

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>February 26, 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
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. George Laase 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 for probationary certificated employees for the 2007-2008 school year. The Board voted to release two temporary certificated employees from employment effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. The vote was 4 – Ayes; 1 – Absent. The Board took action to issue a notice releasing and reassigning a principal and administrative employee pursuant to Education Code §44951 effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year, and directed the Superintendent or a designee to send out appropriate legal notices. The vote was 4 – Ayes; 1 – Absent.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos to move item number 14.6 to the beginning of the Action Items. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis to adopt the agenda of February 26, 2008 as amended. 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. Karlo Silbiger requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn.

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.2, 9.3, 9.4 plus addendum, and 9.5 – 9.7 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 14 plus addendum
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 14
- 9.6 Rejection of Claim
- 9.7 Change in the Minimum Day Schedule, Culver City High School, for the Month of March 2008

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 12, 2008

Mr. Karlo Silbiger pulled this item to request that the minutes reflect that he was “making sure the music program was not cut.” It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 12, 2008 as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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 February. The recipients were Shavaun Carriere from El Rincon Elementary; Eliseo Fragoso, Jr. from La Ballona School; Allison Metzinger from Farragut School; Monique Merritt from Culver City Middle School; Annalisa Fernandez from Culver Park High School; and Malcolm Fan from Culver City High School. Dr. Russell presented each recipient with a pin, and a Longman Dictionary of American English donated by community members Mr. Les and Paulette Greenberg. Dr. Russell thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting.

10.2 Spotlight on Education – Culver City High School

Dr. Fiello introduced Mr. Jerry Chabola, Athletic Director at Culver City High School. Mr. Chabola presented information to the Board on the sports programs at the High School and the new teams that have been developed. Mr. Chabola also encouraged the Board to consider supporting legislation that would mandate be an athletic trainer at each high school.

Board members thanked Mr. Chabola and all the coaches for all of the hard work that they put in throughout the year; and congratulated them and the Booster Club for a successful fundraiser with Casino Night.

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 ASB going to the fifth grade classes to inform them about attending the Middle School.

Culver Park Student Representative

Minilli Eustacio, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the addition of sixth period classes which would include internet classes, journalism classes, and field trips; the addition of raffles for good attendance; the opening of the Student Store; and the Culver Park Student Handbook being rewritten.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Ogechi Wadibia, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the Blood Donation Drive; an update on Springfest taking place on March 21st; Mr. and Mrs. Marcos from the High School taking a trip to Ethiopia to adopt a child, and how they took donations from people at the High School to take to the children in Ethiopia.

11.2 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Coté reported on her visit to the school sites to discuss the budget cuts; her attendance at the CSBA Superintendents Advisory Committee meeting and information that she received from the meeting; and joining other Superintendents from Los Angeles County in Sacramento to march and show unity in opposition to the Governor's Budget Proposal.

11.3 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Dr. Fiello reported on the annual Spelling Bee, announced the winners, and thanked Westfield Shopping Center for underwriting the event and The Rotary Club for providing dictionaries to all of the 3rd graders.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- The need to start a new early intervention program for ninth graders

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Zeidman read a statement from Mr. Gourley who extended his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting. Mr. Gourley's statement included comments on the budget cuts and retiree benefits.
- A Board member's meeting with the Culver City Police Chief Peterson, and his suggestion that the District not make reductions in school security
- The meeting regarding budget cuts at Linwood E. Howe Elementary and how it was well attended
- The achievement gap
- The CCUSD Spelling Bee
- Attendance at the College AP & Honors Night at the High School

Board Members recognized:

- Everyone who attended the Linwood E. Howe budget meeting
- Westfield Shopping Center, the Culver City Rotary Club, and parents for assisting with the Spelling Bee
- Staff members for their hard work on handling the budget
- Dr. Fiello for working so well with the students during the Spelling Bee

12. Information Items**12.1 Presentation on the Measure W Legislation – Councilman Scott Malsin**

Culver City Councilman Scott Malsin gave a presentation on Measure W, the utility user's tax. He explained how the Measure would affect residents in Culver City and asked the Board for its support in getting Measure W passed. There was a consensus of the Board to agendaize the Measure for discussion and to pass a Resolution.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

14. Action Items**Business Items****14.6 Approval is Recommended for the Adoption of Budget Cuts**

Mr. El Fattal gave an update on budget cuts and discussed the possibility of having mid-year cuts. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board identify and approve from the Proposed Budget Reduction List (copy attached) current year one-time expenditure reductions in order to build the 2007-08 ending fund balance, as well as multi-year expenditure reductions for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Audience members discussed whether or not the PTA was involved in the discussion of budget cuts; a description of the Budget Secretary's duties was given and asked the position be kept at 11 months; keeping the Music Program; not cutting the Clerk Typist II position in Security; the Director of Security position; cutting the Public Relations Consultant; and having students take on some of the duties of the Consultant. Dr. Russell asked if there was a consensus of the Board to extend the time for public comments since it was over 20 minutes. A consensus was made to extend the time. The last audience member discussed the school calendar that was being presented and expressed that she didn't think that being closed two Thursdays was not a good idea due to the ADA, and her thoughts that the Board should not be in a rush to make a final decision on the budget cuts.

Mr. Zeidman clarified that not all line items will be adopted at this meeting, and if the item is not cut at this time it could be cut at a future meeting. Mr. El Fattal clarified that the cuts will be effective July 1, 2008. The Board decided that they would discuss the cuts on a line by line basis. It was agreed to cut line items 1-31, 33-34, 36, 38, 41, 44-49, 52, 53, and 59. It was suggested to cut an additional 10 days for TOSA Teachers in item #13. A consensus was agendaize a discussion on the Board Policy for advertising in regards to line item #30 and #31. Mrs. Davis amended the motion that the Board of Culver City Unified identify as discussed by the Board. Mr. Zeidman seconded the motion. Dr. Beagles agreed to accept the amended motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Superintendent's Items**14.1 Approval is Recommended for a Board Member to Attend the National Council on Educating Black Children's 2008 Convention, April 16-19, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the request of Mrs. Davis to attend the National Council on Educating Black Children's Annual Convention from April 16-19, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Discussion ensued as to if the costs would also cover travel. Mr. Zeidman amended the original motion to include travel. Dr. Beagles-Roos agreed to the amendment. The motion was passed with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2 Approval is Recommended for the Submission of the 2008 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the submission of the Official 2008 Delegate Assembly Ballot as presented. Discussion ensued about the candidates. It was decided to vote only for Dr. Dana Russell. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #17/2007-2008 in Opposition of the Governor's 2008-2009 Budget Proposal

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve Resolution #17/2007-2008 in Opposition of the Governor's 2008-2009 Budget Proposal as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4- Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Education Services Items**14.4 Approval is Recommended for the Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP) AR 1312.3 and AR 1312.4**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Uniform Complaint Procedure Administrative Regulations 1312.3 and 1312.4 as presented. Mr. Zeidman presented several changes in format and in language that he felt needed correcting. Further discussion ensued. The Board agreed to approve the Administrative Regulations, but that they would be brought back to the next meeting to show the revisions. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.5 Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement (Site Plan) for Farragut Elementary School

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement revisions for Farragut Elementary School as presented. Barbara Brown, Principal of Farragut Elementary, responded to questions from Board members. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Business Items (cont.)**14.7 Approval is Recommended for the Authorization to Transfer Funds into the Deferred Maintenance Fund**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Transfer of Funds into the Deferred Maintenance Fund for the 2007-08 Fiscal Year. Mr. El Fattal provided information regarding the transfer of funds and responded to questions from the Board. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Personnel Items**14.8 Adoption is Recommended for the Culver City Unified School District School Year Calendar, 2008-2009**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the proposed 2008-2009 School Year Calendar as presented. Mrs. Janet Chabola commented on some of the days off for students that were on the calendar. Mr. Alan Elmont suggested not adopting the calendar. 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

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Board members’ attendance at the Linwood E. Howe budget cut meeting
- Their appreciation for how the Board handled the budget cut crisis
- Enthusiasm that the Public Relations Consultant was not cut

16.2 Members of the Board

Board members spoke about:

- Budget cuts
- The Board being more proactive regarding legislative issues and doing more advocacy
- The wonderful job done by staff and CBAC in working on the budget cuts

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Zeidman and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Russell adjourned the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary