CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPTED MINUTES

Meeting: Special Meeting Date: February 3, 2009

Place: <u>District Administration Office</u> Time: <u>6:00 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

4034 Irving Place Culver City 90232

Board Members PresentStaff Members Present

Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., President Myrna Rivera Coté, Ed.D., Superintendent

Saundra Davis, M.A., Vice President
Steven Gourley, Clerk
Scott Zeidman, Esq., Member
David El Fattal, M.B.A.
Gwenis Laura, Ed.S.
Patricia Jaffe, M.S.

Dana Russell, D.D.S., Member

Call to Order

Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos called the meeting of the Culver City Unified School District Board of Education to order at 6:05 p.m. with all Board members in attendance.

2. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the agenda for February 3, 2009 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Board Business

3.1 Vision and Goals for the District

a) Discussion of what each Board Member wants to see accomplished

Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested going through the Beliefs that had been adopted by a prior board. Mr. Gourley commented that either the Board knows what they want to do in regards to a Mission Statement or not; and he moved to keep the Mission Statement. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis and unanimously approved.

b) Discussion of how we will accomplish the vision/goals

The Board made the following suggestions:

- Mr. Zeidman suggested continuing to work with the City and City government; and to pursue seeking financial assistance such as a parcel tax.
- Mrs. Davis suggested lobbying the District's public officials more, and holding them with more accountability. She also suggested looking closer at the District's ADA and permits. Additional discussion ensued regarding parcel tax.
- Dr. Russell would like the Board to discuss what the Board's central purpose is at each school; and what the Board would be willing to cut in regards to the budget.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos thinks that the schools should be a source of pride in the community that provides a well-rounded education. She commented about longer days in elementary, or possibly a seventh period in the secondary schools. Dr. Beagles-Roos would like to see a safe and orderly environment, along with fiscal stability. She is also in favor of parcel tax. The Board agreed that there should be community pride regarding the schools.
- Mr. Gourley made comments regarding getting the Federal government out of the schools, and feels that the schools should be funded locally. He feels the City will be more in favor of the District pursuing a fifty-fifty parcel tax; and he was in favor of a parcel tax going on the General Election ballot. Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested putting parcel tax on a future agenda. Dr. Russell and Mr. Gourley agreed, making a consensus.

3.2 Board Meeting Recognition Guidelines

Dr. Coté distributed the Board Policy information regarding the Board recognition guidelines. Mr. Zeidman commented that he thinks the policy will work well with the parcel tax, and stated that the Board is having image issues. Mr. Gourley stated that when campaigning he found that most people did not know there was a School Board, and started a discussion about the Board moving to the City building. Further discussion ensued. Board members will each submit a list to Dr. Coté on the students/groups to honor at the Board meeting. Mr. Alan Elmont suggested extending the policy to include PTA and other groups. Dr. Beagles-Roos confirmed that the Board meetings could include Student Recognition, Citizenship Awards, and the Spotlight on Education.

3.3 Selection of the Student Board Member

Board members discussed the selection process of the student Board member, and asked if the students are informed about what the duties entail. Dr. Russell agreed with Mr. Zeidman that there does not seem to be a reason to change the process. A consensus was made to have Ryan Cho, a Culver City High School student, come to a Board meeting and present the same information that he presented at the CSBA Conference regarding the selection process for a student board member.

3.4 Frequency of Superintendent's Evaluation by the Board

Dr. Beagles-Roos explained that when the Superintendent was hired it was set up by the Board and approved to have an evaluation three times a year. She also explained that this was set up because of the time of year that Dr. Coté was hired. Dr. Beagles-Roos proposed to change the evaluations to one time per year. Further discussion ensued. A consensus was made to have the evaluation one time a year with Dr. Coté in agreement.

Mr. Zeidman moved to adjourn the meeting in memory of Curt Massey, Reba Yudess, and Esther Washington. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3.5 Budget Cuts

Mr. El Fattal provided information regarding potential budget reductions for the District. The Board had a discussion on different line items that were presented, and discussed the ongoing financial crisis. Mr. El Fattal stated that the Board has to plan for the worst. Budget cuts will be presented to the Board at the February 24, 2009 Board meeting; he confirmed that the District will need to cut 3.7 to 4 million dollars. Mr. George Laase commented that now is the time to spend capital funds. He pointed out that due to the economic downturn the District would get more for their dollar. Mr. Alan Elmont discussed the possibility of more competition in fundraising. Mr. Mielke commented that there not enough cuts at the District Office level.

Mr. Gourley suggested getting information on becoming a charter district. Further discussion ensued. Mrs. Davis and Mr. Zeidman were in agreement to agendize the topic of becoming a charter district.

4. <u>Action Items</u> Superintendent's Items

4.1a <u>Approval is Recommended for a Board Member to Attend the Education is a Civil Right conference in Sacramento, CA from February 5-6, 2009</u>

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve Mrs. Davis to attend the Education is a Civil Right Conference in Sacramento, CA from February 5-6. 2009 as presented. Further discussion ensued about possible minimal reimbursements stated in the Board Report for parking and meals. Mrs. Davis clarified that she is only staying for one day. The motion was passed with 4 – Ayes and 1 – Nay by Dr. Beagles-Roos. Dr. Beagles-Roos changed her vote to Aye which made the vote 5 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Gourley, seconded by Mr. Zeidman, and approved with a vote of 5 – Ayes and 0 - Nays to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. in memory of Curt Massey, Reba Yudess, and Esther Washington.

Approved:		
	Board President	Superintendent
On:		
	Date	Secretary