

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>February 12, 2008</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>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>

**Board Members Present**

**Dana Russell, D.D.S., President**  
**Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., Vice President**  
**Saundra Davis, M.A., Clerk**  
**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 7:00 p.m. with four Board members in attendance. Mr. Gourley was absent Mr. Thomas Salter 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 the Board voted to release nine (9) temporary certificated employees from employment, effective as of the end of the 2007-2008 school year. The vote was 4 – Ayes; 0 – Nays and 1 – Absent.

**7. Public Hearing**

**7.1 Culver City Unified School District Initial Bargaining Proposal for Association of Classified Employees (ACE) for School Year 2007-2008**

Dr. Russell opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. With no comments from the public Dr. Russell closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board adopt the February 12, 2008 agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**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. Jerry Chabola requested that item 9.4 be withdrawn. Mrs. Davis requested that item 9.6 be withdrawn.

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.3, 9.5, and 9.7 – 9.13 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 29, 2008 and Special Meeting – February 5, 2008
- 9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 13
- 9.7 Resolution #10/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals
- 9.8 Resolution #11/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals
- 9.9 Resolution #12/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals
- 9.10 Resolution #13/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals
- 9.11 Resolution #14/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.12 Resolution #15/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.13 Resolution #16/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

**9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 13**

Mr. Chabola requested this item be withdrawn to recommend that the retail sales class become part of the student store. Mrs. Davis had questions regarding the coaching stipends. Mr. Chabola responded. There was consensus made among the Board members to agendize discussion regarding coaching stipends. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Certificated Personnel Services Report No. 13 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**9.6 Approval is Recommended for the Culver City Beauty College Cosmetology Course at Culver City Adult School**

Mrs. Davis requested clarification on whether there was a conflict on offering the class at the Adult School since it is offered through ROP. Dr. Fiello responded that there was no conflict. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Culver City Beauty College Cosmetology Course Adult Class – 2008 winter trimester. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**

**10.1 Culver City High School Football Team**

Dr. Russell asked Mr. Zeidman to read the Proclamation that was being presented to the Culver City High School Football Team for their outstanding season. Board members congratulated the team and thanked the coaches and the activities director for all of the great work they do with the team.

**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 Winter Dance being postponed until the 21<sup>st</sup>; the Pennies for Patients fundraiser results; and college week participation.

**Culver Park Student Representative**

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 congratulated the High School football team; reported on the budget crisis in the District and the State; sending a budget alert to all staff members; a meeting that will take place at Linwood E. Howe Elementary to discuss the budget issues with parents and community members; her upcoming attendance at the CSBA Superintendent's Advisory Council meeting; and announced that Darla Pulliam is being honored as the Sony Pictures Teacher of the Year, and Marion Serra is being honored with the Roll 'N Rye Classified Employee of the year.

**11.3 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Mr. El Fattal provided an update on the CCUSD budget.

**11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Linda Lau extended an invitation for all 5<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in an essay contest
- Congratulations were extended to the High School football team

- Commendations went to Dr. Coté for being proactive and visiting the school sites to discuss the budget issues with staff
- Commendations were extended to the Board for progressing with negotiations in a timely fashion
- Using the one time money received from worker's compensation insurance for a one-time bonus for teachers
- The Board members keeping in perspective why they ran for the Board, and a suggestion of agendizing the Board's reimbursements to show accountability to the public
- Appreciation was expressed to the Board for their acknowledgement of the High School football team
- The boys' and girls' soccer teams, and the girls' basketball team going to the winter playoffs
- The Booster Club's Casino Night
- A suggestion to use a synthetic surface on Helms Field
- A parent congratulated Coach Salter on a great season played and extended his thanks and appreciation for how the coaches worked with the team

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

Board Members spoke about:

- Mrs. Davis reported on her attendance at the LACSTA meeting and information given on the bird flu
- A request to agendize disclosing benefits that are given to the Board to show accountability to the public. A consensus was made
- Attendance at the Culver City Youth Health Center's Love Affair fundraiser
- Upcoming meeting at Linwood E. Howe Elementary for the community to discuss budget cuts
- The Culver City Education Foundations upcoming fundraiser at Whole Foods on February 20<sup>th</sup>
- A request to agendize a proclamation for the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting honoring Culver City Education Foundation Week
- Attendance at the Middle School's College Night
- A suggestion for the Board to do a Resolution to the Governor along with sending a letter to the local papers in regards to the District opposing the budget cuts in the State budget. A consensus was made to do a Proclamation
- Attendance at the Taste of La Ballona event at La Ballona Elementary School

Board Members recognized:

- Dr. Coté for being proactive with the budget crisis and her visits to the schools
- The High School football team and all of the teams for their hard work this season
- In honor of Black History Month Darla Pulliam was recognized for being the first African American to win the Sony Pictures Teacher of the Year Award

#### **12. Information Items**

##### **12.1 Enrollment Report**

David El Fattal presented the Enrollment Report to Board members and responded to questions from the audience.

##### **12.2 Culver City Youth Health Center Presentation**

Dr. Fiello gave background information on how the Health Center was established and the District's involvement. Ms. Francine Bartfield, Director of the Counseling Program at the Venice Family Clinic, gave a Power Point presentation and provided information on how the funding for the clinic and the services that are offered. Other members from the clinic thanked the Board for their previous funding informed the Board of their goals for the clinic. Board members thanked the presenters for coming and providing an update on their activities.

##### **12.3 Community Budget Advisory Committee Budget Cut Recommendations**

Mr. El Fattal presented the budget cut list to Board members and introduced Mrs. Michael Laase and Mr. Alan Elmont who are members of the Community Budget Advisory Committee. Mr. Elmont provided information on the process that took place in order for the committee to give their recommendations. Mr. Karlo Silbiger,

audience member, suggested to the Board to keep the budget cuts as far away from the students as possible. Mr. Zeidman requested a list of active members of CBAC. Board members thanked Mr. Elmont and Mrs. Laase for their continued interest in the District.

### **13. Recess**

The Board recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

Dr. Russell suggested that the Board want to schedule a Special Board Meeting prior the next Regular Meeting. The Board decided to schedule the Special Board Meeting on February 25, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

### **14. Action Items**

#### **Superintendent's Items**

#### **14.1 Approval is Recommended for a Board Member to Attend the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Regional Council on Educating Black Children Conference March 6-9, 2008 in Los Angeles, CA**

Mrs. Davis asked to pull this item because she inadvertently submitted information for the wrong conference.

#### **Education Services Items**

#### **14.2 Approval is Recommended for the Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #08-07**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the recommendation of Pupil Services Case #08-07 as presented and that the student be placed in County Community Day School or another school determined by his parents, at parental expense until June 2008. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

#### **14.3 Approval is Recommended for the Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #07-07**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the reinstatement of Case #07-07 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

#### **14.4 Approval is Recommended for the Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #09-07**

Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested amending the motion so that the words “district of residence” were included. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the reinstatement of Case #09-07 as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

#### **14.5 Approval is Recommended for the Williams' Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Williams' Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary for the periods of October 1 through December 31, 2007 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

#### **14.6 Approval is Recommended for the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs – Part II for 2007-2008**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approves the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs – Part II for 2007-2008 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

#### **14.7 Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement for Culver City Middle School**

Dr. Fiello introduced Dr. Jerry Kosch, Principal of Culver City Middle School. Dr. Kosch responded to questions from Board members. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement revisions, as submitted, for Culver City Middle School. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**Business Items**

**14.8 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #9/2007-2008 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2008-2009**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the resolution concerning the TRANS Program as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**14.9 Approval is Recommended for the Notice of Completion – Sewer Repair at El Rincon Elementary**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board accept as complete the Sewer Repair at El Rincon Elementary School. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**Personnel Items**

**14.10 Approval is Recommended for the Adoption of Culver City Unified School District Initial Bargaining Proposal for the Association of Classified Employees (ACE) for School Year 2007-2008**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board adopt the Culver City Unified School District’s Initial Collective Bargaining Proposal to the Association of Classified Employees (ACE) for School Year 2007-2008 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**15. Board Business – None**

**16. Public Recognition – Continued**

**16.1 Members of the Audience**

No comments from the audience.

**16.2 Members of the Board**

Board members spoke about:

- Mrs. Davis requested to agendaize the conference trip that she is requesting
- The improvement of the kindergarten orientation process
- How the Board would like to recognize students and their team achievements in the District. A consensus was made to agendaize a discussion on this matter.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos, seconded by Mr. Zeidman and approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Russell adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary