

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>June 12, 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

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 three Board members in attendance. Ms. Goldberg and Ms. Chardiet were absent. Mr. Dylan Farris 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 in Closed Session the Board voted to release two temporary certificated employees at the end of the school year. The vote was 3 – Ayes and 0 - Nays.

8. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Silbiger suggested moving item 10.3 in front of item 7.1. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopt the June 12, 2012 agenda as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.3 Culver City Unified District Employee Retiree Recognition

Board members read the contribution of the retirees and they were presented with a Certificate of Recognition. Many retirees were in attendance and they briefly spoke about their career at the District and thanked the Board.

7. Public Hearing

7.1 Tier III Flexibility Transfers for 2012-2013

Mr. Silbiger opened the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m. With no comments from the audience Mr. Silbiger closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

7.2 Petition from Innovatory School for Professional Youth

Mr. Silbiger opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m. Jessica Jacobs, Florina Rodov, John Dirschel, and Keith Johnson who are staff at ISPY showed a presentation on their charter school. They also provided information on the staff and vision for the charter. The following audience members spoke:

- Dana Marie who is a business owner spoke in favor of the charter and addressed the student population that would be served.
- Heather Vargas spoke in support of ISPY. She is a resident and spoke of her experience in home schooling.
- Fred Keeve stated that he raised four kids in Culver City and told of his son who decided he did not want to be in a regular high school so they went to a Waldorf School, and mentioned the choices made for his other children. One of which is an actress. He is impressed with ISPY because he thinks there is a need for this type of school and hopes the Board will support.

- David Mielke stated that he spoke with Jessica previously and could not be in support of the charter coming into the District. He stated that financially the District could not even stay open every day this year or last year due to the budget difficulties. Serving At-Risk students is one of the areas that the District is best at and Culver Park is “magic.” He stated that the District already has a developed curriculum and he is a little leery with virtual education, and that public education has been under attack. He is seeing public funds going to private companies. He recommends denying the charter. With no additional comments from the audience Mr. Silbiger closed the public hearing at 8:05 p.m.

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. Mr. Mielke requested that 9.4 be withdrawn. Ms. Siever requested that item 9.4 and 9.5 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1-9.3 and 9.6-9.9 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Special Meeting – April 17, 2012

9.2 Purchase Orders

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.6 Jon Pearson, CCMS Principal, to Attend the Schools to Watch Conference and Awards Ceremony in Washington, DC, June 20-23, 2012

9.7 CCHS Boys Varsity Lacrosse Team to Attend Team Building Weekend in Frazier Park, California, June 15-17, 2012

9.8 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant for 2012-2013

9.9 2012-2013 Designation of California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Representatives to the Ocean League

9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 18

Mr. Mielke asked to withdraw this item to ask about item III on page 3 for Kevin Kronfeld’s change in assignment. He stated that this was a position that was cut a few years ago and CBAC had recommended previously that this position be cut and it was cut. CBAC was formed at the request of the Board to advise on budget cuts. As a member of CBAC he hopes that before considering a position restored that the committee is considered for a recommendation. Mr. Mielke suggested tabling this matter. Ms. Siever stated that from what she understands the position is not going to cost the District any additional money out of the general fund. Ms. Carroll confirmed that the change in assignment will actually save money from the general fund because it will be funded through categoricals. Further discussion ensued regarding savings from retiree salaries.

Ms. Lockhart introduced Veronica Montes as the new Principal of the Adult School and of Culver Park High School, and read a brief bio of her career.

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 18 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

9.5 Approval is Recommended for the Classified Personnel Reports No. 18

Ms. Siever withdrew this item to make the motion to approve but amend the report by excluding all of item E. The motion was seconded by Ms. Paspalis. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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 Grad Night at Six Flags Magic Mountain, the Faculty vs. Students basketball game; Awards Night; and 8th grade activities sponsored by the PTSA. Ms. Gsellman spoke on behalf of the ASB and said good-bye to Mrs. Jaffe and thanked the Board.

Culver Park Student Representative

Jessica Delgado, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the Gene Autry Museum visit. Miss Delgado stated that she and the students were really excited to attend Prom. She thanked the Board and Mrs. Jaffe for the experience to serve as student representative.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Robert Meyer, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the ASB retreat and the beginning planning of Homecoming. Mr. Meyer also stated that he was working on a potential closing speech for graduation.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**10.1 District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) Presentation – Eileen Carroll, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services**

Ms. Carroll presented to the Board information received from a parent survey on what they would like to see in the program. Claudia Benitez invited parents to speak about their experience as they assisted with the program, and presented them with certificates of commendation.

10.2 Presentation by Robert Scales Regarding Robert Frost

Mr. Scales provided the Board with a brief bio on the work that he has done. He stated that when he saw Robert Frost he was really excited, but that it does need a lot of work. Mr. Scales has also reviewed the suggestions from community members. He is encouraging the Board to not “drop the ball” on this project. The renovation will be a good amount of time and money. He suggests a feasibility study to look at the options and their costs, develop a plan, and hopefully see pictures/visuals of the plan. After reviewing the feasibility study for Robert Frost it should supply a solution for the facility and hopefully become an income stream. Ms. Siever asked where staff was on the study. She would be in agreement to have the study done. Mrs. Jaffe stated that there is an RFP out to find a company to do the study.

10.4 Spotlight on Food Services

Julie Garcia, Director of Food Services presented information to the Board on the Food Services Department. She spoke about the menus, the Farm to School Programs, and Greening the department. KC Mancebo stated that they are hoping that they can get Ms. Garcia an intern to assist with putting the new food guidelines into the computer system so it can get on the website. There have also been offers from chefs to help with looking at the menu and suggesting items that would work with the new guidelines.

11.1 Superintendent’s Report

Mrs. Jaffe congratulated Ms. Montes on her new position in the District and thanked Mr. Mielke for the suggestion of combining the Adult School and Culver Park High School principal positions. She reported on her attendance at AVPA’s Java Gala and stated that it was marvelous. It was incredible to see the students in different aspects of the production. Mrs. Jaffe also reported that she had the privilege of installing the new officers of the Culver City Education Foundation, and read the names of the new officers. Marci Schulman is the new President. Mrs. Jaffe thanked Leslie Lockhart, LaShon McClain-Rayford, Elisa Gonzalez, Maria Gomez, and Catherine Cummings for all of their hard work in the planning of the Employee Recognition events in the District. She attended the El Rincon Open House last week and said it was a great evening. Mrs. Jaffe attended the City of Culver City/CCUSD Liaison meeting and the Joint Use Agreement passed unanimously. She thanked Mr. Silbiger and Ms. Siever for the attendance at the meeting.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents’ Reports

Ms. Carroll reported on her attendance at the AVPA Java Gala which she stated was fabulous. She stated that the Exit Interviews at the middle school were great. Today was the last day of the Olweus Training. The training went well.

Mr. Mohindra reported on his visits to Linwood Howe Elementary and El Rincon Elementary. He provided an update that he is working on the budget.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jesus Reyes spoke about the traffic being unsafe in front of the Adult School on Overland. He informed the Board about accidents that have taken place and stated concerns if attendance grows due to LAUSD closing their Adult Schools. Mr. Reyes stated he collected over five hundred signatures to get a traffic signal installed. He gave the petition to the City Council.
- Jerry Chabola wanted to give Mrs. Jaffe a present. He said that after seeing her get emotional at all of the retirement functions over the past couple of weeks he thought the present would be appropriate. Jokingly, the present was big box of facial tissues.
- David Mielke thanked the Board for one of the smoothest negotiations in years. He does think that the District needs a long term plan to raise salaries. He stated his concerns that the Board was not involving the unions in the Superintendent search.
- Steve Levin stated that the United Parents of Culver City now has over 100 members.
- Alex Davis, Coach of the Robotics Team, and Arielle Singer who is Team Captain, informed the Board about what great experience the Robotics Program has been. They spoke about how beneficial the program is for those studying engineering or science.
- Gina Marie Walker spoke about the Growing Great Program at El Marino. She said she will be at the El Marino Garden tomorrow and invited everyone to come and see what was growing.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Paspalis stated that she had a great evening at La Ballona's Open House. She reported on the City of Culver City/CCUSD Liaison Meeting she attended; moving forward with the Superintendent search; and her attendance at Jerry Chabola's retirement party.
- Ms. Siever reported on her attendance at the High School Music Festival and stated that it was a great experience for her and her grandson. She asked for an update from staff on the move of Culver Park. Mrs. Jaffe stated that the teachers along with Mrs. LaBriola have been to the Culver Park site to visit. Ms. Siever stated that she was looking at the extra-assignments on the personnel reports and asked if she could get the total cost for the year for extra-assignments. Ms. Siever also asked if staff could have a list of acronyms available at the meetings for the audience to reference if they are being used on the agenda. She also asked when the District will stop using plastic bottles.
- Mr. Silbiger spoke about his attendance at El Rincon's Open House. He gave the teachers a lot of credit for a wonderful event and said it was remarkably well done. Mr. Silbiger stated he would happy to have a small committee to assist with the Superintendent search. He would also like to look at having a living wage ordinance.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:32 p.m. and reconvened at 9:42 p.m.

12. Information Items**12.1 First Reading of New Administrative Regulation and Board Policy 5131.2, and Form E5131.2, Students – Bullying**

Mr. Sotelo, Director of Pupil Services, was available to respond to any questions. He spoke about the Ed Code changing July 1st to provide a more detailed explanation of bullying and what actions can be taken. At this time, bullying can be a reason for suspension and/or expulsion. The Administrative Regulation, Board Policy, and Exhibit will be brought back for second reading.

12.2 First Reading of New Board Policy 4400, Use of Private Funds for Supplemental Employment

Pirjo Tjomsland who is a parent and resident of Culver City stated that she has been following the dialogue regarding parent-funded positions. She is stunned to see the policy as written. She stated that it seems there is a lack of concern and urged the Board to not pass this policy, but to bring back Board Policy 1240. Steve Levin stated that the United Parents of Culver City (UPCC) disagrees with the policy. Parent groups should be encouraged to assist in any way they can. He spoke about specific sections in the policy that he felt should be

changed or clarified. Gina Marie Walker asked if the policy would be for new groups or existing groups. She also asked if it would be for afterschool as well. Ms. Walker thinks there should be additional clarification. Sara Kocher stated that the proposed Board Policy is nothing like the Board Policy that Ms. Chardiet read at a prior meeting. She feels that the process is going backwards. Ms. Kocher read a prepared speech and stated she felt there was very poor wording in this policy. She also feels the policy does not achieve equity in the schools. Kelly Weil stated she does not understand why the last line was in the policy. She hopes there is a major realigning of the policy. Jeannine Wisnoski Stehlin stated that the policy is completely unique and is its own policy. It has nothing to do with what was previously submitted or discussed. Dr. Henderson stated that this Board is not against having parents assist at the schools. He said that the Board Policy presented was coming from CSBA which included Ed Code. Dr. Henderson stated to the parents that if the Board made all of the changes that they suggest there could be legal consequences or the Board could get into some sort of trouble. He suggested the parents start contacting their legislators to start changing Ed Code and other laws that tie the Boards' hands. Mrs. Lockhart provided clarification on the policy and explained that this is a separate policy than what was discussed at prior meetings. Further discussion ensued as to what items need to be looked at which were items five, eight, during school and after school if it applies.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items

14.1a Approval of 2012-2013 Board Goals and Objectives

Ms. Paspalis requested to add an additional goal, continue to expand the immersion program under the Learning/Academics section. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve the 2012-2013 Board Goals and Objectives as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.1b Approval is Recommended for the 2012-2013 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

Mr. Silbiger suggested that the July 24th meeting be moved to an August date. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the 2012-2013 Board of Education Meeting Schedule as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 2 – Nays and 1 – Nay by Karlo Silbiger.

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Reinstatement of Pupils Services Case #10-11-01 to Attend Public School

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the reinstatement of Case #01-10-11 and that the pupil attend public school as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2b Approval is Recommended for Three New CCHS Coursed – Japanese II Immersion; ROP U.C. Film and Video Production 1; and ROP U.C. Media Design and Development

Ms. Siever asked if the District was going to have money set aside to move the program forward. Mr. Farris, Principal at Culver City High School, explained how the classes will be implemented. He stated that they will not cost additional money. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Three New CCHS Courses – Japanese II Immersion; ROP U.C. Film and Video Production 1; and ROP U.C. Media Design & Development as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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

Ms. Siever requested that in item number seven in the third paragraph that the word “dangerousness” be removed and replace it with “level of danger.” It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopt the Revised Administrative Regulation and Board Policy 5131.7, Students – Weapons and Dangerous Instruments as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3 Business Items**14.3a Approval is Recommended for Tier III Flexibility Transfers for 2012-2013**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Tier III Flexibility Transfers for 2012-2013 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for the Notice of Completion – Bid #192.12 – District Roofing Project

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Notice of Completion – Bid #192.12 – District Roofing Project as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3c Approval is Recommended for Year-End Appropriation Transfers

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Year-End Appropriation Transfers as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3d Approval is Recommended for the Contract between Culver City Unified School District and Corinne Loskot Consulting, Inc.

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Contract between Culver City Unified School District and Corinne Loskot Consulting, Inc. as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3e Approval is Recommended for the Feasibility Study for Robert Frost Auditorium Renovation

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Feasibility Study for Robert Frost Auditorium Renovation as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3f Approval is Recommended for the 501(c)3 Organizational Bylaws for La Ballona Education Partners

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board the 501(c)3 Organizational Bylaws for La Ballona Education Partners as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4 Personnel Items - None**15. Board Business****15.1 Proposal from Ultimate Resources**

Mrs. Jaffe provided the information on the email that she received and explained that she thought she would bring it to the Board to get the Board's input. Board members were not interested in pursuing the proposal.

15.2 Discussion Regarding the Budget

Jerry Chabola recommended looking at the transportation budget if the discussion is going to be about bringing things back that were cut. He also suggested looking at the maintenance budget for safety issues. Steve Zee asked about funding for the science lab at El Rincon. He stated that the school would love the lab to be staffed with a full-time employee. It would help in the effort to become a real science school. Mr. Silbiger stated that El Rincon is a school that is on its way to being a very popular school. One of the things he felt the Board could do to assist the science program along is to get the lab staffed with a full-time person. Mr. Silbiger commented that Mr. Witt has been doing such a great job that he has gotten a lot of new students and the program was overcrowded. Mr. Silbiger recommended getting a .4 position to the Music Program. Ms. Paspalis would also like to see some additional help at El Marino.

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 10:45 p.m. in memory of Taruko Motayama and Fred Fuller.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary