

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>March 24, 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
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 four Board members in attendance. Mrs. Davis was not present. Ms. Diana Castro 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 Culver City Unified School District and Tri-City SELPA Annual Service Plans and Budget Plans

Dr. Beagles-Roos opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. Mrs. Rose Ecker, Director of Pupil Services, presented the plans to the Board. There were no comments or questions from audience members. It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman to close the public hearing. Dr. Beagles-Roos closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

8. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the March 24, 2009 agenda as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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 No items were withdrawn.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 Mr. Gourley and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve Consent Agenda Items 9.1 through 9.9 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 9.1 Minutes of Special Meeting – March 3, 2009
- 9.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants
- 9.3 Acceptance of Gifts – Donations
- 9.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 14
- 9.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 14
- 9.6 Culver City High School Teacher to Attend the Advanced Placement Language/Composition Essay Reading in Daytona Beach, Florida, Jun 9-17, 2009
- 9.7 Culver City High School Teacher to Attend the Advanced Placement European History Reading in Fort Collins, Colorado, June 11-19, 2009
- 9.8 Five Culver City High School Students to Attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly in Blue Jay, CA, April 17-19, 2009
- 9.9 El Marino Language School Teachers to Attend the CARLA Summer Institute in St. Paul, Minnesota: Three to Attend June 22-26, 2009 and one to Attend July 13-17, 2009

10. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**10.1 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 February. The recipients were Krista Hernandez from El Marino School; Anna Hovlin from El Rincon Elementary; Katya Murgui from La Ballona School; Thanassis Tetradi from Linwood E. Howe School; Gabriel Lobet from Farragut School; Alexa Madden from Culver City Middle School; Hilario Artola from Culver Park High School; and Robert "Bobby" Safoyan from Culver City High School.

Board members presented each recipient with a pin and certificate; and thanked the students and their families for attending the meeting.

10.2 Recognition of Western Los Angeles Dental Society

Ms. Laura introduced Diana Castro, the School Nurse. Ms. Castro informed the Board of the contributions made by the Western Los Angeles Dental Society members who volunteer their time every year to conduct district wide dental screenings and referrals. Dr. Russell read the Proclamation that was signed by all Board members.

10.3 "Schools to Watch" Presentation

Dr. Coté provided information on the "Schools to Watch" Program. Mr. Jon Pearson, Principal at Culver City Middle School, presented information on the middle school programs that have distinguished Culver City Middle School as a "Schools to Watch – Taking Center Stage" school.

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

In the spirit of refocusing on education after working through the recent budget issues, Dr. Coté reported on recent activities happening at the school sites. Dr. Coté announced that she will be attending the Title 1 Academic Achievement Awards to be held on April 28, 2009 where Linwood Howe and La Ballona will be recognized.

11.2 Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Mrs. Laura announced two professional development opportunities for teachers that will take place before the spring break. She also gave a brief description of the professional development classes which address anti-bullying, and interactive white boards.

Mr. El Fattal reported that he is researching the cost of feasibility studies for a parcel tax. Mr. Zeidman requested that the feasibility study be an Action Item. Mr. Gourley stated he would like the information before the meeting.

Mrs. Jaffe provided updates on the school calendar and summer school. Mrs. Jaffe informed the Board that everyone who had been given notice had a right to a hearing, and the hearings would be provided on a seniority basis. She reported that no teachers had requested a hearing, and that they felt confident in the District's seniority list.

11.3 Members of the Audience

Members of the audience spoke about:

- Tom Horn spoke on behalf of the 33rd District PTA, and provided an update on their trip to Sacramento where they met with legislators. He also informed the Board about the "Remember Me" campaign which urged everyone to be vigilant in keeping in touch with their legislators.
- Miranda Baxendale and Katie Freeman provided information on the 51st Annual State Speech Championships. Culver City High School will host the event. They invited the Board and community members to attend, or to volunteer.
- Karlo Silbiger thanked Dr. Beagles-Roos on behalf of the Democratic Club for coming to their last meeting and speaking. In regards to the Board meeting two weeks prior, Mr. Silbiger stated he thought the Board did very well listening to the public. He agreed with Dr. Russell's previous suggestion to find out how other districts allocate their budget in regards to payroll. Mr. Silbiger stated he was glad to have the presentation on the "Schools to Watch" program, and he wondered if the "Schools to Watch" honor

would change with an Assistant Principal position being cut. Mr. Silbiger would like to know the Board's response to the City's memo asking the District how the City could give their support.

- David Mielke commented that it was nice to see Noya Kansky representing the high school at the meeting. He was happy about the "Schools to Watch" honor; and the speech debates to be held at the high school. Mr. Mielke stated the District did a great job on the seniority list; and he felt it was time to revitalize the CBAC Committee and bring in new people. He commented that many people were still upset about some of the District staff's mileage allowance increase; that the PR Consultant was still working for the District; and they are still waiting to hear about the Board's health and welfare benefits. Mr. Mielke stated he has yet to hear acknowledgment by the Board that the raise the teachers took last year was a substandard increase.

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 success of the fifth grade orientation; the Spring Dance; the organization of Earth Day events; the Honorary Service Awards; an update on the Jog-A-Thon; and College Week events.

Culver Park Student Representative

Jessica Romo, Culver Park High School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the jackets and t-shirts with the new school logo being received during the week; and the HeArt Project presentation at the Getty Museum.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Noya Kansky was present for Opal Dillard who was absent. Miss Kansky reported on activities at Culver City High School including the Open House events and Club Expo; the upcoming ASB elections; a rally taking place the following Thursday; and the upcoming Springfest.

11.5 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Dr. Russell requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Dr. Don Eslick. Dr. Russell reported on his attendance at three events that reminded him why he was inspired to run for the Board. The AVPA events, "Let Me Tell You about My Boat" and "Singing in the Rain" were great, and the Invitational Track Meet. He also stated that he liked the idea of response clickers.
- Mr. Zeidman reported on the upcoming First Annual Bowling charity event sponsored by the Booster Clubs. He was disappointed that the District's Wellness Policy was not on this meeting's agenda; and he reported that he will be going on the Washington, D.C. trip with sixty middle school students.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos reported on her attendance at the HeArt Project event, the Invitational Track Meet, and AVPA's "Singing in the Rain". She thought all were great events. Dr. Beagles-Roos also gave an update on the "Empower our Schools" campaign and would like all of the groups in the District to support the campaign. Dr. Beagles-Roos also thanked Miss Romo for reporting Board meeting information to the students at Culver Park.

12. Information Items

12.1 Enrollment Report

Mr. El Fattal presented the Enrollment Report to Board members.

13. Recess

Mr. Gourley and Mr. Zeidman suggested bypassing recess and continuing through the meeting. Dr. Beagles-Roos and Dr. Russell agreed.

14. Action Items

14.1 Superintendent's Items - None

14.2 Education Services Items**14.2a Approval is Recommended for the Culver City Unified School District and Tri-City SELPA Annual Service Plans and Budget Plans**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Culver City Unified School District and Tri-City SELPA Service Plans and Budget Plans for 2008-2009 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

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

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for El Rincon Elementary School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2c Approval is Recommended for the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Linwood E. Howe Elementary School

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) for Linwood E. Howe Elementary School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2d Approval is Recommended for Community Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application, 2009-2010

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Intent to Re-apply for the Community Based English Tutoring Program, Fiscal Year 2008-2009 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2e Approval is Recommended for New Courses at Culver City High School: Journalism 1 and 2

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Journalism 1 and 2 course for Culver City High School as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.2f Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #08-09

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #08-09 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.3 Business Items**14.3a Resolution #24/2008-2009 Approval of Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2009-2010**

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve Resolution #24/2008-2009 Approval of Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRANS) for 2009-2010 as presented. Mr. El Fattal responded to questions from audience members and the Board. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4 Personnel Items**14.4a Approval is Recommended for the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar**

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4b Approval is Recommended for Resolution #25-2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Management Personnel

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Gourley that the Board approve Resolution #25 – 2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Management Personnel. Mr. Gourley thanked Debbie Hamme and Jackie

Lee, members of the Association of Classified Employees, for bringing a situation to the Board's attention. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4c Approval is Recommended for Resolution #26 – 2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Confidential Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve Resolution #26 – 2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Confidential Personnel as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 Nays.

14.4d Approval is Recommended for Resolution #27 – 2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel

Mrs. Jaffe gave introductory comments on the Resolution. Mr. Gourley thanked the classified and certificated representatives for the compassionate way they handled the layoffs. Jackie Lee thanked the Board for taking into account previous comments that were made in efforts to save the Purchasing Clerk position. Karlo Silbiger agreed with Jackie Lee's comments, and inquired as to who would be taking on the additional work since the position was cut. He felt that the layoff process was backwards and that it was not taken into account who would be taking on the additional work of people that were laid off. Dr. Russell commended Mrs. Jaffe on the work that she has done with the layoff procedures. Dr. Russell also expressed that all of the positions are important. Dr. Beagles-Roos commented for clarification that layoffs are a process and classified positions are subject to negotiations. It was moved by Mr. Zeidman and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve Resolution #27 – 2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff of Classified Personnel as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4e Approval is Recommended for Resolution #28 – 2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve Resolution #28-2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Personnel as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

14.4f Approval is Recommended for Resolution #29 – 2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Personnel Per Memorandum of Agreement Dated December 20, 2007

It was moved by Mr. Gourley and seconded by Mr. Zeidman that the Board approve Resolution #29 – 2008/2009 (HR), Regarding Layoff/Reduction of Classified Personnel Per Memorandum of Agreement Dated December 20, 2007 as presented. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays.

15. Board Business - None

16.1 Public Recognition - Continued

16.1 Members of the Audience

There were no comments from members of the audience.

16.2 Members of the Board

Board members spoke about:

- Mr. Zeidman requested that a discussion to reorganize CBAC be on the agenda after the April 27th meeting. Mr. Gourley and Dr. Russell agreed making a consensus.
- Dr. Russell inquired if anyone knew the impact of the Upward Bound house that is being built. Dr. Coté stated that she has an appointment set to get additional information on the project. Dr. Russell inquired about the procedure for collecting money at District events. Mr. El Fattal responded. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Zeidman commented that it would be nice if the Office of Child Development would accept credit cards.
- Dr. Beagles-Roos gave a reminder on the Tribute to the Stars event, and agreed that the Board should discuss CBAC. Dr. Beagles-Roos also suggested that the Board discuss the May 19th election and what effects the outcomes might have on the District.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Zeidman, seconded by Dr. Russell and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Dr. Beagles-Roos adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. in memory of Dr. Don Eslick.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary