

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

**Meeting:** Regular Meeting  
**Place:** District Office  
4034 Irving Place  
Culver City, CA 90232

**Date:** February 12, 2013  
**Time:** 6:00 pm. – Public Meeting  
6:01 p.m. – Closed Session  
7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting

**Board Members Present**

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

**Staff Members Present**

**David LaRose, Superintendent**  
**Eileen Carroll, Asst. Supt. – Educ. Services**  
**Leslie Lockhart, Asst. Supt.-Human Resources**  
**Mike Reynolds, Asst. Supt – Business Services**

**Call to Order**

Board President Ms. Katherine Paspalis 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 7:07 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Christine Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report from Closed Session**

Ms. Paspalis 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 – none.**

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Karlo Silbiger and seconded by Laura Chardiet that the Board adopt the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

**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. As there were no requests to withdraw items, it was moved by Patricia Siever and seconded by Laura Chardiet to approved items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, and 9.5 of the Consent Agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 22, 2013
- 9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 10
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 10

**10. AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND PRESENTATIONS**

**10.1 Spotlight on Education – Farragut Elementary School**

Christine Collins, Interim Principal at Farragut Elementary School, and Kelley Roberts, Farragut teacher, presented information about their school which included current programs and test scores. Ms. Collins presented information about the rise in CST scores at Farragut from 932 in 2010-2011 to 940 in 2011-2012. She noted API information about subgroups and that Farragut's special focus is on art and technology. Ms. Collins thanked the District and the Fan Club for sharing the cost of having the computer lab replaced this year. Ms. Roberts presented a slideshow on using iPads in the classroom, noted how instruction that included the iPad had the students' complete attention, and thanked the Fan Club for funding 30 iPads for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Ms. Collins and Ms.

Roberts presented information on how Farragut will implement iPads in the classroom, including teachers' attendance at the CUE Conference and other professional development. Three Farragut 5<sup>th</sup> grade students spoke to the Board about using iPads and making iMovies.

Ms. Paspalis asked if there were any questions from the Board or audience. George Laase asked for the estimated increase in cost for web connections for iPads. Mike Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, responded that he will ask Robert Quinn, I.T. Director, for that estimate.

The Board thanked Ms. Collins, Ms. Roberts and the students for their presentation.

## **11. PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

### **11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mr. David LaRose reported on CCUSD's Math instruction partnership with Loyola Marymount University (LMU) and the Cotson Foundation funding, utilizing K-12 Math coaches and mentors. He also reported on the employee representative units' PLC, with MACCS, CCFT, and ACE. He thanked the Education Foundation for their generous support as academic advocates for the whole child. He also acknowledged the health services at CCUSD including the school nurses and the Culver City Youth Health Center.

### **11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Eileen Carroll, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, reported on the District Community Arts Team (DCAT) meeting. Mr. Mitch Glickman gave a report to DCAT on the CCUSD Symphonic Jazz Orchestra program for grades K-3. Ms. Carroll invited the community to attend the next DCAT meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Board room. She also reported that Educational Services held a parents' CELDT testing meeting, where students' CELDT test results were distributed to the parents and Ms. Carroll and the ELD Specialists gave information to parents about the test, including Spanish translation by Claudia Benitez, ELD Specialist. Ms. Carroll reported on the Wednesday Professional Development for all K-5 teachers on February 13<sup>th</sup>, including Common Core curriculum, and instructional video streaming that is available for all teachers through LACOE.

Leslie Lockhart, Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, reported that negotiations have begun with CCFT and ACE and that the first meetings were positive and collaborative. Ms. Lockhart reported that the 2013-2014 and the 2014-2015 school calendars have been posted on the website and thanked Dave Mielke, CCFT President, and Debbie Hamme, ACE President, for their efforts in getting two years of calendars finalized. Ms. Lockhart stated that a request for catastrophic leave for Anissa McCullen, Linwood E. Howe School Secretary, is included in the Board Report.

Mike Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, distributed copies of the Business Services' report, including The Annual Report of the Treasurer/Controller, Needs Assessment Update, Capital Outlay, Negotiations, Budget Status Update and responses to questions from Dr. Luther Henderson. He stated that the Annual Report was prepared by Sean Kearney, Director of Fiscal Services. Mr. Reynolds gave detailed information regarding the capital improvements needs assessment, including security and safety enhancements, technology, district-wide HVAC, Phase 2 components of the Robert Frost Auditorium and Athletic Field projects, natatorium, parking and many other facilities related improvements; capital outlay; bargaining unit contract negotiations; and a budget status update. All questions submitted by Dr. Luther Henderson were addressed.

Dr. Henderson thanked Mike Reynolds for his answers and asked a question regarding not pre-funding future retirees' obligations. Mr. Reynolds replied that he has contracted a service to do an actuarial study regarding future retirees.

**11.3 Student Representatives' Reports****Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member**

Martin Beer served as the replacement for the CCHS representative. Mr. Beer reported on the YMCA Youth & Government program. He thanked Superintendent LaRose for attending the ASB meeting. He reported that the Winter Formal was cancelled due to a lack of ticket sales. He announced a new student committee focused on gender based violence awareness and prevention. He reported that the Robotics Team funding has been cut and there will be fundraisers to support the Robotics Team. He reported on the memorial services at the Peace Garden in honor of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. He reported on various sporting events.

**Culver Park High School's Student Representative**

Kalena Kettering announced Culver Park will have a student council meeting next week and reported on Spirit Week held the week of Valentine's Day, when CPHS students made valentines for Vets and brought them to the Veterans Home.

**Culver City Middle School's Student Representative**

Absent - no report from Culver City Middle School.

**11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Michelle Weiner reported on One Billion Rising, gender based violence awareness and prevention, and thanked Karlo Silbiger and Nancy Goldberg for serving as advisors.
- David Mielke commended the Board student representatives for their reports. He reported on the MACCS, CCFT and ACE partnership; and noted that when he met with teachers at the sites, he had to acknowledge how demoralized they are. He noted that 2007 was the last pay increase for teachers; spoke of the district reserve balance; and stated that CCFT would not leave the negotiations table without a raise.
- Tom Salter reported on sporting events and successes of teams at CCHS.

**11.5 Members of the Board of Education**

Karlo Silbiger asked for items from the Board that he will bring to City Council as the City Council liaison. Mr. Silbiger expressed his concern about Redevelopment funding cuts. He thanked Mr. Sotelo for information on homeless CCUSD students and reported that ROP has a program where students can donate clothing for needy students. He asked for a needs assessment for the Culver Park location and requested that CCUSD pass a resolution in favor of common sense gun laws. Discussion ensued regarding Mr. Silbiger's proposal to pass a common sense gun law resolution. Mr. Silbiger stated the CCHS rate of 22% of graduates going on to four year colleges and expressed concern about the reasons.

Patricia Siever commended the student representatives for their reports. Professor Siever stated some reasons for the statistics regarding graduates going on to four year colleges and suggested the district may get more information if the district has a follow-up questionnaire to graduates after their first year of college. She also noted that February is Black History Month and March is Women's History Month. She commended the CCHS Black Student Union for the Multicultural Assembly and the Middle School for their Improvisational Comedy Night. Professor Siever stated that it is wonderful that the District is moving towards Interest Based Bargaining; she commended the Superintendent and stated that she loves what she is doing as a member of the board of education.

Laura Chardiet reported that she attended the Safety Forum and asked what the district can do to be a safer community. She commended the CCUSD Anti-Bullying Task Force for initiating the Olweus program at all schools. Mrs. Chardiet reported that she read to three year olds at the Culver City Library and commended CCMS for their Improvisational Comedy Night, which her daughter participated in.

Nancy Goldberg reported that she attended the community forum on school safety and stated she was very proud of Superintendent David LaRose's participation and responses to inquiries from the audience. Mrs. Goldberg attended the PTA meeting at El Rincon school and spoke of the Safe Routes to School program. She agrees with David Mielke that the teachers have a high level of frustration.

Kathy Paspalis reported that she attended the La Ballona PTA meeting. She commended the new CCMS Choir and the strength of their arts programs that serve as feeder programs to the AVPA. Ms. Paspalis announced the Board Workshop at 7 p.m. on February 19<sup>th</sup> in the Board Room. She stated that the Governor has requested that Adult Education be moved from K-12 Education to the Community College system; and stated that the Board should make a resolution to keep Adult Education in the K-12 system.

Discussion ensued regarding the Governor's effort to remove Adult Education from the K-12 system; Prof. Siever stated that there is strong opinion that it will not pass.

**8:30 p.m. – RECESS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**8:31 p.m. - CONVENE THE MEETING OF CULVER CITY SCHOOL FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY**

**1.0 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer – Controller**

Motion was made by Patricia Siever and seconded by Nancy Goldberg to approve the Report of the Treasurer-controller. The motion was unanimously approved.

**8:34 p.m. - MEETING OF CULVER CITY SCHOOL FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY was closed.**

**8:34 p.m. – RECONVENING OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**14. Action Items**

**14.1 Superintendent's Items**

**14.1a Approval is Recommended for the Waiver of Board Bylaw 9320, Meetings and Schedule of Proposed Meeting Dates.**

It was moved by Karlo Silbiger and seconded by Nancy Goldberg to approve the Waiver of Board Bylaw 9320, Meetings and Schedule of Proposed Meeting dates. Some discussion ensued regarding the summer schedule. The Motion was unanimously approved.

**14.1b Appointment for the City of Culver City Financial Advisory Committee**

It was moved by Patricia Siever and seconded by Karlo Silbiger to appoint Sean Kearney, Director of Fiscal Services, to the City of Culver City Financial Advisory Committee. Discussed ensued regarding the CCUSD representative to the Committee and the importance of the representative's attendance at Board of Education meetings. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.2 Educational Services Items**

**14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #02-12-13**

It was moved by Karlo Silbiger and seconded by Patricia Siever that the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #02-12-13 be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3 Business Items**

**14.3a Approval is Recommended for Audit Services Contract**

It was moved by Laura Chardiet and seconded by Patricia Siever that the Audit Services Contract be approved. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3b Authorization for the District to Interview and Select an Election Consultant**

Discussion ensued regarding the cost of an election consultant. Mr. George Laase informed the Board about the costs related to passing Measure E.

It was moved by Nancy Goldberg and seconded by Patricia Siever that the Board authorize the District to Interview and Select an Election Consultant. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.4 Personnel Items**

**14.4a Approval is Recommended for the 2013/2014 School Year Calendar**

It was moved by Laura Chardiet and seconded by Nancy Goldberg to approve the 2013-2014 school year calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.4b Approval is Recommended for the 2014/2015 School Year Calendar**

It was moved by Patricia Siever and seconded by Laura Chardiet to approve the 2014-2015 school year calendar. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.4c Approval is Recommended for Resolution #9-2012/2013, Catastrophic Leave for Classified Employee (Elementary School Secretary)**

It was moved by Laura Chardiet and seconded by Nancy Goldberg to approve Resolution #9-2012/2013, Catastrophic Leave for Classified Employee (Elementary School Secretary). The motion was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Paspalis requested that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned in memory of Alexander Smollins, CCHS class of 2009 graduate, son of Karen Smollins and Michael Smollins, and nephew of CCUSD teacher Marty Siegel; and in memory of Roberta Leavitt, former CCEF Board member.

It was moved by Karlo Silbiger and seconded by Patricia Siever to adjourn the meeting as requested. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary