

FOLSOM CORDOVA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
125 East Bidwell Street
Folsom, California 95630

August 21, 2003

MINUTES

Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Mills Middle School
Cafetorium
10439 Coloma Road
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Teresa A. Stanley, Board President
Roger L. Benton, Board Vice President
Sara Myers, Board Clerk
Richard Shaw, Board Member
Edward Short, Board Member

August 21, 2003

Board members present: Teresa Stanley, Roger Benton, Sara Myers, Richard Shaw, and Edward Short.

- 5:00 p.m. – Open Session CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)
President Stanley announced items to be discussed in closed session.
- 5:05 p.m. – Closed Session (Held in Library)
- 6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting (Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:06 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Linda Walden, Sandra J. Gallardo Principal, led the flag salute.

PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT

REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Superintendent Siefkin asked Mark Rickabaugh, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, to report out on routine action taken in closed session regarding certificated and classified personnel.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

The following are being hired with Temporary status for the 2003/2004 school year:

- Starlene Burgett, Teacher (#991831, #203155, #991802), Folsom High School, Professional Clear Single Subject Mathematics/Supplementary Authorization Computer Concepts and Applications/CLAD Credential; BS + 67/MA; Class 5, Step 3.
- Betty Kolstad, Special Education Teacher (#204033), Folsom Middle School, Preliminary Level 1 Education Specialist Instruction Mild/Moderate Disabilities Credential; BA + 80; Class 5, Step 3.
- Yvette Loya, Teacher (#992028, #204078), Folsom High School, Preliminary Single Subject BCLAD Emphasis Spanish/Foreign Language Spanish Credential; BA + 71; Class 4, Step 1.

- Michelle Maddux, Teacher (#990579), Williamson Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/CLAD Credential; BA + 48; Class 3, Step 1.
- Vilma Pantoja, Teacher (990091), Cordova Meadows Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/BCLAD Emphasis Spanish Credential; BA+28; Class 3, Step 1.
- Sean Rivera, Teacher (#991818), Folsom High School, Professional Clear Single Subject Mathematics/CLAD Credential; BA + 71 2/3; Class 4, Step 9.
- Jinny Vroom, Teacher (#204087), Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BS + 34, Class 2, Step 3.
- Keri Walters, Teacher (#204076), Folsom Middle School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization Mathematics Credential; BS + 69; Class 4, Step 3.
- Kathryn Warnick, Teacher (#200104), Elementary Prep, Preliminary Single Subject Music Credential; BM + 24; Class 2, Step 10.
- Kate Wilson, Special Education Teacher (#201247), Mather Heights Elementary School, Emergency Special Education Credential; BA; Class 1, Step 2.

The following employees have been rehired with Temporary status for the 2003/2004 school year:

- Kristina Alley, (50%) Cordova Gardens Elementary School
- Joseph Mc Keen, Cordova High School

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Carrie Chaney, Teacher, Rancho Cordova Elementary School, from 50% to 100%. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Roberto Garza, Teacher, from Folsom High School to Sutter Middle School. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Stacey Preach, Teacher, from 100% Folsom High School to 40% Folsom High School/40% Cordova High School. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Jeannette Sansenbach, Teacher, from Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School to Folsom Hills Elementary School. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Deanna Al-Hariri, Teacher, District Music, 50% Parental. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Milton Clark, Counselor, Mitchell Middle School; 100% Medical. Effective: 09/23/03 through 12/31/03.
- Amy Ellis, Speech Pathologist, Speech Services, 100% Parental. Effective: 08/21/03 through 11/28/03.
- John Green, Teacher, Mills Middle School, 100% Parental. Effective: 08/21/03 through 01/02/04.
- Callisa Kong, Teacher, Williamson Elementary School, 100% Parental. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Joseph Mc Bee, Teacher, Theodore Judah Elementary School, 100% Parental. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Amy Ellis, Speech Pathologist, Speech Services; From: 100%; To: 60%. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.

CERTIFICATED TEACHER ON LOAN

- Barbara Brydon, Librarian, Folsom High School to University of California Davis, 40% Time. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Beverly Capps (replacement) Campus Monitor (#200314), Folsom Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step B. Effective: 8/25/03.
- Kim Hamke (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#991302), Gold Ridge Elem., 2.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 8/21/03.

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Constance Cowley (new position) Library Clerk (#204022), Folsom Hills Elem., 2.25 hours daily to Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., 3.75 hours daily. Effective: 8/25/03.
- Robin Turner (new position) from Account Clerk I (#991133), Mills Middle, Range CL14/Step E to School Clerk-Elementary (#204063), Mather Youth Academy, Range CL12/Step E. Effective: 7/1/03.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Kathleen Leveille, Health Assistant (#991095), Folsom Middle & Empire Oaks Elem., reason: accepted temporary clerical position at Cordova Villa Elem. Effective: 8/25/03 to 2/10/04.
- Linda Tilton, Food Service Assistant (#991344), Mather Heights Facility., reason: personal. Effective: 8/25/03 to 1/2/04.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Rebecca Burchette, Special Education Inst. Assistant (#201400), Folsom Hills Elem., reason: familial. Effective: 6/12/2003.
- Amy Harris, Student Care Center Inst. Assistant (#991309), Peter J. Shields Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 8/5/03.
- Janeen La Freniere, Bus Driver (#991449), Transportation Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 8/14/03.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Rancho Cordova Measure B Bond Oversight Committee – Deputy Superintendent Bettencourt introduced Director of Facilities Matt Washburn who provided a status report on Measure B. All projects are currently meeting schedules and are on budget. Staff is doing a great job.

Teresa Stanley

- The Board recognizes that Mr. Washburn has to take the perspectives of contractors, construction managers, principals, teachers, parents, and community members, and has managed to keep everyone somewhat happy. It becomes a matter of priority. We are doing the best we can and Matt is doing a great job with it.
- Introduced Conrade Mayer, member of the Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee.
- Special thanks to Roebbelen Construction Management Services for the construction of the Cordova High press box.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BENTON/MYERS MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-024)

- Gretchen Malara, FHS parent, addressed the Board regarding bus transportation for high school students from the Lexington Hills neighborhood.
- Heidi Hunter addressed the Board regarding instructional minutes. The longer days should not affect our students any more than they do other students in California. Received responses from teachers in the district supporting the additional minutes.
- Conrade Mayer addressed the Board regarding the Measure B Oversight Bond Committee. The presentation at the Rancho City Council did not go over very well. Council members voiced concerns and were interrogatory. More frequent updates would be helpful. Thanked the Hunter family for bringing the instructional minutes issue to the Board's attention. Would like to see the instructional minutes increased to the minimum required.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-025)

Student Advisory Board – No report.

PTA/PTO Council – No report.

California School Employees Association – Unit Vice President for Transportation Gary Richardson reported on the following:

- Glad the budget has passed and that the district received an increase in base revenue.
- Look forward to successfully completing negotiations and to a productive school year.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – No report.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Sharon Heilman reported on the following:

- Administrators are busy preparing for school.
- We experienced two exciting days at the Management Inservice Retreat.
- Brett McFadden, ACSA Lobbyist, discussed the budget process as it relates to education.
- Privileged to hear Ray Roberts, a retired teacher, coach, and principal, speak about his 67 years in education.
- Administrators attended the New Teacher Inservice and Buy Back Day.
- On August 14th nine administrators attended ACSA training.
- Pleased that Bob Fillman and Kelly Calhoun will serve as directors and Fay Kerekes as treasurer for Region 3.
- Looking forward to another great year.
- Invited board members to visit school sites.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

MYERS/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-026 – Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2003

0304-027 – Business Matters

- A. Purchase Orders, Warrants, and Payroll: Monthly ratification
- B. Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the District in the amount of \$800.
- C. Approve Change Order No. 1 – Riverview Elementary School Modernization
- D. Approve Change Order No. 2 – Folsom High School Theater and Stadium

- E. Approve Change Order No. 1 – Cordova Villa Elementary School Modernization
- F. Approve Child Nutrition Contract – Folsom Cordova Unified School District and Loomis Union Elementary
- G. Approve Contract – Phone and Intercom/Bell Systems at Riverview Elementary School Using the California Multiple Award Schedule
- H. Approve Contract – Phone and Intercom/Bell Systems at Cordova Villa Elementary School Using the California Multiple Award Schedule
- I. Approve Change Order No. 1 – Asphalt Repairs and Striping, Various Sites
- J. Approve Notice of Completion: Asphalt Repairs and Striping, Various Sites
- K. Approve County Treasurer’s Report – Quarter Ended June 30, 2003
- L. Approve Purchase Agreement with Bob Cook Company LLC – Sale of 14.375 Acres on Iron Point Road

0304-028 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations:

Case Numbers: 0304-01

0304-01 – Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; must complete at least two successful trimester(s) at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills and anger management.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-029 – Change December 11, 2003 Board Meeting Date

MYERS/BENTON MOVED TO CHANGE the regularly scheduled Board meeting from Thursday, December 11, 2003 to Monday, December 8, 2003.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-030 – Third Grade Academic Day

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the academic day for third graders across the district to be set as 8:25 to 2:37 with the following implementation: the nine schools planning to start all day/full day schedule for the 2003-2004 school year would begin that program on August 25, 2003. The ten remaining elementary schools would begin on their previously expected early/late schedule and transition to a full day schedule at the beginning of the second trimester. Further, it is recommended that any third grade student starting the 2003-2004 school year on an early/late schedule will be permitted to attend a school that offers an all-day schedule.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-031 – Approve Revision: Board Policy 6146.1 – High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency

MYERS/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the revisions to Board Policy 6146.1 with the following amendment: the methods would be offered and/or implemented in the preferred order stated.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-032 – Nominations for CSBA Outstanding Legislator of the Year

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO NOMINATE Assemblyman Dave Cox as CSBA’s 2003 Outstanding Legislator of the Year.

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES, 1 NO (MYERS), 1 ABSTENTION (SHORT).

0304-033 – Approve 2003-2004 Bell Schedules

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE the 2003-2004 elementary and secondary instructional day schedules.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

0304-034 – Adopted State Budget Impact on Folsom Cordova Unified School District

Mrs. Bettencourt presented, by PowerPoint, an overview of the Adopted State Budget impact on Folsom Cordova Unified.

The following points were highlighted:

- Standard and Poor imposed a massive three-level state bond downgrade: A to BBB. In our nation's history, only one state has ever had a lower rating.
- The State has created a \$10.7 billion loan to cover prior year deficits.
- Creative financing – identified stream of revenues: recaptured a ½ cent sales tax that normally went to counties, moved property taxes to the counties.
- Borrowing money to make PERS payments. Borrowing money against future tobacco lawsuit payments not yet identified and short term bonds to cover the cash flow.
- Assuming one time money from federal government, assuming negotiations with Indian Tribal gaming contracts that will benefit the state, and they have switched from an accrual accounting method to a cash accounting method which results in a paper shift of \$930 million.
- STRS retirees will not receive their cost of living adjustment.
- Suspending payment from the general fund to the transportation fund. Many of the CalTrans projects have stopped.
- Vehicle License Fee was done administratively with existing law. There was no additional action by the legislature.
- Expenditures have taken a significant decrease, which we are part of.
- Winners - the teachers tax credit was restored and welfare retained their COLA.
- Losers – UC, community colleges, childcare, CalWORKS, state employees, redevelopment agencies and school districts.
- The Governor has been given new broad authority to unilaterally reallocate agency funds. Could be a means to accomplish modest mid-year cuts.
- Hear from the press that education has received an increase to their base funding of \$263 per student. What the Governor isn't showing is the 1.2% decrease or \$57-\$58 per student.
- Deferrals and reappropriations of prior year unspent Proposition 98 funds really cloud funding picture. After all the adjustments, it is a decline of \$95 per ADA.
- Several issues could affect our budget next year - successful legal challenges and a new governor.
- Left out of the budget for now: equalization, across the board categorical cuts, categorical block grants, CSR reform and delay in kindergarten start date.
- The budget impact to our district (\$8,623,298) was very close to what we anticipated (\$8,475,358).

REPORTS

0304-035 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- We will begin school on Monday, and are ready for an outstanding year.
- Participated in the ribbon cutting at the new Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School.
- Received a letter from Dave Gordon, Superintendent of Elk Grove Unified School District. They are not interested in a property exchange of the SunRidge property.

- Mr. Mange will be providing a presentation on September 4 on our test results. Proud of the entire district. We met all of the AYP criteria. Very outstanding information on our district scores.
- 29 of our 29 schools met the proficiency standards in Mathematics.
- September 19th we will be having the first football games at the newly refurbished stadium at Cordova High School and the new stadium at Folsom High School.
- Next Monday at 9:00 a.m., Costco will be providing backpacks for White Rock students.
- Tuesday at 8:30 a.m., Costco will provide backpacks for Theodore Judah students.
- Debbie's budget remarks were very startling. We have a great deal of communication that needs to take place for all of our employee groups and all of our parents to understand the impact on education.
- We have a major challenge ahead of us in moving toward a zero based budget. We will be examining all of our expenditures in hopes of identifying new ways of spending current revenues for the coming year.
- Reminded Trustees that not too many months ago the CSR at grades 1, 2 and 3 was scheduled to be removed. Because of the efforts of our employee organizations, CSR was saved from the cut list for one year.
- We need to find an additional \$870,000 just to pay back the teachers association for the cut in pay they took for the 2003-04 year, beginning July 1, 2004.
- Last March, we had 16 months of planning and our timeline is dwindling and we now have 10 months. Hope to finish the zero based budgeting process before creating the budget for you in the spring.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0304-036 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Edward Short

- Pleased about the progress made on modernization projects.
- Thanked Debbie for her presentation on the budget.

Richard Shaw

- Looking forward to new school year.
- Ribbon cutting at Sandra J. Gallardo was a great place to start the year. The place was packed and everything was very organized. Teachers are very enthusiastic.
- Looking forward to results from STAR testing.
- Looking forward to attending football games in the new stadiums.

Sara Myers

- Very impressed with our test scores published by the Bee. Wonderful reflection on our teachers and administrators.
- Would like to discuss Senior Project and Service Learning requirements at a future board meeting.
- We need to make a concerted public relations effort to give people the straight story on the budget. Superintendent should place a special information item in each of our two local papers to

help educate our community. Perhaps we can get on the City Council agenda; their meetings are televised and we might be able to counter the union's analysis of the budget.

- Attended the SJ Gallardo ribbon cutting. It was very impressive. The furniture in the lunchrooms was very nice.
- Happy Birthday to Mr. Short.

Roger Benton

- Unfortunately sometimes my job gets in the way of my life and I had to miss the ribbon cutting ceremony at S. J. Gallardo.
- We need to spread the word about the budget impacts.
- Happy Birthday to Ed.
- Good luck to Sara who is driving to Reno tonight.
- Board President Stanley was involved in a triathlon in which she did very well.

Teresa Stanley

- In the triathlon race I saw James Cagney and he was already coming back.
- Happy Birthday to Ed.
- Apologized to Board members Shaw and Myers for not asking them to share the podium at the S. J. Gallardo ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- Zero based budgeting sounds like a great idea.
- Received a letter from the county that our budget was approved.
- Test scores are excellent news.
- Thanked everyone who listened to me about my little niece who was ill.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

INFORMATION

0304-037 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0304-038 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 10, 2003 at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for August 21, 2003:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:06 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman R. Siefkin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Sara Myers, Clerk of the Board