

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>January 28, 2014</u>
Place:	<u>Farragut Elementary (Cafetorium) 10820 Farragut Drive Culver City, CA 90230</u>	Time:	<u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting 6:01 p.m. – Closed Session 7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

Board Members Present

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

Staff Members Present

David LaRose, Superintendent
Kati Krumpe
Leslie Lockhart
Mike Reynolds

Call to Order

Board President Ms. Chardiet 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 7:08 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. She thanked the PTA for providing dinner for the Board, and briefly explained how to submit a card for Public Recognition. Farragut students, Keira Lamb and Katelyn Carrera led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Ms. Chardiet 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.

Dr. Levin extended Happy Birthday wishes to his son Brian Levin.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board adopt the January 28, 2014 agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Ms. Chardiet called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Dr. Levin requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Dr. Levin to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 11
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 11
- 9.6 Culver City High School Boys Lacrosse Team Overnight Field Trip
- 9.7 Board Member Compensation Report

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 14, 2014

Dr. Levin requested that this item be withdrawn to elaborate on number 12.1. He requested to add that there was a discussion about having an appeal process for this policy and other policies. It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Dr. Levin that the Board approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 14, 2014 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

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 Samantha Shanman from El Marino School; Tyler Tan-Kikuchi from El Rincon Elementary; Kahlin Brooks from La Ballona School; Emily Kawano from Linwood E. Howe School; Eden Terrell from Farragut School; Cooper Komatsu from Culver City Middle School; Dennie Evans from Culver Park High School; and Kristen Abdelmalak from Culver City High School. Board members presented each recipient with a certificate; and thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting.

10.2 PTA Reflections Contest Winners

Julie LaRue from the PTA informed the Board of this year's Reflections Contest Winners who came up and received their certificates. She thanked this year's Committee Chairs who helped organize the contest at the schools, and gave a special recognition to Marianne Nava, Justin Terry, Hanna Berkovich, and Patrick Gardner who will continue on to at the District or State level of competition.

10.3 Spotlight on Education - Farragut Elementary

Dr. Rebecca Lynch, Principal, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She spoke about the District "touchstone" and what we want our students to learn. She shared with the Board some of the school improvement goals and shared some of the instructional practices that are showing significant results in achieving and exceeding the goals in the school's Single Plan for Student Achievement. Dr. Lynch then introduced the Hand Bell Choir. Their performance was an example of showing that through observations you can see if the students are "getting it." Dr. Lynch introduced Ms. Roberts who spoke about a geography lesson that is aligned with fifth grade standards. Ms. Roberts showed a film of the fifth grade students using iPads as a tool for their geography projects. Students that were present at the meeting then showed a live example of how the projects worked using an iPad.

Board members thanked Dr. Lynch, staff, and the students for their presentation.

Scott Malsin, President of the Booster Club thanked the Board and staff for having the meeting at the school site. He stated that Dr. Lynch has been a great asset to the school. He stated that Dr. Lynch looked at where the school was at and where they needed to go. Mr. Malsin also stated that there are a great group of parent volunteers at the school. He spoke about the technology that the school has been able to acquire due to the parents and how the iPads have been integrated into lesson plans. The school also had a technology night. Mr. Malsin stated that Farragut is a school that really works.

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

Mr. LaRose offered his compliments to Dr. Krumpke, Mrs. Lynn Eborra, and Ms. Alejandra Valencia for their presentation on common core math. He commended the instructional leaders, and the teachers that are stepping forward on the Cotsen Match Project to help others through the process of learning. Mr. LaRose complimented the partnership happening between the District and the teacher's union. He reported on the events that happened at the January 21st professional development for staff and spoke about how it was a day that spoke to the District's purpose, who we serve and why we serve. He thanked David Mielke for the invitation to the conference with AFT and the Centers for School Improvement Conference in New York.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Dr. Krumpke reported on her attendance at the Culver City Lion's Luncheon where she received a check from them for two thousand dollars as a donation to the District's Back Pack Program. She also attended the Arts for All event where the District was honored for continuing and growing the arts programs. Dr. Krumpke stated that she had the pleasure of seeing the fifth grade Farragut students preparing for their presentation. She can attest to the students' enthusiasm in learning and using their technology. Dr. Krumpke stated that there is an optional professional development the District is offering the teachers; and an optional professional development afterschool for ELD teachers.

Mrs. Lockhart thanked Farragut for their warm reception and for providing dinner. She provided an update on ACE negotiations and stated that they will be meeting again on the 31st. Mrs. Lockhart attended the AVID fundraising dinner and she explained what AVID stands for which is Advanced Via Individual Determination. She thanked the teachers of the program.

Mr. Reynolds thanked the community members for their participation in the bond workshops. He extended an invitation to the public to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on February 4th at 9:00 a.m. at Farragut Elementary for the solar installation. Mr. Reynolds stated that the Environmental Sustainability Committee applied for a grant last year which was between twenty and thirty thousand dollars. He received notification that the District is now in receipt of a new grant for our environmental efforts in the amount of two hundred and thirty thousand dollars.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

Natalya Tapia, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including the Valentine's Day Dance which will be held at the school from 5-7:00 p.m. on February 7th; and the eighth grade dance which will be a masquerade theme and held in a few months.

Culver Park Student Representative

Wendy Gonzalez, Culver Park High School Student Representative, was not present.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Roy Gonzalez, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including tryouts and practicing for Spring sports. The talent show will be on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and held at Robert Frost Auditorium. He stated that tickets are seven dollars. He stated that ASB is partnering with Red Cross for a blood drive on February 21st. February 7th is the first Non-Profit Faire where local non-profit businesses will be at the High School introducing themselves to students and giving them an opportunity to get involved with their businesses on behalf of the school. Mr. Gonzalez stated that on February 3rd the leadership positions are being released so the Board will be finding out who the Student Board Member will be for next school year. ASB has also updated their calendar for the next four months so they have a lot of plans for the school and for the community. He will bring an update at the next meeting.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- David Mielke stated that it was great to be at Farragut and he is happy to see that the meetings are moving around to the different school sites. He also spoke about the Healthy School Handbook by Judy Sanderson who is a teacher at the High School and a union representative. He shared a little of what the book was about. He reported to the Board that he has received emails from teachers and staff about the professional development that took place on the 21st. The idea of really working together is going to be great for the students, and it was appreciated that the unions were invited to be involved. Mr. Mielke spoke about the trip that he and Mr. LaRose took to New York for the AFT Conference and how being around people from other Districts they really saw how well our partnership is working. He stated that they will also be attending the CFT Convention in March to speak about the partnership that has been established with the District.
- Margaret Tsubakiyama who is a union representative welcomed the Board, Mr. LaRose, and staff to the school.
- Pamela Greenstein welcomed everyone to Farragut and stated that she was happy the meetings are moving around to different sites so people can see the wonderful things happening at each site. She is also a union representative, and an ELD Specialist.
- Scott Kecken wanted to comment on school safety in regards to the recent lockdown at La Ballona Elementary. He commended the staff on their response and the Culver City Police Department, and stated that he was happy no one was hurt. Mr. Kecken thinks the community should get a full report on what happened. He suggested that the District have a safety presentation that includes the Security

Department not out of fear, but out of reality. He said that the lockdown at the school happened after the suspect drove a car into a house. Mr. LaRose thanked him for his comment and informed him how the lockdown transpired.

- Robert Zirgulis stated that the community survey showed overwhelming support to pursue a bond. He had some problems with how some of the questions were stated. He said that some of them were skewed and proceeded to give some examples of how he felt those questions should have been worded.
- Heather Moses, parent of two children in the District and Coordinator of CCUSD'S Front and Center Theatre Collaborative. She reported that she had the pleasure of attending the Arts for All Celebration of Arts Education for Los Angeles County. She spoke about how the District was highlighted at the celebration and read a quote about the importance of art in education. With the support of CCEF, Sony, and other businesses the District has been a leader in the arts. On behalf of some of the teachers she asked that when the Board is considering the budget if they could consider allocating funding for Arts Education and making a commitment for an Arts Coordinator.
- Jim Harris, President of AVPA, made two announcements. He stated that the Spring musical "Kiss Me Kate" will premier on March 6th. He said that they ran into lighting challenges at Robert Frost. The lighting and sound equipment are very old. They have asked Bob Scales to come and provide a tour to let them know what is needed at the Frost. Mr. Scales will be there next Wednesday at 4:00 p.m.
- Tom Salter, Athletic Director, provided a brief sports update with the girl's sports teams. Coach Maher introduced some of the members of the girl's soccer team. Ellie Benitez informed the Board about their trip to the Bay Area and visiting U.C. Berkeley. Dr. Levin congratulated the team and said he was excited to hear they visited his Alma Mater. Ms. Robins asked if there was a central website to find out about the games. Mr. Salter stated that they are working on that now.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Goldberg stated that the Environmental Sustainability Committee has received a grant for an enormous amount of money and they can put together a great program. We can teach our students how to become environmentally conscious. There are bulletin boards coming out soon that everyone will see soon that are equally impressive. This is a remarkable group of people that influence young people. As a charter member of the group she has seen it grow and evolve and she is very proud to be affiliated with the group. Ms. Goldberg is also proud to have attended the Improv Group performance which was great. She missed the AVID dinner and she remembers when it started at the High School. It made such a difference with the students and she does want to endorse it and support the program.
- Ms. Paspalis reported that she attended the AVID dinner and it was great. At the meeting regarding the bond she was delighted to hear the consensus of the community to pass a bond. The last time she was on this campus she heard people's concerns and she is excited to make school improvements.
- Dr. Levin stated that after having children at Farragut for ten years it feels like home. He attended the basketball game at the High School. He thinks that it's the community spirit that makes it a special place. He and his son attended a basket ball game at the High School. Dr. Levin wanted to thank the High School student that spoke to his son and suggested that his son might be on the High School team one day. Unfortunately he did not have the student's name. Dr. Levin reported that the Culver City Youth Health Center's fundraiser is on March 15th. He stated it was fun talking to the Middle School students and fifth grade students at Farragut about science. Dr. Levin agreed that it is time to move forward on the bond.
- Ms. Robins also feels at home here since her son attended Farragut. She thought the hand bell performance was mesmerizing. The teacher professional development was a wonderful event and she agrees that it was very moving. Her attendance at the comedy improve was fantastic. She was so impressed because it was not just that they were getting up in front of people, but they were learning so much. They were learning language, working collaboratively, and "grit." Ms. Robins thanked Dr.

Krumpe for her presentation common core. She stated that the AVID dinner was great and as a former AVID teacher she thinks that the Board needs to support the program.

- Ms. Chardiet thanked Dr. Lynch and her team for hosting the Board meeting. Ms. Chardiet was part of the panel that hired Dr. Lynch and they knew she would be a good fit for the school. She stated that her daughter was in the Improv Comedy Group and it really helps their confidence. Ms. Chardiet thanked Tanya Flieshel and Julie Bechtloff who coordinated the improv. She reported on AB86 and adult education. Ms. Chardiet explained that we needed to become part of a consortium and why. Culver City is part of the LA Regional Adult Ed Consortium with LAUSD, Burbank USD, Montebello USD, and the Los Angeles Community College District. She thanked Dr. Krumpe for her presentation.

12. Information Items

12.1 Board Discussion with Bond Counsel

District Bond Counsel, David Casnocha, presented an overview to the Board of the next steps to take in order to prepare for a June 2014 Prop 39 General Obligation Bond, including the drafting of the Board Resolution calling for the Bond Measure to take place. He stated that the all of the bond language and other items needed for the election order would be brought to the Board at the February 25th meeting. He responded to questions from the Board and clarified language in the Resolution such as if “classroom” pertains to Robert Frost Auditorium. Further discussion ensued.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent’s Items

14.1a Approval of Amended Superintendent’s Contract

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Amended Superintendent’s Employment Contract as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.1b Approval is Recommended for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Audit Service Agreement

Ms. Chardiet asked if the current policy coding used by the District is aligned with CSBA. Mr. LaRose confirmed that it was and that the policies will be reviewed in order to start the updating process. It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the California School Boards Association Audit Service Agreement as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Second Reading and Approval of the Revised Administrative Regulation/Board Policy 5116.1 – Students, Intradistrict Open Enrollment

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Revised Administrative Regulation/Board Policy 5116.1 – Students, Intradistrict Open Enrollment as resented. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.2b Second Reading and Approval of the New Administrative Regulation/Board Policy 5157, Students – Transgender Students, Privacy and Facilities

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the New Administrative Regulation/Board Policy 5157, Students – Transgender Students, Privacy and Facilities as presented. The motion

was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for the Contract between S.T.A.R., Inc. and Culver City Unified School District

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Paspalis 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 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3 Business Services Items

14.3a Approval is Recommended for Payment to Westberg+White for Additional Services Provided on Athletic Field Project

Mr. Reynolds stated that there appeared to be typographical error in the amount which should be \$87,312 instead of \$81,312. The amount was corrected to \$87,312 in the motion. It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Dr. Levin that the Board approve payment to Westberg+White for Additional Services Provided on Athletic Field Project as amended. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #5/2013-2014 Participation in Bright Schools Program

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Resolution #5/2013-2014 Participation in Bright Schools Program as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3c Approval is Recommended for Resolution #6/2013-2014 Support of the Filing of an Application for State Funding for Eligible Facilities

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve Resolution #6.2013-2014 Support of the Filing of an Application for State Funding for Eligible Facilities as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3d Approval is Recommended for Resolution #7/2013-2014 Exhaustion of School Facility Program Bond Authority

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve Resolution #7/2013-2014 Exhaustion of School Facility Program Bond Authority as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.4 Personnel Items - None

15. Board Business - None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Levin, seconded by Ms. Goldberg and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Ms. Chardiet adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary