

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>August 17, 2010</u></b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b><u>District Administration Office</u></b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b><u>4:30 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>
	<b><u>4034 Irving Place</u></b>		<b><u>4:31 p.m. – Closed Session</u></b>
	<b><u>Culver City 90232</u></b>		<b><u>5:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>

**Board Members Present**

**Steven Gourley, President**  
**Scott Zeidman, Esq., Vice President**  
**Karlo Silbiger, Clerk**  
**Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Member**  
**Patricia G. Siever, Professor, Member**

**Staff Members Present**

**Patricia Jaffe, M.S., Interim Superintendent**  
**Ali Delawalla**  
**Gwenis Laura, Ed.S.**

**Call to Order**

Board President Mr. Gourley called the meeting of the Culver City Unified School District Board of Education to order at 4:30 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 5:00 p.m. with four Board members in attendance. Ms. Paspalis was absent for Closed Session, but later was present for the Regular Open Session. Manny Aguirre led the pledge of Allegiance.

**Report from Closed Session**

Mr. Gourley 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. He stated that proposed revisions were discussed that would be made to the chosen Superintendent search firm contract. All Board members agreed to the revision.

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopt the August 17, 2010 agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes; 0 – Nays; and 1 – Absent. Ms. Paspalis was not present.

**9. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Gourley called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 and 9.2 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 3

9.2 Classified Personnel Reports No. 3

**10. Discussion of Criteria and Attributes for Superintendent Search Firm**

Mr. Zeidman recommended deferring this item until the presentations were complete. All Board members agreed.

**11.1 Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**

Mrs. Jaffe introduced one by one the candidates for a prospective Superintendent search firm. The search firms included The Cosca Group, Pro Act, and Dave Long and Associates. After each presentation the representative from each firm responded to questions from the Board and community members present.

The Board recessed from 6:58 p.m. to 7:05 p.m.

**12. – 15. Closed Session – (cont.)**

The Board agreed to bypass a second Closed Session.

The Board agreed to hear comments from Robert Gray. He asked if there was an update on the energy audit. Mr. Delawalla stated he attended a meeting two or three weeks prior and filled out an application for the District to be audited. Mr. Gray also asked about enrollment and adding kindergarten classes. Mrs. Jaffe added that Cathie Vargas from the City had been out on vacation and when Ms. Vargas returns Mrs. Jaffe will discuss with her on the District’s Environmental Committee.

**10. Discussion of Criteria and Attributes for Superintendent Search Firm – (cont.)**

Board members expressed the strengths and weaknesses of the presentations, and what they felt each firm had to offer. After weighing the pros and cons of each company, Mr. Gourley announced that the Board decided to hire The Cosca Group as the Superintendent search firm for the District.

**16. Action Items**

**16.1 Superintendent’s Items**

**16.1a Approval is Recommended that the Board of Education Appoint a Search Firm to Commence the Superintendent Search Process, Contingent Upon the Final Approval of the Consultant Agreement**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board appoints the Cosca Group to commence the Superintendent search process, contingent upon the final approval of the Consultant Agreement. The motion was unanimously approved.

**17. Board Business – (cont.)**

**17.1 Discussion on Board Goals**

Ms. Siever provided a suggested draft format/guidelines for the CCUSD Board of Trustees’ Goals. Board members agreed to provide their suggestions by September 14, 2010 and to have a progress report at the September 28, 2010 meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Ms. Siever and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary