

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

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| Meeting: | <u>Regular Meeting</u> | Date: | <u>July 10, 2012</u> |
| Place: | <u>District Administration Office</u> | Time: | <u>6:30 p.m. – Public Meeting</u> |
| | <u>4034 Irving Place</u> | | <u>6:31 p.m. – Closed Session</u> |
| | <u>Culver City 90232</u> | | <u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u> |

Board Members Present

Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Vice President
Patricia Siever, Professor, Clerk
Laura Chardiet, Member
Nancy Goldberg, Member

Staff Members Present

Eileen Carroll, Interim Superintendent
Leslie Lockhart
Ajay Mohindra

Call to Order

Board President Mr. Silbiger called the meeting of the Culver City Unified School District Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:00 p.m. with four Board members in attendance. Mr. Silbiger was not present. Jennifer Slabbinck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Mr. Silbiger 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 Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board adopt the July 10, 2012 agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

9. Consent Agenda

Ms. Paspalis called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Ms. Siever requested that items 9.1 and 9.2 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.3 – 9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.3 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 1

9.4 Classified Personnel Reports No. 1

9.5 Williams/Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – April 24, 2012; Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 8, 2012

Ms. Siever requested this item be withdrawn to amend the Minutes of May 8, 2012 by adding “the aforementioned” before the word “funding” on page 98, third paragraph, and in the third sentence. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting April 24, 2012 as presented, and Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 8, 2012 as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders

Ms. Siever requested this item be withdrawn to request a quarterly or bi-annual report on the spending for consultants. Mr. Mohindra agreed. It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Chardiet to approve the Purchase Orders from June 16, 2012 through June 29, 2012 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**10.1 California District 25 Little League Challenger Program**

Rick Prieto, Coach at Culver City High School, and Christa Elliott provided the Board with information on the Little League Challenger Program. The Challenger baseball program is designed to give children and youth with special needs the opportunity to succeed at playing baseball. The program gives the participants the experience of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play. He shared with the Board a video of the participants in the program playing alongside baseball players from the high school.

11. Public Recognition**11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Ms. Carroll, Interim Superintendent, reported on the opening day of Summer School. She spoke about Project Stellar which is a grant funded program through Loyola Marymount focusing on teaching reading and writing through a focus on ecology for long term English language learners. Ms. Carroll also spoke about the high school summer school using a blended model this year. This approach is using Odyssey software along with traditional lecture.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Mr. Mohindra reported on the Culver Park remodel. He stated that thus far there are new carpets in the bungalows, bathrooms, and he is looking into bringing basketball courts in, and additional windows. Ms. Siever stated that the Board received information about the bungalows and asked Mr. Mohindra his opinion on them being unsafe. Mr. Mohindra said the letter was prior to the remodel being started. Ms. Siever suggested that the ACLU come and take a look at the work that is being done.

The Board welcomed Mrs. Lockhart to the meeting. Mrs. Lockhart introduced Jennifer Slabbinck as the new Principal of La Ballona Elementary and read a brief bio. Ms. Slabbinck thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in the District and stated she is excited to start working at the school.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jerry Chabola stated that summer school is on a four day schedule. Remediating young people in five hours a day for four weeks is daunting. He suggests looking at the full six weeks at 2 or 2.5 hours a day. He also said that Christa Elliott was an outstanding soccer player when she was a student at the high school. It is nice to see the students come back as parents. Ms. Siever asked why summer school was switched to a shorter time. Mr. Chabola was not sure. Ms. Siever requested that maybe staff could look into the change in times for summer school.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Goldberg reported on an upcoming bike safety event and Lindberg Park. She commented that she enjoyed her trip to Louisville and is happy the AP Programs are growing.
- Ms. Chardiet reported on her attendance at the middle school to see a performance called "Catching Butterflies."
- Ms. Siever stated that she was moved by the Challenger Program. In regards to the AP students, Ms. Siever stated that at West L.A. College they are finding that they need to look at the math curriculum. They have found that those students are lacking in math skills. She thinks that we need to look at tracking students' progress during their first year of college.
- Ms. Paspalis thanked Ms. Chardiet for covering for her at an event.

12. Information Items**12.1 Board Statement of the District's Support and Adherence to a Policy of Nondiscrimination**

Ms. Chardiet read out the statement after Mrs. Lockhart explained what the policy was for and its significance.

12.2 Acceptance of Compensation Report of the Members of the Board of Education

Ms. Chardiet requested that her last name, Chardiet, be used instead of her maiden name on the report. Ms. Siever requested that her Board member stipend be donated to the Education Foundation.

13. Recess

The Board agreed to bypass recess.

14. Action Items**14.1 Superintendent's Items****14.1a Approval is Recommended for the Employment Contract Between the Board of Education and Eileen Carroll as Interim Superintendent of Schools Effective July 1, 2012 in Accordance with Provisions of the Contract**

Ms. Paspalis requested to amend the contract due to language that was used for the previous Superintendent and not needed for Ms. Carroll's contract. The amendments included deleting paragraph three under item number one Term of Agreement; in item number three, first paragraph, adding "includes health and welfare" after the amount of \$888.89 and Mr. Mohindra will provide an updated figure; and deleting Section A. Health/Medical/Life under item four Employee Benefits. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Contract between the Board of Education and Eileen Carroll as Interim Superintendent as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.1b Approval of Contract for Employment of Superintendent for Culver City Unified School District

Ms. Paspalis read a statement from Mr. Silbiger who was absent in favor of Mr. LaRose's contract. Ms. Siever stated that we have a fantastic Superintendent and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Meet and Greet event scheduled at the District Office. Ms. Chardiet shared a story about Mr. LaRose implementing a program to help 300 students at his prior district who went without food from Friday at lunch time to Monday. She is so happy to have him coming to our District. It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Contract for Employment of Superintendent for Culver City Unified School District as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes and 0 Nays.

14.1c Adopt Finding of Staff Report Denying Innovatory School for Professional Youth (ISPY) Charter School Petition

Heather Vargas asked the Board to postpone the vote until the charter can address the issues stated in the denial and meet with the new Superintendent. Jessica Jacobs read the staff report and stated that they knew the District would try to deny them and maintain the status quo. Florina Rodov finished reading the rest of Ms. Jacobs' speech requesting the Board postpone their vote and talking about the support the charter has within the District. John Dirschel also requested that the Board postpone their vote. Ms. Chardiet stated that her concern is whenever a charter comes into a District the District has to use their own resources to respond. She also stated that it is the Board's right to deny a charter if there are concerns. Ms. Siever stated she thought that staff did an excellent job at citing codes and other findings in the report. She does not think the charter has enough information to vote yes on the petitions. Ms. Paspalis asked what does it cost the District to review all of the information. The petition does not explain how they will measure pupil outcomes or how to address students/parents with no computer or computer knowledge. Ms. Paspalis stated that she appreciates the work done by staff and the District's attorneys on this matter. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board Adopt Findings of Staff Report Denying Innovatory School for Professional Youth (ISPY) Charter School Petition and deny the charter. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

The Board allowed Mr. Neil Rubenstein to make a comment on a previous comment by Ms. Chardiet. Mr. Rubenstein asked for a point of information regarding Mr. LaRose's program to help with feeding some of the students in his previous District. He suggested putting gift cards to Ralphs in their backpacks and stated that he would be willing to donate. Ms. Chardiet corrected Mr. Rubenstein by stating that this is not a program we are offering in CCUSD. Ms. Chardiet stated she was referring to a program Mr. LaRose had implemented in his previous district.

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #06-11-12

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #06-11-12 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 - Nays.

14.2b Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Administrative Regulation and Board Policy 6163.4, Student Use of Technology

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to Adopt the Revised Administrative Regulation and Board Policy 6163.4, Student Use of Technology as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3 Business Services Items - None

14.4 Personnel Items

14.4a Approval is Recommended for the Emergency Permit, Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Emergency Permit, Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

15. Board Business

15.1 “Fracking” in Culver City

Paul Ferrazzi had a brief presentation on fracking. He explained the process of hydraulic fracturing. Lori Harvey spoke in favor of the Board signing a resolution against fracking. She also asked to have it banned at a state level. Ms. Harvey also asked the Board to support the City on a ban on the extraction practice. Others that spoke against fracking and in support of a resolution were Maren Neufeld, Dr. Suzanne DeBenedittis, Dr. Khin Khin Gyi, and Crystal Alexander. They spoke about about the costs involved if there were a major fracking mistake, and other costs. Ms. Paspalis read a statement from Jeannine Wisnosky Stehlin asking for the Board to support a moratorium on the practice. Ms. Paspalis read comments from Mr. Silbiger where he states he is in support of a resolution. He wanted to be present for any Resolution that is reviewed and felt that, as President, this matter should be put off until his return. Ms. Paspalis clarified that in Board Bylaw 9121 it states that in the absence of the President, the Vice President will take on the duties of President. Ms. Paspalis is also very much in favor of a Resolution and spoke about the environmental and health issues that fracking could cause. Ms. Siever stated that she would like to wait until the next meeting for any resolution. She thinks, as a courtesy, if a resolution is drafted that staff should send it to Mr. Silbiger. Ms. Chardiet suggested presenting a draft resolution as a starting point. Board members present agreed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Chardiet, seconded by Ms. Siever and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board Vice President Ms. Paspalis adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary