

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>March 27, 2007</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>7:30 p.m. – Public Meeting</u>

Board Members Present

Marla Wolkowitz, President
Stewart Bubar, M.S., Vice President
Dana Russell, D.D.S., Clerk
Jessica Beagles-Roos, Ph.D., Member
Sandra Davis, M.A., Member

Staff Members Present

Myrna Rivera Coté, Ed.D., Superintendent
David El Fattal, M.B.A.
Diane Fiello, Ed.D.
Patricia Jaffe, M.S.

Call to Order

Board President Mrs. Wolkowitz 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 7:30 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. Chardonay Tabor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Mrs. Wolkowitz 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.

Mrs. Wolkowitz pulled item 11.2 from the agenda.

7. Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos to adopt the agenda of March 27, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Wolkowitz called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Dr. Russell requested that item 8.1 be withdrawn.

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Dr. Beagles Roos to approve Consent Agenda Items 8.2 – 8.6 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

8.2 Purchase Orders and Warrants

8.3 Acceptance of Gifts - Donations

8.4 Certificated Personnel Reports No. 14

8.5 Classified Personnel Reports No. 14

8.6 Out-of-State School Business Travel: Cornell Institute for Biology Teachers Summer Biology Workshop
July 8-20, 2007 in Ithaca, New York

8.1 Approval is Recommended for the Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 13, 2007 and Special Meeting – March 20, 2007

Dr. Russell pulled this item, for the minutes of March 13, 2007, to omit the word *unanimously* from the vote since the vote was 4 – Ayes and 0 – Nays in item 8.9. The spelling of Sally *Wright* in items 10.4 and 10.5 is corrected to read Sally *Ride*. It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – March 13, 2007, as amended, and the Minutes of Special Meeting – March 20, 2007. The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion ensued regarding placing the names of the Board members before the topics discussed in the Public Recognition section of the minutes. There was general consensus to omit the names.

9. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations

9.1 Culver City Education Foundation Building Blocks for Education

Mrs. Darlene Bilkiss, Trustee from the Culver City Education Foundation, presented a Building Block in memory of Jane Murray. The son of Jane Murray gave a brief acceptance speech. Another Building Block was presented to the Administrators of Culver City Unified which was donated by Superintendent Dr. Coté and Assistant Superintendents Dr. Fiello, Mrs. Jaffe and Mr. El Fattal.

Mrs. Bilkiss also reminded the audience of the upcoming Tribute to Stars event.

9.2 Spotlight on Education Presentation by Culver City Middle School

Mrs. Wolkowitz extended congratulations to Dr. Jerry Kosch for recently receiving his Doctorate. Dr. Kosch gave a brief presentation on the AVID Program at the Middle School and introduced Mr. Farhang Khazeie. Mr. Khazeie gave a detailed presentation along with Ms. Andrea Zarrinpar on the program. They responded to questions from the audience and Board members.

Board members thanked the presenters, expressed their enthusiasm for the AVID Program, and shared hopes that the program could be expanded.

9.3 Recognition of Public Schools Month – Resolution

Mrs. Wolkowitz requested that Andy Gonzalez read the Resolution. Mr. Gonzalez read the Resolution in recognition of Public Schools Month.

Mrs. Wolkowitz requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Patricia Grant and Bruce Rivera.

10. Public Recognition

10.1 Student Representatives' Reports

Middle School Student Representative

Chardonnay Tabor, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including possible Spirit Week themes, the Variety Show tryouts and meetings for next year's ASB.

Culver Park Student Representative

Mr. Terence Brown, Principal of Culver Park, reported on activities at Culver Park High School, including the Open House on March 29, 2007, cafeteria concerns which will be discussed at the first Town Hall Meeting which will be attended by Ron Hacker, graffiti concerns and the possibility of having murals painted, and Culver Park possibly having their own graduation festivities which would include the Independent Study group.

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Andy Gonzalez, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including ASB preparing for Springfest, the memorial held for Daniela Sookne, and a Senior Week update. Mr. Gonzalez also expressed that he was happy a settlement had been reached with the Culver City Federation of Teachers.

10.2 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Coté reported on her attendance at the Open House at El Rincon Elementary, and the 32nd Annual School Employers Association of California's Conference.

Dr. Coté discussed information she received at the conference regarding declining enrollment. She made an announcement regarding the Parent Forum that will be held at Culver City Middle School.

10.3 Assistant Superintendent's Reports

Dr. Fiello gave an example of art activities held in one week throughout the District. Dr. Fiello reported that a String Quartet was going to perform at El Marino and there would be a Chamber Group going to the High School. She also discusses various other art programs.

Mr. El Fattal gave an update that 260 seniors were absent on Senior Ditch Day, plus an additional 119 students at the High School. The total cost to the District for these absences was \$11,805.

10.4 Members of the Audience

Mr. George Laase followed up on a request that he had for documentation regarding accounting for Board members' expenses.

Dan O'Brien discussed concerns surrounding the Middle School and expressed optimism for the upcoming Parent Forum. Martin Conwell, speaking on behalf of A.C.E., discussed salaries and living wage increases. Debbie Hamme spoke on behalf of A.C.E. in regards to wages and members of the Classified Union feeling undervalued. David Mielke extended congratulations to Dr. Kosch and expressed his support for the AVID Program. Mr. Mielke also thanked Mr. Gonzalez for his words in support of the District's settlement with CCFT. Mr. Mielke encouraged the Board to settle negotiations with A.C.E., and commented on additional funds that he found in the interim report. He requested that those funds be shared with the Union groups. Alan Elmont inquired as to how the AVID Program ties in to the Galileo Program.

Mr. Elmont also commented on the sustainability of pilot programs that come into the District, if the Board had any feedback on the funding for computers, and certain curriculum tracks such as trade or business.

10.4 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- Errors made in the Observer Newspaper and a letter written by Dr. Spano encouraging the media to verify their facts
- The upcoming Parent Forum and the hopes that the issues are clarified
- A general consensus was made to hold a workshop for potential Board members in June
- Being in support of vocational education
- Possibly having the AVID Program in the elementary schools
- The issue of non-students coming onto the elementary campuses and there being no supervision
- A request received by a Board member to expand El Marino
- Making the other elementary schools as desirable as El Marino
- Visit to El Rincon's Open House
- The achievement gap including the history of African American children and the language barrier
- Considering culturally relevant education
- The community being welcome to attend all Open Houses
- The Science Retreat being a great club event and what options have been explored for funding
- Support for Culver Park High School having a separate graduation
- Springfest and what a great event it is
- The R.O.P. Program and how it is a great career path
- Mayor's Luncheon reminder
- American Citizenship Award information that was found on the Governor's webpage, and the possibility of considering participating in a similar program to recognize students at Board meetings. Mrs. Wolkowitz is willing to fund it for a year.

Board Members recognized:

- Dr. Fiello for providing an update on the Galileo Program
- Mr. Dan O'Brien for being proactive in the District and following up on information that he heard regarding the Middle School

Mrs. Wolkowitz called to recess the meeting at this time.

12. Recess

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

11. Information Items

11.1 Enrollment Report

Mr. El Fattal presented the Enrollment Report. Mr. El Fattal responded to questions from the Board.

11.2 2005-2006 Audit Report

This item had been previously pulled from the agenda.

11.3 Galileo Technology: Integrating Curriculum Instruction and Assessment

Dr. Fiello and Mr. Micheal Marsh made a presentation providing the Board with additional information regarding the program, and following up on questions that were asked at the original presentation. Dr. Fiello and Mr. Marsh responded to questions from the Board and asked that the item be presented as an Action Item at the next Board meeting.

13. Action Items

13.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Board Bylaw 9321, Closed Session, Purposes and Agenda

Mr. Bubar made a Point of Order.

He gave a reminder on the procedure for the Action Items. Further discussion ensued. Dr. Coté presented the Bylaw. Janet Chabola commented on a typographical error that needed a correction. It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Board Bylaw 9321, Closed Session, Purposes and Agenda with the correction. The motion was unanimously approved.

13.2 Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Service Case Number 07-07

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Service Case Number 07-07 until February 2008 and that the student enroll in a County Community Day School. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Nays and 1 - Abstention.

13.3 Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Service Case Number 08-07

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Service Case Number 08-07 until February 2008 and that the student be placed in a Non Public School. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Nays and 1 – Abstention.

13.4 Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Service Case Number 09-07

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Dr. Beagles-Roos that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Service Case Number 09-07 until February 2008 and that the student be placed in the County Community Day School. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Nays and 1 – Abstention.

13.5 Approval is Recommended for the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Service Case Number 10-07

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Service Case Number 10-07 until February 2008 and that the student be placed in the County Community Day School. The motion was approved with a vote of 4 – Ayes, 0 – Nays and 1 - Abstention.

13.6

Approval is Recommended for the AB1200 Public Disclosure-Financial Impact of 2006-2007 Agreement Between Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the Culver City Federation of Teachers (CCFT)

Mr. El Fattal presented information on the AB1200 report to the Board. Mr. El Fattal also responded to questions from the audience. Mrs. Jaffe will follow up on information requested by Dr. Russell. It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the AB1200 Public Disclosure of Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

13.7 Approval is Recommended for the 2006-2007 Tentative Agreement Between the Culver City Unified School District (CCUSD) and the Culver City Federation of Teachers (CCFT)

Alan Elmont expressed his support for the Board approving the contract, and commented that the Board should inform the community on any issues that the Union states might be unfair practice. It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approve the 2006-2007 Tentative Agreement as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

13.8 Request for Sabbatical Leave for High School Physics Teacher

Mrs. Jaffe presented the information to the Board.

Mr. Bakunin spoke about what he his proposing to do with his Sabbatical Leave. Further discussion ensued among Board members.

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the request for Sabbatical Leave for High School Physics Teacher as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

14. Board Business – None**15A. Public Recognition – Continued****15.1 Members of the Audience**

John Bakunin thanked the Board for their approval and submitted an additional project idea for his Sabbatical leave.

15.2 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about the following:

- The opportunity for teachers to have a Sabbatical and the excursion that Mr. Bakunin will be undertaking
- A request for trash cans in front of the High School and information on the dumpster in front of Robert Frost Auditorium. Mr. El Fattal responded to this inquiry.
- A request was made for an update on the selection process for a new Principal at El Marino
- An inquiry was made as to what happens with the cash received at the athletic functions, and if it goes towards supporting athletics
- The Board was asked to consider the building of a new snack bar
- Funding that was lost due to Senior Ditch Day
- The achievement gap and organizations that are discussing this issue; and how to deal with the “whole” child and the different aspects for student success
- Parents at Linwood Howe Elementary who want to discuss going to 6th grade
- The Board taking into consideration offering Vocational Education
- Informing the community about the great things going on in the District and conveying what the Board does
- Andy Gonzalez was commended on his attendance at the Board meetings and for being so prepared
- Andy Gonzalez addressed the issue of trash at the High School
- Advising parents to be careful when dropping their children off

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bubar, seconded by Mrs. Davis and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mrs. Wolkowitz adjourned the meeting at 10:39 p.m. in memory of Patricia Grant and Bruce Rivera.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary