

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>July 24, 2007</u></b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b><u>District Administration Office</u></b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b><u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>
	<b><u>4034 Irving Place</u></b>		<b><u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u></b>
	<b><u>Culver City 90232</u></b>		<b><u>7:30 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>

**Board Members Present**

**Marla Wolkowitz, President**  
**Stewart Bubar, M.S., Vice President**  
**Dana Russell, D.D.S., Clerk**  
**Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., Member**  
**Saundra Davis, M.A., Member**

**Staff Members Present**

**Myrna Rivera Coté, Ed.D., Superintendent**  
**David El Fattal, M.B.A.**  
**Diane Fiello, Ed.D.**  
**Patricia Jaffe, M.S.**

**Call to Order**

Board President Mrs. Wolkowitz 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 6:02 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:32 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. James Pearson, Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report from Closed Session**

Mrs. Wolkowitz 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.

**7. Public Hearing****7.1 Culver City Federation of Teachers (CCFT) Initial Collective Bargaining Proposal to the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD), School Year 2007-2008**

Mrs. Wolkowitz opened the Public Hearing at 7:34 p.m. Alan Elmont commended CCFT in presenting a detailed proposal.

Mr. Elmont commented on the ending balances in the proposal and gave suggestions to the Board for further action. Mr. Mielke provided detailed information on the proposal to the Board. There being no further comments from the audience, Mrs. Wolkowitz closed the Public Hearing at 7:47 p.m.

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board adopt July 24, 2007 agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Wolkowitz reported out three amendments to the Certificated Personnel Services Report No. 2. The amended item numbers were I.

F.; the addition of Item I.K. Teachers on Special Assignments; and one addition to Item VI. Resignations.

Mrs. Wolkowitz called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Mrs. Davis requested that item 9.4 be withdrawn. Mrs. Wolkowitz pulled item 9.2.

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1, 9.3, and 9.5 – 9.8 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – July 10, 2007
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 2
- 9.6 Annual Destruction of Class III Records
- 9.7 Authorized Representatives to Schools Linked for Insurance Management (SLIM) JPA
- 9.8 Adult Education Programs – 2007/2008 School Year

## **9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants**

Mrs. Wolkowitz pulled this item to recuse herself from the vote. Mr. Bubar called the vote for this item. It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve purchase orders from July 1, 2007 through July 13, 2007 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4- Ayes; 0 – Nays; 1 - Abstention.

Mrs. Davis commented that she inadvertently pulled item number 9.4, and meant to pull item 9.2. Even though the item had already been voted on, Mrs. Wolkowitz allowed Mrs. Davis to ask her question in regards to Purchase Order number 48640. Mr. El Fattal responded.

## **9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 2**

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 2 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations - None**

### **11. Public Recognition**

#### **11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté asked Dr. Kosch, Principal of Culver City Middle School, to introduce John Pearson as the new Assistant Principal. Dr. Kosch gave a brief bio on Mr. Pearson's credentials and teaching experience. Mr. Pearson thanked the Board and said a few words.

Dr. Coté reported on her visit to the Elementary Summer School; planning for the 2007-2008 school year; the upcoming Administrative Retreat; the planning of the Opening Day Kick-Off event; and the staffing and budget planning.

#### **11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Mr. El Fattal reported on the State Budget; the delivery date for emergency supplies; and his meeting with the City staff and others from around the City in regards to the Ballona Creek Bikeway Project.

Mrs. Jaffe reported on the daily interviewing process and the status of new hires to the District.

#### **11.3 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Newspaper articles that have commented on the District changing the structure of the schools
- The Board communicating with the community in regards to the issue of possibly changing the grade structure of the schools
- The classroom maximum capacity
- The Ladera Heights annexation to CCUSD

#### **11.4 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Receiving the report from School Services
- The upcoming School Board elections
- Reconsidering the Ladera Heights annexation; a consensus was made to discuss reconsideration
- Agendizing the nominations for the CSBA Legislator of the Year
- Agendizing a presentation from Advanced Path for alternatives students that are truant
- The information being circulated in the community regarding reconfiguring the Middle School
- Getting information regarding the District circulated in the surrounding communities
- Receiving an update on new Citizenship Awards for students

Board Members recognized:

- District staff for pursuing other sources of funding
- Dr. Fiello for providing Mrs. Davis with information on NCLB for a presentation she was giving
- David Mielke for his presentation NCLB

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**12. Information Items****12.1 Enrollment Report**

Mr. El Fattal presented the Enrollment Report to the Board.

**12.2 Morgan-Hart Class Size Reduction in Grade 9**

Ms. Gwenis Laura presented the report to the Board and responded to questions.

**12.3 First Reading of Revised Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6164.5, Student Success Teams**

Dr. Fiello presented the Board Policy to the Board. Board members provided comments and suggested additional revisions. Further discussion ensued. The policy will be brought back for a second reading.

**12.4 First Reading of Revised Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment**

Dr. Fiello presented the Board Policy to the Board.

Dr. Fiello responded to questions from the Board and audience members. Additional revisions were suggested by Board members. Further discussion ensued. The policy will be brought back for a second reading.

**12.5 First Reading of Revised Board Bylaw 9320, Meetings and Notices**

Dr. Coté presented the Board Bylaw showing the change of the start time for Open Session to start at 7:00 p.m. The Bylaw will be brought back for a second reading and approval.

**13. Recess**

The Board recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

**14. Action Items****- Superintendent's Items****14.1****Approval is Recommended to Send a Letter to State Legislators Requesting Protection of the 2007-2008 K-12 Budget from Proposed Cuts**

The motion was amended to change the wording "approve the Letter to State Legislators..." to "approve a Letter to Mark Ridley-Thomas..."

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve the letter to Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas requesting protection of the 2007-2008 K-12 budget from proposed cuts as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Education Services Items****14.2 Approval is Recommended for Funding for the Venice Family Clinic/Culver City Youth Health Center**

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the allocation of \$26,000 from the general Fund to the Venice Family Clinic for the 2007-2008 school year as presented. Community members, Blanca Andres and Janet Chabola commented on funding for the Clinic. Dr. Forer assured the Board there will be reports presented to the Board on a regular basis. Ann Alexander also discussed fundraising for a Health Educator at the Clinic.

Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested that the motion be amended to read "the allocation of up to \$26,000..." and that a schedule of regular communication be made. Mrs. Wolkowitz asked Mr. Bubar if he accepted the amendment. The amendment was accepted by Mr. Bubar and denied by Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. Davis suggested that the motion be amended with an additional sentence stating "Should the Venice Family Clinic receive from non-district sources additional funding other than what is already identified in its present budget the district will subtract those amounts from its General Fund allocation." Discussion ensued on how the amendments differed. Mr. Bubar and Mrs. Davis accepted the second amendment. Additional clarification of Mrs. Davis' amendment ensued. It was decided that Dr. Beagles-Roos' amendment was more appropriate. Mr. Bubar withdrew his acceptance of Mrs. Davis' amendment, and put the original amendment back in the motion to read "up to \$26,000...". Mrs. Davis also accepted the withdrawal of her amendment. The original amended motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3****Approval is Recommended for the Addition to the Existing Nonpublic School Agreement for North Hills Preparatory**

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve the addition to the existing nonpublic school agreement for North Hills Preparatory as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Business Items****14.4 Approval is Recommended for Emergency Resolution #1/2007-2008 Fire Repairs at Culver City Middle School**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve the Emergency Resolution #1/2007-2008 to authorize payment to C. Canright Construction Company in the amount of \$134,641.39 as presented. Mr. El Fattal responded to questions from the Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.5 Approval is Recommended for Reimbursement to Eligible Board Members for 2006-2007 Health Care Contributions**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the to reimburse eligible Board Members for costs that were paid "out-of-pocket" for 2007 healthcare premiums as presented. George Laase thanked the Board, the District and Dr. Coté for providing complete information on the reimbursements. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Personnel Items****14.6 Approval is Recommended for Emergency Permit, Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Emergency Permit Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators as presented to be effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.7****Approval is Recommended for the Revised Salary Schedule for Assistant Director, Office of Child Development**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve the salary schedule, effective September 1, 2006 as presented. Mrs. Jaffe responded to questions from the Board regarding the effective date. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15. Public Recognition – Continued****15.1 Members of the Audience - None****15.2 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Commendation to The M.O.T. Department for the installation of the new trash receptacles
- The upcoming Board Workshop
- Student truancy
- Agendizing the CSBA Outstanding Legislator of the Year
- Dr. Alan Boodnick and the work he did on getting signatures for the petition in favor of the Ladera Heights Annexation
- Dr. Beagles-Roos gave an update on her attendance at the CSBA Curriculum Institute

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bubar, seconded by Dr. Russell and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mrs. Wolkowitz adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Board President

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Superintendent

**On:**

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Date

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Secretary