

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>October 9, 2012</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**

**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 7:05 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Debbie Hamme 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 26, 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. Not items were withdrawn for comment. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 through 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 26, 2012

9.2 Purchase Orders

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 5

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 5

9.6 Denise Greenberg, CCHS Teacher, to Attend and Present at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, November 17-18, 2012

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations – None**

**11. Public Recognition**

**11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mr. LaRose began his report by thanking Ms. Paspalis for assisting with the Construction Manager interviews and Ms. Siever and Mr. Silbiger for assisting with the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services interviews. Mr. LaRose reported on his attendance at the High School Back to School night and stated there was a great turn-out. He commended the student Board member on her sales of the spirit wear at the event. He spoke about his walk-thru at Robert Frost Auditorium with Mike Korgan to access the facility for the feasibility study. Mr. LaRose updated the Board on his meeting with Patricia Siever and actor Tim Robbins. They had a great discussion on expanding the arts through the elementary schools with The Actors Gang. He also said he attended a powerful and dynamic meeting with the Front and Center Group.

**11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Ms. Carroll reported that the long-term Ell students were still struggling so that sub-group has been a main focus for the Educational Services Department. She also reported on the Project Stellar Grant and stated that teachers will be attending a workshop in relation to this grant. The K-5 staff will be attending many professional development workshops. The District is keeping our teachers on the cutting edge.

Ms. Lockhart reported that fourteen new teachers have been hired and they are doing great. They are proving to be a wonderful addition to the District. She also reported that the Human Resources Department has re-started their Zumba Classes for District employees. Promoting good health and welfare is important to their department.

**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 the success of Back to School. She stated that spirit wear had good sales because if you bought a top the pants were free. Miss Kettering reported that many of the school's clubs were visible. She commended the Administrators and said they did a great job. She reported on the First House of Representative meeting and said it went well and they are trying to get more representation from the classrooms. Miss Kettering stated that she asked the students about what topics they would want her to mention to the Board and she said the main concerns were that there were not enough water fountains and they need cleaner bathrooms. They also need mirrors in the boy's bathroom. She also announced that it is Disabilities Month at the high school.

**11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Dylan Farris thanked the community partners, and staff for all of their hard work. He also stated that there was a need to change the crash pads in the gym and the tennis courts which needed a large amount of funding. The project was done and Mr. Farris wanted to thank the Boosters, the Class of 1961, the Physical Education Department and Ajay Mohindra for their contributions.
- Jessica Jacobs from Innovatory School for Professional Youth came to address the Board and let them know that the charter has addressed their concerns in their new Petitions which she provided a copy to Mr. LaRose.
- Jerry Chabola suggested that the outdoor water fountains could have filters or full length water fountains. He stated that about 4 or 5 years ago there was going to be a water line ran through to Room 16 for the cleaning of paint brushes, and other art supplies, but it never happened. He thought that might be an option to deal with the water fountain issue.

**11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Goldberg who has been a long-time proponent of cleaner and more accessible water fountains stated that she went to Mr. Korgan and he showed her where all of the water fountains at the high school were located. She provided suggestions on how to possibly rectify the water issue. Ms. Goldberg stated that she attended the dedication of the Rainbow at Sony Studios which was beautiful and adds to the aesthetics of Culver City. She reported on her attendance at the high school Back to School Night. She also stated that she had an interview with Veronica Montes, Principal at Culver Park, and that Ms. Montes was great and very welcoming. Ms. Goldberg also attended a Green 5 Assembly and stated that she will be attending a Linked Learning Alliance meeting.
- Ms. Chardiet stated that she had the honor of campaigning with Ms. Goldberg and that while campaigning she heard a lot about the water fountains. Ms. Chardiet wanted to thank everyone who

helped with the phone back for the All for 1 Campaign. She stated that Back to School Night at the middle school was great and two of the teachers had mentioned how great the professional development was. Ms. Chardiet congratulated Ms. Carroll on her success with the professional development workshops. Ms. Chardiet also thanked all of the parents that put together the Prop 38 rally.

- Ms. Siever commended the Education Foundation for funding they provided to El Marino for the Successmaker program, and Linwood Howe for their Mathletes program. She reported on her attendance at the Green 5 assembly at Farragut elementary and she shared a few of the facts that she learned at the assembly. She commented that Back to School Night at the middle school was great, and the Robotics Team was beyond great! Ms. Siever reported that on October 22<sup>nd</sup> the Sister City will be hosting the mayor from our Sister City in Japan here in Culver City. She commented that she and Tim Robbins met with Superintendent LaRose and they spoke about collaborations with the District.
- Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the Rainbow sculpture dedication at Sony Studios and her attendance at the Back to School night at the middle school, which she thought was great. Ms. Paspalis stated that she also took part in the Construction Manager interviews, and attended the Linwood Howe International Walk to School Day event.
- Mr. Silbiger reported on his attendance at the middle school Back to School Night and it was great to see the level of involvement. He attended the previous night's Council Meeting where they discussed fracking. Mr. Silbiger stated that the Council voted against having a committee on fracking and he was shocked. He reported that the Council voted to have a Public Finance Committee to oversee funds received from a possible new City tax. They also voted to have a community member on the committee and not a Board Member. Mr. Silbiger announced that on October 22<sup>nd</sup> you can meet the Mayor of Japan at the Grand Casino Bakery. He asked for clarification from Mr. LaRose on the resubmission of a Petition from a charter school.

## **12. Information Items**

### **12.1 First Reading of Revised Board Policy 4119.41, Employees with Infectious Diseases**

Board members discussed small edits. Ms. Siever requested that on page A, first paragraph to change the word "desires" on the first line to "shall promote." Also changing "may" in the second to last paragraph to "shall." Ms. Chardiet added on page B the word "to" on the second to last line in paragraph one. Ms. Chardiet also asked who the local health officer is as stated in the first sentence. Ms. Carroll stated that it was the Department of Health Services. Ms. Siever asked what was meant by "observe universal precautions." Ms. Paspalis gave examples of what standard precautions might be. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Silbiger suggested referencing the CDC. The Board Policy will be brought back for a second reading.

## **13. Recess**

The Board agreed to bypass recess.

## **14. Action Items**

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

### **14.2 Education Services Items**

#### **14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Williams/Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Williams/Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3 Business Services Items****14.3a Approval is Recommended for the Notice of Completion – Emergency Resolution #6/2012-2013 Relocatables at Culver Park High School – M.B. Herzog Electric, Inc.**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Notice of Completion – Emergency Resolution #6/2012-2013 Relocatables at Culver Park High School – M.B. Herzog Electric, Inc. as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3b Approval is Recommended for the Notice of Completion – Emergency Resolution #6/2012-2013 Relocatables at Culver Park High School – Merco Co., Inc. Plumbing and Heating**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the Notice of Completion – Emergency Resolution #6/2012-2013 Relocatables at Culver Park High School – Merco Co., Inc. Plumbing and Heating as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3c Authorization for Staff to Enter Into Contract Negotiations with Selected Construction Management Firm**

Mr. LaRose provided the Board with information on the construction management firm, Balfour Beatty, and what he found important that the company represented. Ms. Paspalis commented that they were able to respond really well to all of her questions during the interviews. The team members from Balfour Beatty were present and introduced themselves to Board. They thanked the Board for opportunity to work with the District. Mr. Silbiger stated that it was brought to his attention that Robert Frost was not in the staff report. Mr. LaRose and Ms. Paspalis confirmed that Robert Frost was not included in the original RFP. Mr. Silbiger asked for support from his colleagues to ask Balfour Beatty to include Robert Frost in the negotiations. Further discussion ensued. Ms. Paspalis agreed that it might be a good idea to see what the amounts might be. Ms. Siever agreed. The Board had a consensus. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that Staff Enter into Contract Negotiations with the Selected Construction Management Firm, Balfour Beatty, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.4 Personnel Items****14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #7-2012/2013 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Vacant Position**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve Resolution #7-2012/2013 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Vacant Position as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15. Board Business****15.1 Discussion Regarding Board/District Committees**

Mr. Silbiger thought it was time to take a look at what the committees in the District are and follow up on their terms, their rules, and make-up. Ms. Goldberg asked how the committees are formed. Ms. Siever stated that there are Board committees and Superintendent committees. Further discussion ensued. Dr. Henderson stated that he has experience in assisting to form a budget committee, and that in the college setting all of the stakeholders reported to the Chancellor. He suggested that CBAC report to the Superintendent. The committees will be looked at further at a later time.

Before adjourning Ms. Paspalis wished her father a Happy 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**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 8:15 p.m.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary