

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>November 13, 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
Mike Reynolds

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. Anthony Soliman 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 Innovatory School for Professional Youth Charter School (ISPY)

Mr. Silbiger opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. Jessica London of ISPY spoke on behalf of the charter school and stated that the school has overwhelming support. Ms. London stated that their new revised Petition is very detailed and addressed previous concerns stated by the Board. Ms. London also implied that the District did not having the Petition accessible for the public. Florina Rodov also from ISPY provided additional information on the charter school such as the groups of students serviced and what the school has to offer. David Mielke spoke against approving the Petition. He stated that public funds need to go to public schools. Mr. Mielke stated that Culver Park Continuation School has been recognized as a model continuation school, and that the District also has an Independent Study Program. The District already does what ISPY is offering. He does not see the need for the charter. He is also concerned about how much of the school is virtual learning. He believes in face-to-face contact with an actual teacher. Ms. London and Ms. Rodov briefly responded to questions from the Board. There being no questions from audience members, Mr. Silbiger closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Silbiger asked the Board for support to move item 10.1 up on the agenda to follow item 8. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to move item 10.1 up on the agenda to follow the item 8. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to adopt the November 13, 2012 agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

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 November. The recipients were Declan Sherk from El Marino School; Maylee Lopez from El Rincon Elementary; Joseph Soliman from La Ballona School; Ruby Walsleben from Linwood E. Howe School; Charlie Elin Kayem from Farragut School; Nicolas Swinford from Culver City Middle School; Jeremy Schaub from Culver Park High School; and Patrick Hayes 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.

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. Ms. Siever requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. Ms. Paspalis asked that items 9.8 and 9.9 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1, 9.3-9.7, and 9.10-9.12 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 23, 2012

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 7

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 7

9.6 CCHS Sojourn to the Past Field Trip through Southern States, March 28-April 6, 2013

9.7 Culver City Middle School Cheerleading Team to Attend the Jamz Cheerleading National Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 8, 2013

9.10 Disposal of Surplus Equipment

9.11 Enrollment Report

9.12 Compensation Report for the Board of Education

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders

Ms. Siever requested this item be withdrawn to ask what the item numbers were for consultants. She also asked what SELPA was going to do about reducing the expenditures that the District has spent. Mr. Reynolds stated that at the recent SELPA finance meeting it was clear that the expenses needed to be reviewed, and to make certain that the District is receiving the maximum for services. Mr. Reynolds is going to put a chart together for the object codes to address the issue of consultants. Ms. Siever asked how much more the District is paying in mental health services since the County shifted the responsibility to the District. Mr. Reynolds will follow up with Ms. Siever. She thanked Mr. Reynolds for his responses. Ms. Chardiet stated that she would also like to know what percentage of the budget is spent on Special Education services. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve the Purchase Orders as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.8 Ratification of Medi-Cal LEA Billing Option Services Agreement between the Culver City Unified School District and CSBA's Practi-Cal

Ms. Paspalis requested that this item be withdrawn because she was concerned about number 2.2. She stated that the section seems to allow Practi-Cal to change the contract without much notification. Mr. Sotelo stated that the District has worked with them since 1988 and there has never been any problems. He spoke highly of Practi-Cal. Ms. Paspalis stated that in items 5.1 and 6.1 the time specified was not adequate since the Business Department was understaffed. Mr. Sotelo stated that when the District has been late in payments Practi-Cal has sent a friendly reminder. Ms. Paspalis reiterated that her concerns are the default language. She would like the timeframe to state a little longer such as 45 or 60 days. Mr. Silbiger asked Mr. Reynolds if he can re-negotiate. This item will be brought back to the next meeting.

9.9 Approval is Recommended for the Single Plans for Student Achievement for Culver City High School, Culver Park High School, Culver City Middle School, El Marino Elementary School, El Rincon Elementary School, Farragut Elementary School, LaBallona Elementary School, and Linwood E. Howe Elementary School

Ms. Paspalis asked why the Board was getting the plans all at one time. Ms. Carroll explained that the plans must be approved as early as possible in the school year to comply with the law are for this school year. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Single Plans for Student Achievement for Culver City High School, Culver Park High School, Culver City Middle School, El Marino Elementary School, El Rincon Elementary School, Farragut Elementary School, LaBallona Elementary School, and Linwood E. Howe Elementary School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Mr. LaRose reported on his attendance at the Education Foundation's Benefactors Breakfast. He enjoyed that time to recognize the business relationships that the District has, and he stated that we are very grateful to our many benefactors. Mr. LaRose wanted to highlight some of the conversations that he has been involved with so he reported on his meeting with Jerry Chabola and Leslie Gardner regarding mentoring programs. He met with Sue Robins from the Chamber regarding a Principal for a Day Program, and he attending a second meeting at the Double Tree Hotel getting additional information on their vision and learning about their CARE Team. Mr. LaRose welcomed Mr. Mike Reynolds, the new Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, to the meeting. Mr. LaRose also made a statement regarding ISPY and the implications made by its representatives at this evening's meeting. He stated that the District has done their due diligence in meeting with the representatives, thoroughly reviewing the petition, and making it available to the public.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll reported on her attendance at the Education Foundation's Benefactors Breakfast where the Front and Center Theater Group was highlighted. She named the new and existing programs being offered in the District through Front and Center, The Actor's Gang, and the Centre Theater Group. All of these programs add to the Arts curriculum.

Ms. Lockhart reported that Human Resources is the beginning to work on the school calendars for the next two years. She invited everyone to go to the website and take the calendar survey. She stated that on October 24th and 25th she attended the West Coast Collaborative Conference and spoke a little about the conference. David Mielke and Audrey Stephens who were also in attendance at the conference provided additional information and they shared their experience. Mr. Mielke stated that when he first became Union President it was not a very collaborative experience. He gave the history on how the conference came to be.

Mr. Reynolds reported that since Prop 30 passed so additional funding should finally be coming to public schools. He stated that the District is focusing on some needed repairs at the sites. Mr. Reynolds stated that Mike Korgan spent a lot of time today working on the water fountains. He will be putting together a presentation showing the effect of Prop 30.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports**Middle School Student Representative**

Angel Moret, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including ASB activities; the 8th grade students going to Washington D.C.; and an upcoming See's Candy Fundraiser.

Culver Park Student Representative

Eric Ibarra, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the new logo for the school spirit wear; the success of the Halloween and the Day of the Dead events; four Culver Park students volunteering at El Marino for their Undokai event; and his participation in the HeArt Project field trip.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Lena Kettering, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including ASB Homecoming activities; the House of Reps meeting and her update to them that the Board is working on the water fountain issue. Miss Kettering said she asked the reps to bring any student concerns to her and the feedback she received was that the boys feel uncomfortable that there are no dividers in the restrooms; and that there is no where to sit outside when it is raining. She provided an update on the Football team who won their recent playoff game, and announced the upcoming Wing Stop fundraiser. Miss Kettering thanked Mr. LaRose for playing such an active role at the high school.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- David Mielke informed the Board that since Prop 30 has passed the union would be putting together a proposal. He informed the Board about how the school calendar process works and reminded them that it is a bargaining item. He has concerns that the calendar survey is out and it seems a little “slanted” towards certain preferences.
- Leslie Gardner, President of PTA Council, provided an update on PTA activities in the District since the beginning of the year and how they have provided funding for our schools. She thanked Board members and staff for their ongoing support.
- Rania Daley, a parent at El Marino, stated that she is advocate for clean air at the school. She thanked Mr. LaRose and Mr. Reynolds for coming to the school and listening to concerns. She also thanked Ms. Paspalis and Ms. Goldberg for their suggestions and some stated that some of the suggestions are currently being implemented.
- Ken Browning stated that he is a Legislative Advocate for the PTA. He stated that there are programs through the PTA that educate students on Government.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Chardiet congratulated Mr. Mielke, UPCC, and the PTA for getting out the vote on Prop 30.
- Ms. Goldberg stated that she is proud of Miss Kettering for her recent accomplishments. Ms. Goldberg reported on her visit to the El Marino Carnival. She stated that she saw students washing the microfiber towels and thanked the parents and students for their involvement. She also got to judge the “Reflections” Contest submissions at Farragut Elementary. Miss Goldberg stated that she had a lovely time at the Benefactors Breakfast; and had a great time dunking the Superintendent in the dunk tank at the La Ballona Carnival.
- Ms. Siever reported on her attendance at the high school football game where they played against Beverly Hills. She congratulated the football team and extended congratulations to all of the District clubs, and the Booster Clubs. She would like a report on how the District is addressing the homeless students in the District. Board members agreed to this request. Ms. Siever stated she was happy that Prop 30 passed.
- Ms. Paspalis stated that the dunk tank at La Ballona was fun. She reported on her attendance at the football game and stated it was great to see the team doing such a great job. The girl’s volleyball is also doing a great job. Ms. Paspalis agreed with Mr. Mielke on his comments regarding the charter school.
- Mr. Silbiger stated that he joins his colleagues in the rejoicing of the passing of Prop 30. He would like staff to look into Prop 39 which passed. He reported that he saw the high school’s performance of “Our Town” and it is one of his favorites. He gave the high school credit for taking on this production. Mr. Silbiger announced that CBAC is starting back up and encouraged anyone interested in joining the meeting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m. He agrees with Ms. Siever in getting information on homeless students in the District. He commended everyone that attended the conference on collaboration and thinks that Mr. Mielke is right in stating that it makes a big difference. Mr. Silbiger stated he is very proud of all that participated. He also commended the senior administrative staff and stated that he never recalls getting so many positive comments on senior staff.

Mr. Silbiger stated that there were people in attendance for item 14.3b and asked if the Board would mind moving this item up. The Board was in agreement.

14. Action Items

14.3 Business Items

14.3b Authorization for Staff to Enter into Contract Negotiations with Selected Robert Frost Auditorium Feasibility Study Firm

Bob Scales provided information on putting out an RFP for a Feasibility Study for Robert Frost which came down to a three firms. He explained the process and stated that he is suggesting Hodgetts+Fung Design. Mr. Scales

went on to explain why his thought this firm would be the best choice to work on Robert Frost. The architects were also in attendance and they thanked the Board for choosing their firm and stated some of their experience and their anticipation of working on the space. The study will take anywhere from 12-14 weeks. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve staff to enter into contract negotiations with Hodgetts+Fung Design for the Robert Frost Auditorium Feasibility Study as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. Information Items

12.2 Culver Park Update

Mr. LaRose invited Veronica Montes to speak and provide any updates. She stated that 90% of the students are completing classes. She also provided an update on the HeArt Project and the Writing in Schools Program. Ms. Montes stated that she meets with the teachers every week and the entire staff every month. She informed the Board that she and Mr. LaRose had a meeting with Sony regarding how we can keep the mentoring program going. Mr. LaRose gave a brief report stating that there was a full staff meeting at Culver Park to talk about the future and visions of the school. December 7th is another meeting to discuss the long-range goals and what the school wants to become. Another meeting will be held on January 11th. Ms. Siever thanked Ms. Montes for what she is doing for the school and for our students. Janet Chabola suggested to Eric Ibarra that if the school does a food drive, possibly connecting with Mr. Sotelo in Pupil Services to give food to the homeless students in the District. Ms. Paspalis asked if there was a sink for the Art Teacher yet. She also asked for status on the metal windows. Mr. LaRose provided additional information. Ms. Chardiet feels strongly that there needs to be a hedge or some sort of greenery around the school. She feels that whether the space is continued to be used for Culver Park or not there needs to be a hedge. Mr. Silbiger agrees with Ms. Chardiet that there needs to be some sort of greenery there. He appreciates Mr. LaRose for thinking everything through thoroughly, but stated he is concerned about running out of time. He would like to tell the students and staff that there is a plan in case the school will need to move to another location. Further discussion ensued.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

12.2 Update on CCUSD Immersion Programs

Tracy Pumilia, Jon Pearson, and Mina Shiratori gave a presentation on the Immersion Program in the District. Ms. Pumilia provided a brief history on the program with the recommendations that were given by the Strategic Planning Committee. She spoke about the FLAP Grant and how the funds were being used. Ms. Shiratori provided information on the programs and where they were currently at. Madeline Ehrlich asked what would be the third subject taught at the middle school level. She wanted to suggest that it be science. Mrs. Ehrlich also wanted to make sure that the La Ballona students are on the same level as the El Marino students once they got to the middle school. Peter Capone Newton suggested that the Board, when looking forward, think about offering Mandarin. Mr. Silbiger asked if there was a consensus on how to move forward. Ms. Siever stated that she would like to see our current programs strengthened before adding another language. Ms. Chardiet asked if we are filling the needs of all that are requesting the immersion classes. Ms. Slabbink stated that La Ballona has a waiting list. Ms. Pumilia stated their list changes from the beginning of the year. Ms. Siever asked what the Board could do to help make the programs stronger. Ms. Pumilia stated that once she gets the hard data in from La Ballona she is sure they will find that the students are getting an equitable dual language curriculum program. She would like a conversation on the JIP opportunities. Ms. Chardiet stated that the bigger question is where does the Board see the Immersion Program going. Do we want to add another language or have Spanish at the other elementary schools? Ms. Goldberg stated that she had about five or seven families ask about Mandarin being offered. She suggested possibly having an Ad Hoc Clubs to sustain interest in the committees. Mr. Silbiger suggested looking at the goals right now, and looking at five to six years out to see what the programs would look like. He would also suggest creating a Task Force to gather information and give recommendations to the Board.

12.1 2012-2013 Budget Status Report for Culver City USD

The Board decided to postpone this item. They will have Mr. Reynolds provide the information at an upcoming Special Board Meeting.

14. Action Items – (cont.)

14.1 Superintendent’s Items

14.1b Second Reading and Adoption of Board Bylaw 9121, President

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board adopt Board Bylaw 9121, President as presented. The motion did not pass with a vote of 2 – Ayes and 3 – Nays by Ms. Chardiet, Ms. Paspalis, and Mr. Silbiger. Mr. Silbiger asked that this item be agendized again in one month.

14.2 Education Services Items - None

14.3 Business Services Items

14.3a Approval is Recommended to Reissue Stale-Dated Payroll Warrants

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve Reissuing Stale-Dated Payroll Warrants as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items

14.4a Approval is Recommended for the Clinical Practicum Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District and California State University Northridge

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Clinical Practicum Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District and California State University Northridge 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. Board President Mr. Silbiger adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary