

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>November 9, 2010</u></b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b><u>District Administration Office</u></b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b><u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>
	<b><u>4034 Irving Place</u></b>		<b><u>6:01 p.m. – Closed Session</u></b>
	<b><u>Culver City 90232</u></b>		<b><u>7:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u></b>

**Board Members Present**

**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 Vice President Mr. Zeidman 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 four Board members in attendance. Mr. Gourley was absent. Miss Brittney Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Report from Closed Session**

Mr. Zeidman 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**

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board adopt the November 9, 2010 agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. Consent Agenda**

Mr. Zeidman called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Mr. Mielke requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. Ms. Siever requested that items 9.4, 9.5, and 9.8 be withdrawn. Mr. Silbiger requested that items 9.6 and 9.7 be withdrawn.

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 and 9.3 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 26, 2010

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

**9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants**

Mr. Mielke inquired about PO #55971 and asked who attended the academy. Mr. Delawalla responded that the Director of Human Resources attended. Mr. Mielke inquired about about payment for PO # 55975 which was paid for by the FLAP Grant; PO # 55978 which was for a Title 3 Conference that was required; and PO# 55979 which was a monthly payment. Ms. Siever inquired about PO#55980. Mr. Delawalla explained that it was an open Purchase Order for legal services; therefore, the entire amount might not be spent.

**9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 9**

Ms. Siever withdrew this item to thank Mr. Delawalla and the Human Resources staff for including the funding source on the reports. She requested the information on the remaining balances in the accounts. Mr. Delawalla explained that the information on balances is reported approximately every three months. Ms. Siever inquired about item Ia, and wondered why there was a revision. Mrs. Lockhart, Director of Human Resources, explained that when the teacher was first hired it was as a temporary assignment. The report was revised to reflect her move to probationary status. Ms. Siever also inquired about item Ib and asked why there was no ending date. Mrs.

Lockhart explained that due to the nature of the students IEP, the ending date does not get published. Ms. Siever asked what CUELA meant in item Ik. CUELA stands for Computer Users of Los Angeles.

#### **9.5 Approval is Recommended for the Classified Personnel Reports No. 9**

Ms. Siever inquired about what Workability meant. Mrs. Lockhart explained it was a placement for the special education students.

#### **9.6 Approval is Recommended for the Culver City High School Students and Teachers to Attend the Sojourn to the Past Field Trip through Southern States, February 17-26, 2011**

Mr. Silbiger withdrew this item to get additional information on the ADA regarding the trip. Ms. Laura explained that the students attending the trip are not considered absent because a teacher will be going with them.

#### **9.7 Acceptance of the Enrollment Report**

Mr. Silbiger withdrew this item to request that Mr. Sotelo provide the Board with the permit information for the middle school and high school in his Friday Memo. Mr. Zeidman agreed with this request.

#### **9.8 Internship Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District and Loyola Marymount University**

Ms. Siever withdrew this item to inquire how much the agreement would cost the District. Mrs. Jaffe responded that the teachers are in a program, but they also teach, so there are no costs to the District.

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve items 9.2, and 9.4 – 9.8 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

### **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 November. The recipients were Steere Hesseling from El Marino School; Alexandra Gillett from El Rincon Elementary; David Cadena from La Ballona School; Mavi Kolesnikow from Linwood E. Howe School; Abigail Kim from Farragut School; Aubree Flores from Culver City Middle School; Andreina Barajas from Culver Park High School; and Trevor Johnson 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.

### **11. Public Recognition**

#### **11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Jaffe reported on the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation that was given to the District by Senator Curren Price. His office also provided all of the schools with Red Ribbon Week bookmarks. Mrs. Jaffe reported on her attendance at events throughout the District which included the Classic Car Show, and the La Ballona Festival. She attended the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting and the Citizens' Oversight Committee will have their first meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Jaffe stated that the immersion staff has met and prioritized the issues at hand to consider expanding the program, and Ms. Shiratori has been meeting with the middle school students to discuss the immersion program. Mrs. Jaffe toured the middle school with Councilmember Scott Malsin, and they were both impressed by the use of technology in the classrooms. The middle school was honored as one of the top three schools in the nation addressing bullying. Mrs. Jaffe also reported on her site visits to El Rincon, the Office of Child Development classrooms, and Linwood Howe.

#### **11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Ms. Laura reported on her department focusing on the integration of the arts as part of the Arts Integration Partnership (AIP). Walk-thru visits have taken place over the past two weeks at the elementary and middle school levels to focus on how art is being integrated into the curriculum. The other goal was to open up the dialogue with the principals on what constitutes quality arts education. Ms. Laura reported that the second DCAT meeting of the year had taken place and they were focusing on their strategic plan for the Arts for All. She stated that the

Anti-Bullying Task Force will hold a parent forum on the upcoming Monday; and the Envision Math has concluded training.

Mr. Delawalla reported that the Unaudited Actuals were audited, and he anticipates a report to the Board in January.

### **11.3 Student Representatives' Reports**

#### **Middle School Student Representative**

There is no 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 students volunteering at El Marino for the Undokai events; an ex-Culver Park student came back to the school to complete his studies; some of the students interning at Old Navy were hired permanently; and the school will be having a Young Mothers Group coming soon.

#### **Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member**

Jamie MacIntosh, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including team sports updates; the Talent Show auditions; the ASB Menchies fundraiser; the Red Cross Blood Drive; the AVPA's performance of The Laramie Project; the sale of cardigans to celebrate the school's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; the success of Homecoming events; and the performance by Stepping in the Right Direction at the high school.

### **11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Davie Mielke stated his concerns of the relationship between the teachers and the District. He stated that the relationship has improved, but there is still a little tension. Mr. Mielke expressed that the Union was given ultimatums from the Superintendent's staff. He explained that CCFT was a little behind and it was partially due to it being an election year. He stated that the Union has sent out a survey to the teachers, and that he also has to deal with a Board just as the Superintendent has a Board.

### **11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Paspalis reported that she briefly attended the Car Show and it was great. She commented that it was nice to see Mr. Mielke at the meeting since he had not been for some time. Ms. Paspalis requested to see a draft of the Immersion Program policy. All Board members agreed with her request.
- Mr. Silbiger reported on his attendance at the La Ballona Festival and stated he was impressed with the amount of people in attendance. He also attended the Booster Club's Car Show and thought it was a creative way of fundraising. Mr. Silbiger stated it was near the end of his first year serving on the Board, and he was proud of the Board's accomplishments over the past year. One item that he has asked about is the Natatorium. Ms. Paspalis asked Mr. Delawalla if he could provide an update on information regarding the capital improvements. Mr. Silbiger asked the Board if they would want to hold off on the Natatorium. Mrs. Jaffe stated that there is a discussion happening with Janice Pober of Sony regarding possible uses at the site. Mr. Zeidman stated he would like to see the Natatorium on the agenda until something is done. All members present agreed. Ms. Siever asked Mr. Delawalla for an update on the other projects previously discussed by the Board. All members present agreed. Mr. Silbiger announced that the Mayme Clayton Museum was looking for students to do cataloguing for service hours. The museum has the second largest collection of African artifacts.
- Ms. Siever commented on how great the Mayme Clayton Museum was and agreed that they do need help on cataloguing. She reported on her attendance at Homecoming and congratulated the football team on their victory. Ms. Siever also thought the cheerleaders were great. Ms. Siever would like to see the goals and objectives brought back to a meeting as soon as possible. Mrs. Jaffe said that the workshop to discuss the Boards' goals and objectives will follow a Special Meeting for discussion

with the Superintendent search firm that has yet to be scheduled. Ms. Siever will have a meeting with Pam Magee, Principal at Culver City High School, to discuss developing more of a relationship with West Los Angeles College.

- Mr. Zeidman stated that he was thrilled with the choice of King and Queen of Homecoming and the message that was sent by the choice. He reported that Homecoming was a great event. Mr. Zeidman reported on his attendance at several other events throughout the District including La Ballona's Fall Festival, the Booster Club's Car Show, and Udokai. He stated that the Booster Club has been working on the Casino Night Fundraiser which will take place on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Zeidman commented that in reviewing the work of the Board over his last three years, most of the work has been done over the past year.

## **12. Information Items**

### **12.1 First Reading of Board Bylaw 9150, Student Board Members**

Mr. Silbiger provided his suggestions on additional language and Board members further discussed when the Student Board Member should speak. Miss MacIntosh stated that she personally would rather wait to speak until after the Board so that she could hear what they have to say. Ms. Siever suggested that the Culver Park Representative might also get a preferential vote. She also encouraged the students to get training. Mr. Silbiger asked that Miss MacIntosh get feedback from students if she sees an item on the agenda that she thinks the Board should have additional information on. Additional discussion ensued. Board members agreed that the revisions made were fine and the Bylaw will be brought back for approval.

### **13. Recess**

Board members agreed to bypass Recess.

## **14. Action Items**

### **14.1 Superintendent's Items - None**

### **14.2 Education Services Items – None**

### **14.3 Business Items**

#### **14.3a Approval is Recommended for Budget Revisions to the General Fund**

Mr. Delawalla stated that the State passed a budget on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> and Ed Code required that each District update their budget within 45 days after a budget is passed. He is asking that the Board approve the budget revisions which will increase the revenue by approximately \$275 per ADA. Mr. Mielke stated that had the Union been rushed to settle negotiations prior to finding out about additional money, there would have been a problem. He stated that he does not know why CCUSD is pushing for the Union to settle, but the person needs to sit down with Mr. Delawalla and hear what the facts are and understand that at this point the numbers coming from the state are not accurate. Ms. Siever inquired as to where the additional money is coming from. Mr. Delawalla explained that the money is actually deferred and the District would not receive the money until July 2011. Mr. Zeidman asked if the District was still deficit spending. Mr. Delawalla responded yes. Further discussion ensued. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Budget Revision to the General Fund as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

#### **14.4a Second Reading and Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 4218, Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action**

Ms. Siever asked how "severity" was being defined in the Administrative Regulation. Mrs. Lockhart responded if the violation falls within any of the severity clauses. Ms. Siever requested to add identifications and/or before "characteristics" in item 1t for clarification. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Mr. Silbiger to approve Revised Administrative Regulation 4218, Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action as amended. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**15. Board Business**

**15.1 Use of Council Chambers for Culver City Unified Board of Education Meetings**

Mr. Silbiger stated that he had hoped to come to the Board meeting with better news. He attended the City Council meeting and they requested that the District sent them a written request for use of the Chambers. The Board agreed for Mrs. Jaffe to forward a letter requesting use of the Chambers for the District’s Board meetings. Alan Elmont asked that if the meetings get moved to the City Chambers that a sixth chair be added for the Student Board Member as per Board policy.

**15.2 Call for Nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly**

Mr. Zeidman nominated Ms. Siever to be nominated to the CSBA Delegate Assembly. Ms. Paspalis seconded the nomination. The formal nomination will be brought back to the next meeting as a formal Action Item.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Ms. Siever and approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board Vice President Mr. Zeidman adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary