

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>May 28, 2013</u>
Place:	<u>District Administration Office</u> <u>4034 Irving Place</u> <u>Culver City 90232</u>	Time:	<u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u> <u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u> <u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

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
Leslie Lockhart
Mike Reynolds

Call to Order

Board President Ms. 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 7:00 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Dr. Rebecca Lynch 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.

8. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Paspalis suggested amending the agenda by moving item 10.3 before item 10.2 and pulling item 12.1. It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever to adopt the May 28, 2013 agenda as amended. 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. No items were withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 through 9.6 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 14, 2013
- 9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 15
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 15
- 9.6 Enrollment Report

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 May. The recipients were Jasmine Hernandez from El Marino School; Trenton Miller from El Rincon Elementary; Julia Liu from La Ballona School; Magy Yassa from Linwood E. Howe School; Laura Elyse Forgeng from Farragut School; Jada Miller from Culver City Middle School; Wendy Mendoza from Culver Park High School; and Rose Ramirez 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.

10.3 Spotlight on Education - Office of Child Development

Audrey Stephens, Director of the Office of Child Development shared what a high quality Pre-K program such as OCD should offer. She described the way the program also supports social and emotional development. Allasee Glamore, Pre-School Psychologist, showed a Power Point presentation with the message that resilience leads to academic success. She informed the Board about some of the techniques that are used in the Office of Child Development. These techniques are used for behavior expectations, and reinforcing those expectations; praise to correction; and protective factors. Children from the program performed a poem for the Board and audience.

10.2 Recognition of the Toby Rubenstein 4th Annual Chess Tournament Winners

Ruth Morris thanked Mr. Rubenstein for his annual cash contribution and ongoing support to the Middle School to continue the Chess Tournament. Secondly, she thanked Mel Block for his donation to the tournament; and third, she thanked her own father for his encouragement. Mr. Rubenstein thanked Ms. Paspalis for her recognition of our Veterans in honor of Memorial Day which was the day prior. On behalf of his family Mr. Rubenstein thanked the Board for continuing this tournament in honor of his late wife Toby Rubenstein. He also thanked Mr. LaRose, and the staff at the Middle School for their hard work in continuing to participate. Anthony Adamucci introduced the winners: 3rd Place Winners – Qadir Johnson, Hakim Johnson, and Anita Patel; 2nd Place Winner Noal Klowden; and 1st Place Winner was the Chess Club President Nic Swinford. Ms. Siever thanked Mr. Rubenstein for showing his devotion by continuing this tradition in honor of his late wife whom she knew. She also reiterated her challenge from last year stating that she would play one of the members.

10.4 CCEF – All for One Campaign

Leslie Adler, Executive Director of the Education Foundation, and Marci Shulman, President, provided the Board with an update on the fundraising efforts. Ms. Adler reported that so far the 2012-2013 All for One Campaign has been able to grant \$60,000 to the District. She informed the Board of the items that were purchased from the funds raised, and the school sites the items went to. The decisions on how to spend the money, and to which school sites, were a joint decision between the Education Foundation and District staff. Ms. Shulman gave a special thank you to the sponsors and everyone that attended and gave donations to the Tribute to the Stars event. She was proud to announce that over \$90,000 was raised at the event. Ms. Adler announced that the 5/19K Run for Autism will be another fundraiser coming up in June and provided additional information.

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

Mr. LaRose reported on a few items that he wanted to highlight. He stated that the second Whole Child Whole Community meeting at Veterans Auditorium had taken place and thanked Arames White at the City's Parks and Recreation Department for setting up the location. He reported that new businesses were present and about sixty people were in attendance. One announcement made at the Whole Child Meeting was that a grant was awarded for a Summer Lunch Program which would provide lunch to students of very low income families during the summer. Mr. LaRose announced that this Thursday and Friday the full District teams will be participating in Professional Development where part of the discussion will be about coming together to make highly effective collaborative teams, and emphasizing our District culture.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll reported on the District's efforts in moving towards the Common Core Standards that will be here in California. The Educational Services Department has been supporting teachers in preparation for the significant changes. Some of them have had Professional Development. Those who have gone through Professional Development will be become Teacher Leaders at their sites to assist their teachers.

Mrs. Lockhart introduced Dr. Rebecca Lynch as the new Principal at Farragut Elementary School and read a brief bio on her education and career. Mrs. Lockhart welcomed Dr. Lynch as did parents from the school who presented her with a gift basket. Dr. Lynch thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in the District and stated her excitement to get started at the school.

Mr. Reynolds reported that he is working on putting together the team that will be working on researching information for a possible General Bond for the District. He stated that the Athletic Field is going into Phase 2

and everything was progressing nicely. He also stated that SunPower, who will be working on the solar panels, successfully resolved an issue with Southern California Edison. Mr. Reynolds stated that the update on Robert Frost Auditorium will be coming later in this meeting. He is also making every effort to get matching funds through the State Facilities Funding.

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 the 6th and 7th graders' field trip to Knott's Berry Farm. She thanked Ms. Fairfield, Ms. Pealer, and all of the chaperones who attended the trip. She stated that the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders had an upcoming field trip to Magic Mountain and they still needed chaperones. She extended an invitation to any Board Members that might want to chaperone. Miss Moret announced that this week was Spirit Week at the Middle School and there are different activities happening each day, and Thursday is the Luau Dance.

Culver Park Student Representative

Eric Ibarra, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the Student Council Clean-Up Day, and information being gathered for the Culver Park Yearbook. The Yearbook will be on sale June 10th. Prom is coming up and the last day for seniors is June 12th.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Kalena Kettering, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School. She stated that there were several year-end activities taking place at the High School. AVPA and the Music Department is having a free concert at Robert Frost Auditorium. The Talent Show is on June 7th at 7:00 p.m. The High School just had their Grad Night at Disneyland and Prom is this Saturday at the Velasco in Downtown Los Angeles. Miss Kettering also informed the Board of the events that took place for Teacher Appreciation Week.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Robert Zirgulis passed out a flyer he printed that he claims has false endorsements for Ms. Paspalis. He noted that Ms. Paspalis has responded that her campaign manager pulled information from her 2009 campaign by accident. He called for her to return all campaign funds.
- David Mielke stated that his fourth period Sociology Class had a visit from Mr. LaRose. Mr. Mielke told his class that they might want to give Mr. LaRose feedback on their experience at the High School. He gave the Board an update on negotiations and thanked them for the 2% increase. Mr. Mielke also thanked Mr. LaRose for inviting him to the professional development on Thursday and Friday.
- Jim Harris, President of AVPA, spoke about the possibility of adding a music teacher. He is also a parent in the District and he spoke about the benefits of having a music program.
- Gordon Gardner spoke on behalf of the Music Department. He spoke to Tony Spano and he was told that we have less music teachers than most of the other Districts that are comparable to our size.
- Tony Spano, Co-Director of AVPA, informed the Board of the upcoming music concerts this week. He explained that the concerts are being done a little differently this year because the participation is growing. He hopes the Board and staff can come out. Ms. Siever stated that she has seen Dr. Spano's work and what he does with AVPA. She told him that he has done fantastic musical arrangements for the Martin Luther King event that takes place in Culver City every year and it does not get mentioned. She just wanted to thank him for his great work.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Siever was thinking about the situation with the students at the last meeting and suggested possibly having a sign out on the doors to the Board Room that states "Meeting in Progress" or something to that affect. This might help with the decorum during the meetings. She also suggested having a Spanish translator at the meeting. She suggested the translator because she was thinking

about how the Board can have a diverse discussion and make sure that their messages are reaching more people in the community.

- Mr. Silbiger stated he was thinking about the last meeting and thought that Jerry Chabola's suggestion was interesting. Mr. Chabola had suggested having a meeting at the High School with items on the agenda that addresses issues specific to the students. He attended the Improv Show at the middle School and thought it was amazingly inventive. Mr. Silbiger stated that right now the Music Program is very understaffed, and that we need to think of music as a necessary part of the curriculum. Some of the classes are being taught afterschool and not all students are willing to stay late. He has done some analysis and he found that the District comes in last on staffing for our Music Program.
- Ms. Goldberg stated that she obviously supports the Music Program and supports getting an extra Teacher. She attended an assembly at El Rincon and they had a great speaker. She attended the Whole Child Whole Community meeting which was a wonderful experience. She feels the District needs more of those types of experiences. She asked the audience to make sure their students are aware that this year graduation will be at a different site.
- Ms. Chardiet applauded Mr. LaRose on his efforts with the Whole Child Program. She read a brief article regarding students that are in poverty or homeless and how it affects their attendance at school which in turn affects the District's financial bottom line. Ms. Chardiet attended the Improv Show at the Middle School and said they did a great job.
- Ms. Paspalis stated that she attended Roberta Sargent's retirement party. She shared a little about the party and how much fun it was. Ms. Paspalis stated that not only does the Board have to look at bringing in another Music Teacher, but also a part-time nurse, staffing for the Immersion Program, amongst other things. She stated they are trying to look at all of the needs in a holistic way. They do not want to just put things back the way they were, but to look at how they can best serve the students. Ms. Paspalis reported that the Track Team won a CIF Championship. She stated that she knows the Spring sports are wrapped up and hopefully Mr. Salter will attend the next meeting to provide the Board with some of the sports updates.

12. Information Items

12.2 State Budget Update – May Revise

Sean Kearney, Director of Fiscal Services, and Mike Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services gave a presentation on the Governor's May Revise. Mr. Kearney reported that the Governor dropped his proposal to push Adult Schools to the Community Colleges. Mr. Kearney and Mr. Reynolds reported on state revenues, funding, the ROP funding, and other highlights. Dr. Luther Henderson asked if the shifts in funding will effect the Prop 98 funding. Mr. Reynolds stated there will be no real financial impact. Dr. Henderson also asked if the County has to approve a salary settlement. Mr. Reynolds confirmed. George Laase, in regards to the report concerning the Governor proposing a one-time allocation of \$170 per ADA to help "kick-off" Common Core Standards in the current year, asked if it will be Federal pass through or state money. David Mielke suggested having an extra "bullet point" on Mr. Reynolds review that states "compensation." He stated that if the District is going to get to a competitive place than that should be included. Janice Beighey stated that the list given out was a great list but did not include sports. She stated that if we are talking about the whole child than athletics should be included. Ms. Siever stated that Prop. 98 is split with the Community Colleges and asked what the split was. Mr. Reynolds stated that he is not privy to that information. Mr. Silbiger asked about the proposal and asked how the \$170 per ADA would be spent. Mr. Kearney stated that Districts would need to develop a spending plan. Mr. Silbiger asked if there was any way to fight the County on the ROP issue. Mr. Kearney stated that all options are being looked at. Ms. Paspalis addressed a comment made by Mr. Mielke where he felt that compensation needed to be addressed as a "bullet point" on the report. She told Mr. Mielke that his concerns are address in the recommendations from CBAC.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:57 p.m. and reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

12.3 Robert Frost Feasibility Update

Hodgets and Fung, the District's architectural firm for Robert Frost Auditorium provided an update on the progress of the feasibility study and identified the needs of the facility which included air quality, stage production systems, production support spaces, audience amenities, accessibility and circulation, and arrival areas. They responded to questions from audience members and the Board. Board members thanked the presenters for their presentation.

12.4 Election Consultant Introduction

Ms. Paspalis introduced Allen Gafford of the Gafford Group who provided a brief overview of the procedures involved in determining if the District should place a general obligation bond on a future ballot.

14. Action Items**14.1 Superintendent's Items - None****14.2 Education Services Items****14.2a Second Reading and Approval of New Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6173, and Form E6173, Instruction – Education for Homeless Children**

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve New Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6173, and Form E6173, Instruction – Education for Homeless Children as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Second Reading and Approval of New Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6173.1, Instruction – Education for Foster Youth

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve New Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6173.1, Instruction – Education for Foster Youth as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2c Second Reading and Approval of Revised Form 5131.2E, Students – Bullying-Cyber Bullying-Harassment Report Form

Ms. Siever stated that she was happy that the Form was being done. She suggested changing youths to youth. It was moved by Ms. Chardiet and seconded by Mr. Silbiger that the Board approve Revised Form 5131.2E, Students, Bullying – Cyber Bullying – Harassment Report Form as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Services Items**14.3a Approval is Recommended for the Amended Lease Lease-Back Agreement with Balfour Beatty including the Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP)**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Chardiet that the Board approve the Amended Lease Lease-Back Agreement with Balfour Beatty including the Final Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) as presented. Ms. Chardiet inquired as to a discrepancy on page ten under Section 10A. It is written out that the sum is one thousand dollars, but the dollar amount is typed as \$500. Mr. Reynolds said that he would have to confirm with the company which amount was correct. The Board decided that they would agree to approve the agreement with both amounts stating one thousand dollars and Mr. Reynolds would confirm with Balfour Beatty. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items**14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #17-2012/2013(HR), To Reinstate Classified Position (Receptionist)**

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve Resolution #17-2012/2013(HR), To Reinstate Classified Position (Receptionist) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4b Approval is Recommended for the Adult School Unrepresented Teacher Salary Schedule

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Adult School Unrepresented Teacher Salary Schedule as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4c Approval is Recommended for the Classified Substitute and Classified Temporary Salary Schedule

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Goldberg that the Board approve the Classified Substitute and Classified Temporary Salary Schedule as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4d Approval is Recommended for the Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule

It was moved by Ms. Goldberg and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Substitute Teacher Salary Schedule as presented. Mr. Silbiger asked Mrs. Lockhart how we know if we are competitive with the salary. Mrs. Lockhart stated she is looking into it but the District is moving in the right direction. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business - None

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Goldberg, seconded by Ms. Siever and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Silbiger adjourned the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary