

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>May 13, 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.
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 6:05 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:02 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Mrs. Audrey Stephens 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.

7. Public Hearing

Public Hearing of Special Education Local Plan Area Service and Budget Plan (Nondistrict Function)

Dr. Russell opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m. There being no comments from the audience, it was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to close the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman to move Action Item 14.1 up on the agenda to follow item 10.1, and move item 10.2 ahead of item 10.1. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the agenda of May 13, 2008 as amended. 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. Mielke requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.6 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 18

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 18

9.6 Student Teacher Agreement between the Culver City Unified School District and Antioch University

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – April 29, 2008 and Special Meeting – May 6, 2008

Mr. Mielke pulled this item for a correction to the comments he made regarding a Community Day School in the April 29, 2008 minutes on page 92 to read “**for seventh through twelfth graders**”. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – April 29, 2008 as amended and Special Meeting – May 6, 2008 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**10.2 Culver City Education Foundation Building Blocks for Education**

Dr. Beagles-Roos presented Building Blocks donated by El Marino Language School in honor of Roxanne Tanioka, Star Volunteer 2007-2008; and Torres Landscaping, Star Business Partner 2007-2008.

10.1 Spotlight on Education - Office of Child Development

Mrs. Audrey Stephens, Director of the Office of Child Development, gave a video presentation on the history of the Office of Child Development's programs since 1971 and how it has benefited students and families over the years. Board members thanked Mrs. Stephens for her presentation.

14.1 Approval of Office of Child Development Agency Annual Report

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Agency Annual Review Report for the Office of Child Development as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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 reported on her attendance at the Ed Foundation's Annual Tribute to the Stars event, and extended commendations to Shelly Papadopoulos, Karen Pyenson and Patty Krause for all of their hard work; her attendance with Tracy Pumilia, Principal of El Marino School, at the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' meeting for their recognition of the California Distinguished School recipients; and the upcoming California Distinguished Schools ceremony taking place at the Disneyland Hotel on Friday evening.

11.3 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Mr. El Fattal reported that he would be attending the Governor's May Revise workshop; and additional upcoming meetings that he would be attending regarding the budget.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- The Office of Child Development presentation and how it is a great program
- A request to agendize a discussion on the possibility of opening a Community Day School
- The upcoming bargaining with the Teacher's Union and a suggestion to give the teachers a one-time bonus
- An invitation to attend the upcoming meeting at the Democratic Club on Wednesday, May 14, 2008

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- A successful Children's Day event at El Marino
- The District's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Mr. Zeidman requested to have agendized showing the Board Meetings live, the Adult School Accreditation, and a discussion on the District's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. With an agreement from Mrs. Davis and Mr. Gourley, a consensus was made to agendize these items.
- The great attendance at the Tribute to the Stars and how the event was a success
- The District taking advantage of contests and events that are offered by outside organizations

- A Board member's attendance at the Mothers Against the Budget rally
- Mr. Zeidman requested to have agendaized a discussion on creating a Community Day School. A consensus was made to agendaize this item.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Charles Son and gave a brief bio
- Dr. Beagles-Roos gave a brief update on the Education Foundation working on grants and read the names of everyone who participated and contributed to their fundraising and installation events.
- People inquiring about the District and expressing that they would like to move to Culver City because of the schools in the District

Board Members recognized:

- Saundra Davis' birthday. Mrs. Davis thanked Mr. Zeidman for bringing a cake to the meeting.
- City Treasurer Crystal Alexander for her attendance at the Mothers Against the Budget rally and the Tribute to the Stars event

12. Information Items

12.1 Enrollment Report

Mr. El Fattal presented the Enrollment Report to the Board and responded to questions. Dr. Beagles-Roos requested information on how many of the students that dropped out were on permits. Dr. Russell and Mrs. Davis agreed to the request of this information.

12.2 Update on Multi-Year Fiscal Projections and Expenditure Reductions

Mr. El Fattal gave a presentation on the fiscal projections for three years. He also gave an update on the budget cuts in the District.

12.3 First Reading of Board Bylaw 9324, Minutes and Recordings

Dr. Coté introduced the Bylaw that the Board requested for review. Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested that any procedural additions be made on an Administrative Regulation. Further discussion ensued as to whether or not to include the names of speakers into the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Administrative Regulation should include the member's votes listed, the columns of votes, and identifying individual speakers. The motion was unanimously approved.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

14. Action Items

Education Services Items

14.2 Approval is Recommended for the Carl Perkins Grant Application (2008-2009)

Ms. Denise Clary-Wilson and Dr. Beagles-Roos thanked the District for pursuing the grant. Mrs. Davis inquired if the grant could be used for the Adult School. Gwenis Laura, Director of Special Projects, responded that we could but the District would have to pursue it with a consortium and the amount would be reduced. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Carl Perkins Grant Application 2008-2009 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Approval is Recommended for Revision to Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP AR1312.4(c))

Gwenis Laura, Director of Special Projects, explained revisions that were made. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the revisions to the Williams Uniform Complaint Procedure Administrative Regulation 1312.4 (c) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Approval is Recommended for a New Course at Culver City High School: Summative Math

Ms. Lisa Michel, Math Department co-department head, responded to questions regarding the math credits for this course. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos to approve the Summative Math course for Culver City High School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Business Items**14.5 Adoption of Budget Cuts**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley for the purpose of discussion to approve the Adoption of Budget Cuts as presented. Mr. El Fattal presented the proposal and asked the Board to adopt \$40,000 in budget cuts. Mr. Elmont, member of CBAC, commented that CBAC had made very specific recommendations that were not on the list, and that now was the time to make the deepest cuts and reserve as much as possible. Mr. Mielke discussed his disappointment that the teachers, counseling services were cut on the first round of cuts and now the District might possibly use money from a Worker's Compensation refund to offset current budget cuts. Mr. Mielke informed the Board that the Union was recommending that positions stated on line items 32, 39, 43, and 51 be cut. Mr. El Fattal discussed the CBAC recommendations. Mr. Zeidman discussed the Director of Security position and was not sure that we needed that position, and instead might need a Supervisor. Mr. Zeidman also stated he was provided information in regards to the District's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and that it had not yet been approved by the State. Further discussion ensued as to the difference between a director and supervisor. Dr. Russell did not feel comfortable cutting a position without knowing fully what the position entails. Dr. Russell voted for Option B of the Security Department Reorganization. A consensus was made for Option B. Additional cuts included a reduction from \$45,000 to \$25,000 for line item 42; a ten percent reduction to line item 43. Mr. Zeidman requested information on how much a safety consultant would cost the District. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman to approve the aforementioned budget cuts as stated. Mr. Gourley accepted the new motion. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis. The motion to approve budget cuts as amended to total at least \$40,000 was approved.

14.6 Approval is Recommended for the Budget Revision to the General Fund

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the budget revisions to the General Fund as outlined in the Budget Revision Summary dated April 16, 2008 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.7 Approval is Recommended for the Rejection of Claim

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the rejection of the claim for damages related to File 08-63706DD as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel Items**14.8 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #41/2007-2008 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel**

Becky Stephan commented against cutting the classified staff and what the staff means to the District. Debbie Hamme spoke on behalf of the Association of Classified Employees about filling instructional assistant positions and the contributions of classified staff. Jackie Lee and David Mielke spoke against the cuts and how staff helps the students. Chris Knight and James Beckham, security guards for the District, spoke in opposition of the cuts. Mrs. Davis inquired as to if we have to cut all of the positions on the list, or if some positions could wait until the next meeting. Further discussion ensued. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Resolution #41/2007-2008 (HR), authorizing the elimination of twenty-four classified positions. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 2 Nays.

14.9 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #42/2007-2008, Catastrophic Leave for Certificated Employee

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve Resolution #42/2007-2008, Catastrophic Leave for Certificated Employee. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Public Recognition – Continued

15.1 Members of the Audience

No comments from the audience.

15.2 Members of the Board

Members of the Board spoke about:

- An article in the Los Angeles Times on Gifted Programs and third graders being screened for the GATE Program in the District
- Commendations to the High School newspaper for the quality of reporting
- Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested also adjourning the meeting in memory of the victims of the earthquake in China
- A reminder of the Democratic Club’s upcoming meeting the following night
- The Board remembering that they are not just serving their constituents, but that they are primarily serving to speak for the students

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Russell adjourned the meeting at 9:46 p.m. in memory of Charles Son and the victims of the China earthquake.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary