

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>October 25, 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>9770 Culver Boulevard</u>		<u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>Culver City 90232</u>		

Board Members Present
Scott Zeidman, Esq., President
Karlo Silbiger, Vice President
Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Clerk
Patricia Siever, Professor, Member
Steven Gourley, Member

Staff Members Present
Patricia W. Jaffe, 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 7:00 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Student Shaina Levin 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

Mr. Zeidman suggested moving item 15.2 up on the agenda to follow item 14.1b. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to adopt the October 25, 2011 agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

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 Siever requested that items 9.1, 9.2, and 9.4 be withdrawn. Mr. Silbiger also requested to withdraw item 9.1. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.3 and 9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 6

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 11, 2011

Ms. Siever withdrew this item to include in her statements on page 28 Members of the Board section that she also extended congratulations to the Alumni Association for their work on the Centuri Publication. She also wanted the word “inappropriate” in item 12.2 on page 28 to say “lively” in mentioning the exchange between her and Mr. Gourley. Mr. Silbiger requested this item be withdrawn to add the following statement in item 12.1 after the sentence about his comments: *Mr. Silbiger also recommended adding the following language to page b: “The District recommends that teachers count homework or classwork COMPLETION points as no more than 15% of a student’s grade in any 1 reporting period.”*

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Ms. Siever requested this item pulled to inquire about items listed on pages 2, 3, 4, and 5. She asked what items were for consultants. She also reviewed the items on special education and wanted to know the percentage of special education students that require mental health services. Ms. Siever would also like to know how the District’s funding will be affected with transfer of funding from AB3632 to AB113. Mr. Delawalla will research her questions and inform Ms. Siever at a later time. Ms. Paspalis stated that on page 1, the Purchase Order for

Bridgett Mitchell is for the Health Center at El Rincon.

9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 6

David Mielke stated that he was asked about item 1a for Rosalind LaBriola. Mrs. Jaffe explained that the principal at the school had a family emergency and was going to be out for a period of time. Therefore the school needed an administrator there to cover the period the principal would be out. Ms. Siever commented on item 1d-s and noted how much the District spent on extra assignments. She would like to know how much the District spends annually on extra assignments.

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

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is a campaign to raise awareness of alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence prevention. It is now the largest, most visible prevention awareness campaign observed annually in the United States. Ms. Brenna Guthrie introduced students who gave a presentation on Red Ribbon Week activities in the District. Rebecca Bernal from Senator Curren Price's office was also present and announced the Senator's support of the campaign. In his support his office donates Red Ribbon Week bookmarks, posters and certificates to all of the schools.

10.2 Student Assessment Results Presentation

Eileen Carroll, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented an overview of STAR assessments. She also presented the Board with information on how the District performed in relationship to the state and federal mandated targets. Mr. Silbiger asked about the growth model. He would like to see that information, and specifically looking at the cohort group. He would also like to find out what the individual goals are for the schools. Ms. Siever asked about Culver Park's scores. Ms. Carroll stated that since it is a continuation school their scores are calculated differently.

11. Public Recognition

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Jaffe reported that the students from the Sister City Iskan, South Korea to Culver City are coming to the high school. They will be meeting with Culver City elected officials on November 15th at 10:30 a.m. On Saturday Mrs. Jaffe attended the Farragut Fall Festival and said there was a great turnout. She also attended the Tedx Conference in Manhattan Beach; and the Los Angeles Convergence Meeting where the arts were discussed. Mrs. Jaffe reported that Culver City is one of the few districts that has not cut the art programs. She reported that the District participated in the California Shake Out and that the drills in the schools went very smoothly. Mrs. Jaffe announced that Shea Cunningham is the newest member of the Environmental Sustainability Committee. She thanked the members of the Board who attended the community meeting yesterday regarding Robert Frost Auditorium.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll reported on her visit to Long Beach Unified to look at their Transitional Kindergarten Program. She briefly presented information on the program to the Board, and stated that the curriculum that was being used was very impressive.

Mr. Delawalla reported that on October 12th he met with the Citizens' Advisory Committee and presented the Unaudited Actuals to the committee. On November 7th the Independent Auditors will be coming to the District. They will have to report to the Board by January. Mr. Delawalla is also working on retaining the services of a solar consultant.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports**Middle School Student Representative**

Kaelyn Gsellman, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including the upcoming Halloween festivities including needing chaperones for the Halloween Dance.

Culver Park Student Representative

Jessica Delgado, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including Student Council activities for Halloween; the program for training rescue dogs taking place at the school; and the upcoming field trip to help feed the homeless.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Eliud Evans, Student Board Member, was not present.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Robert Zirgulis stated that the Board is always complaining about the District not having any money. He stated that it is a sham because the Board voted against the Oil Tax Resolution out of “pure shallowness and pettiness” since he feels that some of the Board members do not like him. Mr. Zirgulis stated that Mr. Zeidman does not like the fact the he points certain things out that are not in Mr. Zeidman’s favor and it makes Mr. Zeidman incensed. Mr. Zirgulis also stated that Mr. Gourley admitted hatred towards him because he supports David Mielke. Mr. Zeidman asked Mr. Zirgulis if the initiative guaranteed the District money. Mr. Zirgulis tried to further explain how the tax would work, but did not give an amount that would be guaranteed to the District.
- Cary Anderson showed a video about traffic safety. The video showed parents double and sometimes triple parking to drop their children off at Linwood Howe Elementary
- David Mielke stated that he does not like the exchanges that are taking place at the Board meetings and asked that the Board try to treat everyone with respect. Mr. Mielke provided a union update. He stated that teachers are complaining that their classes are very large. He stated it is an ongoing issue that we cannot ignore. Mr. Mielke stated that the special education classes are also getting larger. He informed the Board that the teachers at El Marino are still concerned about noise pollution from the freeway and said that he had some suggestions to help this issue.
- Gary Abrams stated that he did not agree with the treatment of Mr. Mielke at the meetings and asked when the public was going to find out about Amanda Copeland’s case. Mr. Zeidman informed him that the Board cannot comment on anyone’s confidential case. Mr. Abrams stated that the Board is lacking courage.
- Sarah Dry reported that the middle school was in the 38th spot in the Glee Contest. She encouraged everyone to vote. Ms. Dry also thanked the District for holding the community meeting on Robert Frost and for agreeing to bring in an expert architect for the project.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Silbiger thinks it would be nice to bring in a former member since a member is leaving Environmental Sustainability Committee. He also stated that he attended two events given by Assembly Member Holly Mitchell and briefly spoke about the topics at the events. Mr. Silbiger stated that he was concerned that the Board is telling members of the community that money has been allocated for certain projects. He feels that the Board needs to have the component parts of each project brought to the Board to figure out any allocations.
- Ms. Siever was interested in what Mr. Mielke said about teachers’ input on the noise pollution issue at El Marino. She would like to hear about the suggestions. Regarding the oil tax, Ms. Siever stated that Board did not receive any information on the tax. She reported on her attendance at the Homecoming Game and said the game was great. She thinks the Board is doing a great job and she

reiterated that the Board has tried to keep programs and minimize the loss of employees during the budget crisis. She wished everyone a good week.

- Mr. Gourley stated that he liked Mr. Silbiger's idea of commending the retired member of the Environmental Sustainability Committee. He knows the retiree and thinks that it would be well deserved. Mr. Gourley stated that the \$2 million allotted for Robert Frost will need to be re-evaluated. He followed up on Mr. Silbiger's remarks that some of the statements made tonight were false, and that information on the costs of each project was never presented.
- Ms. Paspalis agreed with remarks from her colleagues. She also reiterated that information on special education students is confidential and the Board will not answer or discuss anyone's child in public, ever. She stated that the money for the capital projects had been discussed. Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at Homecoming and she said it was great. She attended CCEF's Sip for Our Schools event and stated there was a good turnout. She also attended the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting then went to a Growing Great presentation. Ms. Paspalis stated that Julie Garcia, Director of Food Services, was recognized by the parents at El Marino for listening to ideas from the parents and then incorporating them into the food menu. Ms. Paspalis also reported on her attendance at the community meeting regarding Robert Frost. She stated that the bonds have been released for school facilities projects.
- Mr. Zeidman stated that freedom of speech is great. You can say what you want even if it is not true. He explained when the Board can respond to comments from those in attendance. The Board did not turn down \$3 million as Mr. Zirgulis stated. He reported he attended the Homecoming Game, Sip for our Schools event, the Farragut Fall Festival, and middle school's girls and boys softball games. He also attended the community meeting for Robert Frost, and was given a tour of all of the parks in the City by Parks and Recreation.

12. Information Items

12.1 First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation 4032, Reasonable Accommodation

Ms. Siever stated that she has a lot of corrections. She suggested giving the changes to staff and then bringing the Administrative Regulation back. It will be brought back to a future meeting.

12.2 First Reading of Exhibit 1330(d) – Community Relations, Use of Facilities

Mr. Silbiger asked how much the District loses if another discounted use of facilities is given to each site. Mr. Delawalla provided a dollar range. He said it depends on different factors. Mr. Silbiger also wanted to know why the District singles out the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts for discounts. Further discussion ensued about additional language for all 501(c)3 organizations. Ms. Siever is interested in expanding the groups for discount. It was decided that there needs to be clarification in the exhibit that each organization at each site receives one discounted use. Further discussion ensued.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:22 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items

14.1a Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Bylaw 9323, Meeting Conduct

Mr. Zeidman asked to continue this item. Further review has to be done on the Bylaw. Board members agreed.

14.1b Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1312.1, Community Relations – Complaints Concerning District Employees; and Exhibit 1312.1, Community Relations

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Revised Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1312.1, Community Relations – Complaints Concerning District Employees;

and Exhibit 1312.1, Community Relations as presented with some modifications. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business

15.2 Discussion Regarding the Roles/Limits of Authority of Advisory

Mrs. Jaffe spoke about the roles of committees and said the groups also need to understand the limits of authority. She further explained the limits of authority. Rania Daly thanked the Board and staff for the community meeting yesterday. The committees want to partner with the District and be allies. The community also appreciates the inclusiveness that was shown at the meeting. Mr. Gourley stated that he thinks part of reason for this item was due to members of the Sustainability Committee. He stated that one of the members spoke to a vendor and did not inform staff at the District. Mr. Gourley stated that the “adults need to communicate.” The Board would like everyone to coordinate when working on projects.

14.1c Appointment of Community Budget Advisory Committee Members

The Board discussed how they wanted to case their choices for the committee. After reading out their choices it was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to appoint Jessica Beagles-Roos, Alan Elmont, James T. Harris, Anne Diga Jacobsen, and Scott Kecken as the new members of the Community Budget Advisory Committee with Elissa Huang as the alternate member. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.1d Approval of Waiver of Attorney/Client Privilege Regarding a Letter from the Legal Firm of Dannis Woliver Kelley

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Silbiger that the Board will Waive the Attorney/Client Privilege Regarding a Letter from the Legal Firm of Dannis Woliver Kelley as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #01-11-12

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Silbiger that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #01-11-12 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Items

14.3a Approval is Recommended for the Rejection of Claim

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Rejection of Claim as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for Budget Revisions

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Budget Revisions as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel

14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #6-2011/2012, Catastrophic Leave for Classified Employee (Instructional Assistant – Bilingual)

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board Approve Resolution #6-2011/2012, Catastrophic Leave for Classified Employee (Instructional Assistant – Bilingual) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business – (cont.)

15.1 Discussion and Direction Regarding the Prioritization of Measure EE Parcel Tax Funds

Mr. Delawalla distributed information on the Measure EE expenditures/allocations for each category. Ms. Paspalis stated that she did not have any problems with the allocations. Mr. Silbiger would like an Action Item so

it is clear in the Minutes what expenditures the Board has approved. Mr. Gourley stated that the only item that does not seem to be accounted for is safety. He does not see a full time or “person” appointed to the \$18,000. Ms. Siever inquired as to what were the expected outcomes for the investment. Mr. Laase commented on what items were shown on the ballot when the parcel tax was being voted on. He stated that this prioritization should not be discussed. Further discussion ensued. Mrs. Jaffe provided additional information on what the District was able to maintain.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Siever, seconded by Ms. Paspalis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Zeidman adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. in memory of Loren Collins, Edna Gyepes, and Dr. Eleanor Haburton.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary