

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>March 13, 2012</u>
Place:	<u>District Administration Office</u>	Time:	<u>5:45 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>4034 Irving Place</u>		<u>5:46 p.m. – Closed Session</u>
	<u>Culver City 90232</u>		<u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

Board Members Present

Karlo Silbiger, President
Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Vice President
Patricia Siever, Professor, Clerk
Laura Chardiet, Member
Nancy Goldberg, Member

Staff Members Present

Patricia W. Jaffe, Superintendent
Ajay Mohindra
Eileen Carroll

Call to Order

Board President Mr. Silbiger called the meeting of the Culver City Unified School District Board of Education to order at 5:45 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:56 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:00 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Todd Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Mr. Silbiger 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 suggested by Mr. Silbiger that agenda items 12.1, 12.2, and 14.3c be moved up on the agenda to follow right after the Awards and Presentation Items. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to adopt the March 13, 2012 agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Mr. Silbiger called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Ms. Siever requested that 9.4 and 9.5 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.6, and 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 10, 2012
- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.6 CCHS Teacher Rachel Snyder to Attend the College Board Readings in Kansas City, Missouri, June 1-9, 2012
- 9.7 Enrollment Report

9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 13 and

9.5 Approval is Recommended for the Classified Personnel Reports No. 13

Ms. Siever requested that these items be withdrawn to comment on how much money goes towards costs on field trips. She thanked Ms. Lockhart for providing the amounts on the reports that show much goes back into the general fund when an employee resigns or retires. Ms. Siever also stated in regards to the Purchase Orders that it would be nice to know how much is being transferred from fund to fund. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve the Certificated and Classified Personnel Reports No. 13 as presented.

Mr. Silbiger called Ms. Lockhart for an announcement. Ms. Lockhart announced that two weeks ago she stated that she would be meeting with ACE. She has met with ACE and is waiting to hear back from the District's legal counsel regarding paying the volunteers to serve in the classrooms.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 Spotlight on Education - CCMS Drafting Students Presentation

Mrs. Jaffe introduced Ms. Snell and her middle school drafting students. The students introduced their site plans for the proposed new location for Culver Park High School.

10.2 Art Education Month Proclamation

Ms. Chardiet read the Proclamation declaring March as Art Education Month.

10.3 AVPA Recognition/Visual Arts

Ms. Carroll introduced Kristine Hatanaka, Co-Chair of the AVPA, introduced two students from the AVPA Program who spoke on behalf of the program. They thanked Ms. Pober from Sony Studios, Ms. Hatanaka, and all the staff that contributes to the program. Ms. Carroll announced that all of the students in the Visual Arts Program will be receiving a certificate. Board members congratulated the students and Ms. Hatanaka. Ms. Paspalis announced that AVPA will be performing "Sweeney Todd".

10.4 Spotlight on Education – Culver City High School

Dylan Farris, principal at the high school, informed the Board about the programs in place at the high school. He invited students to speak about the programs they are involved in and what their futures hold. Students spoke about the ASB, the AVID Program, ROP Programs, being involved in the sports programs, AVPA, and AP courses.

10.5 Check Presentation to Culver City Education Foundation

Lisa Paillet from PXP Oil presented an annual contribution to the Education Foundation in the amount of \$20,000.

Mr. Silbiger asked to move up Public Recognition so the student representatives could be excused from the meeting

11. Public Recognition

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 5th grade activities; the new P.A. system donated by Yamaha and the Girls Varsity Basketball team going to Staples Center.

Culver Park Student Representative

Jessica Delgado, Culver Park High School Student Representative, stated her concerns about the possible move of Culver Park. She stated that relocating could lead to the cancellation of some programs.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Lena Keeterin, Interim Student Board Member, stated that the previous Student Board Member, Eliud Evans, will be resigning from the Board. She reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the yard sale on April 21st; the ASB Mixer with ASB members from other districts; the upcoming Talent Show on April 27th; and the Summer Bash contest.

14. Action Item

14.3c Approval of Contract between Culver City Unified School District and Clyde Murley

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Contract between Culver City Unified School District and Clyde Murley as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

12.2 Information Regarding Solar Capital Project

Clyde Murley presented information on the District's Solar Photovoltaic Procurement Process. He also informed the Board about the preliminary proposals and interviews with three solar companies. Mr. Murley explained what the process was going forward. Roberta Sargent asked if there was built-in funding if there are any problems such as graffiti or wear and tear. Mr. Murley confirmed there was. He stated that the contract would have a twenty-five (25) year maintenance agreement. The vendor would not cover vandalism, but the benefits would override the costs. Jerry Chabola asked if it would be possible to place the panels above the stadium seating. Mr. Murley confirmed it would be possible. Ms. Siever asked why there was a drop in costs. Mr. Murley stated that the cost of the modules has gone down and that is a big part as to why costs have decreased. He also thinks that the vendors may be reducing their fees. Ms. Goldberg inquired about the difference in the products made in Japan or the ones made in Germany. Mr. Murley explained that they are made in China and China has been producing great product. George Laase asked what generation cell is being offered. Mr. Murley explained that it is more about efficiency than generation. He explained the less efficient models are less expensive. Mr. Silbiger stated that it sounded as if there was no negative in relation to free-standing carport installation other than construction. There are negatives to the roof top installation which include the big potential costs. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Silbiger thanked Mr. Murley for his presentation.

12.1 Presentation of the Second Interim Report for 2011-2012

Ali Delawalla, former Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Second Interim Report to the Board. David Mielke would like the Board to look at the unrestricted general fund multi-year projections. The prior Board voted to have a 5% reserve. He asked the Board to reconsider having a 3% reserve. Dr. Luther Henderson asked if the deficit amount is a figure assuming that the November tax initiatives will fail. He also commented that the State requires that all districts have a 3% reserve. Dr. Henderson felt it was a good that the District has more than the State's minimum. Mr. Delawalla stated that it was hard to say what will happen with Prop 98. George Laase commented that if no money is taken from the reserve could the District make a positive rating. Mr. Delawalla addressed the 5% reserve. He stated that it gives us a good rating when we go out to borrow money. Roberta Sargent inquired about the amount spent for the election and if it was just for the school board. Mr. Delawalla stated that it was just an estimated amount and it is required by law. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Delawalla thanked Mr. Mohindra, Mr. Kearney, and Mary Soto for preparing the information in a timely fashion in his absence. Mr. Silbiger stated that he was happy to see that the District is in better shape than we were, and in better shape than some of the other surrounding districts. Mr. Mielke stated that on page 10 in the narrative it states that CCFT and the District has settled for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Delawalla stated it was a reopener.

14. Action Items – (cont.)**14.3 Business Items****14.3a Approval is Recommended for the Certification of the Second Interim Report for 2011-2012**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certification of the Second Interim Report for 2011-2012 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Public Recognition – (cont.)**11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Jaffe congratulated AVPA and Mr. Farris. She thanked the Culver City Youth Health Center for honoring her and having such a great event. Mrs. Jaffe reported on her attendance at the Open Houses at the school sites and stated that have been great. She attended the El Marino Distinguished School Luncheon and stated that Mr. Korgan and staff did a great job. The Farragut Distinguished School Luncheon will be coming soon. Mrs. Jaffe provided an updated on the middle school Immersion Program, and added that Mrs. Pumilia, Mr. Pearson, and the teachers have really come together to make a plan. She reported that she attended a meeting at Willows and how private school and public school could work together. Mrs. Jaffe attended the K9 Connections graduation and it was fantastic. She provided an update on her research in trying to find another location for Culver Park, and she

is also looking for a SELPA Program. Mrs. Jaffe also addressed Mr. Mielke's comments about having 5% reserves in other districts.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll provided an update on the Governor's Transitional Kindergarten Proposal. She also provided an update on the District Community Arts Team meeting.

Mr. Ajay Mohindra, Consultant for Business Services, stated that he is happy to be assisting in the District.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jamie Wallace commented on Measure EE coming up for renewal. She stated her concerns about the union filing lawsuits. If we lose parent-funded programs than we lose a lot of parent who helped pass the measure and they will not vote again to pass another one.
- Tom Crunk stated that the negotiations with ACE are illegal. He wants to know why the District is meeting and negotiating with ACE.
- Paul Blechner spoke about the adjunct program and how it is representative of many things such as volunteerism, and a community coming together. The Board needs to look at the program and think how to make it better. We do not need to eliminate it.
- David Mielke stated that it is great to see high school students and their achievements. He commented that as we look to replace our Superintendent he encourages the Board to include all stakeholders. He encouraged the Board to consider Mrs. Lockhart for the position, and to make sure that the unions are involved.
- Allison Herbst asked the Board to allow the adjunct program to remain at El Marino
- Michael Hammel stated that the adjunct program is critical to the success of the school
- Steve Bumbaugh stated that he moved here from Chicago and has been very pleased at La Ballona with the Immersion Program. If ACE has their way the adjunct program will effectively be gone.
- Mr. Silbiger read a written comment from Francis Thaler regarding the adjunct program.
- Ms. Paspalis read an email regarding the funding for adjuncts, and the donations from parents for the program.
- Sara Kocher thanked the Board for their support to ALLEM. She reminded the Board that we need to work together. The District needs to accept help from all businesses.
- Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin presented a Petition that was in support of keeping the adjuncts. She would like the Board to discuss the details of the Board Policy at the next meeting.
- Roberta Sargent stated that she helped to start ALLEM. She thinks that some have been a little threatening to our Board members. Everyone is in it for the children. Ms. Sargent stated that ACE was willing to discuss the situation, but after so many threats who knows. We cannot bully our Board.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Goldberg stated that she does sense a little bullying against the Board taking place. She reported that she went to Northrop Grumman where the emphasis was on STEM schools. Ms. Goldberg also reported on her attendance at the Education foundation meeting; the Open House events that she attended; and the Culver City Youth Health Center event.
- Ms. Siever thanked Mrs. Jaffe for providing the Board with the acronyms that are used regularly, and for looking into alternative locations for Culver Park. Ms. Siever offered to help in researching a new location by looking at West Los Angeles College. She also stated that she not like being bullied. She respects parents, but there is a lot of misrepresentative information being put out. The Board is trying to hear all sides of the current issues.
- Ms. Chardiet stated that by all accounts the District has some great schools, and for many years she has gone to Sacramento and advocated for the schools. She is glad there are parents here and engaged. She also commented on the inequity in the schools.

- Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the middle school and high school Open House events; and the Linwood Howe fundraiser at Royal T where she won some really good items. Ms. Paspalis stated that unions can file grievances. The Board is waiting to find out if we can engage in negotiations.
- Mr. Silbiger reiterated what Mrs. Jaffe said about the District being in good shape. He attended the middle school and high school Open Houses and thought they went very well. He stated he is constantly amazed at all of the work that is getting done at the schools. He thanked Mrs. Jaffe for arranging a workshop with the Board and CSBA. He would also like to see a comparison for other ways to handle the elections. Mr. Silbiger stated that he is glad Ms. Sargent spoke because he feels that someone being a member of the press and writing negative comments is not going work for him.

14. Action Items – (cont.)

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2d Approval is Recommended for Full-Day Kindergarten at El Marino Language School Beginning in the 2012-2013 School Year

Ms. Pumilia, Principal at El Marino, spoke about the submission of signatures in support of full-day kindergarten at El Marino. Leslie Johnson stated that she is grateful that a location is still being looked for. These students deserve a school that they can be proud of. Courtney Stevenson stated that the meeting has been overwhelming. She is open to the idea of moving the school and spoke about the pros of Culver Park's current location. David Mielke offered support to Culver Park teachers and students. He provided the Board with some of the history of the school. Ms. Goldberg stated that the continuation school move pains her. This is not something we can move on too quickly. Ms. Chardiet thinks that everyone is committed to the well being of the students. We cannot stop progressing because of a small minority of students. She stated that the District will have a great space for Culver Park. Ms. Paspalis stated that it is way past time to make El Marino full time. Culver Park will be fine in the bungalows, and it could be a great space. Mr. Silbiger stated that there is absolutely no question in his mind that your environment affects how you learn. He listed some of the issues that he would like to see addressed and he wanted it to be made very clear to Culver Park that the move to the bungalows would be temporary. He would like it to be for one year while other locations are being looked at. Ms. Siever stated that if other locations are going to be looked at than she will vote for this item. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Full-Day Kindergarten at El Marino Language School Beginning in the 2012-2013 school year. The motion was unanimously approved.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 10:45 p.m. and reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

14. Action Items – (cont.)

14.1 Superintendent's Items

14.1a Approval is Recommended to Submit the Official CSBA 2012 Delegate Assembly Ballot

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Official CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #08-11-12

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #08-11-12 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Administrative Regulation/Board Policy 5131.7, Students – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet to postpone this item to a future meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2c Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Administrative Regulation and New Board Policy 5141.31, Students – Immunizations

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Adoption of Revised Administrative Regulation and New Board Policy 5141.31, Students – Immunizations as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Services Items – (cont.)

14.3b Approval is Recommended for the Certification of Signatures

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certification of Signatures. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3d Approval of Contract between Culver City Unified School District and Corinne Loskot Consulting, Inc.

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Contract between Culver City Unified School District and Corinne Loskot Consulting, Inc. as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items - None

15. Board Business

15.1 Board Policy 1240 in Relationship to Board Bylaw 9310

Tom Crunk stated that he wanted to clarify some misleading and incorrect information that the Board put out. He stated that Ms. Chardiet did nothing wrong at the last meeting He proceed to explain what the Board Policy said. Ms. Goldberg stated that she was unaware that the Board put any information out stating that Ms. Chardiet had done anything.

15.2 Board Goals and Objectives Update

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that discussion regarding items 15.1 and 15.2 be continued to another meeting. Board members agreed and the motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Ms. Chardiet and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Silbiger adjourned the meeting at 11:03 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary