

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

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b><u>Regular Meeting</u></b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b><u>June 8, 2010</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**

**Steven Gourley, President**  
**Scott Zeidman, Esq., Vice President**  
**Karlo Silbiger, Clerk**  
**Katherine Paspalis, Esq., Member**  
**Patricia G. 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 7:05 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Mr. Neil Rubenstein 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 adopt the agenda of June 8, 2010 with the amendment to move the 10.1 items, Awards, Recognitions and Presentations, up on the agenda to follow item 8.0. The motion was seconded by Ms. Siever. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Gourley moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Mr. Albert Vera. Mr. Zeidman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**

**10.1 Student All League Athlete Recognition**

Mr. Jerry Chabola introduced athletes from Culver City High School, and informed the Board of their accomplishments. Mr. Chabola also named some of the colleges and universities that the athletes had been accepted to. He announced the upcoming Athlete of the Year Awards. Additional recognitions came from Culver City Middle School Teachers Ruth Morris and Adam Adamucci. Ms. Morris and Mr. Adamucci provided information on the history of the chess tournament team. They explained how they partnered with Mr. Neil Rubenstein to have a chess tournament to benefit the Toby Rubenstein Foundation. Ms. Morris and Mr. Adamucci introduced the top three winners of the tournament. Mr. Rubenstein spoke about how important the tournament was to the Rubenstein family and thanked the Board for their recognition of the tournament.

**10.2 Culver City Education Foundation – Building Blocks for Education**

Ami Shilton, Trustee from the Culver City Education Foundation presented Building Blocks to Patty Krause, Karen Pyenson, and Glenn Alexander. Mrs. Krause gave a brief speech thanking the Corwin-Nusbaum family for the Building Block and spoke about what a great city Culver City was. She also thanked all of the companies that have donated so generously to the District. Ms. Alexander accepted the Building Block for her son Glenn.

**10.3 Culver City Unified School District Retiree Recognition**

Dr. Coté and the Assistant Superintendent introduced the retirees and read their accomplishments. The retirees were given a certificate, and Mrs. Jaffe named the retirees that were unable to attend the meeting.

**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 requested that 9.1 and 9.4 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Ms. Paspalis to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.2, 9.3, and 9.5 – 9.9 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 21

9.6 Three Culver City Middle School Teachers and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade GATE Students to Attend the GATE Field Trip on Catalina Island, October 15-17, 2010

9.7 One CCHS Student's Participation in the California Interscholastic Federation State Championships in Fresno, California, June 3-5, 2010

9.8 CCMS Students and Coaches to Participate in Cheer Camp at UCLA, August 8-12, 2010

9.9 Renewed Contract with Assessment Technology, Inc. for 2010-2011

**9.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 25, 2010**

Ms. Siever requested this item be withdrawn to add language on item 14.1b page 108 under her comment that begins with "Ms. Siever stated she initially..." in the middle of the page. She requested to add that she stated she intended on voting to approve the item. Mr. Silbiger requested an addition to item 14.2b on page 107 for clarification to staff. The information he would like included in the immersion program presentation is the following: 1) an update on the FLAP grant; 2) suggestions from staff for any improvement to the program; and 3) the current immersion program at the secondary level. It was moved by Mr. Silbiger and seconded by Ms. Siever to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 25, 2010 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9.4 Approval is Recommended for the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 21**

Ms. Siever withdrew this item to express that she felt one of the problems she had with the reports was that there were no costs mentioned. She also wanted to know which budgets were being used. Ms. Siever gave suggestions on how the reports could be presented to the Board so they would be easier to follow. Mr. Delawalla clarified that the money shown in the report is for the following school year. It was moved by Ms. Siever and seconded by Ms. Paspalis that the Board approve the Certificated Personnel Reports No. 21 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

Dr. Coté reported on her attendance with La Ballona Principal Chris Collins, and teachers Ira Proctor and Debbie Ishii, to the 2010 Distinguished Schools Awards ceremony at the Disneyland Hotel. Dr. Coté commented on how poised and confident the 8<sup>th</sup> graders were at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Exit Interviews at Culver City Middle School. She stated that their portfolios reflected three years of hard work and accomplishments. Dr. Coté also reported that she had a "Coffee and Chat" with the highest bidder from Linwood Howe's Buckaroo Bash. It was a great opportunity to hear about all of the wonderful things happening at Linwood Howe. Dr. Coté then thanked the student Board representatives, Evan Wilson from the middle school and Noya Kansky from the high school, for doing such a great job.

**11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports**

Ms. Laura stated she had enjoyed having Evan Wilson and Noya Kansky at the meeting and wished them good luck. Ms. Laura reported that her department was looking at the accountability data and making plans and goals for the 2010-2011 school year, and thanked the technical staff. Ms. Laura reported on the final Anti-Bullying Committee meeting, and stated that parent participation was growing. She extended an invitation to AVPA's Java Gala which was to be on Saturday.

Mr. Delawalla reported that he was continuing to work on the budget for the upcoming school year. He stated it would be presented at the next meeting. Ms. Paspalis inquired about the status on the energy savings. Mr. Delawalla stated he had received the energy audit from Southern California Edison, and he is presently working with the vendors to get costs analysis, and hopefully the information would be received in the upcoming week. Mr. Zeidman inquired about renting out the District parking lot over the summer. Mr. Gourley and Ms. Paspalis agreed they would like to have additional information brought to the Board on this matter.

Mrs. Jaffe thanked all of the organizations for signing off on the furlough days. She reported that the proposed furlough days would be August 25<sup>th</sup>, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup>, and May 27<sup>th</sup> for the 2010-2011 school year. For the Office of Child Development, because they have mandated days, their furlough days would be August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, January 24<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, and one flex-day. Ms. Jaffe also reported on the Exit Portfolios for the BTSA Program and shared some of the responses from the teachers.

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

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Bonnie Seeberger stated she did not agree with a parent from a previous meeting who stated the music program at the middle school was not working. She spoke in favor of keeping the music program and commended the students in the program and Mr. Nazzaretta.
- Jerry Chabola thanked the Board for requesting additional information on the rental of the parking lot. He commented that he had sent two different quotes to the Board for synthetic turf and thinks that the District needs to do something to generate money. Mr. Chabola stated that Helms Field looked nice at the moment for the graduation ceremony, but invited the Board to look at the field after graduation. He extended an invitation to the upcoming Bowling Tournament on Saturday. Mr. Silbiger stated he had received several e-mails and phone calls regarding the synthetic turf, and asked Dr. Coté when the Board would receive more information. Dr. Coté stated that the priority for Mr. Delawalla had to be the budget at this time, but the information would be presented later in the year. Ms. Siever suggested that she and Mr. Chabola meet with Mr. Larry Eisenberg to get additional information. Mr. Zeidman suggested going to a professional that specifically handles synthetic turfs. Further discussion ensued about information that could be gathered to save Mr. Delawalla time, and then provide Mr. Delawalla with that information for additional follow-up.

### **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 Variety Show; the June 10<sup>th</sup> Awards Night for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade; the 8<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook signing; the 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic; and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to The Plunge.

#### **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, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including Summerfest which had a circus theme this year; the athletics awards; the AVPA Java Gala fundraiser; the upcoming Community Scholarships event on June 15<sup>th</sup>; the freshman and sophomores taking their finals; and the Club of the Year Award.

### **11.5 Members of the Board**

Board Members spoke about:

- Ms. Siever stated she would not be able to attend the AVPA event, but she would buy tickets to support the group and volunteer them to the student representatives. She stated she would arrange a meeting with Larry Eisenberg and Mr. Chabola regarding the synthetic turf. She spoke briefly on the passing of Albert Vera and how he contributed to the community.

- Mr. Silbiger thanked Evan Wilson and Noya Kansky for their hard work in representing their schools at the Board meeting. He commented on his visit to Sony to see the AVPA films and thought they were incredible. He thanked Sony for their work with the District. Mr. Silbiger stated that he saw “Yellow Boat” which was done by all seniors and he was very impressed. He reported on his attendance at Mary and Michael Nabours’ retirement parties, and his attendance at all three music programs. Mr. Silbiger gave a brief history of the music programs.
- Mr. Gourley thanked the student representatives for their service. He asked Dr. Coté if people were notified about Ms. Silver being brought back to the District. Dr. Coté confirmed Ms. Silver’s supporters had been notified. Mr. Gourley stated he would like to discuss having a field trip to the Natatorium with parents, builders, and any other interested parties. He confirmed that he does not want anyone using the fields at the school sites if they do not have a permit. Mr. Zeidman would like the issue of restroom usage after school hours be brought back. Ms. Siever moved to bring back the item as an Action Item. Mr. Silbiger seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **12. Information Items**

### **12.1 First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation 5144.2, Students – Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process (Students with Disabilities)**

Board members gave their suggestions for any revisions. Further discussion ensued. The Administrative Regulation will be brought back for adoption with revisions.

## **13. Recess**

Mr. Zeidman moved and Mr. Gourley seconded to bypass the recess. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **14. Action Items**

### **14.1 Superintendent’s Items - None**

### **14.2 Education Services Items**

#### **14.2a Approval is Recommended for the CCUSD Technology Plan**

Alan Elmont commented on how distance learning via the internet provides opportunities to help reduce costs to the District. He encouraged the Board to look at distance learning. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Ms. Siever that the Board approve the 2010-2013 CCUSD Technology Plan as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **14.3 Business Items – None**

### **14.4 Personnel Items**

#### **14.4a Approval is Recommended for Revised Job Description – Director of Pupil Personnel Services**

Janet Chabola asked if anyone could explain the title of “Pupil Personnel Services”, and she noted additional changes that she felt needed to be made. Mr. Zeidman suggested submitting revisions to the Superintendent. Mr. Zeidman moved to carry this item over to the next meeting, and any suggested revisions be submitted within one week. Ms. Paspalis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **15. Board Business**

### **15.1 Board Committee Structure**

Mr. Silbiger presented the suggestions that he previously submitted. Ms. Siever commended Mr. Silbiger for doing a layout of structure for the Board. Mr. Zeidman commented that he thought CBAC needed a specific structure that would need to be different from the other committees. Board members decided to resume discussions on this item in July.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Gourley, seconded by Ms. Siever and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mr. Gourley adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. in memory of Albert Vera.

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

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Superintendent

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

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Secretary