

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

**Meeting:** Regular Meeting  
**Place:** District Administration Office  
4034 Irving Place  
Culver City 90232

<b>Date:</b> <u>October 23, 2007</u>
<b>Time:</b> <u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u> <u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u> <u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

**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 6:01 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:05 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Mr. Alan Elmont 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.

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

Mrs. Wolkowitz withdrew Action Item 14.6 from the agenda. It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adopt the October 23, 2007 agenda as revised. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Wolkowitz called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Mrs. Wolkowitz requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn.

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.2 – 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 7
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 7
- 9.6 Disposal of Surplus Equipment
- 9.7 Proclaiming October 23 through October 31, 2007 as Red Ribbon Week

**9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 9, 2007**

Mrs. Wolkowitz withdrew this item to correct the vote on item number 14.13 to read recused instead of abstention for the one vote. It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 9, 2007 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations****10.1 American Citizenship Award- October Student Recipients**

Dr. Fiello read the names of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of October. The recipients were Lauren Andrade from Farragut Elementary; Alejandra Reyna from La Ballona for the month of October, and Marlon Melendez for the month of September; Patricia Rueda from Culver Park High School; Melanie Cappoli from Culver City Middle School; Cayden Feifer from Culver City High School; Isabella Valdez from El Marino; Aja Paxton from El Rincon; and Mataya Josephson from Linwood Howe. Mrs. Wolkowitz presented each

recipient with a pin and thanked them and their families for attending the meeting.

## **11. Public Recognition**

### **11.1 Student Representatives' Reports**

#### **Middle School Student Representative**

Edna Vogel-Amezcu, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including an update on the school dance; O'Gram sales; Red Ribbon Week activities; and the Middle School Magazine Drive.

#### **Culver Park Student Representative's**

Minilli Eustacio, Culver Park High School Student Representative, was not present.

#### **Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member**

Ogechi Wadibia, Student Board Member, was not present.

### **11.2 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté reported on her attendance at the Superintendents/Principals Collaborative Meeting; gave an update on her attendance as a speaker at the Women in Leadership Conference; and her attendance at the Governor Woman's Conference in Long Beach.

Dr. Coté also reported that there was a suspension of Physical Education activities due to poor air quality from the recent fires.

### **11.3 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Mrs. Jaffe reported on her attendance at the South Bay Human Resources Consortium meeting; her attendance at an Education of Labor Law Workshop; and an update on current Human Resources Department projects.

### **11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Getting information in the District's budget review out into the community
- The District closely monitoring the enrollment reports
- Increasing volunteers in the District
- A request was made for the student capacity at each school

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

Board Members spoke about:

- A Board member's attendance at the October LACTSA meeting
- The Candidates Forum at Linwood Howe Elementary
- If there has been a solution for the High School student athletes in regards to the new P.E. standards
- Increasing publicity on the fact that the Board Meetings are televised
- Number of AP classes and the student counts in those classes
- A Board member requested that the Board get more involved in the removal of the trash bins in front of the Natatorium
- Promoting higher education in our schools
- Back to School Night at the Office of Child Development and Culver Park
- Attendance at the Arts Leadership Series Conference
- Information concerning the Art and Music Block Grant
- Mrs. Wolkowitz read the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week and requested a copy go to City Hall and all of the school sites
- A Board member suggested that District Administrators give status reports once a year explaining their job title and duties

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recognized Dr. Fiello for gathering the data on the AP classes, and Mr. El Fattal for his research on the trash bins in front of the Natatorium.

## **12. Information Items**

### **12.1 Public Use of Tennis Courts**

Mr. El Fattal gave a brief update on the usage of the tennis courts, which included information on the signage and changes made to the Hold Harmless Agreement. The Board thanked Mr. El Fattal for his updated information.

**13. Recess - None**

**14. Action Items**

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**Superintendent's Items**

**14.1 Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Bylaw 9324, Minutes and Recordings**

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Revised Board Bylaw 9324, Minutes and Recordings as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Education Services Items**

**14.2 Approval is Recommended for the Nonpublic School Renewal Agreement for Carousel School, Echo Horizon and Foundation for the Junior Blind**

Mr. Elmont inquired as to the running totals of the agreements. Mr. El Fattal responded and explained the new process of using the Purchase Orders to find the totals. Further discussion ensued. It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve nonpublic school renewal agreements for Carousel School, Echo Horizon and Foundation for the Junior Blind as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3**

**Approval is Recommended for the Nonpublic Agency Agreements for Pediatric Therapy Network and Speech Language & Educational Associates**

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the nonpublic agency agreements for Pediatric Therapy Network and Speech Language & Educational Associates as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.4**

**Approval is Recommended for the Nonpublic Agency Renewal Agreements for Autism Spectrum Therapies, Lovaas Institute and Steve Kaufman & Associates**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve the nonpublic agency renewal agreements for Autism Spectrum Therapies, Lovaas Institute and Steve Kaufman & Associates as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.5 Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #01-07**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #01-07 until June 2008 and that the student enroll in a County Community Day school as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Business Items**

**14.7**

**Approval is Recommended for Emergency Resolution #5/2007-2008 Sewer Repair at El Rincon Elementary**

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve the Emergency Resolution #5/2007-2008 to authorize payment to SewerTV, Inc. in the amount of \$58,953.00 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.8 Approval is Recommended for Budget Revision to the General Fund**

Dr. Beagles-Roos requested clarification on the revisions. Mr. El Fattal responded. It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve the budget revisions to the General Fund as outlined in the Budget Revision Summary dated 10/23/07. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.9 Approval is Recommended for Budget Revision to the Office of Child Development Fund**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approve the budget revisions to the Office of

Child Development Fund as outlined in the Budget Revision Summary dated 10/23/07. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **14.10 Approval is Recommended for Budget Revision to the Adult School Fund**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the budget revisions to the Adult Education Fund as outlined the Budget Revision Summary dated 10/23/07. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **Personnel Items - None**

#### **15. Board Business - None**

#### **16. Public Recognition – Continued**

##### **16.1 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Posting the proposals for the tennis courts for the public's information
- Updates on the athletic teams and how well they are doing
- Commendations to the student body for their preparation of the football field for the Homecoming event

##### **16.2 Members of the Board**

Members of the Board spoke about:

- Arts Leadership Conference attendance
- Commendations went to the students who prepare the Centaur Newspaper at the High School
- Commendations went to all of the District's coaches and athletes
- The District integrating the arts into our programs
- A Board member urged other Board members to think about volunteering to become the new LACTSA Representative, and running for the CSBA Delegate Assembly
- Negative e-mails being sent throughout the community
- A request was made for an update on the Homecoming events
- A request was made for an update from the Culver City Youth Health Center
- A presentation of "Clay" at the Kurt Douglas Theater
- Getting the Adult School accredited
- Board members expressed their sympathies to the families that were effected by the recent California fires
- A request to adjourn the meeting in memory of Jim Lang
- A request to receive information on the GATE Program

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bubar, seconded by Mrs. Davis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mrs. Wolkowitz adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. in memory of Jim Lang.

**Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Board President

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Superintendent

**On:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Secretary