

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>October 13, 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
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 three Board members in attendance. Mrs. Davis and Mr. Gourley were absent. Tracy Pumilia 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 Williams Textbook Sufficiency

Dr. Beagles-Roos opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Laura gave an introductory presentation. There being no comments from the audience, Dr. Beagles-Roos closed the public hearing at 7:06 p.m.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the October 13, 2009 agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – 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. Mr. Zeidman requested that item 9.4 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.3 and 9.5 – 9.7 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 - Nays.

9.1 Minutes of Special Meeting – June 29, 2009; Regular Meeting – July 28, 2009; Special Meeting – August 5, 2009; and Regular Meeting – September 8, 2009

9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 6

9.6 Resolution #10 – 2009/2010(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.7 Resolution #11 – 2009/2010(HR), Teacher Education Code Approvals

9.4 Approval is Recommended for Certificated Personnel Reports No. 6

Mr. Zeidman withdrew this item to remove item 1h from the report. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve Certificated Personnel Reports No. 6 as revised. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**10.1 American Citizenship Awards**

Dr. Coté and the Assistant Superintendents read the names and accomplishments of each school's recipients of the American Citizenship Award for the month of October. The recipients were Jess Cadena from El Marino School; Isabel Parra from El Rincon Elementary; Kyle Nomura from La Ballona School; Paul Morales from Linwood E. Howe School; Alexander Marotti from Farragut School; Ahmad Osman from Culver City Middle School; Anthony Sandoval from Culver Park High School; and Arnaldo "Ivan" Aquino 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 Student Achievement – El Marino Language School

Tracy Pumilia, Principal of El Marino Language School, presented the school's student achievement results as measured in both state and federal accountability systems. Mrs. Pumilia responded to questions from Board members and the audience.

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

Dr. Coté reported on her first parent and employee forums, and stated that all of the Back to School Nights had been completed. She expressed her gratitude to Westfield Shopping Center for their donation to the District. Dr. Coté announced the upcoming flu vaccination clinics that the District will be hosting and provided the dates, times and locations. She extended commendations to the school nurses who worked very hard to make the vaccinations available. Dr. Coté announced to the Board her upcoming schedule of activities.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Laura thanked Mrs. Pumilia for her presentation. She reported on the newly adopted math curriculum; the professional development opportunities; and the new teachers Open Court training. Ms. Laura provided an update on the Anti-Bullying Committee and stated that students will be receiving a questionnaire to provide their perception on bullying. She also announced that there will be a pre-school parent participation day for students and their parents with special needs.

Mr. El Fattal reported on the District participating in the upcoming California Shake Out on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. He announced that enrollment has increased, and that the Governor is anticipated to be signing off on new legislation soon.

Mrs. Jaffe reported on the Westfield Shopping Center Grand Opening event, and how well the high school band and cheerleaders performed. She stated that Mr. Pearson from the Middle School and Mrs. Magee from the High School received five thousand dollars each as a donation from Westfield. Mrs. Jaffe was happy to report that the District now has twelve newly tenured teachers.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Robert Zirgulis inquired about what the District was going to do about the natatorium. He stated that he has made a proposal to sell it to investors and the proceeds could be used to help the budget deficit. He asked the Board to open up the natatorium and give investors the opportunity to give proposals. Mr. Zirgulis also stated that he thought the therapy dogs were a great idea and would like to see the program in all of the schools.
- A letter from Martin Feinberg regarding a proposal for the natatorium was submitted for inclusion with the Minutes.
- Dee Seehusen commented on the advantages of having ROTC at the high school, and expressed that ROTC is not a preparation for the military.
- Students of AVPA gave a presentation on this year's student art exhibition.
- Kristine Hatanaka provided information on a national program called Art21 Educators of which she was one of the fifteen teachers chosen to participate.

- Nadia Hamud expressed her concern that the District does not acknowledge Islamic holidays.
- Gary Haddick from Remax Alliance Group commented on sale leasebacks in regards to a possible idea for the natatorium.
- Robert Gray stated it would make no sense for the Board to sell the natatorium. He stated he attended Back to School Night and some teachers mentioned that classes were larger and he was under the impression that the Board agreed not to increase class sizes. Mr. Zeidman stated that the Board decided that class sizes would not increase at the Middle School and High School, and asked for additional information on this topic. Dr. Beagles-Roos and Dr. Russell agreed that they would like follow-up information.

Dr. Beagles-Roos welcomed Evan Wilson as the new Middle School Student Representative.

11.4 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

Evan Wilson, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including students brainstorming for new Halloween activities; the magazine drive; and the upcoming Pennies for Patients Drive.

Culver Park Student Representative

Jessica Romo, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including students seeing a play called "Eclipse;" the school getting two new counseling groups; and an update on the new HeArt Project for this year with a theme called Backyard/Front Porches.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Noya Kansky, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the success of Back to School Night; an update on the first House of Representatives meeting and the Representatives' new duties; the first Blood Drive of the year; an update on the first Club Fair; the ASB Fundraiser being this week; the sophomore Vice President election; Homecoming activities; and Club Luau on October 30th.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Dr. Russell reported on his attendance at Back to School Night events and stated that everyone appeared to be very enthusiastic. He also gave commendations to Kristine Hatanaka for the great work that she is doing.
- Mr. Zeidman reported on his attendance at the Westfield and Best Buy events. He also attended Back to School Night events and stated that they were all great. Mr. Zeidman expressed his appreciation to the students and parents for all of their fundraising efforts. He discussed the traffic problems at the schools and suggested having another liaison meeting with the City. He relayed a message from Mr. Gourley where he was inquiring how many students being expelled the last two years were on a permit.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos thanked Kristine Hatanaka for reminding the Board about the upcoming AVPA event. She reported that the Education Foundation was working on a fundraiser, her attendance at Back to School Night events and the Westfield opening. Dr. Beagles-Roos also provided the Board with an update on the last DCAT meeting. She asked the Board if they would agree to agendaize Board Policy 3290 for review. Dr. Russell and Mr. Zeidman agreed.

12. Information Items

12.1 Enrollment Report

Mr. El Fattal presented the report to Board members. Karlo Silbiger commented that he reviewed the report and inquired about capacity amounts. Alan Elmont also inquired about the capacity amounts for the classrooms. Patricia Siever stated that information regarding the optimum enrollment numbers for classrooms is available online. Therefore, the Board did not have to do a lot of research on the matter.

12.2 Food Service Department Operational Update

Julie Garcia, Food Services Director, gave a presentation providing an update on the operations of the Food Service Department. She responded to questions from audience members and Board members. Board members thanked Ms. Garcia for her presentation.

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:50 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

14. Action Items**14.1 Superintendent's Items****14.1a Approval is Recommended for Revision to the Employment Contract between CCUSD and Dr. Myrna Rivera Coté as Superintendent**

George Laase inquired why there was a change in the contract days. Mr. Zeidman explained that it is not a reduction in work days, and that it is to actually match other management contracts. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Revision to the Employment Contract between CCUSD and Dr. Myrna Rivera Coté as Superintendent as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2 Education Services Items**14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #01-09**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #01-09 until June 2010 and that the student enroll in County Community Day School. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #12 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve Resolution #12 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP)

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – nays.

14.2d Approval is Recommended for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instructional Materials as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2e Approval is Recommended for the Supplemental Educational Services Master Contract (pursuant to the (No Child Left Behind Act) and Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent to Enter into Contracts with Supplemental Educational Services Providers

Ms. Laura explained the necessity of this item to Board members. It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Supplemental Educational Services Master Contract (pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act) and Delegation of Authority to the Superintendent to Enter into Contracts with Supplemental Educational Services Providers as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos 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 0 – Nays.

14.3 Business Items**14.3a Second Reading and Approval of Board Bylaw 9250-Remuneration, Reimbursement, and other Benefits**

George Laase inquired if a vote on this matter should wait on the other two Board members to be present. Mr. Zeidman explained that there was already a quorum present so it did not matter if the other two Board members were present. Mr. Laase commented on the importance of accountability. Board members expressed that they had no problem with the Bylaw and were in favor of accountability. It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve Board Bylaw 9250-Remuneration, Reimbursement, and other Benefits as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve a Budget Revision to the General Fund as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3c Approval is Recommended for a Budget Revision to the Deferred Maintenance Fund

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve a Budget Revision to the Deferred Maintenance Fund as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3d Approval is Recommended for a Budget Revision to the Adult School Fund

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve a Budget Revision to the Adult School Fund as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3e Approval is Recommended for Food Service Payment and Collection Policy

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Food Service Payment and Collection Policy as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3f Approval is Recommended for Rejection of Claim

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve the Rejection of Claim as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4 Personnel Items**14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #13-2009/2010 (HR), Action to Partially Rescind Resolution #27-2008/2009 (HR) (Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel)**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve Resolution #13-2009/2010 (HR), Action to Partially Rescind Resolution #27-2008/2009 (HR) (Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel) as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

15. Board Business – None**16. Public Recognition – Continued****16.1 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Dee Seehusen commented on “endocrination” and the hazards of wood-burning fireplaces.

16.2 Members of the Board

Members of the Board spoke about:

- Dr. Beagles-Roos commented that the Board previously voted to remove Board travel and conference funds from the budget, and she thinks it would be helpful if those funds are figured back into the budget for new Board members.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Dr. Russell and approved with a vote of 3 – Ayes and 0 - Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary