

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>April 15, 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
Steven Gourley, Member
Scott Zeidman, Esq., Member

Staff Members Present

Myrna Rivera Coté, Ed.D., Superintendent
David El Fattal, M.B.A.
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 7:02 p.m. with four Board members in attendance. Mrs. Davis was absent. Mr. Andrew Sotelo 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 the Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the agenda of April 15, 2008 be approved as presented. Dr. Beagles-Roos requested that 14.11 be pulled from the agenda. The motion was approved with the amendment 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. David Mielke requested that items 9.1, 9.2 and 9.4 be withdrawn. Dr. Beagles-Roos requested that item 9.7 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.3, 9.5, 9.6 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 16

9.6 Overnight Out-of-State Conference for Teacher to Attend the College Board AP Exam Readings, June 11-19, 2008 in Fort Collins, Colorado

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Special Meeting – March 4, 2008, Regular Meeting – March 11, 2008, and Special Meeting April 1, 2008

Mr. Mielke requested that in the minutes of March 11, 2008 on page 74 it be corrected to reflect that CBAC did not recommend the 1% salary cut for all employees. Further discussion ensued regarding the inclusion of speakers' names in the minutes. A consensus was made to agendaize a discussion regarding the preparation of the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos to approve the minutes of Special Meeting – March 4, 2008; Regular Meeting of March 11, 2008 with the amendment on page 79 to read **CBAC's discussion of a 1% salary cut**; and Special Meeting – April 1, 2008 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Mr. Mielke requested clarification on an item on page seven. Mr. El Fattal responded that the expenditure was for flooding in one of the classrooms. Mr. Zeidman requested clarification on an item for Venice Family Clinic. Mr.

El Fattal provided clarification. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the purchase orders from March 3, 2008 through April 4, 2008 and warrants for March 1, 2008 through April 4, 2008 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 16

Mr. Mielke inquired as to hiring Mrs. Fields as interim for the Assistant Superintendent of Education Services position during a hiring freeze. Dr. Coté responded and provided additional information on which positions to fill during the hiring freeze. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Certificated Personnel Services Report No. 16 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

9.7 Approval is Recommended for Overnight Out-of-State Conference for Culver City High School English teacher to Attend the College Board AP Exam Readings, June 9-19, 2008 in Daytona Beach, Florida

Dr. Beagles-Roos pulled this item because the Board Members received a corrected agenda item that Ms. Nancy Goldberg was attending a conference for the AP Language Exams and not AP European History. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the proposed conference in Florida for Nancy Goldberg as corrected. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**10.1 American Citizenship Awards**

Dr. Coté read the names of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of February. The recipients were Joshua Hurtado from El Rincon Elementary; Peter Tran from La Ballona School; Asada Bell from Linwood E. Howe School; Kristin Bennett from El Marino School; Elizabeth Arias from Farragut School; Drake Myers from Culver City Middle School; Vanessa Hernandez from Culver Park High School; and Esther Winslow 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 Middle School

Dr. Jerry Kosch, Principal at Culver City Middle School, gave a presentation on their program Culver City Middle School Counseling Innovations - Going "Beyond the Walls" which intends to help students grow and excel. Dr. Kosch also acknowledged the counselors that worked in the program. Kate Griffin and Dr. Kosch gave information on the intervention programs. Board members thanked the presenters and spoke about how pleased they were to hear about all of the different programs for intervention. Dr. Russell asked Mrs. Sara Fields to share information on her career at Culver City Unified.

11. Public Recognition**11.1 Student Representatives' Reports****Middle School Student Representative**

Edna Vogel-Amezcuca, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, was not present.

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 thanked Sara Fields and Tracy Pumilia for all of their hard work and dedication to El Marino Language School that was just named a California Distinguished School and commended La Ballona and Linwood E. Howe for also being nominated; her attendance at a School Services of California workshop regarding school budgets; and her attendance at the Adult School Open House and it's great success.

11.3 Assistant Superintendents' Report

Mr. El Fattal reported on the finalization of the renovation on the El Marino library and the upcoming dedication ceremony; and gave an update on budget information coming from the State.

Mrs. Jaffe reported on her attendance at the Los Angeles Pre-School Teacher of the Year Awards ceremony at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion where Darla Pulliam of the Office of Child Development was honored; an update on the employee layoff hearings and final layoff notices.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Sun Safe Schools and encouraging a Sun Safe policy in CCUSD
- At-risk students
- Congratulations were extended to El Marino for being honored with the California Distinguished School Award
- Union update on certificated layoffs and a commendation to Mrs. Jaffe for taking such a personal approach in working with the teachers regarding the layoffs
- Workers' Compensation money that will be refunded as one time money and suggestions of what the money could be used for
- Community Day School discussions
- Encouraging the Board and audience to support the PTA in a Flunk the Budget campaign against Governor's Budget

11.4 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Commendations went to El Marino for being honored with the California Distinguished School Award
- Permits
- High School baseball field dedication
- Congratulations went to Darla Pulliam for receiving the Pre-School Teacher of the Year Award
- The Robotics Team for placing second in regional competition
- Culver City Youth Health Center having an Open House
- Development going in across the street from the District Office
- Principal not being present at the El Rincon Open House
- The importance of the counseling positions in the District

Board Members recognized:

- Mr. El Fattal and his staff for the hard work they put in on the preparation of the interim budget
- The Ahmanson Group for their donation towards the baseball field
- Attendance at the Adult School Open House
- Mr. Mielke for his compliment to Dr. Coté. It showed how the District is working well together.

12. Information Items**12.1 Update on 2008-2009 Budget Expenditure Reductions**

Mr. El Fattal provided the Board with an update on the expenditure reductions. Mr. El Fattal discussed the different functions of the Security Department and how the department could be reorganized. Audience members commented on the budget and the Security Department's impact on the budget. Further discussion ensued.

12.2 Enrollment Report

Mr. El Fattal presented the Enrollment Report to the Board and responded to questions.

12.3 Presentation on Permits

Mrs. Rosemary Ecker, Director of Pupil Services, and Andrew Sotelo, Administrator of Child Welfare and Attendance, gave a presentation regarding Intra-District, Inter-District, and Outgoing Permits. The presentation included a five-year trend by grade level. Audience members and Board members commented on the permit information given and asked for additional information. Mr. Gourley requested to agendaize the questions that had been raised. It was decided that the questions would be initially addressed in the Board's Friday Packets.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:58 p.m.

14. Action Items**Superintendent's Items****14.1 Approval is Recommended for the Submission of the 2008 CSBA Delegate Assembly Run-Off Ballot**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Official 2008 Delegate Assembly Run-Off Ballot as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Education Services Items**14.2 Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan(s) for Pupil Achievement for El Marino Language School**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement revisions for El Marino Language School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3 Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement for Culver Park High School

Dr. Beagles-Roos complimented Culver Park's Site Council. Mr. Zeidman requested that in the future these items get moved up in the agenda so that principals and staff can go home. Further discussion ensued. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement revision for Culver Park High School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4 Approval is Recommended for the Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for January 1 through March 31, 2008

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Valenzuela/CAHSEE lawsuit settlement and Williams' Settlement Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary for the periods of January 1 through March 31, 2008 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.5 Approval is Recommended for a New ROP Course at Culver City High School: Digital Photography

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the new Digital Photography class for Culver City High School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.6 Approval is Recommended for a New Course at Culver City Adult School: Real Estate Agent/Practices

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Real Estate/Agent Practice Class for Adults 2008 Spring/Summer Culver City Adult School trimester as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.7 Approval is Recommended for a New Course at Culver City Adult School: Real Estate Agent/Property Management

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Real Estate Agent/Property Management Class for Adult – 2008 Spring/Summer Culver City Adult School trimester as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.8 Approval is Recommended for a New Course at Culver City Adult School: National Professional Certification in Customer Service

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the new National Professional Certification in Customer Service class for Culver City Adult School Spring/Summer 2008 trimester as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 Nays.

14.9 Approval is Recommended for the Adult Education Program – 2008 Spring/Summer Trimester for Adults

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Adult Education Program – 2008 Spring/Summer trimester for adults as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.10 Approval is Recommended for the 2008 Kids Summer Program at Culver City Adult School

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the 2008 Kids Summer Enrichment Program as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – nays.

14.12 Approval is Recommended for the Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #11-08

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the recommendation of Pupil Services Case #11-08 as presented and that the student be placed in County Community Day School or another school determined by his parents, at parental expense until February 2009. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.13 Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #13-08

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #13-08 until February 2009 and that the student enroll in County Community Day School. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.14 Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #14-08

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #14-08 until February 2009 and that the student enroll in County Community Day School. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Business Items**14.15 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #29/2007-2008 – Temporary Borrowing Between Funds**

It was moved Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the adoption of Resolution #29/2007-2008 – Temporary Borrowing Between Funds as presented. Mr. El Fattal gave further clarification on the borrowing between funds. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.16 Approval is Recommended for Security Department Reorganization and Expenditure Reductions

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve carry over this item to a later agenda. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays. Further discussion ensued as to when the next budget cuts would be presented. Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested to amend the motion to eliminate the Summer School staffing coverage, and the operating expenses that appear in options A and B. With an agreement to the suggestion, the amended motion was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley. The amended motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

Personnel Items

14.17 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #31/2007-2008, Catastrophic Leave for Certificated Employee

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Resolution #31/2007-2008 for Catastrophic Leave for a Certificated Employee 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 members of the audience.

16.2 Members of the Board

Members of the Board spoke about:

- A Board member’s attendance at the 47th Assembly District Education Commission roundtable on budget cuts
- Democratic Club’s request to have a Board member present at a discussion regarding the Governor’s budget
- CSBA Golden Bell Awards
- Invitation from State Farm’s Bold Vision Women in Science and Technology event

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Mr. Gourley and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Russell adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary