

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>May 22, 2012</u>
Place:	<u>City Hall</u>	Time:	<u>5:45 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>Mike Balkman Chambers</u>		<u>5:46 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

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. Aaron Moses 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 pulled items 9.4 1i and 9.5 1b. and suggested moving item 11.1 to immediately follow item 10.4 and then item 12.1. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to adopt the May 22, 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 Siever requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn. Ms. Paspalis requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.3 and 9.6 – 9.11 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts

9.6 Acceptance of Enrollment Report

9.7 Eileen Carroll, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services to Attend the Schools to Watch Conference and Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC, June 20-23, 2012

9.8 Jennifer Kochevar and Kelli Tarvyd, CCHS Social Studies Teachers, to Attend the Colonial Williamsburg Teacher Institute, August 6-12, 2012

9.9 Culver City Middle School and Culver City High School Cheerleaders to Attend the Universal Cheerleaders Association Summer Camp at Loyola Marymount University, July 21-24, 2012

9.10 Eileen O'Connor, Mental Health Case Manager for Tri-City SELPA, to Perform Site Visitations for Students at Heritage School, Provo, Utah, June 18-19, 2012; Alpine Academy and Provo Canyon School in Orem, Utah, June 25-26, 2012; and Devereaux School in League City, Texas, June 11-12, 2012

9.11 CCHS ROP Students to Attend the Skills USA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, June 23-27, 2012

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 27, 2012 and Minutes of Special Meeting – April 10, 2012

Ms. Siever requested this item be withdrawn to correct page 84. She would like removed under her comments where it states that “no Board members saw her as the villain she was being portrayed as”. It was moved by Ms.

Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 27, 2012 as amended, and the Minutes of Special Meeting – April 10, 2012 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Ms. Paspalis requested this item be withdrawn to request additional information on P.O. # 58781 for \$92,000. Mr. Mohindra explained that it was half of the payment for the BTSA Program. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve purchase orders from April 28, 2012 through May 11, 2012. 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 May. The recipients were Kate Romero from El Marino School; Breanna Demiar from El Rincon Elementary; Luke Baustert from La Ballona School; Lucas Fite from Linwood E. Howe School; Natalie Glassman from Farragut School; and Olivia Brush from Culver City Middle School. Board members presented each recipient with a pin and certificate; and thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting.

10.2 Recognition of the Toby Rubenstein 3rd Annual Chess Tournament Winners

Mrs. Jaffe introduced teachers Ruth Morris and Anthony Adamucci who worked with the chess students. Ms. Morris introduced Neil Rubenstein, founder of the tournament. Mr. Rubenstein spoke about his late wife Toby Rubenstein, and informed the audience how the tournament came to fruition. He thanked Mrs. Jaffe, Ms. Morris, Mr. Adamucci, and Principal at the Middle School Jonathan Pearson. The winners of the tournament were introduced to the Board and audience members. They received certificates and cash prizes.

10.3 Culver City ROP Culinary Arts and Digital Photography Student Recognition

Mrs. Leslie Lockhart, Director of Human Resources presented the Board with information on Employee Recognition activities that took place throughout the District, and explained how the ROP students participated. Students of the ROP Culinary Arts and Digital Photography programs were recognized for their hard work and participation in making Employee Recognition a success. Mrs. Lockhart thanked the teachers of both programs and Marion Serra, ROP representative from the high school.

10.4 Spotlight on Education – El Rincon Elementary School and Culver City Adult School

Mr. Reginald Brunson, Principal of El Rincon Elementary, presented the Board with information the school which included their test scores over recent years, their many programs at the school, and the new S.T.E.M. focus. Board members thanked Mr. Brunson for his presentation

Mrs. Jaffe introduced the American Citizenship Award recipient from Linwood Howe, Lucas Fite, who had arrived late.

Kevin Kronfeld, Principal from Culver City Adult School, presented the Board with information on the activities at the Adult School. Ms. Goldberg asked if the Chinese Language class being offered is Cantonese or Mandarin. Mr. Kronfeld stated that it was Mandarin. Mr. Kronfeld responded to questions from the Board and further discussion ensued about the outcome if LAUSD no longer offers Adult School classes.

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 activities at Culver Park High School. She thanked Mr. Siegel for hosting scholarships and thanked Mr. Kronfeld for subbing for Mrs. LaBriola as Principal.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Robert Meyer, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the end of the AP exams which took place on Monday. He stated that he was a graduate of El Rincon Elementary and it was nice to hear that it was still a great school. Mr. Meyer also stated that ASB has made some decisions for the next school year. He announced that the Lifetime channel will be at school to film Grad Night; and Summer Bash will be coming up.

12. Information Items**12.1 SELPA Presentation by Jeanne Davis, Director of Tri-City SELPA**

Jeanne Davis provided the Board with an overview of the SELPA Program. She spoke about the residential services, revenues, and the changes in revenue with AB3632. Ms. Siever asked when will the extended day program start? Ms. Davis stated they will start as soon as there are appropriate facilities. Board members thanked Ms. Davis for her presentation.

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

Mrs. Jaffe called Mrs. Lockhart to make an announcement to the Board. Mrs. Lockhart announced the District and CCFT came to an agreement today. Mrs. Lockhart thanked the Board for their assistance and both negotiation teams. Mrs. Jaffe reported that the CCUSD/City of Culver City Liaison Committee meeting will be held on May 29th at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Paspalis and Ms. Siever are the representatives from the Board. She thanked Mrs. Lockhart and all of the Human Resources staff for arranging the wonderful Employee Recognition events throughout the District. Mrs. Jaffe reported on her attendance at the West L.A. College Open House event. She stated that the course offerings are absolutely outstanding. She encouraged the community to go see what is happening at the college. This morning she went to La Ballona to give certificates to parents that participated in the Family Literacy Project. Mrs. Jaffe stated that this morning Arne Duncan announced that individual schools can apply for the Race to the Top grant. She also went to the fashion show at the high school. Mrs. Jaffe will be meeting next week with Ms. Siever to discuss the Board's goals and objectives.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll announced that Assemblymember Holly Mitchell was at the High School to present six students with the Golden Key Award. She is pleased to announce that BTSA had completed the accreditation visit where the program standards are checked. The program passed with no negative comments. Ms. Carroll commended Dr. Fournier and her ongoing work with the new teachers. Dr. Fournier is very much appreciated.

Mr. Mohindra provided the Board with an update regarding the Governor's May Revise.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Angela Merino stated that she was so proud of El Rincon and she is happy with the selection of the new principal, Mr. Brunson. She stated that the parents can see the "seeds of change." Ms. Merino announced that they are a S.T.E.M. school and the science lab is amazing but it has no staff. She stated that we need our kids to become scientists and asked the Board to help provide funding for a full-time staff person in the science lab.
- Ariadna Martinez, an El Marino Parent, spoke about the air quality by the school and how it impacts student's health. She thanked all of the Board members that attended their event and gave reports of progress to improve the air quality.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Goldberg reported on her attendance at the Go to the Improv event with the middle school students. She stated that the Air Quality Control Night was very informative. Ms. Goldberg felt that tonight's presentation for the chess tournament would have made Toby Rubenstein proud. She stated that she knew her well.
- Ms. Chardiet reported on her attendance at the AVPA Dance Troop performance at The Rumor Mill and the Ford Fundraiser for the Athletic Department at the high school. Both were great events. She stated that she will be on the WASC Focus Group for the Adult School.
- Ms. Siever suggested the District ask Mark Pracher from West Los Angeles for his assistance in writing a grant to fund personnel in the Science Lab. Mrs. Jaffe stated that staff could look into her suggestion, and they were also looking into other possibilities. Ms. Siever reported on her attendance at the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association (LACSTA) meeting. She stated that Governor Jerry Brown was in attendance and he was very interesting. Ms. Siever also went to a Poetry Slam given by the Culver City Commission and took place at the City. She attended the Open House at West Los Angeles and it was wonderful. There are so many programs being offered. Ms. Siever informed the audience that a student can get their first two years of college done while they are in high school. She also stated that she attended the Culver City Education Foundation's Tribute to the Star and it was wonderful.
- Ms. Paspalis thanked the Culver City Education Foundation and all of the trustees for a great event. She stated that she also attended the Ford Fundraiser for the Athletic Department, and the El Marino Children's Day which was amazing. Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance on May 18th at Assemblymember Holly Mitchell's Open House event. She stated that it was Harvey Milk's birthday and that he was the first openly gay person to sit on a City Council.
- Mr. Silbiger reported on his attendance at the middle school improv event and stated it was great. Next month is when the Board will have to pass a budget. He would like the Board to consider funding for the twenty percent that was cut out of the Music Program. Mr. Silbiger asked the Board to bring forth any items regarding the budget that they would like to discuss prior to having approve the budget so the Board could discuss.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

14. Action Items**14.1 Superintendent's Items****14.1a Receipt of Charter Petition from Innovatory School for Professional Youth (ISPY)**

It was moved by Ms. Goldgerg and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve receipt of the petition from Innovatory School for Professional Youth as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services Items**14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Revised Single Plan for Student Achievement for El Rincon Elementary School and Change from Targeted to School-Wide Title I Program**

Neil Glickman complimented Site Council and Mr. Brunson. He asked if the same amount of student will have the same access. He is not against permits and loves the diversity of students. Mr. Glickman stated that almost one-third of students are permitted into the District. He stated the District should take the permitted students and split their attendance evenly across the District. Jon Varsano stated his objections to the becoming a school-wide Title I school. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the Revised Single Plan for Student Achievement for El Rincon Elementary School and Change from Targeted to School-Wide Title I Program as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Adoption of the Los Angeles County Plan for Expelled Pupils 2012

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopt the Los Angeles County Plan for Expelled Pupils 2012 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Services Items - None

14.4 Personnel Items

14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #15-2011/2012 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve Resolution #15-2011/2012 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business - None

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 9:45 p.m. in memory of all of the Veterans in honor of Memorial Day, and in memory of Harvey Milk.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary