

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>January 11, 2011</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**

**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. 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 all Board members in attendance. Daniel Cadena 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.

**7. Public Hearing**

**7.1 School Accountability Report Card (SARC) 60 Day General Waiver Request**

Mr. Zeidman opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m. There being no comments from the audience the public meeting was closed at 7:14 p.m. Mr. Gourley asked why there was a Public Hearing. Ms. Laura explained that the state is giving a 60 day general waiver to provide information regarding the School Accountability Report Card (SARC). By law there must be a Public Hearing.

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. Zeidman proposed moving item 12.1 up on the agenda to follow item 10.1. The Board agreed to the amendment. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to adopt the January 11, 2011 agenda as amended. 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 Mielke requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. Mr. Silbiger requested that items 9.1, 9.4, 9.5, and 9.6. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.3 and 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.7 Approval is Recommended for the School Accountability Report Card (SARC) 60 Day General Waiver Request

**9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – December 14, 2010**

Mr. Silbiger withdrew this item to add in item 7.2 that he requested to add “all students” to the Resolution in support of the Immersion Program, and it was agreed to by the Board. He also corrected a typographical error in item 10. On the third line it should read 10.1 instead of 20.1.

**9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders**

Mr. Mielke withdrew this item to inquire about a purchase order for travel expenses for Special Projects. Ms. Paspalis inquired about all the charges on page one and notes that there was approximately \$400,000 worth of expenses. She inquired if the charges were all for special education. Mr. Delawalla confirmed.

**9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 11**

Mr. Silbiger withdrew this item because he did not agree with items on the report that had already taken place. He does not want to get items for approval after the person has already started employment. He requested to pull the individual items so that he could vote no on them. Ms. Siever asked why the items were being brought to the Board late. Mrs. Lockhart explained that there were various reasons such as some were already approved, but had an error on the report, so the item was brought back for a second approval; and the issue of their start date and the dates of the Board Meetings. Ms. Siever suggested that if an item is brought to the Board late that there be a brief explanation provided with the item.

**9.5 Approval is Recommended for the Classified Personnel Reports No. 11**

Mr. Silbiger withdrew this item for the same reason as item 9.4. The discussion from 9.4 also applies to this item.

**9.6 Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Student Achievement – Culver Park High School**

Mr. Silbiger withdrew this item so that he could request that a little more detail be included in the Single Plan for Student Achievement. Mrs. Turner agreed that the Single Plan could include additional information and it would be included on the next submission process. She explained that Single Plan for Student Achievement was due during the time she was also preparing the application for the WASC credentialing so the Single Plan was not as detailed as it could have been.

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve item 9.1 as amended; and item 9.2 and 9.6 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve item 9.4 1a and 2 as presented. The Board unanimously approved.

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the remainder of the items in 9.4 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 1 – Nay by Mr. Silbiger.

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve item 9.5 #2 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve the remainder of items in 9.5 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 1 – Nay by Mr. Silbiger.

**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 January. The recipients were Isabel Musselman from El Marino School; Sarai Zedingil from El Rincon Elementary; Daniel Cadena from La Ballona School; Eva Gibbs Zehnder from Linwood E. Howe School; Alex Uribe from Farragut School; Airin Wadley-Wright from Culver City Middle School; Jake Winkelman from Culver Park High School; and Elena Silva 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.

**10.2 Spotlight on Education - Culver Park High School**

Marianne Turner, Principal at Culver Park High School, presented the Board with information on the current events at the high school. Mrs. Turner also reviewed data information. Students from the school shared with the

Board their positive experiences during their attendance at the school. Board members thanked Mrs. Turner and the students for a wonderful presentation. Mr. Mielke commented that as a previous teacher at Culver Park High School he is happy to hear how things have progressed at the school and the success they are experiencing. Ms. Siever stated that love and respect is important to our students, and thanked Mrs. Turner and staff for caring so much. Ms. Paspalis commented that she appreciated the efforts of Mrs. Turner and staff. Mr. Silbiger inquired about the graduations requirements which Mrs. Turner stated are the same as at the high school. He also asked about how the students are earning so many credits. Mrs. Turner explained that they earn credits in a number of ways included online courses and courses offered at West Los Angeles College. Mr. Zeidman congratulated the Student Representative from Culver Park, Sandra Maldonado, on the award she received.

## **12. Information Items**

### **12.1 Update on Facility Renovations**

Mr. Delawalla provided information on proposed renovations at Culver City High School and Culver City Middle School involving the athletic field. Mr. Zeidman asked if the funding from the state in the amount of \$4 million could be used for any other project. Mr. Delawalla stated that it could not. Mr. Silbiger inquired about what \$2 million would cover in renovations at Robert Frost Auditorium. Mr. Delawalla responded that the amount would cover expenses for air conditioning, the seats, and curtains. Ms. Paspalis asked if the weight room would remain where it is currently located. Mr. Delawalla responded that all structures would stay where they are currently located and that the portables would need to be moved about 25 feet. Doug Stanger stated that he appreciated all of the Board's hard work and he was excited to hear about the proposed plan. He feels that it benefits not just the schools, but the whole community. Jerry Chabola commented that he believes it is the absolute best thing for the students. As a community member the new field would bring a sense of pride to the community. Dave Sanchez liked the words that Mr. Stanger used when he stated "athletic complex" in his comments. Mr. Sanchez stated that the proposal serves more than two sports and the students would be proud. Lloyd Dixon was very excited to see the plan. He stated he had looked at many school fields and they made ours look worse. Mr. Dixon supports the proposal. James Clary-Wilson stated that he supported the field proposal, but he was a little disappointed that more was not being done at Robert Frost. Mr. Zeidman asked Mr. Delawalla if there would be future presentation regarding plans for Robert Frost. Mr. Delawalla confirmed there would be. Ms. Siever stated she was happy to hear that the field would be occupied by November. Ms. Paspalis asked what the state grant was contingent upon. Mr. Delawalla responded that the District would have to establish eligibility. He further explained the application process. Mr. Silbiger requested to get Power Point presentations with the agendas. He also asked if the other two projects were going to get put off for another couple of years, specifically the natatorium. Ms. Paspalis suggested that if there are state modernization funds for athletic fields there might be one for the natatorium. Mr. Zeidman asked Mr. Chabola about how the District would accommodate events such as graduation and the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show with a synthetic turf. Mr. Chabola explained that there is an interlocking panel system that can cover the turf. He said that the Booster Club could raise funds to purchase the panel system.

## **11. Public Recognition**

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

Mrs. Jaffe provided an update on the Environmental Sustainability Committee and stated that TRANE is finalizing their report. She reported that the Citizens' Oversight Committee will meet on January 26<sup>th</sup>; that she received a school petition from a charter school; the Immersion Program is being updated and Ms. Paspalis is the Board representative; and a pilot program for Mandarin Chinese is being looked at. Mr. Jaffe also reported on her school site visits, and her joining Jon Pearson on a tour for parents at the middle school. She congratulated the entire staff at the middle school for their hard work. Mr. Jaffe stated that the District rated a Level 2 on CALPADS which meant that the District did not have any fatal errors on the report. Culver Currents in Print was delivered to homes prior to the Winter Break and commendations were given to Geoff Maleman, Nancy Burne, and Barbara Clark for their great work on the publication. Mrs. Jaffe also confirmed that surveys have gone out regarding the Immersion Program and the District calendar.

**11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Ms. Laura reported that the Bell Schedule Survey has been posted on the website and will continue through January 18<sup>th</sup>. The survey is available to parents and staff. She reported that the new health book adoption is moving forward and the funding source is the state lottery money for schools. Ms. Laura reported on the reconvening of the Arts Integration Committee, and DCAT updating their strategic plan. The next Anti-Bullying Committee meeting will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at El Rincon.

Mr. Delawalla reported on the 2008/2009 Workers' Compensation and how the District now owes money to the insurance company. Mr. Gourley asked if there was room for negotiation. Mr. Delawalla responded no. Mr. Delawalla also provided a brief update on the Governor's budget.

**11.3 Student Representatives' Reports****Middle School Student Representative**

Sophia Greenberg, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including the ASB meeting activities; Parent Tours; the Butterfly Garden Beautification; the Pennies for Patients fundraiser; the Valentine's Day Dance on February 10<sup>th</sup>; Valentine O'Grams; and ideas for activities during the third quarter of school.

**Culver Park Student Representative**

Sandra Maldonado, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the Girls Club recommencing; the CDE Design your Own Magazine opportunity; Student Council starting back up; and she showed the Board her drawing that was showcased in Culver Currents in Print.

**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 Cold Stones and Daphne's upcoming fundraisers; the Mega Yard Sale fundraiser that she is trying to plan as an opportunity for all programs to raise funds; the Link Crew's Cook and Cram; the Sadie Hawkins Dance on March 19<sup>th</sup>; the boys basketball and girls soccer teams doing great; Senior Bests nominations; Random Acts of Kindness Day; the ASB mixer; Jr. Class Prom; the ASB applications process; and she stated good luck to seniors on the applications to college.

**11.4 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- David Mielke hopes that students will also be able to participate in the Bell Schedule Survey. He pointed out that in the Culver Park presentation, it was stated that the students have to be 16 ½ to participate at the school. He wanted to remind the Board that there needs to be some sort of intervention in the District for younger students. He reported that PERB was able to get settled. Mr. Mielke stated that bargaining will be taking place on Thursday for this school year, and noted that the District does not pay for the rise in health care costs. He also stated that he hopes the unions will have an opportunity to provide input regarding the Superintendent search.
- Madeline Ehrlich announced that the District will be celebrating 40 years of immersion and talked about the events that will be taking place. She stated that La Ballona's Immersion Program has also been invited.
- Jerry Chabola announced Casino Night on February 26<sup>th</sup> at Vets Auditorium.
- Dave Sanchez commented that he could not think of a finer candidate for Superintendent than Mrs. Jaffe.

**11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Silbiger will be sending a letter to our legislative representatives regarding the budget. He also inquired about the selection process for the Strategic Planning Committee at El Marino because he received an e-mail from a well respected individual that was not on the committee. Ms. Paspalis provided the information. Mr. Silbiger asked if students could be included in the Bell Schedule Survey. Ms. Laura confirmed. Mr. Silbiger asked when the CBAC discussion would be returning. Mr. Zeidman stated in two weeks. Mr. Silbiger would

like to the topics of evaluations, and intervention especially regarding special education students on a future agenda.

- Ms. Paspalis stated how disappointed she was that students were not included in the Bell Schedule Survey. She commented that she felt that all three recent Special Board Meetings that were held were very productive.
- Ms. Siever commended the Board on all of their hard work. She would also like to be a part of the discussion Special Education.
- Mr. Gourley congratulated Mr. Silbiger on his election to the Democratic Club. He agreed to attend a meeting at the County Hall of Administration on the 19<sup>th</sup> regarding permits and stated he would like to invite someone that has knowledge on permits in the District.
- Mr. Zeidman commented on his attendance at the high school basketball game and said it was great.

### **13. Recess**

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

Ms. Siever showed a short informational presentation on the events that will take place at the upcoming Martin Luther King Day Celebration. Ms. Siever also commended Mrs. Pam Magee, Principal at Culver City High School, for all of her contributions to the upcoming event.

### **14. Action Items**

#### **14.1 Superintendent's Items**

##### **14.1a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #9-2010/2011 In Support of the Immersion Program in Culver City Unified School District**

Ms. Paspalis noted the change that Mr. Silbiger suggested and requested that the original paragraph that she submitted be included back into the Resolution. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Resolution #9-2010/2011 In Support of the Immersion Program in Culver City Unified School District as revised. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **14.2 Education Services Items**

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

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Silbiger 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 3 – Ayes and 2 – Nays by Mr. Gourley and Mr. Zeidman.

#### **14.3 Business Items**

##### **14.3a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #7-2010/2011 Approval of Assignment of Delinquent Tax Receivables**

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Resolution #7-2010/2011 Approval of Assignment of Delinquent Tax Receivables as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **14.4 Personnel Items**

##### **14.1a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #8-2010/2011 (HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Vacant Position**

It was confirmed that this item was submitted to make a seven hour position into a five hour position. It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve Resolution #8-2010/2011 (HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Vacant Position as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Paspalis, seconded by Mr. Gourley and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Zeidman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary