

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>July 26, 2011</u>
Place:	<u>City Hall</u>	Time:	<u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>(Mike Balkman Chambers)</u>		<u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u>
	<u>9100 Culver Boulevard</u>		<u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>Culver City 90232</u>		

Board Members Present

Scott Zeidman, Esq., President
Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Clerk
Patricia Siever, Professor, Member

Staff Members Present

Patricia W. Jaffe, Interim Superintendent
Ali Delawalla
Eileen Carroll

Call to Order

Board President Mr. Zeidman 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 7:01 p.m. with three Board members in attendance. Mr. Gourley and Mr. Silbiger were absent. Mrs. Janet Chabola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Mr. Zeidman reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session regarding issues listed on today's Closed Session agenda and announced that no reportable actions were taken.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopted the July 26th agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

9. Consent Agenda

Mr. Zeidman called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Ms. Siever requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. Ms. Paspalis requested that item 9.3 be withdrawn. George Laase requested that item 9.8 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1, and 9.4 – 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Special Meeting – June 17, 2011; Minutes of Regular Meeting – June 28, 2011

9.4. Classified Personnel Reports No. 2

9.5 Annual Destruction of Class III Records

9.6 Disposal of Surplus Property

9.7 CCHS Teacher Leona Mullen to Attend the AP Summer Training Workshop in San Diego, CA, Aug. 1-5, 2011

9.8 Approval is Recommended for the Contract Between Culver City Unified School District and Westberg+White

Mr. Laase withdrew this item to state that there was a problem with the contract. He stated that trying to find the dollar amount was difficult and the public should not have to look for transparency. Ms. Paspalis asked if Mr. Delawalla could find out why the junior draft person and the clerical are the different. The clerical should be as low as the junior draft person in the hourly amount. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Contract Between Culver City Unified School District and Westberg+White as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

9.3 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 2

Ms. Paspalis requested this item be withdrawn so that she could comment on how pleased she is with the choices for the principal positions. She looks forward to working with them both. Ms. Paspalis would also like to pull item 9.3 I.c. Ms. Siever extended congratulations to the new principals. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve item 9.3 with removal of item I.c (Tenured Teacher). The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays. Regarding item 9.3 I.c Mr. Zeidman reminded Ms. Paspalis that the Board cannot criticize an employee. Ms. Paspalis commented that tenure is very short, and that tenure should be four or five years. Ms. Siever inquired if negotiations have anything to do with the amount of tenure. Further discussion ensued. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve item 9.3 I.c as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 2 – Ayes and 1 – Nay by Ms. Paspalis. Ms. Siever added that she was happy with the selections on item 9.3 I.a and I.b. Nancy Goldberg stated that we just got a really good principal. She is happy and proud of him, and she appreciates the Board's choice.

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Ms. Siever requested this item be withdrawn to thank Mr. Delawalla for the 25 pages of Purchase Order Reports. She asked for clarification on contract service listings. She wanted to know if they were consultants. Mr. Delawalla stated that they were non-public school contracts. They were not really any consultants. Further discussion ensued regarding consultants, and an inquiry regarding the Office of Child Development. Ms. Siever stated that they are doing a great job at the Office of Child Development and thanked Mr. Delawalla for all of his hard work as he works towards transparency. She also asked Mr. Delawalla to confirm if a purchase order was cancelled for SchoolDude.com. He confirmed it was. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve purchase orders and warrants as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations – None**11. Public Recognition****11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Jaffe read a brief bio and introduced Ms. Lynn Eboras as the new principal at Farragut Elementary School. Ms. Eboras thanked the Board for the opportunity. Mr. Jaffe then gave a brief bio and introduced Mr. Dylan Farris as the new principal at Culver City High School. Mr. Farris thanked the Board and members of the administration for their confidence in him to serve in the new position. Mrs. Jaffe reported that the Environmental Sustainability Committee met and she provided an update. Mrs. Jaffe also provided a list of accomplishments by the Board and highlighted what goals they have met. She thanked the Board for all they have done.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll reported that she is making the final arrangements for the Administrative Retreat. She stated that she met with Pearson Learning and Robert Quinn, Director of I.T. to find out how to make Success Maker more accessible to the students. Ms. Carroll reported that the staff is beginning the kindergarten assessments for incoming kindergarten students. She is working with ATI to make sure the schools have updated test items to continue bringing quality assessment. Ms. Carroll also informed the Board that the District is beginning its third year of the Art Integration Program.

Mr. Delawalla reported that staff is working hard to finish the 2010-2011 budget.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Robert Zirgulis stated that the Culver City Democratic Club just passed a resolution in support of an oil windfall tax. He would like to amend endorsing an oil extraction tax resolution.
- Amanda Copeland stated that she was going to bring a lawsuit regarding the unlawful and corrupt conduct of Mrs. Jaffe and Mr. Zeidman. Mr. Zeidman asked to stop the clock and he read the Board policy regarding complaints against District employees. He told her he can attack him personally, but

she should not continue her attacks against the Superintendent. He asked that her microphone be cut off, but she continued her statement on how members of the District, the Board, and the District's attorney were corrupt and not providing services to the special education students. Ms. Copeland was given her full 3 minutes to speak.

- Nancy Goldberg asked for clarification regarding the literacy assessments for kindergarteners. Ms. Carroll explained that the literacy assessments are to determine a starting point for them, and stated that some kindergarten students enter school already reading and some do not. This will help to give more individualized assistance.
- Jerry Chabola suggested the Board consider still requesting the addresses of the speakers.

11.4 Members of the Board of Education

Members of the Board spoke about:

- Ms. Siever stated that the District is in the forefront of progress in having Board goals and objectives. She knows Mrs. Jaffe will help the Board to move toward their goals.
- Ms. Paspalis reported her attendance at the YMCA fundraiser and stated that Rush Restaurant was very generous in helping out. She stated that she had a brief meeting with Assembly Member Holly Mitchell and thinks Ms. Mitchell is aware of the challenges facing the District.
- Mr. Zeidman reported that he also met with Assembly Member Holly Mitchell and she was excited that Culver City has a 1,300 seat venue such as Robert Frost for her Town Hall meetings. Mr. Zeidman also reported that the Culver City Sister City Committee has a delegation here.

12. Information Items - None

13. Recess

The Board agreed to bypass a recess.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items - None

14.2 Education Services Items - None

14.3 Business Items

14.3a Approval is Recommended for Establishment of Fund for Special Education Local Plan Area (Fund 10.0)

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Establishment of Fund for Special Education Local Plan Area (Fund 10.0) as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #1/2011-2012 – Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve Resolution #1/2011-2012 – Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

15. Board Business - None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Ms. Paspalis and approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Zeidman adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. in memory of Alfred Chavez Garcia, Norm Cargle, and Brian Harnack.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary