

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>March 23, 2010</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

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
Ali Delawalla
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 6:00 p.m. The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at 7:09 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Mrs. 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.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman to amend the agenda by moving item 10.1 to precede the Consent items so the students could leave the meeting early. Ms. Siever seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved to adopt the March 23, 2010 agenda as amended.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 AVPA Recognition/Visual Arts

Dr. Coté introduced Kristine Hatanaka, Co-Director of the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts and Creative Director, Visual Art. Ms. Hatanaka expressed their appreciation to be acknowledged at the meeting and thanked the students, Principal Pam Magee, and staff for all of their support to the AVPA Visual Arts. Ms. Laura recognized the achievements of Ms. Hatanaka. Ms. Laura also called upon the students to stand up and be acknowledged as she read about their achievements and success stories.

9. Consent Agenda

Mr. Gourley called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Ms. Siever and Mr. Silbiger requested that item 9.1 be withdrawn. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Mr. Silbiger to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.2 - 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 16
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 16
- 9.6 Enrollment Report
- 9.7 Expunge Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #09-09
- 9.8 Kristine Hatanaka, CCHS Art Teacher, to attend the School of the Art Institute in Chicago, Illinois, July 11-23, 2010
- 9.9 Student Teacher Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District and Biola University

9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting - March 9, 2010

Mr. Silbiger requested that this item be pulled for clarification to Mr. Gourley's statement. He would like the section that states "Mr. Gourley wanted to make sure that no one would be invited back to the school that was not qualified" revised to "no one would be denied employment if they are qualified." He also questioned item 14.3a #4 on page 79 where it states that one member voted Nay with no name reflected. Mr. Silbiger commented on item 14.4c where he voted Nay. He requested to add that the reason why he voted against it was because the employees receiving notices at the middle school were only from the electives department. Ms. Siever also requested that this item be pulled for a correction on page 79, item 11.5, under her statements. She would like her statement to reflect that she stated "budget reduction list" instead of "cut list." It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting - March 9, 2010 as amended.

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve item 9.5. Board members brought to his attention that it was already voted on. Since the item was moved again Mr. Gourley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations - (cont.)**10.2 Recognition of Public Schools Month**

Dr. Coté announced that the District was acknowledging April as Public Schools Month. Ms. Paspalis read the Proclamation.

10.3 Anti-Bullying Task Force Presentation

Ms. Laura introduced members of the Task Force. The team spoke about the vision of the Task Force as well as the programs currently in existence at the middle school and high school. David Mielke expressed his frustration that it took a year and a half to get to the current place, and felt that there was an implementation problem. He stated that he hopes it gets better. Mr. Zeidman expressed his hope that the level of progress would excel a little faster. Mr. Silbiger commented on how the committee was chosen and the time of the meetings. He also felt that the school board should be involved. Mr. Silbiger felt that the committee has done great at gathering data and would like to see another presentation before the end of the year to include the types of parent education in regards to bullying, analysis on programs such as the Entourage Program, and counseling services. Mr. Gourley agreed with Mr. Silbiger and liked the idea of having security personnel on the committee. Ms. Siever thanked the members for their presentation, and stated that she felt the bigger issue for the Board was how all of the committees are formed and that there should be guidelines. Mr. Silbiger stated that if Ms. Siever was suggesting to agendize the topic of the selection process of committees, he seconded the suggestion. Mr. Gourley thanked everyone for being involved and stated that progress is something the parents must see.

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

Dr. Coté reported on the dismal budget crisis and how great the Culver City community has been in supporting their schools. She assured the Board that staff will be doing whatever they can to sustain the continuity for an excellent education for all students. Dr. Coté also asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of 4 year old Britney Yupanquie, a student at OCD, who had passed away the morning of the meeting.

11.2. Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Laura provided information on the upcoming math professional development

Mrs. Jaffe reported on her attendance at the Latino Family Literacy Culmination at La Ballona. She stated that it was a great success.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Mr. Gourley asked if the middle school students would like to come up that had a presentation. Arielle Singer and Aneliese Meger, Culver City Middle School students, did a presentation on the weight of the 8th grade math textbooks and how the weight of the books in backpacks can have long term effects.
- Sibyl Courey, Culver City High School student, spoke about her experience in the AVPA Program and urged the Board not to make any cuts to the program.
- David Mielke commented that it was great to see the students so poised in making their presentations. He provided a bargaining update and stated the teachers are being clear that management would need to take more furlough days. Mr. Mielke announced that bargaining was going to an impasse. Other issues he felt needed to be addressed were combination classes and concerns on the evaluation of teachers.
- Janet Chabola asked if the Anti-Bullying Task Force had ever asked at each site if the students doing the bullying are addressed as to why they feel they can act that way. She also stated that students should have an I.D. Mr. Gourley agreed that students should have an I.D.
- Jerry Chabola informed the Board that he has asked for a student's I.D. and they simply say they do not have it. He said there was a lack of respect and honesty with some of the students and it can be a challenge to get their names.
- Pam Feder commented on teachers being let go. She urged the Board to do everything they can to keep good teachers.
- Liz Kinnon thanked Board member for their responses to her e-mail. She spoke about how great the AVPA Program; and she asked that all negotiating parties work together in regards to the budget cuts.
- Judith Martin Straw urged everyone to get out and vote for City Council. She also provided information on an upcoming forum on her website culvercitycrossroads.com.
- Margaret Tsubakiyama spoke about the low morale at Farragut Elementary where she is a teacher. She stated that the teachers are happy to help out but they would like management to take the lead on budget cuts.

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 upcoming Spring Break; and the upcoming announcement of the singing competition finalists.

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:

- Mr. Silbiger reported on his attendance at the High School's Open House, and spoke about how amazing the Math Olympiads were at Linwood Howe Elementary. He commented that he felt it would be nice if the Board contributed to the School News publication. Mr. Silbiger stated it bothered him that the legislators did not know what was going on with the district and the effects of the budget cuts. He would like to invite Assembly Speaker Karen Bass and Senator Curren Price to the District to hear what is happening. Mr. Silbiger shared his hope that as soon as there is money in the budget that the textbook situation gets handled.
- Mr. Zeidman stated that everyone in Sacramento knows the effect of the budget cuts and they do not care. He provided an update on his meeting with City Council members along with Board member Katherine Paspalis.
- Ms. Paspalis reported on her attendance at the Math Olympiads, and Open House events for the high school and El Marino Elementary.
- Ms. Siever reported on her attendance at the Culver City Youth Health Center's fundraiser and said it was wonderful. She thinks that having I.D. cards for students at the high school was a good idea and stated

that there are ways to enforce having the students wear them. Ms. Siever stated she would be attending an art tour of one of the students in the District on April 8th. She provided her suggestion for Board Notes in the School News publication. Ms. Siever stated she felt privileged to be in the District and would like to further discuss items 9.4 and 9.5 on the agenda which are the personnel reports. She would like to see the total figures on how much money will be spent per line item.

- Mr. Gourley thanked Ms. Siever for arranging the meeting with Larry Eisenberg, and asked to speak with her separately about West Los Angeles College issues with the Culver City community and City Council. He commented, as an attorney, about CCFT's rejection of the proposed five furlough days. He agreed that everyone will be feeling an impact from the budget cuts.

12. Information Items

12.1 CCUSD Enrollment, 2010/2011 Intradistrict/Interdistrict Permits

Mr. Drew Soltelo, Assistant Director of Child Welfare and Attendance, gave a presentation on the permit process and provided an update on the permit process for LAUSD. George Laase spoke about the advantages of becoming a charter district in name only. Scott Kecken commented that he was very impressed on the sense of community and voiced support for interdistrict permits. He also commented that the students on permits are excelling. Nancy Chand who is a parent of two students on permits at La Ballona spoke about the possible advantages of being a District of Choice. Pamela Greenstein stated her questions about becoming a District of Choice and inquired about similar programs LAUSD might have compared to AVPA or the District's Immersion Program. Mr. Silbiger inquired about LAUSD's decision on permits. Dr. Coté provided clarification. Mr. Silbiger asked for clarification on which year funding is based. Mr. Delawalla confirmed that funding for the current year is based on the previous year. Mr. Silbiger stated he was intrigued by Mr. Laase's idea of becoming a charter district. Ms. Siever stated that she has not heard the pros and cons of becoming a District of Choice. She reported she called LAUSD and spoke with their PR person who told her that the Board gave Superintendent Cortines authority to implement their permit policy in January. Mr. Zeidman stated that over two years ago he said the District had a bad business model, and there were too many permits. He felt that eventually there would be adverse effects. Ms. Paspalis agreed with Mr. Zeidman and did not think that becoming a District of Choice would be the answer. Mr. Gourley stated he would like to see what recourse the District would have. He felt that becoming a District of Choice was too restrictive and not a good choice for the District. If he had to vote on the matter he would vote no.

12.2 First Reading of Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5116.1, Intradistrict Open Enrollment

John Derevlany thanked the Board for reviewing this policy and provided the suggestion of having an additional priority which would be applicants who had siblings go through the program such as El Marino and completed it. Maren Neufeld agreed with Mr. Derevlany that siblings should be automatically accepted into El Marino. Mr. Zeidman commented that the policy should affect all school sites and not just El Marino. He suggested his revisions and suggested bringing the policy back. Ms. Siever commented that everyone should have a chance to go through the system and she did not agree with the suggested language to the policy. Ms. Siever expressed several of her concerns with proposed language. Mr. Silbiger inquired as to why El Marino had a lottery system. Mr. Sotelo explained that El Marino is a School of Choice and open to the entire district. At La Ballona under Education Code students that live in that area have the first priority. Mr. Silbiger agreed with Mr. Zeidman's revisions. Mr. Gourley agreed that the policy should come back to the next meeting for a second reading with revisions.

13. Recess

The Board agreed to bypass a recess.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items - None

14.1a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #33, Governor Schwarzenegger's Proposed Budget Cuts

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Silbiger to approve Resolution #33, Governor Schwarzenegger's Proposed Budget Cuts as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #17-10

It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #17-10 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #22-10

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #22-10 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Items - None

14.4 Personnel Items

14.4a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #34-2009/2010 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Vacant Position

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Resolution #34-2009/2010 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Vacant Position as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #35-2009/2010 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel

It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve Resolution #35-2009/2010 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 - Ayes and 1 - Nay by Mr. Silbiger .

14.4c Approval is Recommended for Resolution #36-2009/2010 (HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve Resolution #36-2009/2010 (HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Personnel as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business

15.1 Community Budget Meeting Results

Dr. Coté presented the suggestions received by attendees at the Community Budget Meeting held on March 11, 2010. Mr. Silbiger suggested identifying what the Board would like to look at further. The Board decided to mark items of interest and submit them to the Superintendent. Mr. Laase suggested closing the District Office one day a week, and informed the Board that eleven items on the list are currently being done at charters.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Ms. Paspalis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m. in memory of Britney Yupanquie.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary