

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>October 27, 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**  
**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. Students Linden Dawson and Linford Dawson, Jr. 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 Dr. Russell that the Board adopt the October 27, 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. Dr. Beagles-Roos and Patricia Siever requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.2 – 9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.2 Purchase Orders

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 7

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 7

**9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 22, 2009; and Regular Meeting – October 13, 2009**

Ms. Siever requested a correction to the Minutes of October 13, 2009 on item 12.1. She requested that the Minutes reflect that she stated the optimum enrollment numbers for classrooms were available in the “Education Code” online. Dr. Beagles-Roos requested a correction on the September 22, 2009 Minutes to reflect that Rachel Lewis is now a high school student and not a middle school student as stated. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 22, 2009 as amended, and Regular Meeting – October 13, 2009 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**

**10.1 Culver City Education Foundation – Building Blocks**

Amy Shelton, Trustee of the Education Foundation, explained the purpose of a Building Block and gave an introduction for the recipient in memoriam. The recipient, Bernice Barr’s daughter was in attendance and thanked the Office of Child Development for the wonderful tribute.

**10.1 Spotlight on Student Achievement - La Ballona Elementary School**

Chris Collins, Principal of La Ballona Elementary School presented the school's student achievement results as measured in both state and federal accountability systems. Ms. Collins responded to questions from Board members and the audience. Further discussion ensued regarding the students being over-tested and the inconsistencies in the testing process. Board members thanked Ms. Collins for her presentation.

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

Dr. Coté began her report by thanking the City of Culver City for allowing District employees to line up with City and County employees to receive flu shots early in the day. She reported on the meeting hosted by the Education Foundation, that included all PTAs and Booster Clubs, where a discussion was facilitated on marketing solutions to support the students of the District. Dr. Coté stated she will be attending the AFT Labor Management Partnerships Conference with David Mielke, and she thanked Mr. Mielke for extending the invitation. She expressed her excitement about the Model Continuation High School validation visit to Culver Park in November; and shared a poem written by Culver Park student, Angel Tellez, who one first place in the high school category of the Culver City Disability Awareness Essay Contest.

**11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Ms. Laura reported on her visit at Linwood Howe Elementary. She reported that the focus for the Beginning Teachers Support and Assessment Program (BTSA) is the District's special needs population, and provided information on activities that will occur this year with the program. Ms. Laura also reported that the fifth through twelfth grade students are completing their Stan Davis surveys as part of the anti-bullying study.

Mrs. Jaffe reported that negotiations with CCFT have been completed.

**11.3. Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Karlo Silbiger shared his thoughts on the problems with teaching to state standards. He spoke about his visit to the high school with members of AVPA. During his visit it was mentioned to him that the speakers in Robert Frost Auditorium have not worked for a number of years, and the AVPA students have had to purchase speakers with their own money. Mr. Silbiger inquired if there is an optimum enrollment for each school since enrollment seems to be growing.
- Patricia Siever stated that the State Board of Education has the optimum number of students in their Education Code. She commended AVPA on their "Retirement Bash" event, and suggested finding additional funding for the AVPA program by writing more grants.
- Mr. Gourley inquired if there has been any study done by the District on optimum enrollment. Mr. El Fattal responded that the district is in possession of a developer fee study and informed the Board of the information that they would find in the study. Dr. Russell expressed his feeling on the discussion regarding the optimum number of students, and stated a number of other factors that affect student learning not just class size. Dr. Coté stated she would be happy to agendize the matter of classroom capacity.

**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 the beginning of the Galileo benchmark assessment testing; the Red Ribbon Week events; information on the magazine drive; the upcoming Halloween activities; and committees that are being formed.

**Culver Park Student Representative**

Jessica Romo, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the Pizza Luncheon; Disability Awareness activities; the school's 2010 Youth Garden grant application; Clair Foundation events; and the tutoring program.

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

Noya Kansky, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the school providing H1N1 vaccinations; Homecoming activities; the success of AVPA's "Retirement Bash" and the AVPA drama department receiving first place honors in the Irish Playwright category at a regional competition; and the upcoming Club Luau events.

**11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Zeidman requests students Linden Dawson and Linford Dawson, Jr. come to the podium to accept their Certificate of Achievement. Mr. Zeidman and Mrs. Davis gave a brief reading of their accomplishments and congratulated them on making the Tavis Smiley 100 Young Leaders of the Decade honor.
- Mr. Gourley commented on the page that was given out by Ms. Collins during her presentation where the acronyms used in the presentation were explained, and expressed his opinion on the students taking numerous tests.
- Dr. Russell agreed with supporting the AVPA program. He used the example of when curtains were purchased for the program and they were ruined and thrown out, to express there is the matter of providing upkeep for items purchased. Dr. Russell stated it would be unfortunate that the next Board will not have someone on it that has some knowledge of the history of past events to assist in the decision making process.
- Mr. Zeidman commented on the disturbing events that happened during the election, and he stated he was looking forward to the presentation on energy analysis.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos commented on how much she enjoyed the Homecoming Game and the student-produced half-time show. She reported on her attendance at the Halloween/Fall Festival events around the district, and commented on how great the food was at La Ballona's event. Dr. Beagles-Roos reported on her viewing of a demonstration for the interactive whiteboard, and she stated that Mark Ridley Thomas gave commendations to Dr. Coté for joining the Arts for All Leadership Fellows program.

**12. Information Items****12.1 Comprehensive Energy Analysis Update**

Mr. El Fattal and Suzanne Gentilini, Business Development Manager Public Sector of Chevron Energy Solutions, discussed project options through renderings and photographs of actual installations; recent legislation surrounding renewable energy; potential rebates and incentives applicable to the project; financing options; and, next steps to focus on implementation of a Comprehensive Energy Analysis (CEA). Robert Zirgulis commented that he would like the Board to consider making the natatorium a multi-purpose facility, and allow realtors to view it. He was in agreement with installing solar panels. Karlos Silbiger agreed with installing solar panels, but felt the district did not need to rush into an agreement. He felt the Board should take more time in considering what is really needed in the District, and feels there should be competitive bidding. Alan Elmont stated he felt the Board should look at what is best for the students, staff, and the budget before moving forward. Dianna Castro inquired if vandalism is taken into account when the design is laid out for the solar panels. Jerry Chabola stated the District has a tendency to over discuss on some issues, and felt the Board should move forward with one of the items discussed. Robert Gray expressed his opinion on the solar panels and inquired if it makes financial sense. He stated he loves the options that the District would be considering. Patricia Siever confirmed that the Los Angeles Community College District is using Chevron for the energy projects, and suggested that the Board speak with Larry Eisenberg of West Los Angeles College regarding the project they are working on with Chevron to get his opinion. Mr. Zeidman stated there is money just sitting and it is time to use it. He thinks that the Board should move forward to the next phase. Dr. Russell inquired if there would be surplus energy or if the District would use it all; and if the Board votes tonight would the vote mean going forward with the solar panels. Mr. Gourley inquired as to when the Board would see a contract. Mr. El Fattal stated a contract would come within about two weeks for the Comprehensive Energy Analysis. Mrs. Davis felt that everything seems okay as long as the documentation is okay. Dr. Beagles-Roos thanked Mr. El Fattal for bringing the information forward and felt it is exciting that the Board can finally take a step forward.

Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested moving Action Item 14.3b up on the agenda.

**14. Action Item**

**14.3 Business Services Items**

**14.3b Approval is Recommended for the Comprehensive Energy Analysis**

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Comprehensive Energy Analysis as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**12.2 Budget Update**

Mr. El Fattal presented information on the District's budget and reviewed funding flexibility and the Tier III Programs. He responded to questions from the audience and Board members. Dr. Russell commended Mr. El Fattal on the way he responds to questions and spoke about how teachers do not have certain resources and options for extra services. Dr. Beagles-Roos stated she was glad that most of the candidates were present to hear the sobering budget information, and stated that if funds are swept then the District does not have funds available for special services.

**12.3 Update on Efforts to Combat the H1N1 Virus in the CCUSD**

Dianna Castro, R.N. presented a brief summary about the H1N1 virus which included the District's influenza immunization plan. Ms. Castro also provided information received from the Los Angeles County Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and responded to questions from audience members. The Board thanked Ms. Castro for her presentation.

**13. Recess**

The Board recessed at 9:55 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

**14. Action Items**

**14.1 Superintendent's Items - None**

**14.2 Education Services Items**

**14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #02-09**

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #02-09 until August 2010 and that the student enroll in County Community Day School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Gourley stated that anyone who watches the meeting on television should know that the expulsions are previously discussed in Closed Session and they are taken very seriously.

**14.2b Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #05-09**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #05-09 until August 2010 and that the student enroll in County Community Day School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.2c Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #06-09**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #06-09 until August 2010 and that the student enroll in County Community Day School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.3 Business Items**

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

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

**14.3c Approval is Recommended for the Budget Calendar for the 2009-2010 School Year**

Mr. Zeidman requested to modify the calendar because it included the CBAC meetings and he would like to omit those dates. Mrs. Davis agreed. Dr. Beagles-Roos agreed to the omission, but stated her concern was that the Board did not have a meeting scheduled before any budget cuts. She stated she would like to include a Board meeting for that purpose. Mr. Gourley did not feel that it was necessary. Further discussion ensued. No additional meetings were calendared. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the 2009-2010 Budget Calendar with the omission of the CBAC meetings. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.4 Personnel Items**

**14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #14-2009/2010 (HR), Revision to Resolution #13-2009/2010 (HR), Action to Partially Rescind Resolution #27-2008/2009 (HR) (Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel)**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve Resolution #14-2009/2010 (HR), Revision to Resolution #13-2009/2010 (HR), Action to Partially Rescind Resolution #27-2008/2009 (HR) (Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**14.4b Approval is Recommended for the 2008/2009 Agreement between the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the Culver City Federation of Teachers (CCFT)**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the 2008/2009 Agreement between the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the Culver City Federation of Teachers (CCFT) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

**15. Board Business - None**

**16. Public Recognition – Continued**

**16.1 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Alan Elmont inquired if Singapore math was the similar to the Math and Music Program. Ms. Laura responded that it was not. Mr. Elmont again inquired about the capacity of the classrooms. Further discussion ensued.

**16.2 Members of the Board**

Members of the Board spoke about:

- Mrs. Davis commented in funding for the Special Education programs, and requested to have a person that is coming from Sacramento assigned to present information to the Board on funding. Board members agreed.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos wished everyone a Happy Halloween.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Dr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Zeidman and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary