

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>November 10, 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 7:06 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Lise Friedman 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 Mr. Gourley that the Board adopt the November 10, 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 No items were withdrawn.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 –9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 27, 2009
- 9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts - Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 8
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 8

**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 February. The recipients were Tatiana Turner from El Marino School; Breanna Demiar from El Rincon Elementary; Lizbeth Navar from La Ballona School; Jesse Martinez from Linwood E. Howe School; Claire Glickman from Farragut School; Maharani Kartikasari from Culver City Middle School; Irene Hernandez from Culver Park High School; and Jamie MacIntosh 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 Resolution from the Board of Education to the Westfield Corporation**

Patty Krause, Executive Director of the Culver City Education Foundation, introduced Kim Brewer from the Westfield Corporate Office and Chuck Martinez, Westfield Culver City General Manager. Mrs. Krause thanked Westfield for their \$20,000 donation to the Education Foundation to be used for technology, and presented them

with the Resolution signed by the Board of Education. Mr. Martinez acknowledged the CCUSD American Citizenship Award recipients.

### **10.3 Spotlight on Student Achievement – El Rincon Elementary School**

Dr. Tom Tracy, Principal of El Rincon Elementary, presented the school's student achievement as measured in both state and federal accountability systems. Dr. Tracy responded to questions from Board members and the audience. Further discussion ensued regarding the usefulness of the data and the Spotlight presentations. Questions were raised such as whether the district was setting goals that were too low; and if the district has the funding for interventions. Board members requested more insight into the programs and more information on comparisons between grades. Dr. Coté noted that the districts are mandated by No Child Left Behind and by the state to test and review data. Board members congratulated Dr. Tracy, noting that the numbers looked good.

## **11. Public Recognition**

### **11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté thanked the Culver City residents for passing Measure EE and asked everyone to thank the Board for its leadership in passing the Measure. She reported that Culver Park High School had an upcoming Model Continuation High School review. Dr. Coté announced that La Ballona had been notified that their achievement qualified them to apply for the California Distinguished School award; and they had made the waiting list as an alternate for the National Blue Ribbon School award.

### **11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Ms. Laura reported on district collaboration. She reported on the new Bridges Program directed by Leslie Lockhart and Audrey Stephens, bridging the transition between preschool and kindergarten; and the West Los Angeles College arts collaboration with AVPA. Ms. Laura thanked Culver Park students for volunteering their time at the Halloween celebration at a non-public school; and presented an update from the Anti-Bullying Task Force.

Mr. El Fattal announced that on December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Day, CCUSD will participate in a city-wide emergency drill. He reported that the Measure EE exemption forms for seniors will be accepted through April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Jaffe reported that she had visited all schools and saw a Japanese event at El Marino that was fantastic; she visited every classroom in Culver City Middle School and found the students and teachers engaged. Mrs. Jaffe stated that Culver Park High School students are doing very well; and she welcomed the newly elected Board members.

### **11.3 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Nadia Hamud and another student spoke about Muslim holidays and asked why schools are not closed for at least one Muslim holiday. The described the holiday traditions and presented a petition with one thousand signatures. Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested that the students also talk to an administrator because holidays are negotiated.
- Robert Gray congratulated everyone for the passage of Measure EE and congratulated the newly elected Board members. He said he was happy with his son's teachers at the middle school but questioned the class size. Dr. Coté responded that she will make enrollment information available.

### **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 students finishing up the magazine drive; and the upcoming Pennies for Patients.

#### **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, was not present.

**11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Dr. Russell congratulated the newly elected Board members, and La Ballona Elementary for being a runner-up to apply for the National Blue Ribbon School recognition. He thanked Mr. Zeidman for his work on Measure EE and asked Mr. El Fattal when the district would receive money from the Measure. Mr. El Fattal responded that the funds would be available in about one year.
- Mr. Zeidman commented that the data in the Spotlight report is arbitrary and capricious. He asked to amend directions to staff to make it easier for Culver City senior citizens to volunteer.
- Mrs. Davis extended congratulations to everyone for the passage of Measure EE; to the newly elected Board members; to La Ballona for meeting the requirements to apply for the Distinguished School honors; and to the Centaurs for being 4-0 in the league.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos reported that on November 19, 2009 the Culver City Youth Health Center would hold their Annual Meeting in the Culver City Library; and that on November 13, 2009, El Marino would have an evening presentation to discuss language immersion. She congratulated the newly elected Board members; and thanked the Board and administrators for their work and support to pass Measure EE. Dr. Beagles-Roos asked for a formal Thank You to be sent to the community from the Board and the Superintendent.
- Mr. Gourley thanked Mr. Zeidman for his work on Measure EE.

**12. Information Items****12.1 Enrollment Report**

Mr. El Fattal presented the report to the Board. He reported that he had been placing phone calls and researching the Board's inquiry on the optimal number of students in classrooms, and is currently putting the information together for a report at a later date. Dr. Beagles-Roos reported that she looked at the 2001 enrollment and the middle school's enrollment is the same, but the high school is higher.

**12.2 CCUSD Budget Update**

Mr. El Fattal provided a pre-budget update on the First Interim Report which will be presented on December 8, 2009. He reported that LACOE followed up on the June 30<sup>th</sup> adopted budget with a conditionally adopted budget report and that LACOE reported that additional cuts will have to be made. Mr. El Fattal stated the district continues to use one time funds to live beyond its means and now is the time to right size the organization. He reported that the Parcel Tax will generate \$1 million to \$1.2 million annually for 5 years. Mrs. Davis stated that she has gotten calls asking if the Adult School was closing. Mr. El Fattal responded no.

**12.3 First Reading of Board Policy 3290 – Gifts, Grants and Bequests**

Board members suggested revisions and Mr. El Fattal asked that they submit their red lined revisions to him to be presented at the next reading. Dr. Russell expressed concern about hidden costs of donations citing the high school marquee as an example.

**12.4 Compensation Report of the Members of the Board of Education**

Mr. El Fattal presented the report. Discussion ensued about whether the Board compensation should be reported monthly or quarterly. Mr. El Fattal stated that the Board previously requested monthly reports.

*Dr. Beagles-Roos recessed the regular meeting of the Board of Education and convened the meeting of Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority at 9:07 p.m.*

**1.0 Approval of the Report of the Treasurer – Controller**

Mr. El Fattal presented the information to the Board and responded to questions. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board of Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority approve the

Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2009 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes and 0 – nays.

*Dr. Beagles-Roos closed the meeting of the Culver City School Facilities Financing Authority and reconvened the regular meeting of the Culver City Board of Education at 9:09 p.m.*

### **13 Recess**

The Board recessed at 9:09 p.m. and reconvened at 9:21 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 #04-09**

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve stipulated expulsion of Case #04-09 until August 2010 and that the student enroll in County Community Day School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

##### **14.2b Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #10-09**

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #10-09 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 the Energy Audit Agreement between Chevron Energy Solutions Company, a Division of Chevron USA, Inc. and Culver City Unified School District**

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gourley for purposes of discussion to approve the Energy Audit Agreement between Chevron Energy Solutions Company, a Division of Chevron USA, Inc. and Culver City Unified School District. Discussion ensued regarding the Board's concerns with the agreement. Suzanne Gentilini from Chevron requested that the Board redline their changes and submit them to Mr. El Fattal. Mrs. Davis withdrew her original motion and Mr. Gourley withdrew his second of the first motion. It was then moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the contract be revised and reviewed by legal counsel before further consideration. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Personnel Items**

##### **14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #15-2009/2010 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel**

It was moved Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Gourley to approve Resolution #15-2009/2010 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel as presented for purpose of discussion. The motion was unanimously approved.

##### **14.4b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #16-2009/2010, Catastrophic Leave for Certificated Employee**

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Gourley to approve Resolution #16-2009/2010, Catastrophic Leave for Certificated Employee as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **15. Board Business**

#### **15.1 Board Transition Meeting**

Board members discussed their option to have a special transition meeting, or to have the full transition of the Board at the regular December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**16. Public Recognition – Continued**

**16.1 Members of the Audience**

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Karlo Silbiger requested that the location for the December 8, 2009 meeting be moved to Linwood Howe Elementary.
- Kathy Paspalis requested that the transition meeting take place on December 8, 2009 at Linwood Howe Elementary.
- Patricia Siever requested the transition meeting take place at Linwood Howe Elementary. Further discussion ensued about whether or not to have a business meeting, and if the meeting should start earlier. It was decided that the transition of the Board will take place at the December 8, 2009 meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m., and that the meeting will be moved to Linwood Howe Elementary.

**16.2 Members of the Board**

Members of the Board spoke about:

- Dr. Beagles-Roos asked the outgoing members to describe their duties for the incoming Board members. Discussion ensued about Board members attending the CSBA conference. It was requested that Board members attending the CSBA Conference be agendized for the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mrs. Davis, seconded by Mr. Gourley and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary