

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>April 24, 2012</u>
Place:	<u>District Administration Office</u>	Time:	<u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>4034 Irving Place</u>		<u>6:01 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 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. Gustavo Cruz 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

Mr. Silbiger suggested moving item 14.3d up on the agenda to follow the Consent Items. He also stated that items 9.11 and 9.12 are being pulled to read out. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to adopt the April 24, 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 Siever requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1, and 9.3 – 9.10 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Special Meeting – February 7, 2012; and Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 28, 2012
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 15
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 15
- 9.6 Enrollment Report
- 9.7 Williams/Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- 9.8 Members of the Culver City High School Track Team to Attend State Championships in Fresno, California, May 31-June 2, 2012
- 9.9 Culver City Middle School 7th Grade GATE Students to Attend Astro Camp in Idyllwild, California, April 30-May 2, 2012
- 9.10 Culver City High School Lacrosse Team to Attend Tournament in San Diego, California, June 29-July 1, 2012

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Ms. Siever congratulated Mr. Mohindra as the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services. She wanted to confirm that the object code for consultants was 5860 as reflected on one of the pages in the Purchase Orders. Mr. Mohindra stated that consultants are usually object codes 5810 or 5850. Ms. Paspalis wanted to clarify that Mr. Mohindra is not an Assistant Superintendent at this time and that he still at consultant status. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the Purchase Orders and Warrants from

March 17, 2012 through April 13, 2012 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.11 Approval is Recommended for the Proclamation in Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 7-11, 2012)

Ms. Goldberg read the Proclamation in commendation for Teacher Appreciation Week. David Mielke accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the teachers.

9.12 Approval is Recommended for the Proclamation in Recognition of Classified Employee Appreciation Week (May 21-25, 2012)

Ms. Siever spoke about how important the classified staff is to the District and that they are often unrecognized. She read the Proclamation and Mrs. Hamme accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the classified employees. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the items 9.11 and 9.12 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14. Action Items

Business Items

14.3d Authorization for Staff to Enter into Contract Negotiations with Selected Solar Vendor

Mrs. Jaffe spoke about her meeting with Mr. Clyde Murley to review the proposals from three solar vendors. Mr. Murley summarized prior events that led up to the current meeting. He addressed issues that were discussed at the meeting such as trying to keep the architectural design of the school. Mr. Murley also spoke about what proposals addressed the high efficiency designs with the carport. He suggested proceeding with the Sunpower Proposal. Mr. Murley provided the Board with information on the company. Further discussion ensued about where the panels would be located. Mr. Silbiger asked if there was a way to write in the contract language stating that if the lot is not ready in time that the panels can get installed at a different location. Mr. Murley confirmed it would be possible. The timeline was also discussed and Mr. Murley stated that installation would happen by the fall semester. Mr. Siever asked if Mr. Johnson had reviewed the information and if he agrees with the company. Mr. Johnson confirmed that the Environmental Sustainability Committee has been working closely with Mr. Murley. The Board decided to move forward with the Sunpower contract. They amended the motion stating That the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee to enter into contract negotiations with Sunpower. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board authorize the Superintendent or Superintendent's designee to enter into contract negotiations with Sunpower. The motion was unanimously approved.

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 April. The recipients were Margaret Lezcano from El Marino School; Matthew Lopez from El Rincon Elementary; Ivette Enriques from La Ballona School; Frances Horwitz Linwood E. Howe School; Audreen Fune from Farragut School; Gizel Ruzega from Culver City Middle School; Nicholas Mizel from Culver Park High School; and Robert Myers 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 AVPA Recognition/Music, Film, Theatre, and Dance

Tony Spano spoke on behalf of the AVPA Department. He thanked the companies that have supported the AVPA and called the theater students to come up for their commendations. The film students were also acknowledged and the students in the Club 34 class. The Music Department was then introduced. Gustavo Cruz, President of Pink Elephant Mucis, provided the Board with information on the different classes and workshops that are offered. He thanked the Board for their continued support of the program. The dance program was also recognized.

10.3 Spotlight on Education - Culver City Middle School and Linwood E. Howe Elementary School

Jon Pearson, Principal at the Culver City Middle School, presented Mrs. Jaffe and the Board with a plaque recognizing the middle school as a School to Watch. He then presented the Board with the information regarding the changes and data on student improvement. Mr. Pearson also spoke about the changes in their Mission Statement; and the bell schedule being rearranged to allot time for intervention sessions. Rick Barclay and teachers for Young Storytellers showed a DVD with the class putting together a show. Ms. Paspalis thanked Mr. Pearson for his presentation and stated that she appreciates what really goes on at the core at the middle school. Ms. Siever thanked him for his presentation and commended the way he has handled intervention.

Amy Anderson, Principal at Linwood E. Howe Elementary, provided the Board with the updated Mission Statement at the school and spoke about the key words that reflect the core of the school. Ms. Anderson provided the Board with test score information and spoke about the programs being provided such as Caring School Communities, Anti-Bullying programs; The Arts Program; Hiking Vikings; and Living Greener (Green 5 Program). She also spoke about her intervention programs.

10.4 Update on Immersion Programs

Tracy Pumilia and Jon Pearson provided an update on the plans for the Immersion Program and the transition from the elementary program to the middle school program. Ms. Pumilia addressed the recommendation that were provided by the Strategic Planning Committee. Ms. Pumilia responded to questions from the audience regarding the program. Board members thanked Ms. Pumilia and Mr. Pearson and commended them on all of their hard work and implementation

11. Public Recognition**11.3 Student Representatives' Reports****Middle School Student Representative**

Kaelyn Gsellman , Culver City Middle School Student Representative, was not present.

Culver Park Student Representative

Jessica Delgado, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on the possible move of Culver Park to the Adult School and reaction from students.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Robert Myers, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the success of the ASBA Election Rally and stated he was thanks to the high school for his American Citizenship Award. He announced that the high school held a Blood Drive today and stated that upcoming activities included a Yard Sale on Saturday and a Pep Rally at lunch. Mr. Myers also provided a sports update.

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Jaffe thanked Ms. Pumilia, Mr. Pearson, Ms. Anderson, and Mr. Barclay for their presentations. She congratulated El Marino and Farragut for receiving the Distinguished School designations. Mrs. Jaffe reported on her PTA Honorary Service Awards attendance and stated it was a great success. She thanked Mr. Silbiger and Ms. Paspalis for being in the skits at the event. The athletic field project is moving forward with the DSA, but the District will still have to wait for an approval from them. The architect is going to the Adult School to take a look at it. One of the biggest issues with the move will be special education and SELPA. She also provided an update on her meeting with Eileen Carroll on the parent volunteers.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll commended all of the presenters. She attended the Farragut Artworks at Royal T and there was great attendance. She also reported on her attendance at the Front and Center event. Today she met with all of the principals for the Arts Integration Program. Ms. Carroll reported that Monday will start the STAR testing next week.

Mr. Mohindra reported that his department is presently working on the Second Interim Report.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Chardiet reported on her attendance at the Artworks event and stated it was wonderful. She thanked her fellow Board members for being good sports at the Honorary Service Awards and participating in the skit.
- Ms. Goldberg reported on her attendance at the dance performance and the solar panel discussion. She thought the elementary school presentations were great and very informative.
- Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the Farragut Art Works event and stated it was wonderful. The PTA Honorary Service Awards were a tremendous amount of fun. The solar review meeting yesterday was great and she commended Mr. Murley for all of his assistance and great work.
- Ms. Siever extended congratulations to Ms. Chardiet for the Service Awards and all of her hard work that went into the event. Ms. Siever reported on her attendance at the LACSTA meeting. She stated her concerns about the Culver Park students and moving the school. Ms. Siever feels that a year is too long to wait for a temporary move and she would like additional information on any possible locations.
- Mr. Silbiger reported on the City Council meeting and his attendance at LACMA. He asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Lia Pinkiss.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Dr. Luther Henderson provided information on the upcoming Culver City Car Show.
- Jim Lamm, President of Ballona Creek Renaissance, announced a public workshop on April 28th regarding the Green Space plan.
- David Mielke expressed his concerns about the Culver Park students and the moving of the school. He had a great meeting with Dr. John Cruz from ELS, the Superintendent search firm. Mr. Mielke stated that he missed the last Board meeting at Spring Break and the news did not go over well regarding the actions the Board took such as increasing the hours of the Security Supervisor. He asked to rescind the May 25th furlough day if there is money for management increases.
- Jerry Chabola thanked the Board for being available Sunday night. May 23rd is the Athletic Awards. He also announced that there will be a fundraiser on May 12th at the parking lot by the Natatorium. He requested that if the student parking lot is going to be used during the summer due to construction, to please articulate that to staff. Mr. Chabola encouraged the Board to get all teachers on the Parent Portal. Ms. Siever asked why the teachers are not using the portal. Ms. Carroll stated that it is not a requirement. Board members agreed that having the teachers use the Parent Portal is something that should be done.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 10:10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

12. Information Items**12.1 Budget Update**

Mr. Mohindra presented a budget overview of the general fund. He stated that in the 2014-2015 school year the District may not have the 3% reserve. George Laase asked on the ending fund balance if the District is deficit spending. Mr. Mohindra confirmed yes. Dr. Henderson asked what the effect would be if the proposed Governor's taxes do not pass. Mr. Mohindra gave the worse case scenario. Dr. Henderson asked if the District did not hire a new Superintendent or did not spend the money on administration would that remove the District's deficit. Mr. Mohindra stated it would not.

12.2 First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation and Board Policy 1230 – School-Connected Organizations

Steve Levin commented on the line that states the Booster Club cannot hire District employees. He feels that line needs clarification. He also stated other clarifications that need to be made and stated that there seems to be a lot of constraints that he questions if they are needed. Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin thanked Ms. Chardiet for the event on Sunday and thanked Mrs. Jaffe for having the meeting regarding the Board Policy relating to the adjuncts. Mrs. Chabola commented that volunteers were being discussed like minimum wage employees. She then gave a brief history on the Booster Clubs in the District. Since Mrs. Chabola is in the business of insurance she addressed some of the issues that will arise with the insurance requirements for the adjuncts/volunteers. Ms. Chardiet requested additional clarification on what a school connected organization means. Mrs. Jaffe provided clarification. Further discussion ensued and the Administrative Regulation and Board Policy will be brought back for another reading.

14. Action Items**14.1 Superintendent's Items - None****14.2 Education Services Items - None****14.3 Business Services Items****14.3a 7****Second Reading and Approval of Revised Exhibit 1330(d) to Existing Administrative Regulation and Board Policy 1330 - Use of School Facilities**

Mr. Silbiger suggested continuing this item to a future meeting. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to table this item. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for the Proposed CEQA Exemption for Future Capital Project at Culver City High School

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Proposed CEQA Exemption for Future Capital Project at Culver City High School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3c Approval is Recommended for Resolution #13/2011-2012 Approval of Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2012-2013

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve Resolution #13/2011-2012 Approval of Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2012-2013 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items**14.4a Approval and Adoption of Indefinite Action for Management, Confidential and Other Unrepresented Employees for 2012/2013**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Adoption of Indefinite Action for Management, Confidential and Other unrepresented Employees for 2012/2013 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business**15.1 Review Draft of the Board Goals and Objectives for 2012-2013**

The Board agreed to continue this item until the next Board Meeting.

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. Silbiger adjourned the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary