

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>October 26, 2010</u>
Place:	<u>District Administration Office</u>	Time:	<u>6:30 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>4034 Irving Place</u>		<u>6:31 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 6:30 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:05 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Judith Martin Straw 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 California Department of Education General Waiver Request for the 2011/2012 Open Enrollment Act

Mr. Gourley opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. There being no comments from the audience, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to close the Public Hearing. The motion was unanimously approved and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman to adopt the agenda with the amendment to move item 14.2b up on the agenda to follow the Adoption of Agenda. Ms. Siever seconded the motion with an additional amendment to move item 15.2 up on the agenda to follow 14.2b since the principal, Amy Anderson, was present and so students could hear the discussion. The motion was unanimously approved to adopt the agenda as amended.

14. Action Items

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2b Approval is Recommended for the California Department of Education General Waiver Request for the 2011-2012 Open Enrollment Act

The item was moved by Ms. Siever for discussion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gourley. Mrs. Jaffe explained to the Board why the General Waiver was needed for Linwood Howe Elementary, and stated that the school was not supposed to be on the list of low-performing schools. Mrs. Jaffe informed the Board that she spoke to a representative at the California Department of Education who confirmed that the schools were put on the list of low-performing schools by way of a formula, and not necessarily test scores. Ms. Paspalis, Mr. Gourley, and Mr. Zeidman all commented on how they thought that the Open Enrollment Act was an ill written bill. Mr. Gourley commended Mrs. Jaffe on how quickly she acted in getting information on the waiver upon notification that Linwood Howe was on the list of one thousand low-performing schools. Mr. Zeidman stated that the Board has to take certain actions, and there should be a policy in place that is written correctly to address the requirements of the Open Enrollment Act (Romero Bill). Amy Anderson, principal at Linwood E. Howe,

addressed the Board and stated that during this time there has been an outpouring of support from the parents. She also thanked the Board for their support, and told them that additional information will be brought to them when she makes her presentation at a later meeting. The motion to approve the California Department of Education General Waiver Request for 2011-2012 Open Enrollment Act was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gary Abrams asked what the Board was doing to resolve issues at Linwood Howe such as volunteers that have been waiting for approval; and the lack of a librarian. Mrs. Jaffe stated that she would follow-up with Human Resources regarding the volunteers and that there are a few reasons why the applicants have not been cleared to date such as waiting on fingerprint clearance. Mr. Gourley explained that the Board approved 19 hours for a librarian, and the current librarians will rotate around the school sites.

15. Board Business

15.2 Student Board Member Voting

Mr. Silbiger commented that he served as the Board's Middle School Representative, and that the title of the High School Representative was changed to Student Board Member so they could report additional information, or cast an advisory vote. He suggested potentially adding an advisory vote to be listed in the minutes. Mr. Zeidman cited an Education Code that stated the Student Board Member could cast a preferential vote which is already being done. Ms. Siever spoke about her discussion with CSBA regarding the matter and read part of a CSBA policy where it stated the Board can vote to give the Student Board Member preferential voting rights. She thought it was important that the Student Board Member be able to cast a vote and not just share knowledge on what was happening in the school. Mr. Zeidman stated that he would rewrite the policy, and he did not have an issue with the Student Board Member having a preferential vote. Mr. Gourley stated that he accepted the proposal to grant an advisory vote. It was agreed the Board Bylaw would be brought back for a first reading.

Mr. Gourley briefly stated his frustration with not hearing back from CSBA regarding a letter that he wrote asking for a recall of their top officials. Ms. Siever stated that CSBA offered to come to one of the District's meetings to address any questions. Mr. Gourley stated he did not want them at a meeting, he wanted a response to his communication and wants the officials voted out.

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

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 12, 2010
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 8

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders

Mr. Silbiger inquired about PO# 55924 to Culver City Rotary. Mrs. Jaffe explained that the amount represented membership fees due from when Dr. Coté was acting Superintendent. Mr. Silbiger inquired about PO# 55926 to Maleman Ink. Mrs. Jaffe explained that we have used Mr. Maleman's services for years and the amount was payment for the month of public relations work which includes the e-mail blasts of Culver Currents. Mr. Silbiger inquired if the services that Mr. Maleman provided had been bid out. Mr. Gourley asked Mr. Delawalla at what amount does the District have to bid out a project. Mr. Delawalla replied \$70,000. Ms. Paspalis inquired about PO# 55947. Mr. Delawalla explained that the amount was a projected amount for language, speech, and occupational therapy.

9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 8

Ms. Paspalis pulled this item to clarify that the extra assignment for El Marino was being paid out of the FLAP Grant. It was also asked if there was a teacher necessary in detention. Mrs. Jaffe stated that it was in the certificated contract and it was also a site decision.

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations - None

11. Public Recognition

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Jaffe reported that OCD and the elementary principals have started working on updating their educational plans, and stated the plans would be coming to the Board for approval. Mrs. Jaffe updated the Board that the Environment Sustainability Committee had met for the first time. Todd Johnson would serve as Chair and Ms. McKernin would serve as Co-Chair of the committee. The next meeting will be held on November 18th at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Jaffe reported that she met with Tracy Pumilia and Mina Shiratori from El Marino regarding the Immersion Program. They will be holding a meeting with K-12 parents, administrators and staff at the secondary schools to develop a strategic plan, and she will provide the Board with a progress report in January. Mrs. Jaffe commented on her attendance at CCEF'S event recognizing the District's business partners. The event was great. She also announced that Cameron DeFarria was announced as the 1st place winner in the Latino Heritage Month Creative Writing Contest.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Laura reported that the Gifted and Talented notifications were going to be mailed out soon; the Envision Math professional development for elementary teachers would be taking place the following week; the AVPA's presentation of "Cootie Shots" to the elementary students would promote the District's message of anti-bullying.

Mr. Delawalla reported that both he and Mr. Mike Korgan, Director of M.O.T., attended a workshop called "Protect your Investment" in relation to synthetic turf. He is also working with the Office of Public Schools Construction to secure a grant to assist with the synthetic turf and elevator projects. He provided the Board with an explanation of the process to secure the grant. Mr. Delawalla also provided an update on deferral funds and securing a loan for the District.

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 twenty-three ROP students that are beginning internships. Miss Maldonado will be interning at Old Navy is very excited. She also reported that Student Council is hosting a pumpkin carving contest; the Clare Foundation coming to the school for drug and alcohol counseling; and the Culver City Youth Health Center will be having counseling groups at the school.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Jamie MacIntosh, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the upcoming tailgate party on the lawn and Homecoming events; the upcoming high school Talent Show auditions; and the high school letterman sweaters being ordered. Miss MacIntosh also suggested having some of the student help in the elementary libraries for service hours. Mrs. Jaffe thought this was a good idea and suggested that Miss MacIntosh contact Mr. Romo in the library.

11.4 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Todd Johnson thanked the Board and the District for putting together the Environmental Sustainability Committee. As the Chair of the Committee, he had a few questions regarding how the Board wanted him to communicate with prospective vendors. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Gourley and Mr. Zeidman suggested that Mr. Johnson proceed with getting as much information as he can, but he cannot act on

behalf of the District as a whole.

- Robert Gray commented that Farragut had their Fall Festival which turned out great. He also shared with the Board some of the feedback that he has received regarding capital improvements.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Siever stated that she went to a CSBA meeting on Saturday and a LACSTA meeting. She will attend Homecoming at the high school; and as Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Commission she reported that they are working with the students from the high school on the Martin Luther King Day event.
- Ms. Paspalis reported that she observed GLearning at La Ballona and the students were intent on learning and she was glad it was in the District. She also announced that the AVPA was bringing The Laramie Project to Black Box starting November 12th. Ms. Paspalis stated that she thought it was great that the “Cootie Shots” program is coming to the elementary schools.
- Mr. Silbiger thanked Mrs. Jaffe for providing an update on the Immersion Program. (He stated that the Board set some specific direction and he would like the next update to be based more on a discussion.) Mr. Silbiger reported that the State Controller released salary information on cities, but not education. He stated that it would be interesting if staff put the District salaries on the website. He also reported that the City will be hearing a proposal to approve a 7-11 opened by the high school. He suggested the Board may want to write a letter with their position on the matter.
- Mr. Zeidman provided an explanation of Safe Routes to School and announced that Linwood Howe was a recipient of grant funds to implement the Safe Routes to School construction. He reported that he attended the football game Friday night and a parent was upset about the District’s policy of no in-and-out access during a game. Mr. Zeidman also made several announcements of upcoming events including a car show, and Fall Festivals.
- Ms. Siever inquired if it was possible to have a goals and objectives workshop on November 30th. Further discussion ensued. It was decided that the workshop would be scheduled at a later date, preferably, the same day that the next Special Meeting would be scheduled to discuss the Superintendent search.
- Mr. Gourley stated he was glad to hear about the “Cootie Shots” program. He reported that he has been working with Mock Trial and there are some excellent students in the program. Mr. Gourley stated that he spoke to a Council Member regarding the 7-11 Store proposal and told them that a representative could come to a Board meeting and speak. He reiterated that he has still not received a response to his letter from CSBA. He received a letter from a Council Member stating it was nice that the District could make a football field and not pay teachers. In regards to the Safe Routes to School Program, Mr. Gourley hopes that there is also safety information for the students such as walking their bikes across the street, and following the rules of the road and walkways. He stated that CCFT has told the District that they are not ready to meet. The District will be meeting to bargain our proposal. He confirmed that the Board is trying to work out labor issues in a timely fashion.

12. Information Items

12.1 First Reading of Administrative Regulation 4218, Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action

The Board reviewed any revisions and there were no suggested revisions. The Administrative Regulation will be brought back for approval.

12.2 First Reading of Administrative Regulation 3100, Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Mr. Zeidman suggested that CBAC not be a Brown Act committee since there were so many members on it. He felt it should be a Superintendent’s committee. Mr. Silbiger suggested staggering terms, and he did not feel that the Assistant Superintendent should be the Chair. Mr. Silbiger also suggested having a student representative and a representative from MACCS. He would also like to see an agenda and minutes for this committee. Ms. Siever thought that the goals and objectives looked more like educational goals. She made her suggestions. Mr. Zeidman agreed with her and suggested to just delete all of the goals and objectives. Further discussion ensued. The Administrative Regulation will be revised and brought back to a later meeting.

12.3 Budget Update

Mr. Gourley asked Mr. Delawalla if the State budget was in flux. Mr. Delawalla replied that it was so Mr. Gourley did not feel the need to continue with the presentation. Ms. Paspalis wanted to hear the report because there were funds cut from Special Education. Mr. Delawalla gave a brief update.

13. Recess

The Board agreed to bypass recess.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent’s Items

14.1a Appointment of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve to appoint Crystal Alexander, Tom Cho, Lloyd Dixon, James Harris, and Kelly Weil to serve as the first official members of the Citizens’ Oversight Committee as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Service Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Second Reading of Revised Board Policy 5131.5, Students – Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti

Ms. Siever suggested some revisions. She will fax them to Mrs. Jaffe. It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Revised Board Policy 5131.5, Students – Vandalism, Theft and Graffiti as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business – (cont.)

15.1 Use of Council Chambers for All Culver City Unified Board Meetings

Mr. Silbiger stated that he attended a City Council meeting and they decided that the topic of the District using their chambers would be agendized in a few weeks. Mr. Silbiger also requested that they forego the \$1,500 charge.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Mr. Zeidman and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary