

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>February 10, 2009</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

Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., President
Saundra Davis, M.A., Vice President
Steven Gourley, Clerk
Scott Zeidman, Esq., Member
Dana Russell, D.D.S., 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. Beagles-Roos 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 7:00 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Ms. Christine Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Dr. Beagles-Roos 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 Developer Fee Study

Dr. Beagles-Roos opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Alan Elmont inquired as to if there were additional copies available of the study. Mr. El Fattal responded that a copy was available. Mr. El Fattal introduced Ms. Cheryl King of Jack Schraeder and Associates who provided the Board with a summary of the report and responded to questions from Board members. Dr. Beagles-Roos closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mrs. Davis to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Consent Agenda

Dr. Beagles-Roos called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. No items were withdrawn. It was moved by and seconded by to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 – 9.7 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – January 27, 2009 and Special Meeting – February 3, 2009
- 9.2 Purchase Orders
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 11
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 11
- 9.6 Culver City High School Baseball Program to attend an Overnight Field Trip to San Diego, CA for the San Diego Lions Club Baseball Tournament, April 6-9, 2009
- 9.7 Culver City High School Boys' Lacrosse Team to Attend an Overnight Field Trip to Participate in Games in San Diego, CA, March 6-7, 2009

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**10.1 Spotlight on Education – Linwood E. Howe Elementary**

Dr. Coté introduced Ms. Amy Anderson Principal of Linwood E. Howe Elementary. Ms. Anderson introduced student Anna Garcia Rema who played the violin for the Board; student Chad Carter also played a violin arrangement. Ms. Anderson spoke about how she hopes that the budget crisis does not affect the quality arts programs that are in the schools. Since Ms. Anderson was experiencing some technical difficulty trying to continue her presentation, Mr. Gourley suggested moving on in the agenda to public recognition. Mr. Zeidman moved to modify the agenda to give Ms. Anderson time to fix the technical issues. Mrs. Davis seconded the motion. It was decided to proceed to public recognition.

11. Public Recognition**11.3 Members of the Audience**

- Adrian Berliner, a student at Cal State Los Angeles, spoke about his great learning experience at Farragut and at the Middle School. Mr. Berliner requested to be allowed to tutor math at the Middle School. Mr. Gourley spoke highly of Mr. Berliner as they worked together in the Mock Trial Program, and felt that he would be a fine tutor. Dr. Coté stated that the District would be very happy to reconsider his request for tutoring. Mrs. Davis commented that she was very proud of him, and thanked the students that played. Dr. Beagles-Roos thanked the students that performed and she is happy that the program has been so successful. Dr. Beagles-Roos also thanked Mr. Berliner and his parents for attending the meeting.
- Mr. Karlo Silbiger wanted to invite the Board and community members to the Culver City Democratic Club's two events. The first event is on February 11, 2009 and it is a forum where the candidates running for state senate will be speaking and responding to questions. The second event is on February 21, 2009 which is the annual Installation Luncheon where the new Board is installed. Mr. Silbiger wanted to follow up on the AP exam issue. He encouraged the Board to agendize voting on changing the policy.

10.1 Spotlight on Education - Linwood E. Howe Elementary - (cont.)

Ms. Anderson provided information on the variety of music opportunities at the school which include choir, instrumental music and a Symphonic Jazz Orchestra. Ms. Anderson presented additional information on the classroom instruction, and student assemblies.

12. Information Items**12.2 Presentation of the Process for Pursuing a Parcel Tax**

Mr. El Fattal introduced Ms. Bonnie Moss of Jack Schrader and Associates who explained the process for pursuing a parcel tax. Ms. Moss also provided information on raising revenue thru a parcel tax and explained the feasibility phase. Mr. Karlo Silbiger encouraged the Board to review Measure T as an example, and note how it was a community effort. Mr. Silbiger recommended that the Board approve proceeding with a parcel tax. Community members Stephanie O'Neil, Robert Gray, and Alan Elmoto also encouraged the Board to approve an Action Item in favor of proceeding with a parcel tax; and they felt strongly about keeping the community well informed about the District's support. Mrs. Davis commented on the District partnering with the City. Ms. Moss stated that she strongly believes in collaboration with the City in pursuing the tax. Further discussion ensued as Ms. Moss responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Gourley moved to agendize the pursuance of a parcel tax. A consensus was made with Mrs. Davis and Mr. Zeidman in agreement.

Mr. Zeidman was unable to attend the full meeting and left at 8:30 p.m.

10.2 Career Pathways AB2448 Information Presented by Dr. Marvin Brown, Regional Occupational Program (ROP) "Steering Committee Representative"

Dr. Marvin Brown, Steering Committee Representative, began by thanking LACOE ROP Coordinator Randy Valenzuela and Marion Serra, CCUSD ROP Technician. Mr. Valenzuela thanked the students who attended; the community of Culver City; and Dr. Brown. Mr. Valenzuela presented information on ROP career pathways, and responded to questions.

11. Public Recognition – (cont.)**11.1 Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Coté reported on her attendance at the Annual Superintendents symposium where the main topic was the fiscal crisis. Dr. Coté noted that attendance was down at the conference, and commented that other Districts have not come up with any answers to the crisis. School Services of California gave their suggestions on handling the crisis. Dr. Coté reported on her attendance at the opening of the science lab at El Rincon Elementary, and felt that it was an amazing event. She thanked Dr. Beagles-Roos and Mr. Zeidman for attending.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Ms. Laura provided an update on the last Anti-Bullying Task Force meeting where they gave recommendations to the Board of what they feel should be the next plan of action.

Mr. El Fattal reported on the latest information regarding the state budget; and he provided an update on developing the expenditure reduction list.

Mrs. Jaffe reported that she was waiting on more direction regarding the budget cuts. Mrs. Jaffe provided an update on CCFT negotiations, and stated that she was hoping to have the 2009-2010 calendar finalized.

11.4 Student Representatives' Reports**Middle School Student Representative**

Sibyl Courey, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including the activities at the upcoming Valentine Dance; the profits from the Winter Dance; the upcoming Pennies for Patients fundraiser; and the upcoming fifth grade orientation.

Culver Park Student Representative

Jessica Romo, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the school developing a debate team; the HeArt Projects attendance at the Getty Museum; and two seniors that received awards from the Culver City Exchange Club for improvement.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Opal Dillard, Student Board Member, began by apologizing that she was unable to make the previous meeting. Miss Dillard reported on activities at Culver City High School, including the Relay for Life fundraiser for cancer; the upcoming blood drive; a focus group being established to combat bullying; a students with disabilities campaign; and that she had some complaints from ELL students reporting that aides are not helpful. Miss Dillard inquired as to what was discussed at the February 3, 2009 meeting regarding the selection of Student Board Member. Dr. Beagles-Roos responded. Miss Dillard also inquired as to item number 52686 on the purchase orders. Mr. El Fattal responded that the funds were from a FLAP grant for computers.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Mr. Gourley inquired as to additional developments being made with the Anti-Bullying Task Force such as how is the District currently protecting the students? What progress is being made? And what training has the District implemented to date? Ms. Laura responded that the teacher training is in development. When a program is adopted the training will follow. Mr. Gourley thanked everyone for talking about the parcel tax, and provided suggestions on what the community can do to get a parcel tax passed. He inquired as to if the AP exam decision was site-based.
- Dr. Russell commented on his conversation with Ms. Nancy Goldberg, and reported that CBAC will have a special meeting. Dr. Russell encouraged parents of elementary students to attend the CBAC meeting.
- Mrs. Davis inquired as to if there is any flexibility with categorical funding. Dr. Coté responded that there is a little flexibility. Mrs. Davis reported on her attendance at the memorial service for Sgt. Massey of the Culver City Police Department, and suggested developing a scholarship fund. Mrs. Davis reported

on her attendance at a conference in Sacramento where funding and the budget crisis were big issues. The conference also had discussion on local/state legislation.

- Dr. Beagles-Roos thanked the student representatives for the attendance and reports. Dr. Beagles-Roos reported on her attendance at the El Rincon Science Lab opening and stated it was a wonderful tribute to teachers, staff, and the Education Foundation. She reported on fundraisers for the Culver City Youth Health Center, and the High School Booster Club. Dr. Beagles-Roos commented on her attendance at the La Ballona Partners in Print which helps parents develop literacy in children. Commendations went to Rita Zide for donating books to all of the schools. Mrs. Davis thanked the student representatives for attending the meeting, and welcomed the new students.

12.1 First Reading of Revised Administrative Regulation and Board Policy 5144, Students - Discipline

Ms. Laura presented the Administrative Regulation and Board Policy to the Board for review. Mr. Andrew Sotelo provided the Board with his proposed changes; and responded to questions from audience members and the Board. The information will return to the Board for a second reading.

8. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items

14.1a Request to Change the date of the April 28, 2009 Board Meeting

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the request to move the April 28, 2009 Board meeting to April 27, 2009 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2 Education Services Items

14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Culver Park High School

Board members commented on how much they liked the new format of the Site Plans. It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve Single Plan for Student Achievement for Culver Park High School as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2b Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for La Ballona Elementary School

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the single Plan for Student Achievement for La Ballona Elementary School as presented. Dr. Beagles-Roos stated that she liked the new format. Mrs. Davis and Ms. Collins extended commendations to Mrs. Leslie Lockhart for her fantastic work and direction on the Site Plans. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for Adoption of New K-5, Middle School and High School Mathematics Textbooks

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the new K-5, Middle School and High School mathematics Textbook Adoption as presented. Mr. Laase inquired as to how old the books were that students were currently using. Ms. Laura responded that the cycle for new books is every 5 to 6 years. The motion was unanimously approved.

14.3 Business Items

14.3a Approval is Recommended for Budget Revision to the General Fund

It was moved by Mrs. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the budget revision to the General Fund as presented. Mr. El Fattal responded to questions from the Board and from audience members regarding the revisions. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. Board Business - None

16. Public Recognition – Continued

16.1 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Mr. Alan Elmont commented on the suggestion from CBAC to encourage the District to not provide the State with a balanced budget, and encourage other Boards in the state to do the same.
- Mr. Jerry Chabola commented that he was thrilled that ROP was being recognized. He also stated that he felt the parcel tax issue was important, but that the public should be more informed about permit students. The public does not know permit students could be held to higher standards. Mr. Chabola encouraged the Board to advocate with Sacramento to change funding. Mr. Chabola suggested moving public recognition to earlier on the agenda; and congratulated Mr. El Fattal for no adjustments needed on the 2007-2008 final audit

16.2 Members of the Board

Board members spoke about:

- Mrs. Davis suggested that the actions being taken by the Anti-Bullying Task Force should be communicated to the schools.
- Dr. Russell agreed with Mr. Chabola that public recognition needs to be earlier on the agenda. Dr. Russell congratulated Mr. El Fattal for no adjustments needed on the 2007-2008 audit. He did not agree with Mr. Chabola on protesting by submitting an unbalanced budget.
- Mr. Gourley stated that the District has to submit a balanced budget. He praised Mr. El Fattal for the 2007-2008 audit. Mr. Gourley commented on his meeting with two community members who donated to the El Rincon Science Lab. Those citizens acknowledged Dr. Coté’s contribution.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos commented that all Boards of Education will be working on budget cuts. Dr. Beagles-Roos also inquired as to if the students at the High School are getting information back from the Anti-Bullying Task Force. Miss Dillard stated that Student Council is aware of information, but not the whole school. Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested that the Task Force could write an article for the newspapers. Mr. Gourley suggested that Miss Dillard could spread information through the heads of the programs she is involved in.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Gourley, seconded by Dr. Russell and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary