

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>February 10, 2015</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

Nancy Goldberg, President
Steven M. Levin, Ph.D., Vice President
Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Clerk
Susanne Robins, Member
Laura Chardiet, Member

Staff Members Present

David LaRose, Superintendent
Kati Krumpe
Leslie Lockhart
Mike Reynolds

Call to Order

Board President Ms. Goldberg 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 all Board members in attendance. Natalia Saucedo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Ms. Goldberg reported that the Governing Board met in Closed Session regarding issues listed on today's Closed Session agenda and announced that the following reportable actions were taken. The Board to action to release twenty two temporary and three long term substitute certificated employees effective as of the end of the 2014/2015 school year. The vote was 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays. The Board also took action to release seven temporary Adult School teachers effective as of the end of the 2014/2015 school year. The vote was 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board adopt the February 10, 2015 agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

9. Consent Agenda

Ms. Goldberg called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. No items were withdrawn from the audience or Board members. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 27, 2015
- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 11
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No.11

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 Immersion Presentation – Mina Shiratori

Mina Shiratori, Assistant Principal and Program Specialists at El Marino Elementary, provided the Board with information on the progression of the Immersion Program in the District. She spoke about what steps have been taken this year to align the Dual Language Programs with the District's focus of student success and family engagement, and what steps will be next taken over the next few years for both the Spanish Immersion Program and the Japanese Immersion Program. Ms. Shiratori spoke about the number of students that will be entering the

Middle School Spanish Immersion Program. She presented information on placement assessments, systems, and structures to support student success, and the guiding principles of dual language education.

Ms. Paspalis stated that she was happy to see that the District has a strong K-8 Spanish Immersion Program. She is hoping to see more support for the SIP at the iAcademy. Ms. Paspalis wondered about the level of rigor at the High School end of the program. Dr. Krumpe stated that one of the goals of the state was to get students to want to continue down the system and pathways to continue through the program. Dr. Krumpe also stated that at this time the District is trying to find qualified personnel for the JIP. Ms. Goldberg stated that having conversations between the students would help with learning the languages. Further discussion ensued. Mrs. Lockhart spoke about a virtual job faire that the District will participate in on March 5th to proceed in looking for qualified teachers for the JIP. She stated that we have to look beyond California for these specialized positions. Dr. Levin asked if we are able to accept more students into the program that apply. Dr. Krumpe stated that there is still a waiting list. Dr. Levin asked if there were any issues at La Ballona since there are two different programs at that particular school. Jennifer Slabbinck, Principal at La Ballona, responded saying that there have been minor challenges but they are working through it well. Discussion ensued about instructional time.

10.2 Spotlight on Education - Farragut Elementary School

Dr. Rebecca Lynch presented information to the Board about recent events and ongoing events at her school. She informed the Board about the staff professional development. She spoke about the school having an arts and technology focus. They participate in CGI which is creating a stronger mathematics element to the school. All K-5 students are using their iPads to create projects. The fifth grade has their own cart of iPads, but third and fourth grade share a cart. The younger grades are getting iPad minis and Chromebooks are also used. Shea Cunningham asked if the other schools were getting iPads. She is a parent at Linwood Howe. Dr. Krumpe stated that the schools have a certain amount of Chromebooks and right now it is evidence based on whether or not it helps the students to have access to iPads. Dr. Levin, as a parent of Farragut, stated that after looking at the District's technology plans a few years ago the parents got together and purchased iPads for the students.

10.3 PTA Reflections Award Winners

Jody Reichel, PTA Council President, provided the Board with the history of the Reflections Contest. The PTA Reflections Program encourages students to explore the arts and express themselves by giving positive recognition for their artistic efforts. Students Pre-K through grade twelve create theme-based artwork in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography or visual arts. Ms. Reichel read the names of the students that were award winners and they were presented with the award.

11. Public Recognition

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mr. LaRose began his report by sharing one of the award winning poems from the Reflections Program written by Sara Grace who was in the audience with her parents. Mr. LaRose reported on his meeting with Gabe Garcia from the City of Culver and Mr. Reynolds. The met regarding additional plans for traffic control on Elenda Street, and other traffic/parking issues surrounding our schools. Mr. La Rose also attended an ROP meeting that was held during the Superintendent Symposium weekend in Monterey, California. At the ROP meeting Mr. Nichols from Duarte Unified put out a message that LACOE was not showing a sense of urgency regarding the ROP issues that districts are facing. Mr. LaRose stated that his communication regarding safeguards for the recent measles outbreak in Los Angeles County should be going out today or tomorrow to all of the District families. The letter has gone through a number of revisions but it is finally ready to go out.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Dr. Krumpe stated that she spent the last two weeks visiting elementary school classrooms and conducting observations with the principal on the guided reading. She shared a story about one of the students she observed in an intervention class. Dr. Krumpe thanked Dr. Lynch of Farragut Elementary and her staff for all of their hard work. Tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. there will be a parent preview of the math textbook selections. On February 19th there will be an elementary GATE Parent Night in the Multi-Purpose Room. Dr. Krumpe spoke about the acceleration pathways opened up for students to take Spanish, 1, Japanese 1, Algebra 1 and/or Geometry Honors in grade eight.

Mrs. Lockhart reported on the District participating in the virtual job Faire and also posting jobs in Education Job Weekly. There is a shortage of teachers nationwide in math, science, immersion, and speech pathologists. She stated she is interested to see how the virtual job faire works out. She informed the Board that the school calendars for the next two years are on the agenda for approval. She thanked CCFT, MACCS, and ACE for their input on the calendars and for their partnerships in general. Mrs. Lockhart stated she met with the Good News Network (GNN) at the High School and the meetings have been enjoyable. She thanked Carlos Valverde for his work with the students and for getting the group together.

Mr. Reynolds reported that at the next Board meeting Charles Wren will provide an update on the bond and capital improvements. He stated that on May 1st Sony Entertainment will be at La Ballona for beautification in recognition of Earth Day.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

Falon Legeaux, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including the Valentine's Dance taking place this Friday. Bike Walk to School Day is coming up and registration will be next week. Students will be able to earn points for prizes. Fix It Day will take place on February 20th. Chubby's Bike Shop will be coming to the Middle School to fix bikes. There will be music, games, and raffles. February 17th is the 6th grade orientation. Miss Legeaux spoke about the OLWEUS Program activities taking place. Each month is a different activity and this month is Reflections. The top twenty projects will be in the school yearbook. The Green 5 is up and running at the Middle School and students are being very conscientious about getting their trash in the right recycling bin. She also followed up with the Board regarding the baseball field.

Culver Park Student Representative

Ya'Elle Wright, Culver Park High School Student Representative, was not present.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Natalia Saucedo, Student Board Member, began by thanking staff and the Board for speaking to the City staff about the intersections that she previously brought to the Boards' attention regarding safety. Miss Saucedo reported on activities at Culver City High School including the Non-Profit Faire and a student who is going around collecting shoes for the homeless which she thinks is great. She stated that the Centaur Plus intervention program has been implemented. She has heard that it is very effective. Students are studying in the classroom. The study halls are more crowded. There have been Ted Talks events which are a forum for the students and community to speak. She shared her idea of a visual representation at the school sites. Miss Saucedo informed the Board that the High School Cheerleading Team has won second place in the nation. The school Talent Show will take place on the 20th.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Leslie Gardner and Jami Wallace, PTA Council Co-Chairs, spoke about the District Back Pack Program. They thanked the Secretaries at the school sites and the Middle School ASB for all of their hard work to make the program a success. They thanked District Office staff for holding their own food drive, and all PTA and Booster Clubs; and CCEF. They also thanked Mark Weiss, Martin Weiss and Marlene Winston for their donation of \$5,000 this year to the Program. Mr. LaRose thanked Ms. Gardner and Ms. Wallace for their time and dedication to the program.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Dr. Levin reported on his attendance at the Middle School Improv which was really great. He announced that the Sandy Segal Youth Health Center Fundraiser would be taking place on February 20th. He will be absent at the April 28th Board meeting due to work. Dr. Levin requested to get the next year's Board Meeting calendar together since the school calendar is done. He stated that Sue Robins suggested a book

“Smartest Kids in the World” that he found to be really valuable. He shared some of the highlights that he found interesting.

- Ms. Paspalis stated that she visited a couple of school sites last week. She visited Linwood Howe and hopefully some of the summer projects will include projects at the school that have not been done yet. She also visited Farragut Elementary. Ms. Paspalis attended the High School Non-Profit Faire which was great and there are really wonderful things going on at that site.
- Ms. Chardiet stated that she has heard from parents about the summer homework at the High School for the AP classes. She is hearing that the work is more like “busy work.” Miss Saucedo agreed. Dr. Krumpe stated that she will review the information with the teachers. Board members shared their thoughts on the summer homework. Ms. Robins stated that if it was as a review of the year than she was in agreement with that, but not in agreement with just “busy work.” Ms. Chardiet loves the idea of 8th grade students taking a science and foreign language class at the High School. She loves the idea of health class at the iAcademy. Ms. Chardiet thanked Council Member Jim Clark for his continued support of the Non-Profit Faire. She also requested for staff to bring a Project Labor Agreement on a future agenda.
- Ms. Robins stated that there is so much learning that happens in the Improv Program. She loves all the lessons that are being learned there. Ms. Robins attended the Spelling Bee and there was such an “abundance of adorableness.” She reported on her attendance at the LACSTA meeting and provided an update on one of the topics which was dual enrollment. She is very interested in dual enrollment and would like to look at the topic closer. She is very supportive of bioscience in the 8th grade so she is happy to hear about it. She thanked Mr. LaRose for his thoughtfulness in handling the concern of parents and staff regarding the measles outbreak.
- Ms. Goldberg reported on her attendance at the Non-Profit Faire which she thought was great and the Improv Night.

13. Recess

The Board moved up the recess on the agenda and recessed at 9:00 p.m. They reconvened at 9:06 p.m.

12. Information Items

12.1 Environmental Sustainability Committee Report

Todd Johnson provided an update on the progress throughout the District on energy efficiency and recycling, and gave recommendations. The ESC was established in 2010 and he reported that since the solar PV system went live the District has saved \$472,000 in energy plus \$240,000 in incentives. Shea Cunningham reported on the Green 5 Program. Through the Green 5 Program the ESC was working on making the District uniform on recycling/disposing the food, waste, and composting starting at the elementary schools. On April 19th there will be an Earth Festival at Linwood Howe. Ms. Cunningham reported that the District received a large grant in 2014 and spoke about the items purchased with some of the money which included a new waste bin system that was designed and distributed at the Middle School and High School. Tyler Macintosh, student at the High School, spoke about the new system. He stated that the school had a Recycling Rally where there was music relating to recycling such as “Beat It”, and games. Ms. Cunningham reported on the Middle School and High School baseline recycling audit. Most of the audit found that most of the trash was paper. At this time the ESC is recommended that the District switch to thirty percent recycled content paper. She informed the Board about recommendations for the District to apply for the Green Ribbon Award. Mr. Johnson informed the Board about the need to recruit for new ESC members. A representative from Power Save gave a brief presentation and answered questions from Board members about students that choose to take a career path into the environmental field.

RECESS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND CONVENE THE MEETING OF CULVER CITY SCHOOL FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (CCSFFA)

Ms. Goldberg recessed the Regular Meeting at 9:44 p.m. and opened the meeting of the Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority.

1.0 Approval of Payments to Balfour Beatty for Current Construction Projects

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board of Directors of Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority approve Payments to Balfour Beatty for Current Construction Projects as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes by Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

Ms. Goldberg adjourned the Meeting of the Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority at 9:45 p.m. and re-opened the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

14. Action Items**14.1 Superintendent's Items - None****14.2 Education Services Items - None****14.3 Business Services Items****14.3a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #13/2014-2015 – Purchase of Chromebooks and Carts**

It was moved by Ms. Robins and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Resolution #13/2014-2015 – Purchase of Chromebooks and Carts as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.3b Proposal to Increase Office of Child Development Program Fees in FY2015-16 and Beyond

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve the Increase in Office of Child Development Program Fees in FY2015-16 and Beyond as presented. Dr. Levin stated that he wanted to make sure that the amounts are the correct amounts. He stated that he wanted to make sure that we do not have to come back in a few years for another price increase. Audrey Stephens, Director of the Office of Child Development, explained the process that she, along with Fiscal Services, took to arrive at the presented fees. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.4 Personnel Items**14.4a Approval is Recommended for the 2015/2016 School Year Calendar**

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the 2015/2016 School Year Calendar as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.4b Approval is Recommended to Revise the Observance of Lincoln's Day for the 2016/2017 School Year Calendar

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the 2016/2017 School Year Calendar as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.4c Approval is Recommended for the 2016/2017 School Year Calendar

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the 2016/2017 School Year Calendar as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.4d Approval is Recommended for the New Certificated Administrative Job Classification and Job Description – Director of Tri-City SELPA

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the New Certificated Administrative Job Classification and Job Description – Director of Tri-City SELPA as presented. The motion

was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

14.4e Approval is Recommended for the New Classified Job Classification and Job Description – District Office Lobby Attendant

It was moved by Dr. Levin and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the New Classified Job Classification and Job Description - District Office Lobby Attendant as presented. The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

15. Board Business

15.1 Board Self-Evaluation

Ms. Chardiet completed the Board Self-Evaluation. She answered most of the items as number five which is commendable except for one item which she scored a four which is good. The item asked whether or not the Board followed the agenda and not get sidetracked.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Ms. Chardiet and unanimously approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board President Ms. Goldberg adjourned the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary