

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

Meeting:	<u>Special Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>February 3, 2010</u>
Place:	<u>District Administration Office</u>	Time:	<u>6:30 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>
	<u>4034 Irving Place</u>		<u>6:31 p.m. – Closed Session</u>
	<u>Culver City 90232</u>		<u>8:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

Board Members Present

Steven Gourley, President
Scott Zeidman, Esq., Vice President
Karlo Silbiger, Clerk
Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Member
Patricia Siever, 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 Mr. Gourley called the meeting of the Culver City Unified School District Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 8:07 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Debbie Hamme led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Mr. Gourley 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. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board adopt the February 3, 2010 agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Action Items

8.1 Education Services Items

8.1a Approval is Recommended for the Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #07-09

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #07-09 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

It was moved by Ms. Paspalis and seconded by Ms. Siever to adjourn the Regular Meeting and adjourn to Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The public meeting was reconvened at 8:45 p.m. with all Board members in attendance.

Report from Closed Session

Mr. Gourley 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. He stated he instructed Mr. El Fattal to tell the Board how wrong the Governor's projection was last year so that it can be evaluated in context to the proposal this year and for the audience to know that his figures are not real and could be millions of dollars less.

9. Public Recognition

9.1 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Jackie Lee commented on information that she received from CTA stating that many organizations, unions, and PTA have written a letter in opposition to the proposed gas tax. She also spoke about instructional materials being available for teachers regarding Census 2010 and making sure that everyone is counted. She spoke regarding the budget and suggested a possible savings on postage by sending some

information via e-mail, and the Board should try to keep the cuts as far away from the students as possible.

- David Mielke spoke about the need to prioritize during the budget cuts and decide where money should be sent. He shared suggestions from the Union which including spending money on the students for items such as updated books. Additional suggestions he made were to make cuts at the District level, revoke the reclassification for MACCS employees, and possibly decentralizing the District so matters are handled on site and not through the District Office.
- Meghan Sahli-Wells shared her discussion with Todd Johnson regarding solar panels in the schools. Mr. Gourley stated all Board members received his e-mail and the Board is anticipating getting the Chevron Proposal back. She feels that going solar is the right move for the district.

9.2 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Paspalis commented that the Governor needs to retire.
- Mr. Zeidman thanked everyone for coming.
- Mr. Gourley inquired about the issue of class size and whether the Board voted against the expansion of class size last year. He stated that class size grew at the high school and the middle school, and asked if the Board received a report regarding the issue. Dr. Coté responded they have not received a report yet.

10. Information Items

10.1 Budget Update

The information was not presented at the request of Mr. Gourley, Board President since the information has previously been presented and as he stated the Governor's numbers in the budget are not "real."

Mr. Zeidman requested to see a copy of the District's attorney's bills. Board members were in agreement. Mr. Silbiger requested to discuss the school district's website to see if there is a less expensive contract; and he requested to have the cut list available for the public at the next meeting. Ms. Siever would like to see a budget update presentation at the next meeting. All Board members were in agreement.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Ms. Siever, seconded by Mr. Silbiger and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary