

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>April 29, 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**  
**Steven Gourley, Member**  
**Scott Zeidman, Esq., Member**

**Staff Members Present**

**Myrna Rivera Coté, Ed.D., Superintendent**  
**David El Fattal, M.B.A.**  
**Sara Fields**  
**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 all Board members in attendance. Ms. Denise Clary 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 Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adopt the agenda of April 29, 2008 and move Action Items 14.1 and 14.2 up on the agenda to follow item 10.2. The motion was unanimously approved. Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested adjourning the meeting in memory of Mila Rainof. The Board was in agreement.

**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. Zeidman requested that item 9.4 be withdrawn. Dr. Russell requested that items 9.14 and 9.15 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.3 and 9.5 - 13 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – April 15, 2008

9.2 Purchase Orders

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 17

9.6 Overnight Out-of-State Conference for Culver City High School Art Teacher Kristine Hatanaka, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, July 27-August 2, 2008

9.7 Resolution #32/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.8 Resolution #33/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.9 Resolution #34/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.10 Resolution #35/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.11 Resolution #36/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.12 Resolution #37/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.13 Resolution #38/2007-2008(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

**9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 17**

Mr. Zeidman withdrew this item to announce the new Principal of Linwood E. Howe Elementary School. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Classified Personnel Services Report No. 17 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. After the vote, Mr. Zeidman announced that Amy Anderson was the new Principal. Dr. Coté introduced Ms. Anderson and gave a brief bio of her career.

Ms. Anderson thanked the Board for their support and expressed her enthusiasm about working for the District in her new role. The Board extended their congratulations.

#### **9.14 Proclamation in Recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-11, 2008)**

Dr. Russell withdrew this item so that the Proclamation could be read aloud. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board declares the week of May 4-11, 2008 as Teacher Appreciation Week. The motion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Davis read the Proclamation, and presented it to Mr. David Mielke who was accepting on the teachers' behalf.

#### **9.15 Proclamation in Recognition of Classified School Employee Appreciation Week**

Dr. Russell withdrew this item so that the Proclamation could be read aloud. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Proclamation declaring the week of May 18-24, 2008, as Classified School Employee Appreciation Week as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Zeidman read the Proclamation, and presented it to Mrs. Debbie Hamme who was accepting on the classified employees' behalf.

### **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 April. The recipients were Quinn Trilling from El Rincon Elementary; Ruth Perez from La Ballona School; Jessica Mazingo from Linwood E. Howe School; Camila Hayashi the April recipient and Kristin Bennett the March recipient from El Marino School; Lydia Ko from Farragut School; Michael Rummelsburg from Culver City Middle School; James Wade from Culver Park High School; and Ernesto Umana 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. Mr. Greenberg congratulated all of the recipients and explained to them what was included in their dictionaries. Dr. Russell thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting

#### **10.2 Spotlight on Education - Culver Park High School**

Marianne Turner, Principal at Culver Park High School, introduced staff member Blake Silvers who conducted a power point presentation on "Culver Park is Diverse, a Community, an Opportunity". Students commented on their experiences, and what the school means to them. Board members thanked the presenters, and the students for attending the meeting.

### **Action Items Moved Up on the Agenda**

#### **14.1 Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement for El Rincon Elementary School**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the El Rincon Single Plan for Pupil Achievement revisions as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. Board members commented on how thorough the site plan was. Community member, Jeanette James, commented on El Rincon being a great school.

#### **14.2 Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Pupil Achievement for Culver City High School**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Culver City High School Single Plan for Pupil Achievement revisions as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. Dr. Beagles-Roos was impressed that there was a ninth grader on the site council. Mrs. Davis commended on the new data that was presented and the continuity of the site plan.

### **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 preparations for STAR testing; the sixth and seventh graders going to Knotts Berry Farm; and grad night at Six Flags Magic Mountain.

**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, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the ASB having discussions on activities for Teacher Appreciation Week; needing chaperones for the prom and grad nights; updates on sports; update on testing that will taking place; and the Music Academy Concert at Disneyland.

**11.2 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté reported on the wonderful work being done at Culver Park and reminded everyone to look at the display case which they decorated; the success of La Ballona's Open House; attendance at the PTA Honorary Service Awards; participating in a tour of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; the WASC review at Culver Park High School and visiting the Independent Study School.

**11.3 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Mrs. Fields, Interim Superintendent of Educational Services, reported on her attendance at the Science Fair and Open House at La Ballona Elementary; and her enthusiasm at being given the opportunity to work at the District Office.

Mr. El Fattal reported on the work being done by the Business Office in regards to the budget cuts, and thanked staff for all of their hard work.

Mrs. Jaffe reported on her visit to Independent Study; and sitting in on the WASC review at Culver Park.

**11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- The Moms Unite to Stop the Education Budget Cuts campaign, and a rally taking place on Wilshire Boulevard on May 9<sup>th</sup>
- A request for the minutes to reflect that El Rincon's principal, Mrs. Leslie Lockhart, was present at the El Rincon Open House
- An information request on the number of Culver City resident students that are in private school or home-schooled
- The possibility of providing fee-based access to the District's programs for students presently being home schooled
- Congratulations to Ernesto Umana on his Citizenship Award
- The success of Culver Park High School
- The consideration of opening a Community Day School for seventh and eighth graders as a form of intervention
- The CCFT bargaining and the possibility of using the one time money from a worker's compensation refund for a one time bonus for employees
- Board members cutting their health benefits due to the budget crisis
- Commendations to the classified employees
- Confirmation that Mrs. Lockhart was present at the El Rincon Open House; and commendations for her helping at Farragut Elementary
- An invitation to the Booster Club fundraiser "Music for the Turf" on June 22<sup>nd</sup>
- The possibility of the District using Singapore math
- The broadcast of the Board meetings not being shown to the end of the meeting

**11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Attendance at the PTA Honorary Service Award and Farragut Science Fair
- A Board member confirmed that Mrs. Lockhart was present at the Open House at El Rincon Elementary

- A Board member shared information that he received doing research on the Wiseburn School District; and information that he received regarding parcel taxes
- Mrs. Davis' visiting a school during her visit to New Orleans for the National Council on Educating Black Children's Conference; a workshop she attended with Bobby Scott regarding a Youth Prevention Act
- Attendance at the City Council meeting and how lavish it was amidst a budget crisis with schools
- A consensus was made to have the issue of permits agendized
- The children on permits in the District having a higher GPA than the resident students at the Middle School and High School
- PTA events
- The success of the Linwood Howe Open House, and the Art from the Heart event at the Office of Child Development
- Success of the District-wide disaster drill
- A consensus was made to agendize a discussion on parcel tax and alternative energy sources for the District
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and arrangement being made with the Exchange Club. A consensus was met to agendize a discussion on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event
- The cheerleading program and what great work the staff involved and the cheerleaders have done
- Congresswoman Watson asking the District to take part in an art contest
- Dr. Russell admitted that he was the Board member who commented that Mrs. Lockhart was not at El Rincon's Open House. Since several comments had been made he decided to address the issue, but would not apologize for his comments because when he was present at the Open House he was told that Mrs. Lockhart was not there. He suggested that there not be two Open Houses on the same night so that there would not be scheduling conflicts in the future.

Board Members recognized:

- Drew Sotelo for his presentation on permits in the District at the previous meeting
- El Marino Language School for receiving the California Distinguished School Honor
- La Ballona PTA for the postcards they had available at their Open House regarding the Flunk the Budget campaign

## **12. Information Items**

### **12.1 First Reading of New Board Policy 51541.7, Students – Sun Safety**

The Board discussed the CSBA sample Board policy with suggestions to replace the word "shall" with "shall be encouraged" and decided to bring back a very basic policy to a future meeting for adoption.

## **13. Recess**

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis to bypass a recess. A consensus was met to bypass a recess.

## **14. Action Items**

### **Superintendent's Items – None**

### **Education Services Items**

### **14.3 Approval is Recommended for Culver City Adult School, Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application for 2008-2009**

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Culver City Adult School, Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application for 2008-2009 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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**Business Services****14.4 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #40/2007-2008 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2008-2009**

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board adopt Resolution #40, approving the issuance of 2008-2009 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Personnel Items****14.5 Approval is Recommended to Approve Resolution #39/2007-2008(HR) Implementing Certificated Layoff (Terminating Services of Certificated Employees), Acting Upon Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge and Providing Direction to Issue Notifications to Employees Whose Services Are Terminated**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve Resolution #39/2007-2008(HR) Implementing Certificated Layoff (Terminating Services of Certificated Employees), Acting Upon Proposed Decision of Administrative Lay Judge and Providing Direction to Issue Notifications to Employees Whose Services Are Terminated as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.6 Approval is Recommended for the Adoption of Indefinite Action for Management, Confidential and Other Unrepresented Employees for 2008-2009**

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Adoption of Indefinite Action for Management, Confidential and Other Unrepresented Employees for 2008-2009 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15. Board Business****15.1 Discussion of Board Member's Attendance at the National Council on Educating Black Children's Conference**

Mrs. Davis discussed information that she received and workshops that she attended at the National Council on Educating Black Children's Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**15.2 Discussion of Board Minutes**

Board members discussed their views on whether the minutes should or should not include the names of each speaker. A consensus was made to review the Board bylaw and agendize it for further discussion.

**16. Public Recognition – Continued****16.1 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Incorrect information given to the Board by the administrative staff
- Permit process

**16.2 Members of the Board**

Board members spoke about:

- Former student Board member, Andy Gonzalez, who was in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Gonzalez was asked to give the Board an update on his first year at college
- Board members gave updates on other previous student Board members
- Possible safety issues at the Adult School; accreditation of the Adult School; there was a consensus to agendize the accreditation.

**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 9:16 p.m. in memory of Mila Rainof.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary