

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>June 11, 2013</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

Katherine Paspalis, Esq., President
Patricia Siever, Professor, Vice President
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 three Board members in attendance. Ms. Goldberg and Ms. Chardiet were not present. Roberta Sargent 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

Ms. Paspalis opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. George Laase stated that he compared last year's transfers to this year and the District is doing over twice as much and inquired why. Mr. Reynolds stated that when he does his information item he will address that topic.

8. Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Paspalis suggested amending the agenda by withdrawing item 10.4 from the agenda. It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopt the June 11, 2013 agenda as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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. There were no items pulled. It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 –9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 28, 2013
- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 16
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 16
- 9.6 2013-2014 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs
- 9.6 Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant for 2013-2014

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 Culver City Unified School District Employee Retiree Recognition

Eileen Carroll, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, and Superintendent David LaRose announced each Retiree's name and briefly spoke about the years they have been in the District and their accomplishments. Ms. Carroll, who is also retiring this year, said a few words about her wonderful experience working in the District and thanked the Board for the opportunity. Mr. LaRose thanked Ms. Carroll for her hard work and

dedication, and shared a story about when he first went with Ms. Carroll to visit Farragut Elementary where she was Principal. He spoke of how fond everybody was of her, and shared how she will be missed. Steve Levin thanked Ms. Carroll for her time at Farragut and spoke about when Ms. Carroll first came to the school.

10.2 Balfour Beatty Donation

Brian of Balfour Beatty presented Jessie Diaz, Amelia Soto, and Deja Summerfield, students from Culver Park High School, with scholarships. The funds were obtained through the Sharefest Community project. During his presentation he spoke about each student's accomplishments and future goals. Ms. Siever congratulated each of the students. She extended her help to two of the students who plan to go to West Los Angeles College where she is a Professor. Ms. Paspalis congratulated the students and said the stories that were shared about them were exemplary and wished them luck in their endeavors.

10.3 District English Language Advisory Committed (DELAC) Presentation

Ms. Carroll presented certificates to the members of DELAC, Claudia Benitez, Pamela Greenstein, and Mike Yamakawa. Then the members recognized the parents who have helped the committee and supported the program. The parents were presented with certificates.

10.4 Student Intercultural Advisory Committee Presentation

This item was pulled from the agenda.

11. Public Recognition

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mr. LaRose informed the Board about the long term plans that he had regarding comprehensive district-wide team oriented professional development that took place over the course of two days. He shared the topics that were discussed during those two days. He commended the Middle School students on their achievement with the student/faculty basketball game. Mr. LaRose stated the fun and enthusiasm with which they played was great to watch. He reported on his attendance at the AVPA Java Gala which he said was so representative of our community and our students. He is excited about the District's new Summer Lunch and Fun Program at La Ballona for kids under 18, and spoke a little about what the program will offer. The program is being made available by generous partners in the community.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Carroll had the opportunity to go the Middle School's 8th Grade Exit Interviews and heard about their goals and aspirations. It is always a fun opportunity to see how wonderful our students are. This is her second year attending the interviews and the students are always so poised and well mannered.

Mr. Reynolds provided the Board with an update on the capital improvement projects and the Bond Team members. He stated that he looked at different firms to assist the District in making the decision to proceed with adding a general bond to the November ballot. Mr. Reynolds also spoke about what information has been obtained thus far.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

Angel Moran, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, was not present.

Culver Park Student Representative

Eric Ibarra, Culver Park High School Student Representative, was not present.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Kalena Kettering, Student Board Member, thanked the Board for the opportunity and Rebecca Williams for always being supportive. She reported on activities at Culver City High School, including an update on ASB activities; and last Friday's Talent Show in which twenty percent of the proceeds went to the First Responders of America. She also informed the Board about the activities that took place during Teacher Appreciation Week. Miss Kettering announced that Roy Gonzalez will be next year's Student Board Member.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Robert Zirgulis spoke to some of the coaches on how they taught swimming. He said they taught swimming with a medicine ball, which sounds ridiculous to him. He suggested refurbishing and sustaining the Natatorium with a lease buyback program. Mr. Zirgulis explained how the program would work.
- Tom Salter provided the Board with the spring sports update. Every year they have a Student Athlete of the Year Banquet. This year the scholar award was named the Dave Sanchez Award. This year 27 students were awarded because they had a 3.5 grade point average or higher. He stated that there are eleven sports going on during the spring and provided the updates on placement for each sport. Mr. Salter introduced Marcos White who spoke about the Student Trainer Program and the duties expected of the students. The Board presented certificates to the students who are a part of the Sports Medicine Team.
- Jerry Chabola spoke in support of Mr. White and the job that he does. He stated that Mr. White's position is probably one of the most important in the Athletic Department. Mr. Chabola spoke of the long hours that Mr. White works even though his position is only part time. He suggested that his position be a full-time position. Mr. Chabola also suggested that staff consider going to the elementary school Principals and asking them to check with teachers about which students may need help with their math facts. These students may be able to get help at the Summer Lunch Program.
- Mr. Silbiger stated that he would like to know more about Mr. White's position and how it is funded. Ms. Siever agreed. Ms. Paspalis stated that Mrs. Lockhart is working on it and Mr. White is working on getting his necessary certifications.
- Leslie Gardner spoke in favor of the District pursuing a general bond and getting it on the ballot.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Silbiger confirmed the next CCUSD/City of Culver City Liaison meeting and stated that if anyone has items they would like to see on the agenda to let him know. He announced that he and Mr. LaRose had a really good meeting with Andy Alexander of the Friends of the Youth Health Center and she mentioned that many students do not know what services are available to them. He would like to think of ways to get more information out to the students. Mr. Silbiger announced that visitors for Kaizuka, Japan are coming to Culver City for nine days and the Sister City Committee is looking for a host family with a student in middle school or a 9th grader. He reported on his attendance at the Farragut concert which was great. He was "blown away" by El Marino's String Quartet. He also attended the Middle School's Choir Concert and the AVPA Java Gala. He extended a big thank you to the Kirk Douglas Theater and the Center Theatre Group. He spoke briefly about the AVPA documentary "Bod Mod" which was great and was accepted to the L.A. Film Festival.
- Ms. Siever stated that "Bod Mod" is about youth and body piercing. She thought it was very interesting and is great that our students are performing. She felt that the documentary helps us to understand the reasons or logic behind the piercings. Ms. Siever also spoke about The Alex Mullins Scholarship and spoke about who Alex Mullins was. For those interested in making a contribution towards the scholarship she announced contributions could be sent 4401 Elenda Street. She is very proud of the work that is being done in the District.
- Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the High School concerts; La Ballona's International Dance Festival which was great; and Java Gala where it was really amazing to see all of the different art forms. She attended the 8th grade exit interviews and stated that it is a really good exercise for the students to do. She also briefly attended the 8th Grade Awards Ceremony. Ms. Paspalis spoke about the need for a general bond and thanked Balfour Beatty for getting the master plan for facility improvements together so quickly. She stated that the Board has been talking aloud about the possibility of a bond since January. She does think that it is essential to move forward and give our community the chance to decide what projects might be able to get completed.

12. Information Items**12.1 Budget Update 2012-13 vs, 2013-14 Snapshot**

Mr. Reynolds presented a “snapshot” of the budget for the District comparing 2012-2013 to 2013-2014 highlighting notable changes and assumptions. Mr. Laase stated that under expenditures it did not show the District employee raise of \$800,000, but he does see the Step and Column. Mr. Reynolds provided the explanation of the figures. Mr. Levin had a question about declining enrollment and any losses in revenue. Ms. Paspalis asked Mr. Reynolds if the figure on his handout was just straight ADA. Mr. Reynolds confirmed it was straight ADA. Janet Chabola asked if Mr. Reynolds could break out the election costs. Mr. Reynolds stated that what he has on the paperwork is just an estimate. Further discussion ensued with Mr. Reynolds responding to additional questions.

12.2 SunPower Update on Solar Project

Eric Massara from SunPower provided an update on the District’s solar projects. Robert Zirgulis stated that four years ago the District was spending \$6,000. Chevron Energy Solutions came and they would have virtually cost the District nothing and we would have been saving by now. Mr. Laase asked if there were any plans during the construction phase to have students have access to watch and learn. Mr. LaRose stated that there is a number of educational opportunities that the District is looking at. Dr. Luther Henderson asked how long the life span was and what would the savings be over that time. Mr. Massara didn’t have the information available. Ms. Paspalis Stated that the life span is about 25 years and the saving will be double what we are paying. It would be about eight million dollars. After noticing in his presentation that SunPower had the school start date in September, Ms. Siever informed Mr. Massara that school is actually starting in August next year. She told him that she appreciates the update. Ms. Paspalis would rather see the project done sooner rather than later. She has noticed that the timeframe keeps getting pushed back. Ms. Siever would like to see a corrected timeline. Mr. LaRose thanked Mr. Massara for his hard work and stated he appreciates the work that he did in helping to figure out the Farragut garden issues that arose.

12.3 Blended/Web Based Learning Opportunities for CCUSD – Vision and Next Steps

Mr. LaRose presented information to the Board about a possible blended/web based school in the District. He spoke about what the blended education model would look like and explained that it will combine site-based learning and independent study through technology. In order to proceed, the Board would have to approve the application. He also spoke about how the school would work for K-12 and how it would open up the options for learning such as for independent learners, students needing additional classes, etc. Mr. Zirgulis stated that as a substitute teacher you see a lot of things. As an example he stated that in algebra class he saw a student in the 11th grade who could not multiply. He thinks the school is a good idea. Ms. Siever stated that she is in favor of an Academy. The idea is wonderful, but she is concerned about the budget. Mr. LaRose explained that right now we have the estimate and that staff is just trying to get the approval for the application. We are not locked in to our estimates at this point. Mr. Silbiger stated that he is always in favor of anything that gives students options. He is voting for it but he still has a lot of questions. He wants to make sure that the students are still getting a high quality education, and he admits he is not crazy about the name. Ms. Paspalis also did not like the name. Ms. Paspalis read a question from Ms. Chardiet, who was not present at the meeting. Ms. Chardiet wondered how the program would look for K-5. Mr. LaRose explained that there would be a parent partnership model and explained what it would look like. Dr. Luther Henderson asked if there was a requirement to get the ADA in a blended educational model. Ms. Paspalis sees it as an opportunity for those that cannot quite go to Culver Park, and she sees it as a way we can use it for our expulsion students since now the only Community Day Class is in Hollywood. Mr. Kronfeld agreed to both. Ms. Paspalis also said it might be a way to bring French back to the High School. Jerry Chabola asked if all of the courses have been cleared for requirements. He thinks it is a great idea. Mr. Silbiger wanted to clarify Dr. Henderson’s question was that there is no required time that the student has to be in a class.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

14. Action Items**14.1 Superintendent's Items – None****14.2 Education Services Items****14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #01-12-13**

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Silbiger that the Board approve the Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #01-12-13 to attend another public school as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3– Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2b Approval is Recommended for Staff to Submit the Application for County District School Code

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Silbiger that the Board approve Staff to Submit the Application for County District School Code as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3 Business Services Items**14.3a Approval is Recommended for the Tier III Flexibility Transfers for 2013-2014**

Mr. Silbiger stated that he is okay with the transfers but he wants to make sure that the Board reviews regularly to see if we are using the money where we should be. Ms. Paspalis agreed. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Silbiger that the Board approve the Tier III Flexibility Transfers for 2013-2014 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #18-2012/2013 – Temporary Borrowing Between Funds

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded Mr. Silbiger that the Board approve Resolution #17-2012/2013 – Temporary Borrowing Between Funds as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3c Approval is Recommended for the Year-End Appropriation Transfers

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Year-End Appropriation Transfers as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3d Approval is Recommended for the Proposal from Stradling, Yucca, Carlson & Rauth

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Silbiger, for the purpose of discussion, that the Board approve the Proposal from Stradling, Yucca, Carlson & Rauth as presented. Alan Gafford stated that he spoke to the bond company and he feels that they would be a good fit for the District. Ms. Siever thinks that they have worked for some very credible company. Mr. Silbiger also thinks that they have an impressive listing of past clients. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3e Approval is Recommended for the Proposal from Keygent

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Proposal from Keygent as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4 Personnel Items - None**15. Board Business - None****Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Siever, seconded by Mr. Silbiger and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Siever stated that she would like to adjourn the meeting in memory of the Marcella Franco who was one of the victims of the Santa Monica College tragedy. Ms. Siever knew Miss Franco as she was a student at West L.A. College. Board President Ms. Paspalis adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m. in memory of Marcella Franco, all of the victims of the Santa Monica College shooting tragedy and their families.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary