

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>February 24, 2015</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**

**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 7:03 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 voted took action to Non-re-elect (1) one probationary secondary certificated employee from employment effective as of the end of 2014/2015 school year. The roll call vote was 5 – Ayes from Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Goldberg, Dr. Levin, Ms. Paspalis, and Ms. Robins; and 0 – Nays.

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**8. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board adopt the February 24, 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 No items were withdrawn by audience members or Board members.

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Dr. Levin that the Board approve Consent Agenda items 9.1 as amended with the date change to state February 10, 2015 as the date of the meeting; and items 9.2 – 9.8 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 – February 10, 2015
- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 12
- 9.4 Classified Personnel Reports No. 12
- 9.5 CCHS Teacher Rachel Snyder t Attend the College Board Reading in Kansas City, Missouri on June 1-9,

2015

9.6 CCMS Teacher Danielle Koplinka-Loehr to Attend the 2015 Music Edventures in Denver, Colorado, April 9-11, 2015

9.7 El Rincon Single Plan for Student Achievement

## **10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**

### **10.1 American Citizenship Awards**

Mr. LaRose and the Assistant Superintendents read the names and accomplishments of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of February. The recipients were Katie Collkazos from El Marino School; Markus George from El Rincon Elementary; Kristi Magkolas from La Ballona School; Kate Bancroft from Linwood E. Howe School; Kieran Boucher from Farragut School; Isabel Berliner Madden from Culver City Middle School; Ricardo Zaragoza from Culver Park High School; and Evan Dumas from Culver City High School. Board members presented each recipient with a pin and certificate; and thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting.

### **10.2 Spotlight on Education – El Marino Language School**

Tracy Pumilia, Principal at El Marino Language School, shared information and highlights of the school, emphasizing PLCs, Intervention, and Music. She indicated that El Marino is a California Distinguished School and made the 2014 CBEE Honor Roll. She spoke about the Indicator of Program Success which included the kinder morning calendar routine; the Spanish Immersion Program 5<sup>th</sup> grade CGI math problem solving; and events that promoted cross-cultural understanding and positive self-esteem. The school and parents have organized a Cultural Heritage Committee. El Marino has monthly target language assemblies and morning reading clubs to foster the love of reading. Ms. Pumilia reported on their participation in the District emergency drill. She said that their school focused more on student release in the case of an emergency situation. They asked parents to volunteer to attend and help with the student/parent reunion. To find out what is working for the students at the school, Ms. Pumilia shared information on the school's PLCs. The PLCs meet weekly and have creating assessments, and spoke about the next steps which include arts integration. Board members agreed that Ms. Pumilia did a great presentation. Dr. Levin stated that it was impressive to the example of the math that is being covered. It showed that the students actually know how they got an answer and they weren't just memorizing. Ms. Robins agreed with Dr. Levin. She stated that she is happy to see that it was also that same style of teaching with the Spanish questions. Ms. Robins was also excited to see that the school practiced that student/parent reunion in the case of an emergency at the District emergency drill. Mr. LaRose thanked and commended Ms. Pumilia and her team for their work at the school. He stated that he understands that early release days on Wednesdays are hard on the community, but this presentation really showed what it allows the teachers to do when they collaborate.

### **10.3 Safe Routes to School**

Due to technical difficulty the presentation was postponed and the Board moved on to the Superintendent's Report, Public Recognition item #11.1

## **11. Public Recognition**

### **11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mr. LaRose reported that Mike Mattos was coming in the next few days to meet with our staff and spend some time at each school. During the time that he is here the Principals will be able to speak to him specifically about their school sites. We have to embed time for intervention and acceleration. He announced that last night at the City Council meeting they approved a new traffic light on Elenda. Training will happen for school pick-up and drop-off.

### **11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Dr. Krumpe reported on Show and Tell-type event that the District hosted for about thirty people from Leonetti and donors that could possibly be funding sources in the future. They did observations at La Ballona, Culver City Middle School and Culver City High School. She reported on the GATE Parent Night where there was standing room only and the parents were very engaged. Dr. Krumpe and Ms. Robins will attend the School to Watch Ceremony for Culver City Middle School. They have received three consecutive cycles of this honor. The school

textbook adoption is in the process of being finalized and will be brought back to the next meeting for Board approval. She explained to the Board the process that took place to choose the textbooks that will be coming to them for adoption/approval. MLC is the publishing house.

## **10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations – (cont.)**

### **10.3 Safe Routes to School**

Jim Shanman, Culver City Safe Routes to School Coordinator, presented information the Culver City Walk & Rollers and the Safe Routes to School Program. He spoke about the school based activities and the incentive program. Mr. Shanman announced that there is now a Facebook page that will make it easier to get out information on current events that are happening. He also spoke about the CCMS Five Block Challenge; parent workshops; and Bike Fix It Day at the Middle School.

### **11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports – (cont.)**

Mrs. Lockhart attended the CCMS Concert last week that was great. She stated that the High School Band, Middle School Band and choir collaborated and it sounded absolutely beautiful. She complimented Paul Witt, Dr. Spano, and Danielle Koplinka-Loehr for their great work with the students.

Mr. Reynolds reported on the elevator project ceremony that was a success. He thanked Board members for attending. He informed the Board that Charles Wren will be updating them on the bond and summer projects, and the Second Interim report will be brought to the next meeting.

### **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 upcoming sixth grade orientation and ASB is very excited. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance is coming soon and the students are very excited. Miss Legeaux informed the Board about the GLOW event with Chipotle and the OLWEUS artwork. The students would like a mural for Open House.

#### **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 her report by expressing her excitement that the new crosswalks would be going into place. She said it was amazing and thanked everyone that has been involved to make that happen. She reported on the High School's Talent Show which was a success and twenty percent of the profits went to a non-profit organization called Lemon Aid. Springfest is being planned at this time and it is a great opportunity for the clubs.

### **11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Tom Salter, Athletic Director at Culver City High School, provided the Board with a winter sports update on teams at the High School. He announced that the girl's basketball team has been undefeated so far. Girls water polo and Girl's soccer are 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the league. The cheerleading team is second in the nation. He also provided updates on Boy's soccer and varsity basketball. He said that the students are doing great and there are some great leaders among them.

### **11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Chardiet reported on her attendance at a meeting at City Hall where the discussion focus was on workforce development. The discussion inspired her to bring up the Culver City Compact. She would like to reconvene a meeting with the Compact group to discuss additional topics. She would like to discuss a few topics such as partnering with businesses to provide internships for our students. Ms.

Robins briefly informed Ms. Chardiet about what was discussed at the last Chamber meeting in relation to this exact topic. Ms. Chardiet stated that she also enjoyed the Sandy Segal Health Center event. She felt that Mr. LaRose gave a great speech and she is happy that he was honored and our Superintendent.

- Ms. Robins congratulated Mr. LaRose on receiving his commendations at the Health Center event. She is happy with the changes the Education Foundation is making with their Tribute to the Stars and they are looking to expand membership. Ms. Robins attended the Elevator Project event and enjoyed it. She thanked Mr. LaRose for his support on the ROP issue. She is excited to hear about the math applications being used. Ms. Robins congratulated Student Board Representative Natalia Saucedo for being so effective with bringing up the safety issue of the crosswalks to the Board. Ms. Robins also welcomed her parents to Culver City. They were in the audience.
- Ms. Paspalis stated that she was sorry she missed the Elevator Dedication. She was glad about the persistence with working on the ROP issue, and looks forward to the discussion on the summer projects. She is seeing a lot of positive changes and efforts being made in the District.
- Dr. Levin reported that the Parent Input Night for the math textbooks was very impressive. The Science Night at Farragut was fun for both he and Ms. Robins. He also attended the Open House at the High School. The concert at Robert Frost was a lot of fun. He reported on his attendance at the Elevator Dedication event and the Sandy Segal Youth Health Center event. Dr. Levin was happy to see Mr. LaRose receive his honor.
- Ms. Goldberg reported on her attendance at the Youth Health Center event where Mr. LaRose, and Michael and Judy Bauer were honored. It was the best event that the Health Center has ever had. The Lethbridge Band came and did a great job. They had just learned to play with our students. Our music program is great and so are our students.

## **12. Information Items**

### **12.1 Update on Phase II of Athletic Complex**

Rand Nicholl, Operations Partner at Westberg + White, provided an update on Phase II of the Athletic Complex. He explained that if the State passes a bond measure they would pay half of the costs. Ms. Paspalis asked about the corner being cut off on the synthetic practice field. Mr. Nicholl provided an explanation. Further discussion ensued about how it will be resolved.

### **12.2 Measure CC Summer 2015 Project Description**

Charles Wren, Deputy Project Director at Harris & Associates, presented information on the proposed Measure CC projects for summer, 2015. He presented information improvements to the track field, football field, baseball field, softball field, soccer field, and the Middle School gym. Mr. Wren also presented information about the direction of the bond moving forward with the projects. He spoke about the program priority such as all decisions being driven by student needs and bond language, engaging the community, and providing transparency in keeping the District current on all bond-related activities. Mr. Wren informed the Board about program wide highlights of the bond such as a new Culver City Bond website and having 21st century technology learning environments. He spoke about the budget for Athletic Field, Frost Auditorium technical upgrades, El Marino Indoor Air Quality, and summer 2015 projects. Mr. Wren responded to questions from the Board. Board members thanked Mr. Wren for his presentation.

## **13. Recess**

Board members agreed to take recess at this time. The Board recessed at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

### **12.3 First Reading Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6159, Instruction – Individualized Education Program**

Dr. Levin stated that he had many additions to the policy but tried to summarize some of the ideas that he had. He wanted the policy to have a different tone that spoke more to District's mission and beliefs or philosophy when it comes to handling the Individualized Education Program. He feels that we want the parents to know that we are going to do everything we can to help the student and not sound so sterile and legal. Ms. Paspalis stated that as an attorney she knows that the language written is mandated. She understands what Dr. Levin is saying but she does not think that the Board should make too many changes which could open the District up to lawsuits. Ms. Robins

agreed stating that adding information to the policy might not be the way to address his concerns. Mr. LaRose thinks that Dr. Levin's request might be better suited in a Mission Statement, Resolution or something to that affect; and not necessarily a policy. Board members agreed. It was agreed to move the policy on as is so that it was updated, but Mr. LaRose and Dr. Levin agreed to come together and have additional discussion on the matter with Dr. Krumpe and see what they can come up with.

#### **12.4 First Reading of New Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6164.41, Instruction – Children with Disabilities Enrolled By their Parents in Private School**

Board members reviewed the new Board Policy and Administrative Regulation. It was decided to bring them both back to the next meeting for adoption.

#### **12.5 First Reading of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6161.1, Instruction – Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials**

Board members reviewed the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation. It was decided to bring them both back to the next meeting for adoption.

#### **12.6 First Reading of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5113.1, Students – Chronic Absence and Truancy**

Board members reviewed the Board Policy and Administrative Regulation. Ms. Paspalis asked if truancy meant that the student was late or absent. Dr. Krumpe explained the meaning of "truancy" means both. She explained that truant means non-ill. Ms. Paspalis asked if attending a funeral would be an excused absence. Dr. Krumpe stated that technically it would still be a truant. Further discussion ensued. It was decided to bring them both back to the next meeting for adoption.

### **14. Action Items**

#### **14.1 Superintendent's Items – None**

#### **14.2 Education Services Items**

##### **14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of School and Family Support Services Case #05-14-15**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of School and Family Support Services Case #05-14-15 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.

#### **14.3 Business Services Items**

##### **14.3a Approval is Recommended for the Memorandum of Understanding with LACOE**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Dr. Levin that the Board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with LACOE as presented. Ms. Robins asked if this was for a student that is expelled and wondered if there was anything that the Board could do. She stated that we have had a lot of problems placing students. Mr. LaRose informed her that there have been discussions with the other districts that we work with through SELPA. 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 Agreement Between Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the Management Association of Culver City Schools (MACCS) Regarding Longevity**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Agreement between Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the Management Association of Culver City Schools (MACCS) Regarding Longevity 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 for the Premier Partners Scholarship Program Agreement Between Culver City Unified School District and Brandman University**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Robins that the Board approve the Premier Partners Scholarship Program Agreement Between Culver City Unified School District and Brandman University 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 Discussion Regarding Candidates for the 2015 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election**

Board members discussed the candidates and asked for all nominees to be chosen since there were six open seats and six nominees. The 2015 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot will be brought back to the next meeting for Action.

**15.2 Board Self-Evaluation**

Dr. Levin reviewed the Board meeting and read his evaluation. His ratings were all rated five which is a rating of Commendable. He thought they rated four (Good) under the items of listening attentively and participation.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Chardiet, seconded by Dr. Levin 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 9:58 p.m. in memory of Jan Chapman and Pamela Soares at the request of Ms. Chardiet and Ms. Paspalis.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary