

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>June 10, 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 7:20 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Mr. Jerry Chabola 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**

Mr. Zeidman recommended to move item 10.3 up on agenda to the earliest point possible. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to adopt the agenda of June 10, 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. No items were withdrawn. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 27, 2008
- 9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 20
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 20

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**

**10.3 Recognition of All League Athletes; and State Champions Anniya Louis and Latijera Avery**

Mr. Jerry Chabola, Athletic Director of Culver City High School, read the names of over 60 students in recognition the All League Athletes from each sport, and the students stood in recognition. He also reported that as a school, Culver City High School received the Ocean League Sportsmanship Award for 2007-2008 and also had several coaches recognized as Coaches of the Year for their sport. Anniya Louis was given recognition for her State Championship win, and Latijera Avery was also recognized for amazing wins throughout the year.

**10.2 Recognition of Student Board Member and Secondary School Representatives**

Dr. Russell announced the names of the student representatives and the student Board Member, and the names of the schools they represented. Each Board member thanked them for their attendance and interest at the Board meetings, and for providing information on their school. Mr. Gourley requested that they keep in touch with the District as the move on in their education. Dr. Coté presented the representatives with gifts from the Board.

**10.1 Spotlight on Education - Culver City Adult School**

Mr. Victor Gallardo, Principal of Culver City Adult School, gave a brief presentation on the Adult School's Career and Technical Education Programs. He then had the teachers from the Medical Insurance Billing Program, Customer Service Program, Culver City Beauty College, the Cisco Networking Academy, and the LVN Program do individual presentations on their classes. The teachers responded to questions from audience members and Board members. Board members thanked the presenters.

**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 the Middle School's upcoming Variety Show; the eighth grade exit interviews; Award Night; and the conclusion of the Pennies for China fundraiser.

**Culver Park Student Representative**

Minilli Eustacio, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the senior luncheon; the HeART Project; yearbook preparations; and that June 13<sup>th</sup> was the last day to hand in any work.

**Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member**

Ogechi Wadibia, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the success of Prom Night; the Academy Awards; Senior Week; senior confessionals; senior breakfast; and graduation events.

**11.2 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté thanked the student representatives for the time and thanked Miss Wadibia for representing all of the students in the District. Dr. Coté reported on her guest reading at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library; her attendance at the Education Foundation's Installation event; winners of the essay contest; notable winners for the Best of Culver City; a thank you extended to Mrs. Davis for her assistance as a panel member for conducting interviews; the Music Center Partnership; and a thank you to Inez Bush for her hard work in applying for a \$300,000 grant.

**11.3 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Mr. El Fattal provided information on finalizing the budget and implementing budget cuts.

Mrs. Jaffe thanked Mrs. Fields, Dr. Jerry Kosch, Mrs. Collette, and Mrs. Goldberg for assisting as panel members for interviews; reported on her attendance at the eighth grade portfolio interviews; the new fitness room at Culver City Middle School and how it's promoting good health.

**11.3 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Hank Linderman commented on instances of bullying that have happened with his children and how the process was handled in the District. He suggested the District have prevention programs and said that the District relies too much on the victims coming forward.
- Becky Stephen commented on her experiences with bullying and children being labeled a "snitch"
- Casey Chabola brought members of the Culver City High School Boys La Cross Team who spoke of their experience on the team and presented Mr. Zeidman with their team book as a thank you for attending their game.
- Karlo Silbiger gave suggestions that the Board might want to take under consideration in possibly working with the City of Culver City to establish a Youth Advisory Committee or Youth Council.
- David Mielke expressed his enthusiasm for the student athletes that were honored; commented on possible incentives for teachers to also coach; thanked the Board for settling negotiations with the teachers; and suggested agendizing the topic of having a Community Day School.

**11.4 Members of the Board**

Mr. Zeidman spoke about:

- The bullying issues that have arisen and what the Board might need to do to address the problem. Dr. Russell asked Dr. Coté for her opinion. Dr. Coté responded that it will be addressed when the new Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services is hired.
- His attendance at Dr. Coté's reading at the Culver City Julian Dixon Library
- His attendance at the AVPA 1819 event and how it was a success
- The latest Laker's win in the championship finals series
- An invitation to attend a Special Board Meeting on June 26, 2008 at Robert Frost Auditorium
- His participation in the exit interviews and how it was a tremendous experience
- His attendance at the City Council Meeting and that he would like to assist in the forming of a Youth Council

Mrs. Davis spoke about:

- What a great job the student representatives and student Board member did, and she extended her thanks for their participation
- Her enthusiasm about the District's partnership with the Music Center
- Her anticipation in the results of the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services search
- The bullying issue and the Board revisiting the policies; requested to amend to review the Board Policy now instead of waiting for the new Assistant Superintendent to start.
- Suggested distributing surveys to students to see if there is an interest in a Youth Council, and the Board obtaining a description of what the City is looking for the Council to entail.
- Following up on the Adult School accreditation

Mr. Gourley spoke about:

- The bullying issue and would like to see the issue on the agenda and suggested that the topic of bullying also be part of the conversation when reviewing the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services candidates
- Wishing the student representatives well
- There being no need to provide a survey to students and that as long as we partner with the City there will be plenty of interest
- The Mock Trial Program and thanked the City and staff at the City for allowing the use of their facilities for the program; commendations also went to Ms. Dubois for her work with the teams

Dr. Beagles-Roos spoke about:

- How nice it was to recognize the athletes and that academics and art should also be recognized; and the Board should have gone to the athletes' events for their presentations
- When she was absent from the Board meeting, it was difficult to review the Board meetings through the minutes
- Would like to have a discussion on the use of solar energy and alternative sources of energy usage in the District

Dr. Russell spoke about:

- Bullying being a problem and would like to have a discussion about it with the Superintendent
- Having a discussion regarding the District starting a Community Day School
- Being in support of a Youth Council
- Receiving information on the Adult School Accreditation
- His attendance at the La Ballona International Dinner event and that there was a great turn out
- The great community participation at the Sports Banquet
- The Education Foundation's Installation event and how well it went

**12. Information Items****12.1 Enrollment Report**

Mr. El Fattal presented the enrollment report to the Board.

**12.2 Discussion of Compensation for Members of the Board of Education**

Mr. El Fattal presented information regarding the compensation the Board members receive such as stipends, reimbursement, and Health and Welfare benefits. Mr. George Laase requested that the information be shown regularly on how much Board members are taking, and would like it to show clear accountability. Mr. El Fattal responded to questions from Mr. Laase. Mr. Mielke inquired as to if Board member's District Cap was the same as employees' and Mr. El Fattal responded "Yes". Mr. Mielke was not in agreement with the Board maintaining their benefits. All Board members were in agreement with Mr. Laase that they should be accountable for their spending. Mr. Zeidman pointed out that he has taken the health benefits and that he donates his stipend to a different school each month. Mrs. Davis stated that she felt that the Board should have health insurance. Mr. Gourley stated he will be using the vision and dental portions of the health insurance as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, and inquired as to what are the mandated costs. Dr. Beagles-Roos stated she uses the vision portion of the benefits, and the life and disability benefits. Dr. Beagles-Roos inquired as to the Board Bylaw and provided suggestions about District policy. Dr. Coté suggested amending the Bylaw. All Board members were in agreement. Dr. Russell commented that the same person that criticized the Board for taking their benefits while Special Education Programs were being cut is also the same person that not only gets benefits through the District, but takes benefits through the Teachers Federation.

**13. Recess**

The Board recessed at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

**14. Action Items****Superintendent's Items****14.1 Approval is Recommended for the Adoption of New Administrative Regulation 9320, Minutes and Recordings**

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board adopt the new Administrative Regulation 9320, Minutes and Recordings as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Education Services Items****14.2 Approval is Recommended for 2008 CAHSEE Waiver Request for Culver City High School and Culver Park High School Students and One Non-Public School Student who have Individual Education Plans or Section 504 Plans**

Rose Ecker, Director of Pupil Services, was in attendance to respond to questions from the Board. Mr. Gourley inquired as to what kind of IEP would have a CAHSEE waiver for the 504 Plan. Mrs. Ecker responded that the CAHSEE waivers are initiated by the parent, and each type of modification is ranked. Further discussions ensued. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the 2008 CAHSEE Waiver Requests for students in grades 10, 11, and 12 who have an IEP or 504 Plan as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3 Approval is Recommended for Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #05-06**

Discussion ensued as to if the motion needed to be amended. It was decided that the motion was correct as is. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the reinstatement of Case #05-06 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Business Items****14.4 Approval is Recommended for the Year-End Appropriation Transfers**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Year-End Appropriation Transfers as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.5 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #46-2007-2008 – Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Resolution #46/2007-2008 – Annual Delegation of Administrative Authority to Process Routine Budget Revisions, Adjustments, and Transfers as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.6 Approval is Recommended for Resolution #47-2007/2008(HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Personnel**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Resolution #47-2007/2008 (HR), authorizing the reduction of one classified position as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15. Board Business – None**

**16. Public Recognition – Continued**

**16.1 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Alan Elmont suggested that the Board give more instruction to people who make presentations at Board meetings so that the presenters are better prepared

**16.2 Members of the Board**

Dr. Beagles-Roos spoke about:

- Would like to have staff look into bullying at the Middle School
- The confusion in the topics that are to be discussed at the Special Board Meeting on June 26, 2008
- Cultural and generational differences that she noticed on her travels in regards to children's nutrition

Mr. Gourley concurred with Mr. Elmont's comment about presentations at the Board Meetings.

Mrs. Davis spoke about:

- Wanted to make sure that a consensus was made on the topics of bullying, disclosure of benefits, and pleased there is an endorsement of the Youth Council. Mr. Gourley felt that there should be informal communications with the City regarding the Youth Council.
- Researching giving the State Champion athletes some sort of commendation such as a plaque.

Mr. Zeidman spoke about:

- Bullying being discussed as a district-wide issue and not just at the Middle School
- Special Board Meeting topics being specifically permits and school size

Dr. Russell spoke about:

- Principals possibly being in attendance at the Special Board Meeting to give their thoughts on classroom/school sizes. Mr. Gourley and Mr. Zeidman were in agreement. Further discussion ensued as to what the meeting should entail.
- Our City Liaison representative starting the process of the discussions regarding the Youth Council
- The committees that Board members are serving on and getting updates
- Getting updates on security matters from the Supervisor of Security
- The Board needing to be more informed in the Friday Memos, and hearing about both good and bad information in regards to our schools.

Mrs. Davis suggested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Pat Tobin.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Mrs. Davis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Russell adjourned the meeting at 10:49 p.m. in memory of Pat Tobin.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary