

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>July 28, 2009</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

Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., President
Saundra Davis, M.A., Vice President
Steven Gourley, Clerk
Scott Zeidman, Esq., Member
Dana Russell, D.D.S., Member

Staff Members Present

Myrna Rivera Coté, Ed.D., Superintendent
David El Fattal, M.B.A.
Gwenis Laura, Ed.S.
Patricia Jaffe, M.S.

Call to Order

Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos 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. Mr. Kevin Kronfeld led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Dr. Beagles-Roos 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 Specific Waiver Request – Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program

Dr. Beagles-Roos opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. Dr. Coté explained the specifics of the Waiver such as why the Waiver was being requested and submitted. There being no comments from the public, it was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to close the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was closed and Regular Session was resumed at 7:06 p.m.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis to adopt the July 28, 2009 agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Dr. Beagles-Roos called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Karlo Silbiger requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn. Janet Chabola requested that items 9.4 and 9.5 be withdrawn. George Laase and Mr. Zeidman requested that item 9.2 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.3, and 9.6– 9.8 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.6 Student Teacher Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District and California State University, Northridge

9.7 Annual Destruction of Class III Records

9.8 Disposal of Surplus Equipment

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – June 23, 2009

Mr. Silbiger withdrew this item to request a review of the Minutes, and for item 14.1b to reflect that Mr. Zeidman stated that Mr. Gourley's suggestion of taking a tier approach to salary cuts is still possible. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve the Minutes as suggested. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes, 1 – Nay, and 1 – Abstention from Dr. Beagles-Roos since she was not present at this meeting.

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Mr. Laase withdrew this item to suggest that the starting date on the Purchase Requisitions indicate July 1st instead of June 27th. Mr. El Fattal explained that the dates are a system that is used throughout the County and not the District. Dr. Beagles-Roos inquired about a purchase order for Xerox. Mr. El Fattal explained that it was for the annual contract. Mr. Zeidman inquired if some of the purchase orders were open. Mr. El Fattal confirmed that some of the purchase orders were open. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve purchase orders from June 27, 2009 through July 17, 2009; and warrants for June 12, 2009 through July 16, 2009 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.4 Approval is Recommended for Certificated Personnel Reports No. 2 and**9.5 Approval is Recommended for Classified Personnel Reports No. 2**

Janet Chabola inquired as to what impact the rehired personnel are having on the budget. Mr. El Fattal responded that most of the rehires are included in the adopted budget, and he discussed the impact on the budget. It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Certificated Personnel Reports No. 2 and Classified Personnel Reports No. 2 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations – None**11. Public Recognition****11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté, with the hopeful approval of the Board, introduced Kevin Kronfeld as the new principal of Culver City Adult School. Dr. Coté read a brief bio of Mr. Kronfeld's accomplishments. Mr. Kronfeld thanked the Board for the opportunity to work in the district. Dr. Coté reported on 2008-2009 school year issues that were being finalized; the addition of more students and trying to level out class size; the Governor's conference call that she listened in on; and her meeting with the President of West Los Angeles College and members from City Hall. She also congratulated staff members Leslie Lockhart and Asuncion Romo on their new babies.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Laura reported that she attended the Rock and Mineral Club event where she accepted a donation on behalf of the District. Ms. Laura reported that there will be a staff development in August in partnership with the Music Center. It will be a five day institute to learn about integrating the arts in the curriculum.

Mr. El Fattal reported on the State Budget and stated that he does not have numbers yet but he will bring the information to a future meeting.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jerry Chabola inquired about the 2009-2010 school calendar and if the students' attendance would be tracked due to the changes made in the calendar year, such as starting school before Labor Day. He also inquired as to why there are two weeks off and then fifteen academic days back in school before testing starts at the secondary level. Mr. Chabola commented on the overgrown grass at Linwood Howe Elementary and Helms Field. He asked when the rental fees would be increased for using the fields.

11.4 Members of the Board of Education

Board Members spoke about:

- Mrs. Davis requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of two LAUSD teachers Howard Manson and Marvin McMahon. She stated how she is looking forward to proceeding with the parcel tax measure. Mrs. Davis also commended the District on how staff has handled the budget crisis, and commented that the future of the school system is scary.
- Mr. Zeidman reported that he met with Senator Price and Senator O'Neil and he discussed the concerns of the District. He informed audience members the Board was going to vote on Wednesday to proceed with the parcel tax and asked for everyone's help with getting it passed. Mr. Zeidman stated that he was happy to see that three of the candidates for the Board were present. He commented that Helms Field was

looking really bad and inquired if deferred maintenance funds could be used to put concrete down so people are not walking through dirt and mud to get to the field. He would also like to hear what has been done with the Anti-Bullying Committee.

- Dr. Russell stated that he was happy with the district website, and that it was nice to hear about the arts programs. He agrees with Mr. Chabola on tracking information on how the calendar changes are affecting student attendance. Dr. Russell commented on correspondence received from the County stating that the district's budget might not be approved, and stated that cuts should be made sooner rather than later.
- Mr. Gourley inquired if information that was made available during Closed Session could be made public in regards to his suggestion of a tier approach to budget cuts. Dr. Coté replied that it was a negotiable item so it could not be made public at this time. Mr. Gourley stated the bottom line was that it would not be enough.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos commented that she thought the parcel tax mailer was done very well. She stated she wanted to clarify a response that she made the previous night in regards to the ballot for the parcel tax measure and what would it fund. She also addressed a question that was raised about teacher quality or effectiveness. Dr. Russell interrupted and stated he was not questioning teacher quality or effectiveness, he was talking about whether or not the District could use standardized test scores to evaluate teachers. Dr. Beagles-Roos stated that the topic of teacher evaluations could be agendaized. Mr. Gourley and Dr. Russell agreed to agendaize the item.

12. Information Items

12.1 Enrollment Report

Mr. El Fattal presented the report to Board members.

12.2 "Going Green" Program Update

Mr. El Fattal and Mike Korgan, Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation, presented information on their joint efforts in assisting the District in going "green." Jerry Chabola commented that whoever oversaw the refurbishing of the bathrooms neglected to place urinals in the boy's bathroom. He suggested the classrooms have automatic light switches, and stated the District would save money if Helms Field did not need to be watered. Mr. Zeidman suggested having a computer round-up for the community to raise money. Dr. Russell commented that he has heard of issues with the motion sensitive lights. Dr. Beagles-Roos agreed with Mr. Zeidman on his suggestions for additional fundraising efforts.

13. Recess

The Board agreed to bypass recess.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items

14.1a Second Reading and Adoption of Board Bylaw 9100, Organization

Karlo Silbiger gave suggestions on how to elect the Board president. Additional discussion ensued about how the president would be elected. Dr. Beagles-Roos brought up a point about what happens if all eligible Board members have served as president. Dr. Russell suggested removing "ever holding" from the second paragraph under Election of Officers, and replacing it with "having held." Board members agreed to this revision. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve Board Bylaw 9100, Organization as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Specific Waiver Request – Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Specific Waiver Request – Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Valenzuela/CAHSEE Lawsuit Settlement Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2009 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes, and 1 – Nay by Mr. Gourley.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for the 2009/2010 Culver Adult School Adult Education Program

Mrs. Davis inquired about ADA and classes that there were charges for. Ms. Laura responded to her questions. Dr. Beagles-Roos inquired if there were any changes in the ADA classes. Ms. Laura responded no changes that she was aware of. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the 2009/2010 Culver City Adult Education Program as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Items

14.3a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #5/2009-2010 – Impact of Reduced State Funding on CCUSD

Mr. Gourley inquired if the vote for this item had to be unanimous because he would not vote for it unless he had to. He felt that the item was about bureaucracy. Mr. El Fattal responded the he does not have to vote for it should that be his choice. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve Resolution #5/2009-2010 Impact of Reduced State Funding on CCUSD as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes, and 1 – Nay by Mr. Gourley.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for Budget Revisions

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve budget revision to the General Fund as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4. Personnel Items - None

15. Board Business – None

16. Public Recognition – Continued

16.1 Members of the Audience

Member of the audience spoke about:

- Jerry Chabola inquired as to why two of the elementary schools were having their Back to School Nights on the same night. Dr. Russell commented that it was curious to him that after all of the discussion last year on this matter, there were still two schools having the event on the same night.

16.2 Members of the Board

Board members spoke about:

- Dr. Beagles-Roos congratulated the District staff members who recently had babies. She’s also happy that the Board decided to proceed with the parcel tax.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Russell, seconded by Mrs. Davis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. in memory of Howard Ransom and Marvin McMahan.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary