

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>September 26, 2012</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

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

Staff Members Present

David LaRose, Superintendent
Eileen Carroll
Leslie Lockhart

Call to Order

Board President Mr. Silbiger 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 7:00 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Marla Wolkowitz 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. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopt the September 11, 2012 agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Mr. Silbiger 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 Mielke requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. Ms. Siever requested that items 9.3 and 9.4 be withdrawn Ms. Paspalis suggested voting on all of the Consent Agenda items after the withdrawn items were discussed.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – July 24, 2012; and Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 11, 2012

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Mr. Mielke withdrew this item to comment on Purchase Order 59825 on page 4. He stated that contracting out for a Speech and Language Pathologist is probably more expensive than hiring staff for the position but due to the low pay scale the District would not find anyone to apply. He also asked what Purchase Order number 59869 was for. Mr. LaRose will follow up with the Business Office and get the information over to him.

9.3 Approval is Recommended for Certificated Personnel Reports No. 4 and

9.4 Approval is Recommended for Classified Personnel Reports No. 4

Ms. Siever commented on items 9.3 and 9.4. She asked why the District does not have a budget line item for allocating extra assignments. Ms. Siever would like to see how much is being spent on extra assignments so if possible she would like to see these expenses as a separate line item. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.4 as presented.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 Culver City Sister City Presentation

Marla Wolkowitz, President of the Culver City Sister City Committee, informed the Board about the history of the organization and their mission. She extended an invitation to the Committee's big 50 year celebration event on January 12th. Ms. Siever commended the Committee and said that it was wonderful what they do for the

students. Barbara Honig and Madeline Ehrlich also provided information on the Committee and shared their experiences with exchange students. Ms. Chardiet stated she was happy to hear there would be a club at the high school, and shared her experience when her family hosted an exchange student. Ms. Paspalis thanked all of the speakers. Mr. Silbiger shared a couple of quick anecdotes from his trip to Japan over the summer with students from Culver City. Ms. Siever, as a member of the Sister City Committee, commended the presenters and said it was an excellent presentation. He stated that the exchange program is run through a city in Japan, and that it is an amazing program. Ms. Honig extended an invitation to a dinner at Grand Casino on October 22nd.

11. Public Recognition

11.1. Superintendent's Report

Mr. LaRose reported on his attendance at the Teacher of the Year Luncheon. Also in attendance were Ms. Chardiet and Eileen Carroll. He reported on his efforts to assist the Education Foundation in their public relations efforts for the All For 1 Campaign. Mr. LaRose was impressed after seeing the students engaged with items that the Education Foundation has helped in coming to fruition such as iPads, and all the work they have done throughout the District. He reported that during the last week and a half he has been meeting with all of the different groups/committees in the District, and jokingly asked Todd Johnson, Co-Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Committee, to take note that the plastic water bottles were gone from the dais. He also met with members of UPCC and stated that their main interests and concerns were the students.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll reported on her attendance at the Teacher of the Year Luncheon. She attended La Ballona's Back to School events and said it had a real community feel. She stated there was a great turn out. Ms. Carroll also informed the Board about all of the professional development activities going on in the District.

Ms. Lockhart reported on the ACSA Personnel Institute and provided information on the workshops she attended. Due to a few complaints about the District being open on Yom Kippur Ms. Lockhart explained how the calendar is figured out and who is involved on the Calendar Committee. She stated that the calendar will go out early this year so families have more of chance to review and provide their opinions on the holidays.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

There is no Culver City Middle School Student Representative at this time.

Culver Park Student Representative

There is no Culver Park High School Student Representative at this time.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Lena Kettering, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including a student representative was elected for the Environmental Sustainability Committee; the first Pep Rally which is organized by the cheerleaders again; the success of the Empowerment Assembly; the Club Fair and how it had a great turnout; the UCLA Blood Drive taking place today; and "Candyland" being chosen as the Homecoming theme.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- David Mielke shared concerns of the teacher regarding class sizes. He also said that one of the suspicions he has is that the AP classes are being taught at low numbers. He also stated that has concerns that there are more service electives and not enough academic electives.
- Ken Browning spoke about some of the points that made him a little more comfortable about voting yes on Proposition 38.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Chardiet reported on her attendance at the Teacher of the Year Luncheon and stated that was wonderful and touching. She also reported on her attendance at the La Ballona Back to School Night, the Council PTA Meeting, and the fundraiser for Measure Y.
- Ms. Goldberg reported on her attendance at Linwood Howe Back to School Night and she was impressed by what the first grade teachers stated they would be covering during the year. She also spoke about a new movie coming out called “Wont Back Down” which she felt might be an anti-teacher or anti-union movie. Ms. Goldberg also spoke about her reading to students at the library, and reported that she gave blood at the UCLA Blood Drive. She reported that the Walkers and Rollers are coming out again and they are an advocacy group for walking and exercise.
- Ms. Siever commended the student representative for her report. Ms. Siever reported on her attendance at the Culver City Chamber Luncheon and stated how Mr. LaRose gave a speech. She stated that Steve Rose said that Mr. LaRose was the best speaker they have ever had. She reported on her attendance at the Measure Y Fundraiser; the Mark Ridley-Thomas Fundraiser; El Marino Back to School Night; and she will be attending Culver Park’s Back to School Night. Ms. Siever stated she had the videographer filmed the July 24th meeting from a taping that she had of it so it will be available to post to the website. Therefore it is available to view for clarification on some of the events that took place during that meeting if anyone cared to view it.
- Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the La Ballona Back to School Night, and stated that she also gave blood at the Blood Drive. She stated that the Board passed a Resolution for Propositions 30 and 38 and hoped that they pass. Ms. Paspalis also attended the Measure Y Fundraiser, and stated that CCEF’s All for 1 Campaign fundraiser was great. She thanked Todd Johnson for stepping in and being the videographer for tonight’s meeting.
- Mr. Silbiger stated that he thinks he remembers from when he was on the prior Board that the increased the class size. He stated that the Board used to get reports at the beginning of the calendaring process and asked if the Board could get a report regarding the calendar when the process starts again. He thinks that Mrs. Lockhart has a good idea in sending the calendar out early to then try to incorporate any concerns.

12. Information Items

12.1 Capital Projects Update

Mr. LaRose provided the Board with the history of the projects and informed them what has been done to date. He included information regarding the financing of the projects, the capital project goals and topics for consideration. Mr. LaRose stressed that keeping the community informed is very important. Ken Browning welcomed Mr. LaRose to the District and stated that it is very encouraging and that what he presented is what the community would like to see happen. Mr. Browning commented that the funding the District has at the moment for the projects is not going to be enough. Todd Johnson stated that he has been coming to see presentation for years and that Mr. LaRose gave the best presentation. He asked about the solar project and if a “Plan B” was needed. Mr. LaRose stated that staff will need to speak with the construction manager, once chosen, and project overlap will also be discussed. Jerry Chabola stated that looking into the future the Board might want to consider a Bond Measure. He supports what the Education Foundation is doing to raise money but we need to look at other fundraising options. Mr. Chabola stated that the athletic field must be better than before. Robert Gray asked if we know what other school districts are getting for state modernization money. Mr. LaRose stated we received notice that the plans themselves were approved and he is confident that the money will come but the question is when. Mr. Silbiger asked to have regular updated. Mr. LaRose agreed and stated that he thinks the Board should vote on the additional allocation regarding the elevators, but can wait until closer to the summer. Mr. Silbiger does think that it is important to have back-up plans in case certain funding does not come through. Mr. LaRose stated that that will be a part of the conversation once the construction manager is chosen along with the architect. Mr. Silbiger would also like to follow up on Mr. Chabola’s idea regarding a Bond Measure. Ms. Goldberg asked how many applicants has the District gotten and what is the education needed. Ms. Paspalis explained that the firm would need approximately 15-30 years experience. There are seven applicants for the construction manager

position. Ms. Goldberg suggested that the clubs at the schools could possibly get a bond campaign going. In response to a question asked about a bond measure, Ms. Siever stated that the District may be eligible for a bond, but the District may not necessarily get it. She thought Mr. LaRose’s presentation on the capital projects was excellent. Ms. Chardiet wanted to reassure everyone that this Board is committed to build on what previous Boards started with the capital projects. Ms. Paspalis stated that she thinks the first phase will have to include the stadium and the parking lot. Talking about the bond may be a little premature. She stated that several things such as the taxes in November and propositions need to be passed first. The Bond would need to be based on the feasibility study and reasonable improvements.

Abir Algazairy from the yearbook staff announced that this will be the first year that Culver Park will be included.

Ms. Siever stated that she would like to look at Board Bylaw 9121 to see if the Board is still following Robert’s Rules of Order.

13. Recess

The Board agreed to bypass a recess.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent’s Items - None

14.2 Education Services Items - None

14.3 Business Services Items - None

14.4 Personnel Items - None

15. Board Business - None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Ms. Siever and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Silbiger adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary