

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>October 12, 2010</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

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

Staff Members Present

Patricia W. Jaffe, 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 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. Christian Monge 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.

7. Public Hearing

7.1 Williams Textbook Sufficiency

Mr. Gourley opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. There being no comments from the audience, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Siever to close the Public Hearing. The motion was unanimously approved. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was suggested by Mr. Gourley to move item 12.1 and 12.2 up on the agenda to follow item 10.1. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to adopt the October 12, 2010 agenda as amended. The motion was unanimously approved. Mrs. Jaffe commented that Mr. Gourley also wanted to move up item 15.3. Mr. Zeidman amended the original motion to move items 15.3 and 12.1 up on the agenda to follow item 10.1. Ms. Paspalis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gourley suggested moving the Consent items to later in the meeting. Board members agreed.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 American Citizenship Awards

Mrs. Jaffe and the Assistant Superintendents read the names and accomplishments of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of October. The recipients were Daniel Miguel Cabrera from El Marino School; Joaquin Krygowski from El Rincon Elementary; Claribel Alcantar from La Ballona School; Emily Wulf from Linwood E. Howe School; Edwin Del Refugio from Farragut School; Taylor Dinwiddie from Culver City Middle School; Christian Monge from Culver Park High School; and Carmen Jovel 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.

12. Information Items

12.1 Environmental Sustainability Committee

Mrs. Jaffe gave a brief overview of how the Environmental Sustainability Committee was approved, and announced the applicants that were appointed to the committee. Mrs. Jaffe thanked all that applied and informed

the Board that she invited the applicants that were not chosen to still feel free to come by the meetings and hear the discussions. Mr. Gourley thanked all that applied, and those that were chosen for their anticipated service. Mr. Gourley stated that he would like the committee to have their first meeting within ten days. Mrs. Jaffe reported that former CCHS student, Jonathan Bressler, will be clerking for Supreme Court Justice, Stephen Bryer.

15. Board Business

15.3 Citizens' Oversight Committee

Mr. Zeidman gave a brief history on the creation of Measure EE and why the committee was being formed. Mr. Gourley read the names of the applicants. Mr. Gourley asked if the Board wanted to hear from anyone in the audience before they voted. There were no questions from the audience or the Board. Mr. Silbiger suggested that each Board member state who they voted for, and whoever received the most votes would be appointed to the committee. The Board agreed. All Board members stated their votes for the applicants. Chosen to serve on the Citizens' Oversight Committee were Crystal Alexander, Tom Cho, Lloyd Dixon, James Harris, and Kelly Weil. The appointment of members will be brought back at the next meeting as a formal Action Item since this committee is a Board appointed committee.

11. Public Recognition

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Madeline Ehrlich stated that she hoped the Board moves forward on a Board Policy regarding the Immersion Program. She commented on how the program at the middle school concerns her, and she provided the Board with recommendations on enhancing the program.
- Jeannine Stehlin asked the Board to please put the Immersion Program back on a future agenda for discussion.

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Jaffe reported that she met with Mrs. Pumilia and Ms. Mina to discuss the Immersion Program. They will continue the discussions with the principals from the high school and middle school to establish a "skeleton" plan on improving the program, and follow-up with an update to the Board. Mrs. Jaffe reported that ACE and CCFT signed off on an agreement for 2009/2010 school year. Additional reports included her attendance at meetings regarding school finance and the budget; her attendance at the high school's Back-to-School Night which was a great success. Mrs. Jaffe followed up on the student's water complaints, and the complaint about bees. She stated that water is available at all of the sites for one dollar, and all of the bees are gone. Mrs. Jaffe also announced that the District will be participating in the Great California Shake-Out.

Ms. Laura reported on her attendance at Culver Park's Back to School Night and stated that it was great. The classrooms were exceptional. She reported that there will be a Parent Forum at El Rincon on November 15th at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Laura also reported on the Envision math training, and stated that the new teachers will also attend an additional half hour of training; and there will be six EL professional development trainings.

Mr. Delawalla reported that the latest budget is disappointing and it is filled with a lot of "gimmicks", and that it was based on deferrals. He gave a brief update on the District's budget.

11.3 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

There is no Culver City Middle School Student Representative at this time.

Culver Park Student Representative

Sandra Maldonado, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the Shirt/Sweatshirt Design Contest; the upcoming Student Council Meeting to discuss Halloween activities; and trip planning by the history teacher.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Jamie MacIntosh, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the high school's Blood Drive; the Pakistani Flood Relief fundraiser; Spiritwear and aluminum water bottles going up for sale; the Homecoming activities; the House of Representatives meeting; the Breast Cancer Research Drive through Yoplait; student concerns about a window that is in bad condition; and the students wearing purple on October 20th to encourage tolerance.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Silbiger stated that he was impressed with the Parent Portal and student participation. He reported on the Education Foundation Fundraiser and stated that it was great. He provided the Board with an update on the DCAT (District Community Arts Team) meeting that he attended. He stated that the team would like to have an art liaison at all of the school sites, and they were working on getting parents involved from each school. Mr. Silbiger stated that Sony's representative on DCAT spoke about some of the financial support that Sony has contributed to the District. Mr. Silbiger thanked Mrs. Jaffe for her hard work on the committee application process and wondered if it was time to bring discussions back on re-establishing CBAC. All Board members agreed that it was time to have the Administrative Regulation brought back for discussion.
- Ms. Siever reported on her attendance at the high school's Open House and stated it was great. She spoke about how much she enjoyed seeing the History Department and the large number of parents that attended. Ms. Siever will be attending a CSBA meeting on October 16th as the District's representative, and she stated that she is representing the District not only on a local level but on a state level also.
- Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the College Faire at the high school. She stated that there were over 100 colleges in attendance and it was a great success. She extended congratulations to staff for putting together such a great event. Ms. Paspalis also reported on her attendance at the Education Foundation's Fundraiser; and her visit to Linwood Howe Elementary.
- Mr. Zeidman reported on his attendance at the Education Foundation Fundraiser and the Back to School Night events. He thanked Mr. Silbiger, staff at the City, and the District staff for their hard work in getting the last Board meeting moved to City Council Chambers.
- Mr. Gourley thanked the City for allowing the District to hold a Board meeting in their Chambers. He thanked Ms. Seiver on moving quickly to get to all of the required meetings as she represents the District. Mr. Gourley also thanked prior students of the District, Nicole Martin and Josh Kahn, for coming back to offer their help in District activities. He would like to hear about the budget and wants to do our duty to make sure budget items are handled in a timely fashion. He does not want to hear about "what the budget is **not** going to be." If the money is not there, he does not want those numbers included.
- Mr. Silbiger clarified that previously he was not requesting any additional presentations on the budget. He just wanted to find out about the SMART goals, action plans and intervention. No data.

Ms. Siever moved to proceed to item 15.2. Mr. Zeidman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business – cont.**15.2 Capital Projects**

Mrs. Jaffe presented a list of capital projects to the Board. Alan Elmont suggested listening to Mr. Delawalla and his recommendations. He encouraged the Board to make the decisions on what should be done and spend the money that has been just sitting for a number of years. Dave Sanchez supported the use of capital funds for enhancing the fields. He spoke about the benefits of a synthetic turf, the safety issues that would be improved by a synthetic turf, and the environmental benefits. Raul Garcia asked that the money be spent wisely, and for items to benefit the entire District not just one group. Kevin Mitchell stated that he was proud to hear about the student that had gone on to get a position as a Supreme Court Clerk. He spoke in favor of making repairs to Robert Frost Auditorium. Jerry Chabola stated that it would be more productive to talk about working together in using the funds for capital projects. He stated that it very important not to pit one project against the other. Students have to be the nucleus on any decisions made. Carlos Valverde spoke about the activities that take place at Robert

Frost Auditorium. He also agreed with Mr. Chabola in that there needs to be a process figured out where everyone is working together. He stated that both Robert Frost and Helms Field are both symbols of pride within the District. Todd Johnson spoke about strategy and making standards in using the funds. He encouraged the Board to think about the very important items on the list, and items that would drop the costs of running the District. Robert Gray stated that he was happy that Board wanted to finally use the funds, and encouraged energy efficiency. Mr. Zeidman stated that for years both he and Mr. Gourley have been trying to get the money spent, but kept getting told that we had to be leery of the budget, moving money around, etc. He asked Board to give direction to Mr. Delawalla to start getting information on the repairs to Robert Frost. Mr. Silbiger thought that the Board should spend as much money as possible. He thought that leaving \$3.5 million in deferred maintenance was a little high. The items that he would like to see looked at are the Natatorium and energy saving improvements. He also agreed with Mr. Zeidman that Robert Frost and the artificial turf also need to be looked into. Ms. Siever felt that safety, the greatest benefits to the District, and revenue are her three key points. She thought that Robert Frost was a wreck, there was a need to look into the elevators, and the synthetic turf needed to be researched. She would like to see how these items look financially. Ms. Siever thanked faculty and students for coming. Ms. Paspalkis would like to see the synthetic turf, the elevators, Robert Frost, and the Natatorium looked into. She suggested having the Booster Clubs look at the smaller projects on the list. Ms. Paspalis asked for the expenditure on the gallons of water being used on the fields. Mr. Gourley liked the idea of having Letters of Intent brought forth on the projects. In regards to the budget, he stated he is going to go with Mr. Delawalla's suggestions because he does not want any future Board to look up and hear that there is no money for deferred maintenance projects. Mr. Gourley thanked everyone for coming. Further discussion ensued. It was finally agreed to move forward on getting an RFP for the field and the elevators.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:52 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

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. Ms. Paspalis requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. Ms. Siever requested that item 9.4 be withdrawn. Mr. Silbiger requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn.

9.3 Acceptance of Enrollment Report

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 7

9.6 Culver City Middle School Cheerleading Team to Attend the Jamz Cheerleading National Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 18-19, 2011

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 28, 2010

Mr. Silbiger requested that this item be withdrawn to make a correction to item 10.1 and change the last name of Claudia Descal to Vizcarra; to change in item 10.1 that the Board agreed to bring back the discussion on the Immersion Program; and on item 11.5 to add that he asked and got consent to bring back the discussion on the role of the student Board member.

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Ms. Paspalis inquired about PO 55767. Mr. Delawalla stated that the charge was for staff training for Special Education. Ms. Paspalis inquired about PO 55893. Mr. Delawalla stated it was for data collection. Ms. Paspalis inquired about PO 55897. Mr. Delawalla stated it was for the Success Maker software. Mr. Silbiger inquired about PO 55888. Mr. Delawalla explained it was for three employees to attend a seminar and it was registration only.

9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 7 and

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Ms. Siever just wanted to say thank you for providing a summary, and commended Elisa Gonzalez and Maria Gomez for doing such a great job in providing the information.

9.6 Approval is Recommended for Culver City Middle School Cheerleading Team to Attend the Jamz Cheerleading National Competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 18-19, 2011

Mr. Silbiger asked if there were any liability issues with parents driving the students. Ms. Laura responded no. Mr. Silbiger stated his concern about student missing a day of school. Ms. Laura confirmed that there was no funding being lost.

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 as amended, and 9.2 – 9.6 as presented as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. Information Items – cont.**12.2 First Reading of Revised Board Policy 5131.5, Students – Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti**

Mr. Zeidman had one change, and Board members discussed any revisions. The Board Policy will be brought back with revisions for approval.

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 #19-10 to Attend Public School**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #19-10 to Attend Public School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy Administrative Regulation 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Revised Board Policy Administrative Regulation 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for the Supplemental Educational Services Master Contract (pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act) and Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent to Enter into Contracts with Supplemental Educational Services Providers

Mr. Gourley inquired about how the District goes about reviewing the insurance. Ms. Laura informed the Board that confirmation of insurance goes through the Business Department. Further discussion ensued. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the 2010-2011 Supplemental Educational Services Contract and Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent to Enter into Contracts with Supplemental Educational Services Providers as amended. Mr. Gourley moved to add the LEA as an additional insured on the policy. He felt that the District should see the LEA on the policy as an additional insured. Mr. Gourley moved to remove the prior motion. Ms. Siever seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. It was then moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to amend the contract to include the LEA as an additional insured on the policy. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2d Approval is Recommended for Resolution #6 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Resolution #6 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2e Approval is Recommended for the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP)

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2f Approval is Recommended for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2g Approval is Recommended for the Williams/Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Williams/Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Uniform Complaints as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 1 – Nay by Mr. Gourley.

15. Board Business

15.1 Board Goals and Objectives

Mr. Zeidman suggested having a Special Workshop to further discuss the Boards’ goals and objectives. The Board agreed.

15.4 Use of City Council Chambers

Board members agreed that Mr. Silbiger would get additional information from the City to move the District’s Board Meetings permanently to the City Council Chambers and bring the information back to them.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Ms. Paspalis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary