

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>November 8, 2011</u>
Place:	<u>District Administration Office</u>	Time:	<u>4:30 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>4034 Irving Place</u>		<u>4:31 p.m. – Closed Session</u>
	<u>Culver City 90232</u>		<u>4:45 p.m. – Public Meeting</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 4:30 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 4:45 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Dr. Luther Henderson 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 amending the agenda by pulling item 14.4b and 15.1. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Silbiger to adopt the November 8, 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. No items were withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 through 9.8 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 25, 2011
- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 7
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 7
- 9.6 CCHS Robotics Team Field Trips to Attend Competitions in San Diego, CA (March 2-4, 2012), and St. Louis, Missouri (April 25-28, 2012)
- 9.7 CCHS Sojourn to the Past Field Trip through Southern States, March 29-April 7, 2012
- 9.8 Acceptance of Enrollment Report

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 American Citizenship Awards

Mrs. Jaffe 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 Isabel Berliner from El Marino School; Madison Becker from El Rincon Elementary; Jocelyn Valdes from La Ballona School; Giselle Godoy from Linwood E. Howe School; Keaton Asma from Farragut School; Lillian Gardner from Culver City Middle School; Montana Smith from Culver Park High School; and Michael Rummelsburg 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 Anti-Bullying Task Force Presentation

Ms. Carroll began the presentation by informing the Board that the District is one of the few districts that have assembled a task force to address bullying. Jocie Wilson, Assistant Principal, at the middle school recognized those students that have participated in the poster contest at the middle school. Students that participated and were present at the Board meeting took turns describing the posters that they made, and extended an invitation to audience members to view them in the display case outside the Board Room. Hank Linderman, Co-Chair of the task force, shared the three key points of having an Anti-Bullying Task Force. Mr. Linderman also informed the Board that the task force was facing funding issues, and could not proceed to the next phase without funding. Mr. Zeidman stated that when he and Mr. Gourley proposed the task force four years ago they assumed there would be some sort of cost involved. He asked what the Board could do to assist the task force. Mr. Linderman stated that he would do a little more research and provide the Board with additional information regarding costs and programs that could improve the anti-bullying program throughout the District. Ms. Siever stated that those Board members attending the upcoming CSBA Conference can also bring back any information that they find in support of the task force. Ms. Silbiger inquired about what happened with the funding for the Olweus Program. He suggested that the committee develop a plan and bring it back to the Board. The Board can look at the proposal and see what they can do to help.

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

Mrs. Jaffe extended congratulations to 10th grade Visual Arts Program student Amy Wong. She announced that visitors from Culver City's sister city, Iksan, South Korea, will be visiting the District and meeting with City and State officials. Mrs. Jaffe will also be meeting with them and providing them with information regarding the District. She announced that applications to fill the vacancy on the Citizens' Advisory Committee are available on the District website. Mrs. Jaffe thanked Sony for their contribution to MOCA, and wished the Board member candidates good luck.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll reported that she has been working closely with the principals on the Single Plans for the school sites, and they will be presented to the Board soon. She has also been working with the new teachers through the BTSA Program. Ms. Carroll stated that it is always exciting working with the new teachers.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports

Kaelyn Gsellman reported on the Halloween Dance and stated that the school made \$238 in profit. She gave an extensive breakdown of the costs that were involved making sure that the dance was a success. She announced the winners of the Costume Contests, and reported the other events that took place to celebrate Halloween. Miss Gsellman also reported on the schools upcoming Thanksgiving events; and she read the suggestions given from the different grades at the middle school for themed weeks. She informed the Board of the suggestions for the 8th grade dance location. Miss Gsellman informed the Board that ASB had questions for the Board. She asked if there can be a dedicated page on the website for ASB; and if ASB can get their school pictures. Miss Gsellman reported that Santa Claus will be coming to the middle school.

Jessica Delgado, Student Representative from Culver Park High School, reported on activities in the school which included student council considering ideas for their holiday project. She also spoke about the CVE (Cancer Vocational Education) Program, and explained what the program does.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jenny Manriquez and Howard Behnken spoke about accountability in public education and they think there should be a comprehensive plan for the capital projects. Ms. Manriquez proposed forming a committee to provide feedback regarding the capital projects, and they would report back to the Board. Mr. Behnken continued with the proposal.
- George Laase thanked the Board for showing the reports on any Board compensation. He requested to have the information brought the Board meetings every quarter.

- Tania Fleischer provided the Board with an update on the Glee Contest voting that closed the day before. She stated that the middle school came in 15th in the country, and ranked 8th in the State. Culver City Middle School was ranked the number one middle school.
- Jerry Chabola extended an invitation to the girls' volleyball game tonight, and announced that Tiana Wallace will be playing. Miss Wallace is signing a Letter of Intent to Long Beach State University. Mr. Chabola also stated that there was an issue with the 2012-2013 school calendar that is on the agenda and thinks that it should be tabled for further input from staff.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Paspalis reported that she attended the Education Foundation's Benefactors Breakfast at Akasha and it was a great event honoring all of the companies and corporations that support the District. She wished all of the Board member candidates good luck.
- Mr. Silbiger asked Ms. Carroll if she was bringing all of the site plans to one meeting. She responded yes, and confirmed that she can provide them earlier than a Friday to give the Board ample time to review. Mr. Silbiger stated, in regards to the capital projects, that he feels all of the issues are important to discuss. Ms. Siever suggested people give their suggestions to staff first, and then present them to the Board with staffs input. Mr. Zeidman suggested the December 13th meeting. All Board members agreed. Mr. Silbiger stated that he is frustrated that there seems to be word in the community that the Board has allocated funds for the capital projects. There has been no official direction from the Board. After reviewing the past years Minutes, he stated that he could not find anywhere where there was an official allocation for the projects. He confirmed that there have just been discussions.
- Ms. Siever stated that she was curious about field trips. She asked if the schools pay for the field trips or if it comes out of the general fund. Mr. Delawalla stated that their field trips are not a general fund expenditure.
- Mr. Gourley asked if the topic of bidding on the architect was ever agendized. Mrs. Jaffe stated that it will be coming on the next agenda. The Board first had to waive their attorney/client privilege. Mr. Gourley announced that the middle school Mock Trial Team's prosecution argued their case last night at the Downtown court, and defense will argue next week.
- Mr. Zeidman reported that he attended El Rincon's Science Night. He said that the Principal, Mr. Brunson, "rocks!"

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 - None

14.4 Personnel Items

14.4a Approval is Recommended for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the Association of Classified Employees (ACE)

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the Association of Classified Employees (ACE) as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 1 – Nay by Mr. Gourley.

15. Board Business

15.1 Discussion Regarding a Letter from the Legal Firm of Dannis Woliver Kelley

This item was pulled from the agenda

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. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m. in memory of Louella Benson Garcia.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary