

**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 23, 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 7:02 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Mike Reynolds 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.

**7. Public Hearing**

**7.1 Williams Textbook Sufficiency**

Mr. Silbiger opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. There being no comments from the audience Mr. Silbiger closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**7.2 California Department of Education General Waiver Request for Culver Park High School Site Council Reduced Number and Composition**

Mr. Silbiger opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. There being no comments from the audience, Mr. Silbiger closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopt the October 23, 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. Jerry Chabola requested that 9.3 be withdrawn. Ms. Paspalis requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. Mr. Silbiger requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.4 – 9.6 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 6

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 6

9.6 CCHS Girls' Basketball Team to Participate in the Varsity Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona, December 19-22, 2012

**9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 9, 2012**

Mr. Silbiger requested that this item be withdrawn for clarification. He stated that at the last meeting he had announced that an item had to be discussed in Closed Session that was not on the posted agenda. He would like the Minutes to reflect his statement.

**9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants**

Ms. Paspalis requested that this item be withdrawn to inquire about Purchase Order 59990. Mr. LaRose explained that the amount this Purchase Order is for a block grant that CCUSD splits with another District. Therefore it is for their portion of the grant. Ms. Siever inquired about Purchase Order 59940. Mr. LaRose stated that he will confirm what the payment was for as he did not have the specific information readily available.

**9.3 Approval is Recommended for Acceptance of Gifts – Donations**

Jerry Chabola wanted to provide clarification on a donation. His name is listed on the Board Report as giving a donation of 2 cases of copy paper to El Rincon. He stated that he was delivering the items to the schools but that the actual donations came from the Culver City Rotary Club. He also clarified that the donations consisted of 15 cases of copy paper disbursed as follows: 2 cases to each elementary school; 2 cases to the Office of Child Development; and 1 case each to the high school, middle school, and Culver Park High.

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve items 9.1 and 9.2 as presented and 9.3 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations****10.1 Rotary Club of Culver City Presentation**

Leslie Adler and Marci Shulman thanked the Culver City Rotary Club for their numerous donations to the school District. Janet Chabola of the Culver City Rotary made a brief speech about the great relationship between the District and the Culver City Rotary and stated that the Rotarians enjoy helping the District as much as they can.

**10.2 Student Assessment Results Presentation**

Eileen Carroll, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the 2012 Accountability Report information to the Board. She apologized for the delay in getting the results to the Board and explained that there were security issues with the tests so the results were held. Now the embargo is over and the results were released to the District. Ms. Carroll reported that the District has exceeded the API target of 800. While our schools continue to show improvement we still have the challenge of not meeting the AYP targets for our significant subgroups. Ms. Siever stated that she thinks the scores are fantastic! Her only concern is El Rincon and La Ballona. She would like to know why the scores are so much lower than El Marino and Farragut. Ms. Siever would like to know what El Marino and Farragut are doing that could be applied over at the other schools. Ms. Carroll stated that she thinks the schools are on the right track. She stated that the other three schools (Linwood Howe, La Ballona, and El Rincon) are Title I schools and they higher population of socio-economic disadvantaged students. Ms. Chardiet asked if it was possible to compare our schools' test scores to other schools that are similar in size to see if they are comparable. Ms. Paspalis stated that she was more concerned about having well-rounded students. Even though the test scores are impressive it's important that we address all students including those that are socio-economically disadvantaged. Mr. Silbiger agreed and stated that it is a testament to the District that we do not just teach to the test. He feels the District is closing the achievement gap. Mr. Silbiger also asked about the graduation rate. Ms. Carroll shared the graduation rates with the Board. We are meeting our graduation targets overall but we are not meeting the graduation rates for our significant subgroups

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

Mr. LaRose commended Ms. Carroll on her leadership in what is being provided to all of our students and providing the teachers with core curriculum. He reported that he did a walk-thru at the high school for Sun Power and they have reviewed the next steps. He did a site visit at Culver Park and Principal Montes did a great job. Mr. LaRose stated that they met with the ACLU and they were impressed with the work being done at Culver Park. He stated that he did a walk-thru at the high school with Mr. Korgan and Mr. Mohindra to take a look at the issues that were being brought up, and they will continue to come up with a plan regarding the water fountains. Mr. LaRose acknowledged another great partnership which is Young Storytellers and their program. He spoke of the event he went to where they mentor our students. Mr. LaRose is looking forward to the training that he will be attending with Mrs. Lockhart and the union representative regarding collaboration.

**11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Mrs. Lockhart introduced Mr. Mike Reynolds as the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services pending contract approval by the Board later in the evening. She read a brief bio and Mr. Reynolds then Mrs. Lockhart for her kind words. He stated that he is looking forward to working with the District. The Board welcomed him to the District.

**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**

Eric Ibarra, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the School Logo Contest which student Jeremy Shaw won. He also reported on the Student Council meeting, and that the date was announced for completing extra work. Mr. Ibarra informed the Board about the HeArt Project, and a new program called Writing in the Schools which is to promote creative writing.

**Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member**

Martin Beer, attended the meeting on behalf of Lena Kettering, Student Board Member. He reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the success of Homecoming Week and the half-time show; Red Ribbon week activities; and the rise in school spirit at the high school. He informed the Board of some of the students' concerns which included the price of school lunches going up; the safety of the drinking water at school; and the lockers are getting to be unsanitary.

**11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jordan Bentley, a student at the high school, spoke about a t-shirt business named Hypeland Clothing that he started at 13 years of age. He was promoting his shirts and the donations he would be making from sales in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- Maria Cruz requested that the Board reconsider a permit for her daughter Sophia Rose, who has autism, to continue attending Culver City High School with her other daughter who is a senior. Her daughter who is a senior has had her permit granted. Sophia Rose was denied.
- George Laase inquired as to when the large concrete sign for Culver Park was going to be moved to the new site.
- Keith McCowen thanked the District for doing such a great job. He stated that he is the candidate for State Assembly and urged everyone to get out and vote. He would be interested to see how he could work with and help and our District.

**11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Goldberg stated that she is on the fence with standardized testing but she has to commend Ms. Carroll for her leadership. She spoke about how she went to Ms. Franco's class at El Rincon Elementary School and was very impressed by the students and the lesson. It made her think about how we need to continually educate ourselves. Ms. Goldberg had a great time visiting the elementary schools. She also spoke about her attendance at the El Marino and Farragut Green 5 assemblies.
- Ms. Chardiet thanked the Education Foundation for a great event. She stated she was shocked that we have an organization donate something as basic as paper. She urged everyone get out and vote for Propositions 30 and 38. Otherwise it will be a very serious blow to the District.
- Ms. Siever stated that she really liked the atmosphere at Culver Park and she wanted the students, staff, and parents of Culver Park to know that the Board is in their corner. She reported on the Sister City Committee dinner and said that it was wonderful. Ms. Siever is a member and thinks that the Committee does a wonderful job. Ms. Siever announced that Reverend Mervyn Malcolm Dymally passed away and she attended his funeral of which Governor Brown was also in attendance. She

stated she was curious to know how the District is treating the homeless student population in the District and requested a report with the information.

- Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the Office of Child Development Back to School Night which was fun. She also attended the CCEF Sip for Schools fundraising event and the Measure Y event. She stated that Farragut's Fall Festival was great. Ms. Paspalis reiterated that the Board passed Resolutions for Measure Y and Propositions 30 and 38. She agrees with Ms. Chardiet that the people need to take these Propositions seriously.
- Mr. Silbiger thanked CCEF for a great event on Saturday. It really showed what a great partnership the District has with many businesses. He also attended the Culver City Sister City Committee event and stated that the Mayor of Japan was in Culver City and "blown away" by the rigor at El Marino. He reported that the Mayor's visit may lead to another great partnership because the Mayor was interested in possible starting an English immersion curriculum in Japan. Mr. Silbiger stated that he and the Superintendent will be meeting with Alan Elmont, Chair of CBAC to discuss CBAC. Mr. Silbiger suggested if any Board members have any questions regarding the committee to forward them him prior to the meeting.

## **12. Information Items**

### **12.1 First Reading of Revised Board Bylaw 9121, President**

Mr. Silbiger suggested reviewing the Bylaw in sections. Ms. Siever referenced Robert's Rules of Order and felt there were some items that needed to be discussed. She stated that as Chair one does not usually make motions. She provided examples of other entities that follow Robert's Rules of Order, and spoke about how historically the Board would come to a consensus to request an item go on the agenda. She provided her suggestions for changes. Ms. Paspalis did not feel that any changes needed to be made on whether the President can move or second a vote. Ms. Chardiet was not clear on Ms. Siever's request and stated that she would like to see "what it looks like." Ms. Goldberg thought that it would just be a facilitating process and would make it clear on the role. Ms. Goldberg referenced a meeting where Ms. Paspalis as Vice President made the agenda with the Superintendent and then made a motion while sitting as the acting Chair. Further discussion ensued. The item will be brought back for further review and approval.

## **13. Recess**

The Board recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

## **14. Action Items**

### **14.1 Superintendent's Items**

#### **14.1a Receipt of Charter Petition from Innovatory School for Professional Youth**

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve Receipt of the Petition from Innovatory School for Professional Youth as Presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **14.1b Approval is Recommended for the Employment Agreement for the Position of Assistant Superintendent of Business Services**

Ms. Paspalis stated that the period indicated does not reflect the full three years. Ms. Lockhart stated that she would make the adjustment. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Employment Agreement for the Position of Assistant Superintendent of Business Services as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **14.2 Education Services Items**

#### **14.2a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #8 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Resolution #8 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.2b Approval is Recommended for the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP)**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.2c Approval is Recommended for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.2d Approval is Recommended for the California Department of Education General Waiver Request for Culver Park High School Site Council Reduced Number and Composition**

It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the California Department of Education General Waiver Request for Culver Park High School Site Council Reduced Number and Composition as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.2e Approval is Recommended for New Course at Culver City High School: Link Crew Leadership**

Mr. Silbiger requested additional information on the number of UC approved "G" college preparatory electives versus the number of non-approved electives and continued conversation over our graduation requirements. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the New Course at Culver City High School: Link Crew Leadership as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.2f Approval is Recommended for Textbook Adoption for Culver City High School ROP Robotics**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Textbook Adoption for Culver City High School ROP Robotics as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3 Business Services Items****14.3a Approval is Recommended for the Certification of Signatures for Warrants, Orders for Salary Payment, Notices of Employment and Related Documents**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certification of Signatures for Warrants, Orders for Salary Payment, Notices of Employment and Related Documents as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.4 Personnel Items****14.4a Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy 4119.41, Employees with Infectious Disease**

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve Revised Board Policy 4119.41, Employees with Infectious Disease as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15. Board Business - None****Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Siever, seconded by Ms. Goldberg and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Leslie Lockhart announced that the District's I.T. Director Robert Quinn, Jr. recently lost his father and asked to also adjourn the meeting in memory of Robert Quinn, Sr. Ms. Siever read a poem from Holy Cross Mortuary that was In Memory of Mervyn M. Dymally. Board President Mr. Silbiger adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. in memory of Reverend Dymally and Robert Quinn, Sr.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary