Culver City Unified School District and VSP Vision Care

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Agreement between Culver City Unified School District and VSP Vision Care as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items**14.4a Approval is Recommended for the Memorandum of Understanding between CCUSD and CCFT**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding between CCUSD and CCFT as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business - None

Adjournment

Ms. Chardiet asked to adjourn the meeting in honor of all those killed by gunfire over the past two weeks. There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Chardiet, seconded by Mr. Silbiger and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Ms. Paspalis adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary