

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>December 10, 2013</u></b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b><u>City Hall (Mike Balkman Chambers 9770 Culver Boulevard Culver City 90232</u></b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b><u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting 6:01 p.m. – Closed Session 7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>

**Board Members Present**  
Katherine Paspalis, Esq., President  
Nancy Goldberg, Clerk  
Laura Chardiet, 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 7:02 p.m. with three Board members in attendance. Students Matthew Paspalis and ~~Meghan~~ **Megan** Paspalis 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.

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

It was suggested by Ms. Paspalis to amend the agenda by moving item 15.1 to follow 11.2. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet to adopt the December 10, 2013 agenda as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**9. Board Business**

**9.1 Oath of Office for Incoming Board Members**

Superintendent David LaRose issued the Oath of Office to incumbent Katherine Paspalis, and new Board members Steven Levin and Susanne Robins. He extended congratulation and after being sworn in the three Board members took their respective seats on the dais.

**9.2 Annual Governing Board Organizational Meeting – Ed. Code 35143**

Mr. LaRose opened the nominations for President. Ms. Goldberg nominated Ms. Chardiet for President. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Paspalis. With no further nominations the Board voted unanimously for Ms. Chardiet to serve as President. Ms. Chardiet thanked the Board for electing her as President. Ms. Chardiet called for nominations for Vice President. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to nominate Ms. Goldberg. With no further nominations the Board voted unanimously for Ms. Goldberg to serve as Vice President. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet to nominate Dr. Levin as Clerk. There being no additional nominations the Board unanimously voted for Dr. Levin to serve as Clerk. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Dr. Levin to nominate Ms. Robins 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 the Board voted unanimously to elect Ms. Robins as the Voting Representative to LACSTA and Representative to Elect Members to the County Committee on School District Organization. Ms. Chardiet appointed Ms. Paspalis as Parliamentarian.

Volunteering to serve as the Representative to the Board of Education/City Council Liaison Committee were Ms. Paspalis, Dr. Levin, and Ms. Goldberg as the alternate. Volunteering to serve as the Representative to the Youth

Health Center Committee was Dr. Levin. Volunteering to serve as the Representative to the District Community Arts Committee was Ms. Chardiet. Volunteering to serve as Representative to the Fineshriber Foundation was Ms. Robins. Ms. Goldberg volunteered to serve as Liaison to the Culver City Education Foundation.

### **9.3 CSBA Delegate Assembly Nomination**

Ms. Chardiet asked if anyone was interested in serving as CSBA Delegate. Ms. Robins stated that she was interested. Board members agreed to nominate Ms. Robins.

### **10. Consent Agenda**

Ms. Chardiet called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. She explained that item 10.1 was amended by making corrections to the November 26, 2013 Minutes which were the titles of the members; and correcting Mr. Zeidman's name to Ms. Paspalis at the beginning of the Consent items. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve Consent Agenda Item 10.1 as amended and 10.2 – 10.8 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

10.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – November 26, 2013

10.2 Purchase Orders

10.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

10.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 9

10.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 9

10.6 Culver City High School Overnight Field Trip

10.7 Culver City Middle School Overnight Trip

10.8 Student Teacher Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District and Loyola Marymount University

### **11. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**

#### **11.1 Math Acceleration Presentation**

Dr. Krumpke briefly explained the process of math pathways for Common Core. Lisa Michel, Assistant Principal at Culver City High School; Jerod Dien, Teacher at Culver City High School; Jon Pearson, Principal at Culver City Middle School; and Kelley Wilcox, Teacher at Culver City Middle School explained the different math pathways under common core from the middle school through high school, and how students will be ready for calculus in college. Those students that are at an accelerated pace as a senior in high school can also take classes at West Los Angeles College. Mr. Dien thanked the teachers for volunteering to take on the common core challenge. Ms. Goldberg was curious about the West Los Angeles College path and if our students will be charged a fee if they move into college math while at the high school. Ms. Michele stated they would not be charged. Dr. Levin stated that it looks like there has been a lot of thoughtfulness into the pathways and he appreciates that. He asked for clarification on the testing or plan for acceleration in middle school. Ms. Wilcox stated that they are going to be meeting regarding those plans. Ms. Robins stated that she is thrilled to see the work that is being done and appreciates the hard work. She is excited to hear that the students can accelerate at the high school level. Ms. Robins also wants to make sure that the Board can support the teachers and schools with whatever materials they need.

### **15. Action Items**

#### **15.1 Superintendent's Items**

##### **15.1a Approval is Recommended for the Naming of the Culver City Youth Health Center**

Mr. LaRose explained the process that took place regarding the naming of the Health Center and what staff/community members were involved. Dianna Castro stated that her recommendation was to re-name the CCYHC after Sandy Segal. Ms. Castro provided information on how Ms. Segal has been involved with the District beginning with being the first school nurse in the District and helped to hire the current nurses. Ms. Segal was advocate of preventing a liquor store being opened by the High School, and has always been an advocate for student health. Ms. Castro stated that she admires her legacy in school nursing. Diana Hauptman recommended Sandy Segal also as the new name for the Health Center. She stated that she has known Ms. Segal for thirty

years. Her son worked for Ms. Segal and she was a great mentor. Ms. Hauptman said that Ms. Segal was a long time resident of Culver City, and described her as elegant, charming, has a great sense of humor, dynamic, and feisty for such a “petite” woman. Ms. Hauptman stated that Ms. Segal is an activist for social justice and healthcare for all. Ms. Segal was instrumental in the founding and opening of the Health Center. Francine Bartfield, Co-Director of the Mental Health Services at Venice Family Health stated that Sandy’s family involvement in the Health Center. She spoke about how Ms. Segal was always interested in student health, and shared a story about how Ms. Segal’s son contributed to the Health Center and at the Office of Child Development. Andy Alexander, Co-President (Emeritus) of the Health Center stated that it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Health Center. She stated that if it were not for Ms. Segal she doubts that there would even be a Health Center. Ms. Alexander stated that when UCLA came to the District and stated that they wanted to work in the District it was very exciting. They chose Culver City because of the diversity. Ms. Alexander stated that Ms. Segal “lives and breathes” nursing. The Friends of the Culver City Youth Health Center came into existence because of Ms. Segal. It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve renaming the Culver City Youth Health Center after Sandy Segal. The motion was unanimously approved. Staff will discuss with the family on whether Ms. Segal would prefer to use Sandra or Sandy.

## **12. Public Recognition**

### **12.1 Superintendent’s Report**

Mr. LaRose reported that focus has been on the Professional Learning Communities throughout the District. He thanked the Board for attending the CSBA Conference. He spoke about the attendance at the annual conference and commended the Board for the extra time they served the community. Mr. LaRose reminded the Board about the upcoming Liaison Committee. He also spoke about the community partnerships happening in the District.

### **12.2 Assistant Superintendents’ Reports**

Dr. Krumpke had just returned from San Francisco where she was attending conference regarding the English Language Learners Accountability Institute. Last November new standards were adopted by the State Board of Education so she is finding out what will need to change in instruction regarding English language learners. She also spoke about continuing to prepare the local control funding formula and provided an update about the work that her department is doing to prepare for the common core changes.

Mrs. Lockhart provided an update on her work with the bargaining units and stated that the District has tentative agreement with CCFT and ACE. She will be meeting again with them in January. Mrs. Lockhart wanted to publicly thank the CCFT and ACE teams; and the members on the District’s team for their outstanding work and commitment.

Mr. Reynolds stated that Sean Kearney, Director of Fiscal Services will be making a presentation on the First Interim Report. He informed the Board that the District is in great financial shape due to the prudent financial decisions of the Board over the past few years.

### **12.3 Student Representatives’ Reports**

#### **Middle School Student Representative**

Natalya Tapia, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including Spirit Week which included Sports Day, Twin Day, and Crazy Hair Day. Miss Tapia also provided an update on the Back Packs for Kids Program.

#### **Culver Park Student Representative**

Wendy Gonzalez, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including starting to receive school sweater orders such as hoodies and crew necks; a recent field trip which was a sports day; a coin drive to help victims in the Philippines; and the Homeroom Wars which is a company to see which homeroom can get the most credits.

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

Roy Gonzalez, Student Board Member, congratulated the new school board members. He stated that this Monday ASB just finished getting all of the presents for their adopted family for the holidays. It totaled about forty

presents for a family of five. A substitute teacher also took the initiative to donate a bike to the family also. He stated that the City of Angels Cathedral have people with trucks that can take items to the families in need. Mr. Gonzalez reported that the Winter Formal was cancelled due to a lack of venues. Instead they are having afterschool event. They are bringing in twenty thousand pounds of snow and serve hot chocolate. Mr. Gonzalez informed the Board about Macy's working with the Make a Wish Foundation with their Letters to Santa. If you mail a letter to Santa at the red mailbox at Macy's they will make a donation to the Make a Wish Foundation. He reported that AVPA will have their next performance at Robert Frost on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Before moving on the comments from the members of the audience, Mr. LaRose took the opportunity to thank Ms. Paspalis for her service last year as President of the Board and presented her with a gift from the District.

#### **11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Robert Zirgulis congratulated the new Board members. In regards to Culver Park High School, he stated that he has taught at both the old and new facilities. He thinks the new facility on Farragut is much better than the old facility. He encouraged the Board to please consider getting good programs there rather than worrying about the location.
- Leslie Gardner congratulated the new Board members. She wanted everyone to know about the Back Pack Program for students in the District and announced that the first twenty-seven back packs have gone out. Ms. Gardner stated that ASB fills the back packs on Thursdays. On Fridays the PTA parents take the food to the schools and the students pick-up their backpacks at the offices.
- City Council Member Mehaul O'Leary extended his congratulations to the new Board members and stated he is excited to hear the comments that were being made and the direction of the District. He was worried about the election which seemed a little contentious, but it looks like all has turned out well. He was also impressed with how much work was being handled on the agenda this evening as the Board welcomes its new members.
- David Mielke congratulated Ms. Robins and Dr. Levin on joining the Board. He stated that the biggest hope for CCFT is that they will embrace the new partnership that has been made with the District. He spoke about how the partnership brings better morale and higher student achievement, which in turn helps poverty. Mr. Mielke wanted to thank Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Goldberg for helping to get negotiations to a settlement. He thanked Mr. Reynolds for responding so quickly to his questions/requests. He commented that the District is finally moving toward the median salary. Mr. Mielke stated that he knows and loves Ms. Sandy Segal and for years she was the only nurse in the District.
- Jim Harris, President of AVPA, welcomed the new Board members. He wanted to speak on the Action Item for the H+F Architects. He said that we are all very proud of AVPA and our extensive arts programs at all levels. It all culminates at the AVPA at the High School. The students and staff are very supportive of the program but when it comes to capital improvements we look at the District for help. H+F Architects has done a great evaluation of Robert Frost and he urged the Board to approve the item.
- Leslie Adler and Marci Schulman on behalf of the Culver City Education Foundation welcomed the new Board members and extended their congratulations. The Education Foundation is looking forward to collaborating with the Board and rising even more funding for the District.

#### **11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Robins stated that she was honored and humbled by the results of the election. She remains committed to all students. Ms. Robins reported that attending the CSBA Conference was a great learning experience and provided a brief update on the conference. She stated that she was thrilled to hear that the Back Pack Program is working so well.
- Dr. Levin stated that he is looking forward to getting to work and thinks that this Board is going to work well together, not just the Board but with the community. He thinks that the Board should figure out how they are going to share information that they learned/received at the CSBA Conference.

- 
- Ms. Paspalis thanked the people of Culver City and everyone that worked on her campaign. She is looking forward to working with the new Board. Ms. Paspalis reported that the CSBA Conference was very good and next Tuesday will be a Board Workshop to discuss the bond. She remains interested in the learning and working conditions in the District and the Board is a team that wants to move forward.
- Ms. Goldberg stated that she is interested in learning more about common core and she received a study guide. She looked at it and is attending sessions to get a better understanding of the changes and how they are going to work. She has also seen great improvements around the District. She suggested going to the high school and look at the new lockers and she hopes they last as long as predicted. Ms. Goldberg reported that the Walkers and Rollers were at El Marino last Wednesday and they will be leading the Safe Routes to School as a group. The Environmental Sustainability Committee has some wonderful new ideas and she feels that the committee is remarkable. She also spoke about the Linked Learning program.
- Ms. Chardiet thanked all of her family and friends who supported the new Board members, and thanked her children Cole and Isabella for their continued support of their mother. Ms. Chardiet thanked Ms. Goldberg for nominating her for President. Thanked friend and mentor Ed Morris who believed in her at a time when she didn't believe in herself. She read a brief statement about the prospects of the new Board and commended the Superintendent and his team. This school Board is also committed to the success of all students and service to the community.

#### **14. Recess**

The Board recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 p.m...

#### **13. Information Items**

##### **13.1 Presentation of the First Interim Report for 2013-2014**

Mr. Sean Kearney, Director of Fiscal Services, presented the First Interim Report for 2013-2014 to Board members. He stated that overall it was a positive report. He explained about the one time common core funding, and the notable differences found between the Adopted Budget and the First Interim. David Mielke commented on the 5% reserve which could be spent. He stated the required amount is 3%. The Board should come up with a plan on how to spend the money so it is not sitting in reserves. George Laase asked why the District is saving the money in reserve. Mr. Kearney stated that he is aware of some of the projects in the District that are being discussed and the dollar amount for the projects can change. Paul Ehrlich stated that when we speaking about reserves, CalPers is going to have changes that will go into effect so he urged the Board not to spend the reserves.

##### **13.2 Official Election Results**

Ms. Chardiet asked Rebecca Williams if anything had to be done with the results. Ms. Williams stated that the results are on the agenda for public viewing only. No action is needed.

#### **15. Action Items – (cont.)**

##### **15.2 Education Services Items - None**

##### **15.3 Business Services Items**

##### **15.3a Approval is Recommended for the Certification of the First Interim Report for 2013-2014**

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certification of the First Interim Report for 2013-2014 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

##### **15.3b Approval is Recommended for the Certification of Signatures for Warrants, Orders for Salary Payment, Notices of Employment and Related Documents**

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve Certification of Signatures for Warrants, Orders for Salary Payment, Notices of Employment and Related Documents as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15.3c Approval is Recommended to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Sign Agreement with H+F Architects**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Dr. Levin to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Sign Agreement with H+F Architects as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15.3d Approval is Recommended to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Sign Agreement with Election Consulting Firm**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Sign Agreement with Election Consulting Firm as presented. Mr. Reynolds stated that the interview committee met and conducted interviews. They decided on TBWD Strategies as the consulting firm. Dr. Levin stated that though he is not excited about doing another survey, he is excited that the company will help the District move forward and they looked great at communication. Ms. Robins stated that she was not thrilled about another survey. She did like that their focus was on a community effort and how the community feels about it. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15.3e Approval is Recommended to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Sign Agreement with Pacific Floor**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Sign Agreement with Pacific Floor as presented. Ms. Paspalis wanted to make a friendly amendment so that included it states “not to exceed agreed amount.” Ms. Goldberg accepted the friendly amendment. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15.3f Approval is Recommended to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Sign Agreement with GGB Architects**

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Sign Agreement with GGB Architects as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15.3g Approval is Recommended to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Sign Agreement with Robert Scales**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Sign Agreement with Robert Scales as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15.3h Approval is Recommended to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Sign Agreement with Harrington Geotechnical Services**

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Sign Agreement with Harrington Geotechnical Services as amended. Ms. Paspalis made a friendly amendment to have a “not to exceed” statement included. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15.3i Approval is Recommended to Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Sign Agreement with Sandy Pringle Associates**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board Authorize the Superintendent or Designee to Negotiate and Sign Agreement with Sandy Pringle Associates as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15.3j Approval is Recommended for Agreement Between Culver City Unified School District and Dannis, Wolliver, and Kelley**

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Agreement Between Culver City Unified School District and Dannis, Wolliver, and Kelley as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items – None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Ms. Robins and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Dr. Levin to adjourn the meeting in memory of Nelson Mandela. Ms. Chardiet also would like to adjourn the meeting in memory of Karen Hegow. Ms. Goldberg provided information on Ms. Hegow. Board President Ms. Chardiet adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m. in memory and honor of Nelson Mandela, and former student Karen **Higa and director of the Japanese-American Museum in Little Tokyo.**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Superintendent

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary