

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>September 22, 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. Middle school student Rachel Lewis 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.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board adopt the September 22, 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. No items were withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 through 9.4 as presented. Janet Chabola inquired if the Minutes were in fact for July 27, 2009 and not the previous meeting. Dr. Beagles-Roos confirmed that they were as stated. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – July 27, 2009

9.2 Purchase Orders

9.3 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 5

9.4 Classified Personnel Reports No. 5

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 Spotlight on Achievement – Districtwide Accountability

Ms. Laura provided an overview of student achievement throughout the District and explained the accountability system. Her presentation consisted of a Power Point Presentation showing the API and AYP scores districtwide, and she discussed how the District will move forward. Karlo Silbiger thanked Ms. Laura for presenting the information and shared additional information that he would be interested in hearing. Board members commended Ms. Laura on her presentation and expressed how proud they were of the students and staff. Mr. Gourley commented on how much time is wasted on the NCLB requirements. Further discussion ensued.

11. Public Recognition**11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté reported on enrollment being monitored and the attempts being made to balance enrollment in the classes. She stated that she is proud that our schools did very well and the District is doing a fine job trying to close the achievement gap. Dr. Coté reported on her meeting with the Fineshreiber Foundation and expressed her gratitude for their financial support to the District. She informed the Board of her upcoming meetings.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Laura reported on an application being written for a new Enhancing Education Through Technology grant to promote proficiency in technology by the eighth grade, and provided details of what the funding would cover. She also reported on upcoming professional development opportunities, and the staff at El Rincon Elementary being trained on the "Being a Writer" Program.

Mr. El Fattal reported that the independent auditors were at the District last week to prepare for the 2008-2009 Independent Audit.

Mrs. Jaffe gave an update on CBEDS and how the procedure for teachers to provide the necessary information has been simplified. She complimented the IT Department, and commended Diane Lococo on how much time she spent inputting the information.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Robert Zirgulis shared brainstorming ideas to bring in money for the District such as selling some of the District's property and having a buyback provision. He also stated he would like a Resolution against the City for wasting money frivolously on lawsuits; and commented he was in support of the Dog Therapy Program.
- Arielle Singer commented on the 8th grade math textbooks and felt there should be a separate copy provided to the students for home and school use.
- Anneliese Meyer commented on the 8th grade math textbooks and would also like a copy for home and a copy for school.
- Craig Singer commented on textbooks and stated that the 8th grade math textbook was the only one where an extra set was not given.
- Karlo Silbiger stated that he also went to the Middle School and when he attended he did not have a locker so he had to carry his books. He recalled in the 90s when the music program was cut due to budget issues, and he thanked the Board and staff for not cutting the programs. Mr. Silbiger extended an invitation to a performance by AVPA students at the High School.
- Rachel Lewis announced information for this year's Blood Drive on October 8th and extended an invitation for the community to show support.
- Kathy Paspalis confirmed the next Anti-Bullying Committee meeting date.

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

The representative for the Culver City Middle School was not 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 an update on the College Fair; the upcoming Homecoming game; an upcoming assembly showcasing the clubs on campus; the House of Representatives meeting and possibly assigning them additional duties; and the high school students earning service learning hours by helping the teachers.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Mrs. Davis commented on her attendance at the Back to School Night events and stated how she loved the continuity in what the schools were doing. She was happy to see what the students, teachers, and administration were achieving. Mrs. Davis was also glad to hear the presentation about the District's test scores, and stated she felt sorry for the issues the students were facing in regards to their textbooks. She stated she previously asked about charter districts and requested additional information. Dr. Coté responded that charters are being done across the country, but usually in large urban districts. She further explained a little about how the charter districts run the schools, and stated that there will be a full report at a later meeting. Mrs. Davis requested the information to see if it would help our district financially.
- Mr. Zeidman thanked the students and principals for coming to the meeting. He stated that he received a number of complaints about students sitting on stools in the classrooms because they were too crowded, and the cafeterias running out of food.
- Dr. Russell commented that if the complaints regarding the lack of food at the schools are valid, he would hope that it is not a surprise to administrators. He stated that he sympathizes with the students regarding the textbook issues that they spoke about.
- Mr. Gourley stated that he would like to hear more about the textbook situation, and the possibility of having the textbooks online. He thanked the students for coming to the meeting and providing public service by stating their issues regarding the textbooks, and making announcements such as the Blood Drive. He also inquired about a disagreement between the City and the District over who cleans and maintains the bathrooms at Helms Field after the games.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos thanked the students for coming to the meeting. In regards to the textbooks, she stated how hard it was to make the decisions on the budget cuts and she thinks she will need to go back and review the costs of the textbooks. She agreed that she would like to hear follow up information on the lack of food in the cafeteria. Dr. Beagles-Roos reported on her attendance at the Back to School Night events and stated that she enjoyed going to the two SIP classrooms at La Ballona. She spoke about CCEF and their upcoming fundraisers, and provided updates to the Board on DCAT's meeting and the Friends of the Culver City Youth Health Center.

12. Information Items**12.1 Compensation Report of the Members of the Board of Education**

Mr. El Fattal presented an annual report to the Board listing the cost to the District for all expenditures paid out on behalf of each Board Member during the 2008-2009 fiscal year. George Laase stated that the simplicity of the report is there, but there was still not a clear column showing Board reimbursements. Further discussion ensued. Board members expressed that they did not have a problem with showing reimbursements.

12.2 First Reading of Board Bylaw 9250 – Remuneration, Reimbursement, and other Benefits

Mr. El Fattal presented the Board Bylaw to Board members. Audience members and Board members provided their opinions on possible revisions. Dr. Russell stated he felt there should be a budget for new Board members to attend the CSBA conference. The Bylaw will be brought back for another reading and approval.

13. Recess

The Board bypassed recess.

14. Action Items**14.1 Superintendent's Items****14.1a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #9/2009-2010 – The Governing Board of the Culver City Unified School District to Support Measure EE**

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve Resolution #9/2009-2010 – The Governing Board of the Culver City Unified School District to Support Measure EE as presented. Mr. Gourley asked Dr. Russell if he could withdraw his motion so that Mr. Zeidman could move the motion. Dr. Russell

withdrew. It was then moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve Resolution #9 as previously stated. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services Items – None

14.3 Business Items – None

14.4 Personnel Items – None

15. Board Business - None

16. Public Recognition – Continued

16.1 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jerry Chabola stated that the restrooms by the tennis courts used to be cleaned by staff from the City. He expressed his hope that the District will one day have a synthetic field such as some of the other schools. Mr. Chabola commented on the need for a full-time athletic trainer, and he gave updates on the athletic teams.

16.2 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Dr. Russell commented that he thought the District had money available for facilities.
- Mrs. Davis commented in reference to the food issue at the schools and stated that many times students will contact Board members and not staff. Therefore, staff may not know about food getting low.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos briefly spoke about attending conferences and that she has found the CSBA conference interesting. She reiterated that there is no money allocated for new Board members to attend and that includes the student Board member. Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested adjourning the meeting in memory of Eric Santos Linbauer.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Gourley, seconded by Mrs. Davis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m. in memory of Eric Santos Linbauer.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary