

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>October 28, 2008</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

Dana Russell, D.D.S., President
Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., Vice President
Saundra Davis, M.A., Clerk
Steven Gourley, Member
Scott Zeidman, Esq., 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. Russell 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. Mrs. Janet Chabola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Dr. Russell 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. Public Hearing

7.1 Williams Textbook Sufficiency

Dr. Russell closed the regular meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. With no comments from the audience the Public Hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:08 p.m.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley to approve the agenda of October 28, 2008 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Dr. Russell called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. David Mielke requested that 9.2 be withdrawn. Dr. Beagles-Roos requested that item 9.6 be withdrawn. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 and 9.3 – 9.5 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 14, 2008

9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations

9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 6

9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 6

9.2 Approval is Recommended for Purchase Orders and Warrants

Mr. Mielke withdrew this item to request additional information on item 52269 in regards to the consultant fee. He inquired as to if the consultant fee is based on an hourly rate. Mr. El Fattal confirmed that the consultant works on a retainer. Mr. Mielke stated that the consultant's part-time rate exceeds the rate of a full-time teacher.

9.6 Approval is Recommended for Five El Rincon School Teachers to Attend the National Science Teachers Association Conference in Portland, Oregon, November 20-22, 2008

Dr. Beagles-Roos withdrew this item to commend the five teachers that are attending the conference for making the time to attend, and asked if any of the teachers were present. Jan Glusak was present and informed the Board of their excitement to attend the conference, and that they would like El Rincon to be the science beacon in the

District.

Mr. Gourley commented on how important the PR Consultant, Mr. Geoff Maleman, was to the District in getting information regarding the District to parents and the community. Dr. Russell agreed that Mr. Maleman does a great job. Mrs. Davis commented that in the past she was apprehensive on having a PR Consultant, but that she thinks that we do need him to assist with communications for the District.

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to approve the Purchase Orders and Warrants; and the five El Rincon School Teachers to attend the National Science Teachers Association Conference in Portland, Oregon as presented. The motions were unanimously approved.

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

10.1 Red Ribbon Week

Dr. Coté introduced PTA member Denise Cleary-Wilson who presented the Board with red ribbons in support of Red Ribbon Week which is a campaign to raise awareness of alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence prevention.

10.2 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 October. The recipients were Mikaela Barocio from El Marino School; Jade Perry from El Rincon Elementary; Claribel Alacanter from La Ballona School; Mavi Kolesnikow from Linwood E. Howe School; Maggie Wahlert from Farragut School; Sybil Courey from Culver City Middle School; Ian Stahl from Culver Park High School; and Jinky Paguirigan from Culver City High School. Dr. Russell presented each recipient with a pin, and thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting.

10.3 Spotlight on Education - El Marino Language School

Principal of El Marino, Tracy Pumilia, presented an overview of the school's Spanish and Japanese Immersion Programs which included the school's history, program goals, and the integration of technology into instruction. Two students, Richard Yoshida and Dylan Blaisdell, were also present and read in Spanish and in Japanese their thoughts on the benefits of attending El Marino.

Board members thanked the presenters and the parents for attending the meeting and commended Mrs. Pumilia on the wonderful work being done at El Marino.

11. Public Recognition

11.1 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Coté reported on her attendance at the CSBA Superintendent's Advisory Board meeting and provided information on the key topics that were discussed which included a budget recap, State Board of Education updates, and updates regarding charter school issues. Dr. Coté met with Michael Franklin from the Culver City Youth Against Smoking Coalition and informed the Board of their intent to pursue a request for the City to issue Tobacco Retail Licenses. She also reported that she received a notice from the State Board of Education informing her that ACSA and CSBA had imposed a Temporary Restraining Order against the State Board of Education in regards to the 8th Grade Algebra Mandates.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Laura reported on the District's Parenting Conference. The conference was well attended and the workshops were very informative. Ms. Laura thanked employees, student volunteers, and the community businesses that participated for their assistance. She also provided the Board with an update on the Adult School's accreditation.

Mr. El Fattal provided an update on the State budget and provided insight as to the impact it will have on education. He stated that the Governor is calling for a special meeting, and that the District will probably be facing additional cuts to their budgets.

Mrs. Jaffe reported on a conference she attended on October 22nd that was focusing on making schools safer. The conference had a lot of discussion about the cyber bullying on the internet. Mrs. Jaffe also informed the Board that she was in receipt of CCFT's Negotiations Proposal and that she would be forwarding it to them.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Mr. Ed Goodin commented on the retention of sixth, seventh and eighth grade students; and how students are being promoted to high school with failing grades.
- Ross Hopkins, founder of the Back Lot Film Festival extended in invitation to attend the festival at the Vets Auditorium on April 1, 2009. He also stated that he would like to receive more films from the District.
- David Mielke commented that he was very impressed at the work being done at El Marino School. Mr. Mielke provided the Board with a copy of CCFT's Negotiations Proposal and gave them a summary of items that the Union would like to discuss.
- George Laase commented that he is still waiting for information regarding Board expenditures.
- Karlo Silbiger thanked the Board for providing the staff reports on line, but stated he would still like to see more agendas provided at the meeting. Mr. Silbiger talked about his experience in the Immersion Program when it was located at El Rincon and encouraged the Board to pursue more programs of this caliber. He also encouraged the Board to assist the City in submitting the surveys to students regarding the establishment of a Student Advisory Committee; and that social promotion is not new in the District, and it is a real disservice to the students.
- Robert Zirgulis commented on the passage of the final draft of the environmental report regarding oil drilling underneath Culver City, and trying to get money for the school district. He asked that the Board sign a petition.

11.4 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

Samarah Raheem attended the meeting for Michelle Johnson, as the new Culver City Middle School Student Representative. Miss Raheem reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including the planning of the first dance of the year; selling O'Grams; student concerns regarding the lunch menu; and possibly having recycle bins to help address the water bottle issue that has been previously discussed.

Culver Park Student Representative

Emily Gomez, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including courses that are being given so students can catch up on their credits; the UNICEF Fundraiser; Red Ribbon Week activities; the Door Decorating and Halloween Costume contests; and the student body debates. Miss Gomez also read a summary of the report written after Culver Park's WASC visit that stated how the school is thriving.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Opal Dillard, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School including the great turnout for the Red Cross Blood Drive; her registration of Culver City High School to participate in a mock election; a Club Luau update; the Homecoming theme chosen was Bollywood; an American Sign Language teacher that would be willing to teach in the District as an elective; and she informed the Board of topics that were discussed at a CCHS School Improvement meeting.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board members spoke about:

- Mr. Zeidman thanked the staff for providing additional information on the students receiving the American Citizenship Award. He also discussed the upcoming YMCA presentation regarding bullying; the schools sites having the internet site, Facebook, available to the students; his attendance at the Parenting Conference and how it conflicted with the Farragut and El Marino Fall Festivals; the success of the Farragut and El Marino Fall Festivals; his attendance at the Joint Culver City Council/Culver City

Parks and Recreation traveling meeting and that he would like to see the issue of scheduling at the parks/schools addressed at the CCUSD/City Liaison meeting; he agreed with Miss Dillard that the District should look into a Mandarin Immersion Program; and his attendance at a meeting with Mr. El Fattal regarding capital improvements.

- Mrs. Davis welcomed the Middle School Representative Samarah Raheem to the meeting, and requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Mildred McDaniel. She extended congratulations to Miss Dillard on all of her endeavors; she expressed her disappointment that with all of the community input, the PXP Oil issue was granted; she reported on her attendance at the Annual Fall LACSTA Meeting and topics that were discussed; she requested to have the Youth Advisory Committee agendaized to discuss the surveys that the City would like to distribute; she also requested to have the Community Day School topic agendaized; and she thought that there was great attendance at the parenting conference.
- Mr. Gourley requested that Miss Dillard be involved in the Student Advisory Program, and suggested that she speak to Mr. Goodin regarding the topic of social promotion. He also agreed with Mr. Laase's suggestion of having a Board policy regarding public recognition of Board expenditures agendaized. Mr. Gourley encouraged students to participate in the Backlot Films event; he encouraged Mr. Zirgulis to speak with Mr. Laase regarding PXP Oil; and he agreed with Mrs. Davis in agendaizing the Youth Advisory Committee discussion.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos reported on her attendance at the Education Foundation's Benefactors Breakfast and stated that this year was their highest attendance. The Parenting Conference also was very well attended and Dr. Beagles-Roos received positive input from parents regarding the College Preparation workshop. She discussed the success of the Farragut Fall Festival; and she thanked Mr. Goodin for attending the meeting.
- Dr. Russell reported on his attendance at the Education Foundation's Benefactors Breakfast. Dr. Russell also stated he appreciated having Mr. Karlo Silbiger at the meeting and acknowledging the great programs in the District.

12. Information Items - None

13. Recess

The Board recessed at 8:55 p.m. and reconvened at 9:01 p.m.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items - None

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Reinstatement of Pupil Services Case #10-07

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve reinstatement of Case #10-07 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Approval is Recommended for the Carl Perkins 2008-2012 Local Plan for Career Technical Education

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Carl Perkins 2008-2012 Local Plan for Career Technical Education (CTE) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for Resolution #3 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Ms. Davis that the Board approve the Resolution #3 Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2d Approval is Recommended for the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP)

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Certification for Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2e Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification of Provision of Standards-Aligned Instruction Materials

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP) Certification as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Items

14.3a Approval is Recommended for Resolution #4/2008-09 Gann Limit Calculation

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve Resolution #4/2008-09 Gann Limit Calculation as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3b Approval is Recommended for a Budget Revision to the Adult School Fund

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Budget Revision to the Adult School Fund as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3c Approval is Recommended for Budget Revisions to the General Fund

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Budget Revisions to the General Fund as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.4 Personnel Items - None

15. Public Recognition – Continued

15.1 Members of the Audience

No comments from members of the audience.

15.2 Members of the Board

Board members spoke about:

- Mrs. Davis gave additional information on the events at the LACSTA Meeting that she attended and provided the Board with handouts; she was happy about the great turn-out at the Education Foundation’s Benefactors Breakfast; she requested an update on what the District is doing to “go green”; and she commended the Adult School for following up on their accreditation.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos thanked Mrs. Davis for providing handouts from the LACSTA Meeting; and requested information on what is done to assess ninth graders transitioning to the High School.
- Dr. Russell thanked the staff for following up and providing information on the requests from the Board.
- Mrs. Davis inquired about the program that was used at El Rincon that increased their test scores.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Mrs. Davis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Russell adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. in memory of Mildred McDaniel.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary