

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>February 25, 2014</u>
Place:	<u>El Rincon Elementary (Cafetorium) 11177 Overland Avenue Culver City 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 7:00 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Ruth Morris 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 the following reportable actions were taken. The Board took action to release sixteen (16) temporary and 11 long term substitute certificated employees effective as of the end of the 2013/2014 school year. The roll call vote was 5 – Ayes by Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

8. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Chardiet suggested moving Action Item 14.2a to follow item 10.2 under Awards, Recognitions and Presentations. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board adopt the February 25, 2014 agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

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. No items were withdrawn from the Consent Agenda. It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.8 as presented. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 11, 2014

9.2 Purchase Orders

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts

9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 13

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 13

9.6 Culver City High School “Sojourn to the Past” Field Trip, March 26-April 5, 2014

9.7 Culver City High School Overnight Field Trip to the Wrigley Marine Science Center, May 16-18, 2014

9.8 Student Teacher Agreement between Culver City Unified School District and California State University, Long Beach

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 February. The recipients were Mackenzie Marrujo from El

Marino School; Miguel Fernandez Ramirez from El Rincon Elementary; Andres Perez from La Ballona School; Uma Kolesnikow from Linwood E. Howe School; Sarina Lee from Farragut School; Sergio Gonzalez Estrada from Culver City Middle School; and Kishore Athreya 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 - El Rincon Elementary School

Mr. Brunson, Principal at El Rincon Elementary school presented information on the school which included test scores. He spoke about the high scoring and improvement in the school's sub-groups such as the special education students, and the high scores of the inter-district permit students. He shared some of the instructional practices that are showing significant results in achieving and exceeding the goals in the Single Plan for Student Achievement. Mr. Brunson thanked the Human Resources and Educational Services Departments for allowing the school to have an Intervention Teacher which has really been a great addition. He also thanked the staff, parents, and students in the audience for coming to the meeting and supporting their school. He spoke about the Professional Learning Community and the work that they are doing in responding to the key assessment questions. El Rincon is also a participant in Cotsen Math. Mr. Brunson invited fifth grader Mykah Ulloa Warner to speak about what he has learned in class about atoms, and asked him various questions. At the end of his presentation Mr. Warner showed the model of an atom that he made. Mr. Brunson continued his presentation stating that although El Rincon is a S.T.E.M. school it is also very rich in the arts, theater, and dance. He was also proud to speak about the parent involvement at the school. The school also has a project called Random Acts of Kindness. Mr. Brunson showed a Power Point of the students and their projects during Random Acts of Kindness month. Student, Danielle Lawson, shared her random act of kindness with the Board. At the end of his presentation Mr. Brunson shared with the Board the school's Program Improvement Plan.

Ms. Paspalis stated that she was really glad to see the curriculum moving more towards S.T.E.M. It has been one of the best decisions to bring in a dedicated staff member to the science lab. Dr. Levin was excited that Cotsen Math would be coming to the school, and the curriculum was moving towards S.T.E.M. He stated that he has seen the spirit of education and community at the school, and feels that there is really something special happening at this site. It shows that everyone is trying to move forward. Mr. Brunson agreed that the school is moving forward, and it has shown by the growth in PTA and Booster Club members. He stated that his door is always open for the parents, and staff is really trying to help students make good character choices and positive choices. Ms. Goldberg stated that she had to comment and say it "loudly" that Mr. Brunson is the positive example to his students. He is always the biggest cheerleader for the school and it shows how proud he is of his school. Ms. Robins stated that she is thrilled to see the science lab being utilized. She thanked Mr. Brunson for showing the Board why the school is so successful.

14. Action Items

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Year 3 Program Improvement/Corrective Action Plan for El Rincon Elementary School

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Year 3 Improvement/Corrective Action Plan for El Rincon Elementary as presented. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

11. Public Recognition

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mr. LaRose briefly spoke about the culture at El Rincon, the school's pledge, and how powerful the outcome is at the school. He reported that the district-wide earthquake drill is tomorrow and it will be coordinated with the City's services such as Culver City Fire Department. Mr. LaRose stated that there will be a BE NICE meeting. BE NICE is the new name for the Anti-Bullying Committee. He stated that staff will be trained to make sure our kids are safe. There will be continuing professional development around the Professional Learning Communities for staff and leadership teams. He informed the Board that he has received feedback from CSBA on our Board policies and which ones needed to be updated. We will start bringing those policies forward the Board to review.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Dr. Krumpke reported that Jennifer Slabbinck, Principal at La Ballona Elementary, received a call that the school will receive a visit for consideration for a California Distinguished School honor. She stated that there is continuing work with the teachers for the Common Core implementation. All elementary teachers have met and are working on understanding what students have to know and be able to do for math. The Cotsen teacher participants have been invaluable to the process. Dr. Krumpke thanked Robert Quinn, the I.T. Director for all his hard work in getting the Chromebooks set up and ready for delivery. We are close to delivering many Chromebook carts to sites so that they will be ready for pilot testing after Spring Break. Site Administrators have met multiple times to input to the LCAP and they are also gathering information from others such as PTA, Boosters, ELAC, SSC, and their staffs. This process will strengthen the voice of the community. She encouraged any parent that is not involved in SSC, ELAC, PTA, or Boosters to discuss ways in which we can improve the education for their child with their child's principal. Principals will be bringing the results back throughout March to include in the first draft of the LCAP.

Mrs. Lockhart stated that it was a little surreal and like coming home being at El Rincon. She thanked the PTA for providing the Board and staff with dinner. Mrs. Lockhart reported that all staff and District workers are considered first responders in a disaster. She reminded the audience that everyone that has taken a job in the District has also committed to taking care of their children should a disaster strike. She encouraged everyone to have a disaster plan for their families, make sure they have an out-of-state contact and plenty of updated supplies. Mrs. Lockhart reported on her attendance at the ACSA Delegate Assembly conference and provided a brief update. She stated that the main focus was LCAP.

Mr. Reynolds stated that he has been working with the architects on capital improvements and on the Second Interim. He continued on saying that the District was in good financial shape. He encouraged everyone to look at the Facilities Master Plan. Mr. Reynolds also reported that the composting project will be starting soon as well as Green 5 Program launch.

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 on February 7th made a profit of a little over \$1,000. Most of the money will go towards 8th grade activities. She stated that the Back Pack Program is going great! The CCMS "The Choice" tryouts will be on February 30th and she named the prizes for first, second, and third place. On St. Patrick's Day the school will have vanilla shamrock shakes sold during lunch time. She also gave a brief sports update stating that the varsity soccer and varsity softball teams are starting.

Culver Park Student Representative

Wendy Mendoza, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including a Student Council Meeting held today where they started discussion for yearbook ideas. There is an origami workshop this Friday during fifth period; and in May there will be a Tie-Dye Day.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Kishore Athreya, who was substituting for Student Board Member Roy Gonzalez, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the success of the ASB Blood Drive which was held last Thursday; the Student vs. Staff basketball game where the staff won; and Springfest being held on March 14th. He stated that the Commissioner of ASB has been working to revamp Springfest. The Electives Faire will be held this week, and on March 21st there will be a Multi-Cultural Assembly. Open House will be held on March 5th. Mr. Athreya provided a sports update, and reported that the AVPA dance performance will be from April 24th – 27th. AVPA's "Kiss Me Kate" will be performed March 6th-8th. As the ROP Ambassador Mr. Athreya stated that he is trying to bring more people to the College and Career Faire. The Link Crew had an event last week called Freshman Appreciation Day.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jody Reichel stated that she was speaking at the PTA leader and asked the Board to act on some unmet needs. She said El Rincon has an amazing PTA. She was thrilled when last year hundreds of thousands of dollars were being spent to start addressing needs in the District. Items that still need addressing are the gym at the Middle School; labs; and Frost Auditorium. She stated that it is amazing what our kids do with what they have and do not have. It would be amazing to see what they could if they had everything they need.
- Michelle Mayans who is a Producer and Director of Student Forum stated that March 3rd will be their fourth forum at City Hall where students can ask questions of their Public Officials.
- Dr. Rania Daily agreed that she loves the new lockers at the High School. She thanked this Board for the work they have done to get a bond on the ballot. Dr. Daily is also on the Clean Air Committee at El Marino. She provided the Board with an update on how the current pilot system has been effective in helping the air cleaner at the school site since they are close to the freeway. The committee is collaborating with USC.
- Marlene Carlan, Pamela Greenstein and Debbie Hamme stated that they were there on behalf of many Union members at the school. They thanked the Board and staff for all that they are doing and for the current collaborations.
- DaShayne Walker, Founder and Director of Dare to Care Learning Center, stated that she has been in business for fourteen years. She feels it is unfortunate that she never got to meet the Superintendent prior to a letter going out to the students in the District. She said that the letter implied that she was not licensed and she was not insured. Ms. Walker stated she would leave a copy of her license with the Superintendent before she left and provide her insurance information. She asked that another letter go out retracting that information. Ms. Walker also wanted to clarify that she is not a daycare.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Robins thanked Mr. LaRose, Dr. Krumpke, Dylan Farris, and Mr. Pearson for improving the math at the Middle School that looks like it is working well. They looked at the data and recognized that there was a problem. She stated that in the past, sadly, the District was sending students off thinking they knew something when in fact they did not. She is proud that now our students are well prepared, competent in math, and will be ready for college. She is very excited about the bond. She is proud of the fact that there was input from our entire community, parents, staff, Chamber members, and community partners to bring the bond to this moment.
- Dr. Levin echoed Ms. Robin's comments on the new math initiative. He hopes everyone will stay involved through to June to vote on the bond. He thanked the California Astronomical Association for coming out to visit a couple of the school sites and speak to the students.
- Ms. Goldberg stated that she has received a large number of emails regarding the bond from a wide number of people. She stated that we could use some carefully crafted nutrition changes with birthday celebrations between grades K-3.
- Ms. Paspalis reported that the girl's basketball team won the last game. She thanked El Rincon for hosting the meeting and thanked everyone who sent emails regarding the bond. As she looked in the audience she stated that she saw parents from most of the other schools in the District, grandparents, parents from the sports activities, and it is a good representation of our community. She thanked everyone for attending.
- Ms. Chardiet echoed all of the Board's comments. She thanked El Rincon for hosting the meeting. She reported that she went to the girls' basketball game and it was great. She talked about how focused and engaged everyone is at the game and she hopes to get the community more engaged about the bond. Ms. Chardiet thanked the UPCC for organizing parents and keeping the informed along with the PTA members.

12. Information Items

12.1 Capital Outlay Budget Status Report

Mr. Reynolds presented the Capital Outlay Budget Status Report to the Board. The report provides information on the current balances in each of the capital facilities funds, plus the anticipated costs of each of the current

major capital projects. He stated that we are currently developing cost projections for the summer projects as well.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:49 p.m. and reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

14. Action Items – (cont.)

14.1 Superintendent’s Items - None

14.3 Business Services Items

14.3a Approval of Resolution #9/2013-2014 Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order

The following audience members commented on this item:

- Laura Stuart stated that she moved here twenty years ago for the schools. Ten years ago her daughter graduated. She has been involved with the bonds or parcel taxes that have been passed in the City. She wants her daughter and her grandchildren to be able to move here for the schools also.
- Jamie Wallace stated that the Middle School ASB “rocks” and she is happy about the Math Initiative. Ms. Wallace stated that she is really excited about what is about to happen with the bond campaign and she is ready to help.
- Mayor Jeff Cooper stated that he heard all of the reasons why the bond should be supported. He wanted to bring another perspective. He stated that the District is also important to the businesses. Before businesses come to Culver City they are asking about the schools in the City out of interest for their employees.
- Councilmember Jim Clarke reiterated what Mayor Cooper said, and added that passing the bond is also good for the economic development side. We do not want to leave out the educational development.
- Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin thanked the Board for their hard work to get the bond where it is today. UPCC is looking forward to working hard during the campaign.
- Doug Richmond, parent of a Linwood Howe fourth grader stated that he is in support of the bond.
- Bryan Tjomsland said “good job” to the Board and staff. He is in support of the bond.
- Natasha Zarate, parent at La Ballona stated that she is also a member of UPCC and they are in support of the bond.
- Madeline Ehrlich stated that it is fantastic to see El Rincon and how great it looked. She has never seen it look so great. She stated that she is representing the seniors and she is pleased that the Board did so much homework on the bond. She is now supporting the bond.
- Patrick Meighan, President of Linwood Howe Boosters, stated that he is in attendance on behalf of the Linwood Howe Community and we support this bond.
- Todd Johnson wanted to specifically thank Mr. LaRose and Mr. Reynolds for engaging the community in a very respectful way. They were very thoughtful and were always available to answer any questions regarding this bond.
- Scott Malsin spoke about a great feeling it was when you reach a milestone like this. He spoke about how the Board and staff should be proud. He said support for the bond is also about respect. Respect for our students and the facilities they attend.

Mr. LaRose wanted to acknowledge all of our partners who assisted with the bond and supported the District in attending the many meetings. Dr. Levin addressed Mr. LaRose and Mr. Reynolds. He told that their leadership was exceptional and they never hesitated to rise to the occasion and respond to any and all questions.

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve Resolution #9/2013-2014 Ordering an Election and Establishing Specifications of the Election Order as presented. The motion was

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

14.3b Approval is Recommended for the Agreement with Century Paving for Asphalt Repair

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the Agreement with Century Paving for Asphalt Repair as presented. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3c Approval is Recommended for the Ratification of Agreement with Specialty Doors for Gym Bleacher Repair

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Ratification of Agreement with Specialty Doors for Gym Bleacher Repair as presented. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3d Approval is Recommended for the Notice of Completion for Athletic Field Project

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Dr. Levin that the Board approve the Notice of Completion for Athletic Field Project as presented. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3e Approval is Recommended for the Notice of Completion for Site Maintenance Project

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Robins that the board approve the Notice of Completion for Site Maintenance Project as presented. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3f Approval is Recommended for the Ratification of Agreement with Inland Building Construction Companies to Install New Baseball Scoreboard

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the Ratification of Agreement with Inland Building Construction Companies to Install New Baseball Scoreboard as presented. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays. Ms. Paspalis also wanted to thank Mr. Chip Netzel who helped secure the funding for the scoreboard.

14.4 Personnel Items

14.4a Resolution #10/2013-2014, Catastrophic Leave for Certificated Employee

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Resolution #10/2013-2014, Catastrophic Leave for Certificated Employee as presented. The motion was unanimously passed with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

15. Board Business - None

Adjournment

Ms. Goldberg requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of her husband Robert Sydney Goldberg. There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Ms. Robins and unanimously approved with 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board President Ms. Chardiet adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. in memory of Mr. Robert Sydney Goldberg.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary