

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

Meeting:	<u>Regular Meeting</u>	Date:	<u>November 14, 2006</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

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

Staff Members Present

Diane Fiello, Ed.D.
David El Fattal, M.B.A.
Antoinette Fournier, Ph.D.
Patricia Jaffe, M.S.

Call to Order

Board President Mrs. Davis 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 7:31 p.m. with all Board members in attendance. El Marino Language School students, Mason Matthews and Sarah Haas, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report from Closed Session

Mrs. Davis 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.

Due to the amount of audience members present for the presentation portion of the agenda, Mrs. Davis moved item 5.1 up on the agenda.

5. Awards, Recognitions and Presentations**5.1 Spotlight on Education - El Marino Language School**

Dr. Fiello introduced teacher Samantha Miller from El Marino who led her 4th grade class in a performance integrating music, language and health lessons.

Board members thanked the students for their performance.

3. Public Hearing**3.1 Association of Classified Employees (ACE) Initial Proposal for School Year 2006-2007**

Mrs. Davis closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Debbie Hamme spoke on behalf of the Classified Staff at Culver City Unified and commented on how hard the Classified Staff works and that they sometimes feel unappreciated and invisible.

She also reminded the Board that they are a separate entity from the Federation of Teachers Union and that they are looking forward to a fair and expedient negotiation process. Mr. David Mielke also spoke in regards to the negotiation process and gave his thoughts on the fact that the two Unions are separate entities and that the Unions may have different priorities and needs.

4. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Davis called the Consent Agenda and asked if any member of the audience or the Board wished to withdraw any item. Dr. Beagles-Roos requested that item 4.1 be withdrawn. Mrs. Wolkowitz requested that item 4.2 be withdrawn.

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar to approve Consent Agenda Items 4.3 – 4.10 as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

4.3 Acceptance of Gifts

4.4 Student Teacher Contract Between the Culver City Unified School District and California State University

Northridge

- 4.5 Approval for Board Member to Attend the Annual Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Conference in Anaheim, CA March 17-19, 2007
- 4.6 Notice of Completion for Project #184.07 – Chain Link Fencing
- 4.7 Out-of-State Field Trip – Sojourn to the Past
- 4.8 Nonpublic School Renewal Agreements for Aviva High School, Carousel School, Echo Horizon School, Elliot Insitute, Help Group, Kayne Eras Center, Linden Center, New Haven Youth & Family Services, Inc., North Hills Preparatory, Rossier Park Schools, Smart Start, Switzer Learning Center, Tobinworld, Vista School, Westview School and Poseidon School
- 4.9 Nonpublic Agency Renewal Agreements for Autism Parntership, California Unified Services Providers (SUSP), Holding Hands Pediatric Therapy, Interim Healthcare, The Kelter Center, Smart Start and Steve Kaufman & Associates
- 4.10 Certification of Signatures for Warrants, Orders for Salary Payment, Notices of Employment and Related Documents

4.1 Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 24, 2006 and Special Meetings of October

Dr. Beagles-Roos withdrew this item to amend the date on the Regular Minutes to read October 24, 2006 instead of November 14, 2006.

It was moved by Dr. Beagles-Roos and seconded by Dr. Russell to approve the Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 24, 2006 as amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

After the approval of the minutes Mr. Mielke spoke about his complaint regarding a statement made in the Board's comments on the Union President providing misinformation. The Board advised Mr. Mielke to listen to the recorded meeting and if there were any further statements they would happy to address the statements at a future meeting. Mr. Mielke requested a copy of that portion of the meeting.

4.2 Purchase Orders

Mrs. Wolkowitz pulled this item to ask questions regarding item number 47294 and why a private school was on our list. Mr. El Fattal provided response.

It was moved by Mrs. Wolkowitz and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board ratify Purchase Orders from October 16, 2006 through November 3, 2006 in the amount of \$371,552.94. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Public Recognition**6.1 Student Representatives' Reports****Middle School Student Representative**

Chardonnay Tabor, Culver City Middle School Student Representative, reported on activities at Culver City Middle School, including an update on the Halloween Dance, O'Grams update, Winter Holiday Dance, upcoming fundraisers, food drives for the holidays and yearbook sales.

Culver Park Student Representative

No representative at this time

Culver City High School Student Representative/Student Board Member

Andy Gonzalez, Student Board Member, reported on activities at Culver City High School, including ASB activities, Homecoming turnout, upcoming events, the half-time show at Homecoming, the possibility of adding another dance this year, the Peace Garden, and sports updates.

6.2 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Fiello introduced Mrs. Jaffe who reported on the new process in Human Resources of taking applications on-line and using Ed Join.

Mrs. Jaffe also reported on her attendance at a law conference sponsored by Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo.

Mr. El Fattal reported that he was contacted by Edison and notified of a Planned Power outage at the district office. He supplied the dates and gave information as to any precautions that will be taken. Mr. El Fattal also reported on meeting with an architect for the natatorium and the elevators to get additional information. Additional information included and

update on the High School marquis and updates on videotaping or audio streaming the board meetings.

Mrs. Davis introduced Dr. Antoinette Fournier as the new Interim Assistant Superintendent of Education Services.

Dr. Fournier gave an update on the Westfield Fox Hills Student Art Contest and Art Gallery in which several of our students were recognized for their work. Dr. Fournier gave the list of winners. The student's artwork will be on the Westfield shopping bags and they received awards.

Dr. Fournier then gave an update on the Hispanic Heritage Month Young Artist Competition sponsored by Union Bank and the winner of that event.

Further information included the completion of the Berlin Mural Project by the Academy Art Students.

Dr. Fiello congratulated the High School football team and reported on her attendance at the Homecoming game. Dr. Fiello also gave an update on the complaints of discrimination that had been escalating. An investigative attorney was hired to investigate three of the complaints and there was no evidence found of discrimination.

6.3 Members of the Audience

Mr. Alan Elmont gave congratulations to Dr. Fiello for article in which she discussed the functions of the Superintendent and the district.

Mr. Elmont also thanked all of the High School and Middle students that volunteered at Farragut Elementary. Some concerns that he voiced were regarding reports of a man in a silver Coupe vehicle that has been approaching students, possible microwaves from a cell tower by Farragut.

Mr. Elmont mentioned the lack of information in the Culver Currents article regarding negotiations. Mr. George Laase thanked the Board for the time they committed to in the search for a new superintendent and asked for a general report to go out to the public.

Mr. Mielke congratulated Samantha Miller and El Marino Language School for a wonderful presentation, welcomed Dr. Fournier and gave a negotiations update.

Mr. Casey Chabola spoke about possibly getting report cards done electronically and getting negotiations done in a timely fashion.

6.4 Members of the Board

Board Members spoke about:

- District Community Arts Team trying to work on a music curriculum
- The change of Comcast to Time Warner and if the change has caused any internet problems to our sites. Also if Time Warner has contacted the district regarding making any kind of donations.
- It being problematic that the Philharmonic event was scheduled the same night as a board meeting
- The Superintendent search and how much information the board has learned during the process
- Future discussion on the calendaring of upcoming board workshops
- Electronic report cards and why the district has not implemented this process
- Mr. Bubar requested that Action Items be moved to the beginning at the next board meeting as he will have to catch a flight for a meeting.
This was agreed upon by general consensus with the agreement of Mrs. Wolkowitz and Mrs. Davis.
- Making a new start with a positive attitude with the start of a new superintendent
- Mr. Bubar proposed a preliminary workshop for anyone considering running for a board member seat as he will not be running
- Mrs. Wolkowitz requested a review of the board policy regarding the agenda and the amount of time that board members can speak
- Mrs. Wolkowitz's feedback from community members stating that Culver Currents has too much good news
- Response from Mrs. Wolkowitz that there has been no proof that there is radiation being produced from the cell tower in front of Grace Lutheran
- Homecoming attendance and that it turned out to be a great event
- Board members supporting the Peace Garden. All board members stated they would like to make a contribution.
- Special Education Information System and a teacher's feeling about the support they feel they're getting
- Mrs. Davis receiving a call from a community member regarding public use of the tennis courts
- Mrs. Davis gave a brief update on Bill Cosby Consortium event discussing the achievement gap that drew 2,000 people
- Getting students involved in activities for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and African American History Month

- Mrs. Davis spoke about meeting with the Mayor of Beverly Hills and how Beverly Hills Unified obtained their funds from the City of Beverly Hills.

Board Members recognized Geoff Maleman for his contribution in helping to promote the art event at the Westfield Shopping Center in Fox Hills. Board Members also congratulated the art students and the High School football team.

7. Information Items

7.1 Enrollment Report

Mr. El Fattal presented the enrollment report.

He discussed the increase in enrollment at La Ballona Elementary and provided an explanation as to why there was a large discrepancy between the first month and the second month. He will provide additional information at a later date. Dr. Beagles-Roos had a question regarding enrollment being lower at Culver Park High. Mr. El Fattal responded that enrollment usually rises during the school year at Culver Park, but in general the enrollment was lower.

7.2 Presentation of 2005-2006 Accountability Report

Micheal Marsh, Teacher on Special Assignment, made a presentation on the 2006 STAR test results and gave comparisons dating back to 2003.

Mr. Marsh, along with administrative staff provided responses to questions from Board members and the audience.

Mrs. Davis requested a written report on the analysis and Dr. Russell requested copies of the slides in the presentation.

Board members thanked Mr. Marsh for his detailed presentation and gave their thoughts about the test scores that were presented.

8. Recess

The Board recessed at 10:09 p.m. and reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

7.3 First Reading of Revised Board Bylaw 9310, Policy Manual

Dr. Fiello presented the revisions to the Board.

Dr. Beagles-Roos suggested the information regarding notification by the Superintendent be added back into the policy. Dr. Russell also gave additional suggestions. The Bylaw will be brought back for a second reading.

7.4 First Reading of Revised Board Bylaw and Deleted Exhibit 9320, Meetings and Notices

Dr. Fiello presented the revisions to the Board.

Additional suggestions for revisions were made by board members and the bylaw will be brought back for a second reading.

Mrs. Davis pulled item 9.5 from the agenda.

9. Action Items

9.1 Approval of New Classified Management Job Title: Director of Purchasing; and Approval of New Classified Management Job Description

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Mrs. Wolkowitz that the Board approves the new job title and new job description for Director of Purchasing as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.2 Approval of Budget Calendar for 2006-2007 School Year

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Mrs. Davis that the Board approve the Budget Calendar for the 2006-2007 school year as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.3 Second Reading and Approval of Revised Board Policy 0200, Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans – Goals for the School District

It was moved by Dr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Bubar that the Board approves the revised Board Policy 0200, Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans – Goals for the District as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

9.4 Second Reading

and Approval of Revised Board Bylaw 9323.2 Exhibit, Actions Requiring More than a Majority Vote

It was moved by Mr. Bubar and seconded by Dr. Russell that the Board approves the revised Board Bylaw 9323.2E, Actions Requiring More than a Majority Vote as corrected. The motion was unanimously approved.

10A. Public Recognition – Continued**10A.1 Members of the Audience**

Mr. Roger Maxwell commented on an e-mail he received from a parent in which she told him about her daughter being approached by a man in a sports car. Mr. Maxwell also addressed graffiti issues in the district. Mr. Alan Elmont commented on getting information out to the parents regarding the man in the vehicle that had been approaching students.

10A.2 Members of the Board

Board members spoke about:

- Mr. Bubar addressed the issue that was raised on whether or not the Board has to have a policy on advising the students if there is a person approaching them or other possible dangers. Discussion ensued and it was decided that the district follows the instructions of the Culver City Police Department who would notify the district if the students were in any type of danger.
- Updating the board policies on the website
- Gifts of public funds to school districts and the comparison that have been made between Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and Culver City
- Possible board workshops in January
- Getting support from legislators for the natatorium

Mr. Bubar moved to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m. Mrs. Wolkowitz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Other information that could be posted on Culver Currents
- Mrs. Davis gave commendation to Dr. Fiello on the work that she has done as an Interim Superintendent

10B. Board Business**10B.1 Discussion on the Los Angeles Philharmonic Performance, December 12, 2006**

Board members discussed the upcoming Philharmonic performance. It was decided that the board meeting scheduled for that night could not be cancelled. Therefore, board members would not be present at the event.

10B.2 Discussion of Culver City Education Foundation's Building Blocks

Board members discussed donating Building Blocks and how they would follow up on payment as individuals instead of collectively as a Board.

12. Personnel**12.1 Certificated Personnel Services Report No. 7 and Addendum**

Mr. Bubar moved and Dr. Russell seconded that the Board adopt Certificated Personnel Services Report No. 7 and Addendum as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

12.2 Classified Personnel Services Report No. 7 and Addendum

Mr. Bubar moved and Dr. Russell seconded that the Board adopt Classified Personnel Services Report No. 7 and Addendum as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

12.3 Stipulated Expulsion of Pupil Services Case #02-06

Mrs. Wolkowitz moved and Dr. Russell seconded that the Board approve the stipulated expulsion of Case #02-06 until June 2007 and that the student enroll in a County Community Day School. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Closed Session

The Board adjourned to closed session at 11:15 p.m. with all Board members in attendance

Mrs. Davis requested to adjourn the meeting in memory of Emelia and Michael Wright.

Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bubar, seconded by Mrs. Wolkowitz and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting. Board President Mrs. Davis adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

Approved: _____
Board President

Superintendent

On: _____
Date

Secretary