

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>September 8, 2009</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**

**Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., President**  
**Saundra Davis, M.A., Vice President**  
**Steven Gourley, Clerk**  
**Scott Zeidman, Esq., 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 four Board members in attendance. Dr. Russell was not in attendance. Mr. Jon Pearson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Dr. Beagles-Roos announced that the meeting would be adjourned in memory of Dr. Russell's father.

**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 the reportable action to release seven part time temporary adult school teachers from employment was taken with a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Nays, and 1 – Absent.

**8. Adoption of Agenda**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board adopt the September 8, 2009 agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**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. No items were withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.5 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

- 9.1 Minutes of Special Meeting – June 23, 2009 and Regular Meeting – July 14, 2009
- 9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 4
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 4

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations - None**

**11. Public Recognition**

**11.1. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté introduced Richard “Rick” Barclay, the new Assistant Principal at Culver City Middle School, and Ian Drummond, the new Assistant Principal at Culver City High School. Dr. Coté reported that unfortunately this year's STAR test results had not been shared with school districts and that she anticipated receiving the information on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Laura will present a complete analysis of the District's achievement results at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting. She reported that the classrooms are quite full at both the elementary and secondary levels, and the administration and counseling staffs at the middle and high schools are working on balancing the enrollment in all classes. Additional reports included the districtwide focus which remains

“building a culture of continuous improvement;” Inside Edition being at Farragut to film students as they watched President Obama’s education message; and the upcoming dates for Back to School Nights.

**11.2 Assistant Superintendents’ Reports**

Ms. Laura reported on her meetings with the program specialists to make adjustments due to the budget cuts; the scheduling of meetings for the school year for the Anti-Bullying Committee and DCAT; and the writing program that was successful at La Ballona Elementary now being implemented at El Rincon Elementary.

Mr. El Fattal reported that he will be presenting the Unaudited Actuals, and he extended commendations to Mr. Ali Delawalla and the rest of his staff for all of their hard work.

Mrs. Jaffe reported on her visits at Back to School Night events and complimented classified and certificated staff for an excellent opening of school.

**11.3 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Karlos Silbiger extended in invitation to an upcoming education Town Hall Meeting at El Rincon Elementary. David Mielke stated he was glad to see that some of his students in attendance. He reported that the Union has signed a tentative agreement; and that his Executive Board took a “yes” position on the parcel tax measure. Mr. Mielke commented that whatever the teachers can do to help get the measure passed they are behind it.

**11.4 Student Representatives' Reports**

**Middle School Student Representative**

No Culver City Middle School Student Representative was present.

**Culver Park Student Representative**

Jessica Romo, Culver Park High School Student Representative, was not present.

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

Noya Kansky, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including getting WASC accreditation, and getting together a school focus group; the school trying to put emphasis on community service and trying to make November the official month to observe community service; the Club Assembly will be replacing the Motivational Assembly to introduce the clubs to all students; and the upcoming college fair.

**11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Zeidman thanked all of the students from coming and encouraged the students to get involved with the upcoming elections. He introduced the Board Member candidates that were in attendance.
- Mrs. Davis welcomed everyone back to a new school year, and she took notice that items on the agenda were standard business and the items did not look like problematic issues. She stated that she attended the Fiesta La Ballona which was very nice.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos requested to amend a Resolution for the parcel tax. Mr. Zeidman and Mr. Gourley agreed. She stated that President Obama’s speech on education was nice and it was great to see our students participating. Dr. Beagles-Roos attended the Fiesta La Ballona and reported that the District’s booth was very busy and thanked the staff for doing such a great job. She also reported on the upcoming Education Foundation fundraiser; a letter from the Los Angeles County Office of Education stating the District’s budget was conditionally approved; and the ICEF Charter Schools building a high school within Culver City.

**12. Information Items****12.1 Presentation of 2008-2009 Unaudited Actuals**

Mr. El Fattal and Mr. Ali Delawalla presented the Unaudited Actuals, and reviewed what categorical funds were swept from restricted funds to unrestricted funds. Mr. Gourley commented to those that have not attended a meeting before and explained how the state is handling the state budget in regards to education. Mrs. Davis explained that the County expects the District to show that it is solvent. Dr. Beagles-Roos inquired about an ending balance and asked if there will be more in 2009-2010. Mr. El Fattal provided further explanation.

**12.2 Presentation of Energy Conservation and Facilities Modernization Plan**

Mr. El Fattal introduced Suzanne Gentini from Chevron Energy Solutions who assessed the District for energy conservancy and efficiency. They presented an initial overview of a comprehensive Energy Conservation and Facilities Modernization project. Mr. El Fattal requested to have a Board Workshop in the near future to further discuss this topic. Robert Zirgulis congratulated the Board for “doing something right.” He urged students to get involved with the elections and help him with this campaign if they are interested. Jerry Chabola stated that he was aware of the great work done by Chevron. Mr. Gourley stated he was looking forward to the next step. All Board members agreed that they would like to see a workshop agenda to discuss the next steps in the plan.

**13. Recess**

The Board recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

**14. Action Items****14.1 Superintendent’s Items****14.1a Approval is Recommended for the Superintendent’s Core Beliefs and Goals for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Dr. Coté provided information on her Core Beliefs and Goals. She also spoke about communication and community relations, and responded to questions from audience members. Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested changing the word “adopt” in the motion to “approve.” Mr. Zeidman seconded the change in wording. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Superintendent’s Core Beliefs and Goals for the 2009-2010 school year as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 Nays.

**14.2 Education Services Items****14.2a Approval is Recommended for a New Course at Culver City High School: Transition 101/Career Development**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve a New Course at Culver City High School: Transition 101/Career Development as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays. Robert Zirgulis commented that he was in agreement with these courses but he thinks having only ten or eighteen students is not enough. The developmental information is very important to students transitioning out of school. He also stated that the Board needs to look at offering internships

**14.1a** There was a late comment from Patricia Sievers where she stated that she wanted to commend the Superintendent on her Goals, and asked if the Superintendent’s goals were the same for the Board. Dr. Beagles-Roos clarified for audience members that their questions for an item have to be addressed at the time the item is called.

**14.2a Approval is Recommended for a New Course at Culver City High School: Transition 101/Career Development**

After comments from Mr. Zirgulis, Mr. Zeidman suggested re-voting on the matter to make sure no one’s mind had changed. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve a New Course at Culver City High School: Transition 101/Career Development as presented. The motion remained approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**14.3 Business Items**

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

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve a budget revision to the General Fund as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**14.3b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #8/2009-2010 – Temporary Borrowing Between Funds**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Resolution #8/2009-2010 – Temporary Borrowing Between Funds as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**14.3c Approval is Recommended for the 2008-2009 Unaudited Actuals**

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve the 2008-2009 Unaudited Actuals as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

**14.4 Personnel Items - None**

**15.1 Board Business – None**

**16. Public Recognition – Continued**

**16.1 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Janet Chabola commented on the bad traffic around the schools and gave examples of few incidents that have happened.

**16.2 Members of the Board**

- Mr. Zeidman addressed Mrs. Chabola’s comments and stated that the City is supposed to working on a “Safe Passage” grant, and he announced the next Candidates’ forum.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos commented that she liked the educational component in the presentation made by Chevron.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Zeidman requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Dr. Russell’s father and Mike Layona. There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Mrs. Davis and approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m. in memory of Dr. Russell’s father and Mike Layona.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary