

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>January 29, 2008</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

Dana Russell, D.D.S., President
Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., Vice President
Saundra Davis, M.A., Clerk
Steven Gourley, Member
Scott Zeidman, Esq., 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 Dr. Russell 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. Ms. Jan Glusac led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Dr. Russell 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

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the agenda of January 29, 2008. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Dr. Russell called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Mr. Carlos Valverde requested that item 9.5 be withdrawn. Dr. Beagles-Roos requested that items 9.6, 9.7 and 9.9 be withdrawn. Dr. Russell stated that item 9.8 was being pulled from the agenda. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.4 and 9.10 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 15, 2008

9.2 Purchase Orders

9.3 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 12 and Addendum

9.4 Classified Personnel Reports No. 12

9.10 Out-of-State Conference: Two Elementary Teachers from El Marino Seek Approval to Attend the National Science Association Conference in Boston, MA during Spring Break

9.5 Approval is Recommended for Overnight Out-of-State CCHS Field Trip – Student Intercultural Advisory Committee (SIAC), Retreat and Training, Zaca Lake, CA Feb. 21-23, 2008

Mr. Valverde pulled this item to speak in favor of the students taking the trip and to provide the Board with additional information regarding the trip. Student Menelik Tefari also spoke in favor of the trip being approved. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the proposed overnight field trip for 45 students to be accompanied by teachers Rebekah Howard, Jose Montero and Carlos Valverde to Zaca Lake, CA, February 21-23, 2008 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.6 Approval is Recommended for Textbook Adoption, CCHS Science and Social Studies

Dr. Beagles-Roos pulled this item to correct the title of the book to include the word “Chemistry.” It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Culver City High School’s request for the new Science and Social Studies textbooks, *Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology, Prentice Hall Biology*,

Prentice Hall Earth Science, Holt Physics, Chemistry, Matter and Change, and World Geography as corrected. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.7 Approval is Recommended for Inter-District Attendance Agreement between the South Pasadena Unified School District and the Culver City Unified School District

Dr. Beagles-Roos pulled this item to request additional information. Dr. Fiello responded. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Interdistrict Attendance Agreement between the South Pasadena Unified School District and the Culver City Unified School District as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.9 Approval is Recommended for the Arts and Music Block Grant Resolution

Dr. Beagles-Roos pulled this item to inquire as to the operational cost. Dr. Fiello provided additional information. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve the Resolution to authorize the Culver City Unified School District's 2007-2008 Arts and Music Block Grant as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 American Citizenship Awards

Dr. Fiello read the names of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of January. The recipients were Timofe Okuboyejo from El Rincon Elementary; Alexis Flores from La Ballona School; Uju Izchukwu from Farragut School; Elliot Stanger from El Marino School, and Pearl Thompson the December recipient; Kiarra Mueller from Linwood Howe School; Redmond Stephan from Culver City Middle School; Cesar Noriega from Culver Park High School; and Marlen De Silva from Culver City High School. Dr. Russell presented each recipient with a pin and thanked them and their families for attending the meeting. Dr. Russell also extended commendations to former Board Member, Marla Wolkowitz, for starting such a great tradition of handing out the awards.

10.2 Spotlight on Education - Farragut Elementary School

Dr. Fiello introduced Mrs. Barbara Brown, Principal at Farragut Elementary. Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board on Farragut's after school program called Farragut's After School Arts School & Technology (F.A.A.S.T.). Mrs. Wacker also presented information on the program. One of the students, Jamison, gave a guitar performance.

Board members thanked Mrs. Brown, commended the student on his performance, and commented that the program was great.

11. Public Recognition

11.1 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

Edna Vogel-Amezcuca, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including the Pennies for Patients fundraiser and the Valentine's Day Dance.

Culver Park Student Representative

Minilli Eustacio, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the addition of an elective class; dividing up the senior students with the teachers so that there's more personal attention; and the addition of a 6th period.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Ogechi Wadibia, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the primary elections; AVPA Cabaret event called "Show Stoppers"; supporting the Girl's Water Polo team; Pennies for Patients fundraiser and Springfest.

11.2 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Coté reported on the current budget crisis; her visiting the schools to get staff's input on the cuts in the District; her attendance at a budget meeting with ACE and School Services of California; the February 28th recognition luncheon in Sacramento recognizing the Middle School; and her attendance at the ACSA Superintendent's Symposium in Monterey, California.

11.3 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Dr. Fiello reported on the Pupil Free Day and what the school agendas contained.

Mr. El Fattal reported on budget issues and what steps were being taken thus far; and gave information on the next CBAC meeting.

Mrs. Jaffe reported on her visit to Linwood E. Howe Elementary and stated that the teachers were doing great. Mrs. Jaffe also reported on visiting the schools on Pupil Free Day.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- The CCHS Booster Club's Casino Night event on February 23, 2008
- The upcoming games for the Girl's Water Polo Team; and an update on other sporting events
- CPR training at Farragut
- Budget cuts and bargaining with the Culver City Federation of Teachers
- Having students provide some resources for the District during the cuts
- Proposing the evaluation of employees and putting Resource Specialist and State Maximums into the CCFT Agreement

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Preparations for the Mock Trial
- The Bush Rebate Program and asking the community to contribute the funds back into the District
- Voting No on the Casino Propositions
- The Martin Luther King Day celebrations being very well attended; Mrs. Davis read the plaque that the District received from the Culver City Department of Parks and Recreation on behalf of the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee
- The School Community Violence Prevention Program funding
- Enthusiasm was expressed that the SIAC trip was approved
- Attendance at the MOCA exhibit and how well the student art work was
- AVPA Cabaret Night
- Culver City Education Foundation fundraiser location being changed to the West Los Angeles Whole Foods
- A discussion needed for future workshops
- Appreciation of comments or suggestions from the Student Board Representative
- Attendance at the CBAC meetings

Board Members recognized:

- Dr. Coté for her improvement of communication in the District
- Janice Pober and Sony for their support in the District
- Mr. Gourley for his involvement with Mock Trial

12. Information Items**12.1 Update on Electronic Learning Assessment Resource (Galileo) and Enhancing Education through Technology (EETT) Grant**

Dr. Fiello provided the Board with an update on the Galileo training. Mr. Micheal Marsh gave a Power Point presentation on the program. Mr. Marsh and Dr. Fiello responded to questions from audience members and the Board.

12.2 First Reading of Revised Board Bylaw Administrative Regulation 9005 – Governing Board Member Roles and Responsibilities

Mr. Gourley commented on his resentment of the lack of time put into the Administrative Regulation, the lack of time he had to prepare to make a decision on it, and objected to a first reading. Further discussion ensued. It was decided to table the Bylaw until the upcoming Board Workshop.

12.3 First Reading of Revised Board Bylaw 9000 – Role of the Board

It was decided to postpone a first reading until the upcoming Board Workshop.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:22 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

14. Action Items

Superintendent's Items - None

Education Services Items – None

Business Items – None

Personnel Items

14.1 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Instructional Aide I to Instructional Assistant and for New Classified Job Description

Mrs. Jaffe gave additional information on the personnel items that were being approved.

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Instructional Aide I to Instructional Assistant, with the salary to remain at range 12 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Instructional Aide IV to Instructional Assistant – Adult School and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Instructional Aide IV to Instructional Assistant – Adult School, with the salary to remain at range 17 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Instructional Aide III to Instructional Assistant – Bilingual and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Instructional Aide III to Instructional Assistant – Bilingual, with the salary to remain at range 16 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Teacher Aide to Instructional Assistant – Child Development and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Teacher Aide to Instructional Assistant – Child Development, with the salary to remain at range 11 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.5 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Teacher Aide/Bilingual to Instructional Assistant – Child Development/Bilingual and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Teacher Aide/Bilingual to Instructional Assistant – Child Development/Bilingual, with the salary to remain at range 11 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.6 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Teacher Aide II to Instructional Assistant – Child Development II and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Teacher Aide II to Instructional Assistant – Child Development II, with the salary to remain at range 13 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.7 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Instructional Aide III/Technology Center Aide to Instructional Assistant – Computer Lab and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Teacher Aide III/Technology Center Aide to Instructional Assistant – Computer Lab, with the salary to remain at range 16 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.8 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Physical Education Assistant to Instructional Assistant – Physical Education and for New Classified Job Description

Dr. Beagles-Roos had concerns regarding the P.E. Assistants and who they would report to. She suggested an amendment to the motion to state “under the direction of an assigned supervisor”. It was moved Mr. Zeidman to approve the new position title, changing it from Physical Education Assistant to Instructional Assistant – Physical Education, with the salary to remain at range 15 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.9 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Instructional Aide II to Instructional Assistant – Special Education and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Instructional Aide to Instructional Assistant – Special Education, with the salary to remain at range 14 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.10 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title from Instructional Aide IIA to Instructional Assistant – Special Education IIA and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Instructional Aide IIA to Instructional Assistant – Special Education IIA, with the salary to remain at range 16 of the classified salary schedule, effective January 30, 2008, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.11 Approval is Recommended for Change in Job Title and Salary Range from Teacher Aide III/Technology Center/High School (Salary Range 20) to School Technology Technician (Salary Range 21) and for New Classified Job Description

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the new position title, changing it from Teacher Aide III/Technology Center/High School (Salary Range 20) to School Technology Technician (Salary Range 21), effective September 1, 2007, and the new job description as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Public Recognition – Continued

15.1 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Grants for the District and the possibility of having a full time position for writing grants

15.2 Members of the Board

No further comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Gourley, seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Russell adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary