

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

September 4, 2003

MINUTES

Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Folsom High School
Library
1655 Iron Point Road
Folsom, California 95630

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

September 4, 2003

Board members present: Teresa Stanley, Roger Benton, Sara Myers, Richard Shaw, and Edward Short. Student Board Member Stephanie Shaffer was present.

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 Library)

Meeting convened at 6:08 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Student Board Member Stephanie Shaffer 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/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TENURE STATUS FOR PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES

In accordance with the District Policy 4116.4 and California Education Code 44929.21, subsequent to July 1, 1983, a certificated probationary employee "after having been employed by the district for two complete consecutive school years in a position or positions requiring certification qualifications, is reelected for the next succeeding school year to a position requiring certification qualifications shall, at the commencement of the succeeding school year be classified as and become a tenured employee of the district."

The records indicate that the following employees' status should be reclassified as "Tenured", effective with the commencement of the 2003-2004 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>PROBATIONARY DATE OF HIRE</u>
Lyndia Aquila	Folsom Middle School	08/21/01
Lynn Backes	Mills Middle School	08/21/01
Rachel Blackburn	Folsom High School	08/21/01
Wendy Blake	Health Programs	08/22/01
Jenay Book	Sutter Middle School	08/21/01
Judi Bryson	Mills Middle School	08/21/01
Scott Burkhardt	Folsom High School	08/21/01
Kimberle Cacioppo	Cordova Meadows Elementary	08/21/01
Daly Casserly	Rancho Cordova Elementary	08/24/01
Kimberly Christierson	Folsom Hills Elementary	08/21/01
Stacey Christopher	Mills Middle School	04/21/01
Joshua Creeger	Cordova High School	08/21/01
Christy Dalia	Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary	08/21/01
Kathryn Donovan	District Music	08/21/01
Jessica Dunbar-Muth	Blanche Sprentz Elementary	08/14/01
Amy Ellis	Psycholgocial Services	08/24/00
James Fanshier	Mitchell Middle School	08/21/01
Timothy Gex	Mather Heights Elementary	08/21/01
Jennifer Gex	Folsom Hills Elementary	08/21/01
Michael Gordon	Folsom Middle School	08/21/01
Cynthia Gray	Empire Oaks Elementary	08/21/01
Joseph Grimm	Walnutwood High School	08/08/01
Lisa Hall	Special Education	08/14/01
Margaret Hanley	Riverview Elementary	08/21/01
Johanna Harder	Mills Middle School	08/21/01
Terry Hio	Rancho Cordova Elementary	11/27/00
Jennifer Holley	Empire Oaks Elementary	08/24/01
Bonnie Ingalls	Mather Heights Elementary	08/21/01
Vincent Isbell	Cordova Meadows Elementary	06/01/01
Scott Johnston	District Music	08/21/00
Eric Keim	Folsom Middle School	08/21/01
Shawn Kivley	Cordova Meadows Elementary	08/21/01
Margie Komatsu	Cordova High School	10/19/01
Carla Larson	Williamson Elementary School	08/21/01
Constance Lemon	Mitchell Middle School	08/21/01
Shantell Lewis	Cordova Villa Elementary	08/21/01
Sarah Lopez	Rancho Cordova Elementary	08/21/01
Kari Lorenz	Natoma Station Elementary	08/21/01
Jerry Madayag	Mitchell Middle School	08/21/01
Eric Mc Cahon	Cordova High School	08/21/01
Lisa Mc Clure	Peter J. Shields Elementary	08/21/01
Kay Mills	Health Programs	09/21/01
Robin Mitchum	Cordova Lane Elementary	04/06/01
Erin Muse	Mills Middle School	09/07/01
Linda Olsen	Folsom High School	08/21/01

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>PROBATIONARY DATE OF HIRE</u>
Marie Pawlek	White Rock Elementary	08/21/01
Susan Perkins	Rancho Cordova Elementary	08/21/01
Shannon Quinlan	Sutter Middle School	08/21/01
Caroline Quinn	Blanche Sprentz Elementary	08/21/01
Lisa Reed	Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary	10/15/01
Debra Rodriguez Burns	Folsom High School	08/24/01
Sue Samuels	Carl Sundahl Elementary	10/24/01
Kendall Sargent	Blanche Sprentz Elementary/ Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary	09/19/01
Shirley Sarraf	Folsom High School	08/21/01
Paul Schiele II	White Rock Elementary	08/21/01
Mark Schultz	Theodore Judah Elementary	08/21/01
Jean Schumpelt	Folsom Middle School	08/21/01
Joyce Scolnick	Theodore Judah Elementary	08/21/01
Jill Sedar	Theodore Judah Elementary	08/21/01
Sham Sidhu	Folsom High School	09/17/01
John Slonecker	Mather Heights Elementary	08/27/01
Jenny Sneed	Folsom High School	08/14/01
Celeste Sonneborn	Theodore Judah Elementary	08/24/01
Brian Spivak	Mitchell Middle School	08/21/01
Shilau Spivak	Cordova Lane Elementary	08/21/01
Jennifer Staiti	Cordova Lane Elementary	08/27/01
Deanna Stancheck	Empire Oaks Elementary	08/27/01
Catherine Subryan	Peter J. Shields Elementary	08/21/01
Diane Tobias	Oak Chan Elementary	08/21/01
Kathleen Tresser	Special Education	08/14/01
Beate Vuilleumier	Cordova Gardens Elementary	08/21/01
Carrie Weldon	Folsom High School	08/21/01
Kevin Wheeler	Psychological Services	08/06/01
Kyle Wilkin	Sutter Middle School	08/21/01
Leslie Yale	Cordova High School	08/21/01
Brian Zan	Folsom High School	08/21/01
Martha Zenker	Mather Heights Elementary	08/21/01

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

Deanna Al-Hariri, District Music
 Kerri Kaye (60%), Health Programs
 Kathryn Olsen (20%), District Music
 Lea Rathbun (57%), Health Programs

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

- Terry Blesso, Teacher (#991639), Mills Middle School, Professional Clear Single Subject Social Science/Supplementary Authorization Business/Math/Economics/Accounting CLAD Credential; BA + 45; Class 3, Step 1.
- Heather Brown, Teacher (#991963, #200155, #991563), Sutter Middle School, Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization Science CLAD Credential; BA + 0/MED; Class 5, Step 2.

- Ryan Carey, Special Education Teacher (#991798), Folsom High School, Emergency Education Specialist Instruction Permit Mild/Moderate Disabilities Credential; BA + 36 2/3; Class 1, Step 2.
- Stephanie Chiao, Elementary Prep Teacher, District Music, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization Music/Science CLAD Credential; BA + 57; Class 3, Step 2.
- Kerri DuRose, Teacher (#200162), Theodore Judah Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BA + 18, Class 2, Step 7.
- Dari-Anne Etrata, Special Education Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School, Emergency Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Credential; BS; Class 1, Step 1.
- Colby Franklin, Teacher, Mills Middle School, Preliminary Single Subject Social Science/CLAD Credential; BA + 44, Class 2, Step 3.
- Erica Galentine, Teacher (#991916, #991871), Cordova High School, Professional Clear Single Subject Social Science/Supplementary Authorization Literature/Introductory English CLAD Credential; BA + 76; Class 5 Step 1.
- Angela Henderson, Special Education Teacher (40%) (#990270), Cordova Meadows Elementary School, Professional Clear Specialist Instruction in Special Education Learning Handicapped/Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BA + 80; Class 5, Step 5.
- Jayne Herrera, Special Education Teacher (#200246), White Rock Elementary School, Preliminary Education Specialist Mild Moderate CLAD Credential; BA + 56/MA; Class 3, Step 1.
- Christina Inferrera, Teacher (40%) (#990099), Cordova Meadows Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BA + 50; Class 3, Step 1.
- Erin Jung, Teacher (#990444), White Rock Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects CLAD Credential; BA + 66; Class 4, Step 1.
- Terri Kimball-Hall, Special Education Teacher, Clinical Rehabilitative Services Language, Speech and Hearing/Special Class Authorization Credential; BA + 60/MA + 12; Class 5, Step 8.
- Clare Knightly, Teacher (#990740), Cordova High School, Professional Clear Single Subject Life Science CLAD Credential; BS + 75, Class 5, Step 1.
- Riann Lee, Teacher, Empire Oaks Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BA + 44; Class 2, Step 2.
- Paul Mc Carty, Resource Specialist (40%) Folsom High School/Program Specialist (60%) Granite Center, Life Single Subject History/Social Science/Preliminary Level 1 Education Specialist Instruction Mild/Moderate/Certificate of Eligibility for the Administrative Services Credential; BA + 100; Class 5, Step 10.
- Mya Martin, Teacher (#990529), Peter J. Shields Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject CLAD Credential; BS; Class 2, Step 1.
- Jenny Matheu, Teacher, White Rock Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects BCLAD Emphasis Spanish/Supplementary Authorization English Credential; BA + 49; Class 3, Step 1.
- Michelle Mays, Teacher, Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects BCLAD Emphasis Spanish/Supplementary Authorization English Credential; BA + 50; Class 3, Step 1.
- Jo Ann Mart, Teacher (#991639), Mills Middle School, Professional Clear Single Subject Social Science CLAD/Certificate of Eligibility for the Administrative Services Credential; BA + 79/MA; Class 5, Step 9. Effective: 08/28/03 through 01/02/04.
- Leon Monahan, Teacher (#202038, #991563, #203026, #204069), Sutter Middle School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects CLAD Credential; BA + 37; Class 2, Step 4.
- Matthew Navone, Teacher (#204066) Fall Semester Only, Folsom High School, Preliminary Single Subject Social Science CLAD Credential; BA + 33; Class 2, Step 1.
- Deborah Rasmussen, Teacher (20%), Riverview Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple

Subject/General Subjects/ELD/SDAIE Certificate of Completion Credential; BA + 49; Class 3, Step 10.

- Miguel Rodriguez, Teacher (#991763), Folsom High School, Preliminary Single Subject BCLAD Emphasis Spanish Credential; BA + 48; Class 3, Step 1.
- Patricia Sher, School Nurse (55%) (#992019, #992026), Health Programs, Preliminary School Nurse Services Credential; BS + 80; Class 5, Step 3.
- David Smith, Special Education Teacher (#201335, #203082), Mitchell Middle School, Preliminary Single Subject Science/Chemistry Credential; BA + 136/MBA; Class 5, Step 1.
- Katherine Turner, Teacher (#204068), Sutter Middle School, Preliminary Single Subject Math/Social Science Credential; BA + 2; Class 2, Step 3.
- Linda Woodard, Teacher (#202045, #203135, #200134 #991916), Cordova High School, Preliminary Single Subject Mathematics/Supplementary Authorization Introductory Business/Computer Concepts and Applications; BA + 39; Class 2, Step 9.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Carol Horst, Teacher, Elementary Prep, from 40% Cordova Gardens Elementary School to 20% Cordova Gardens Elementary School/30% Peter J. Shields Elementary School. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Jill Jones, Teacher, Folsom Middle School, from 80% to 100%. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Stephanie Maddrell, Teacher, Cordova High School, from 60% to 80%. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Heather Stevens, Special Education Teacher, from 100% Folsom High School to 80% Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School/20% White Rock Elementary School. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Licia King, Teacher, Cordova Meadows Elementary School, 40% Parental. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Kristine Neimann, Teacher, Riverview Elementary School, 20% Parental. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN CONTRACT

- Tamara Saylar, Special Education Teacher, Folsom Middle School, from 100% to 40%. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

BENTON/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Vicki Cackler (replacement) SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990743), Folsom Hills Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 8/25/03.
- Denise Earl (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#991318), Gold Ridge Elem., 2 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 8/21/03.
- Debra Gilbert (replacement/rehire) Adolescent Parent Program Instructional Assistant #990921), Walnutwood High, 3.9 hours daily, Range CL08/Step E. Effective: 8/25/03.
- Kim Hamke (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant, Gold Ridge Elem., 2.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 8/21/03.

- Vera Jackson (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#991297), Oak Chan Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 8/21/03.
- Fedor Nedeoglo (new position) Custodian (#991192), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., 3 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 8/13/03.
- Jane Nielson (replacement) Career Center Clerk/Clerk Typist III (#990635), Folsom High, 8 hours daily/10 months, Range CL14/Step E. Effective: 8/12/03.
- Kerry Lynn Wedel (replacement) Custodian (#991169), Williamson Elem. & Kinney High, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 8/19/03.

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Elizabeth Dorsett (hours increase) Snack Bar Worker (#991432), Cordova High, from 2 hours daily to 3 hours daily. Effective: 8/25/03.
- Naira Grigoryan (replacement) Peter J. Shields from Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Range CL10, to Computer Instructional Assistant (#991026), Range CL12. Effective: 8/27/03.
- Kathleen Leveille (temporary/replacement) from Health Assistant, Folsom Middle and Empire Oaks, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11 to Cordova Villa Elem., School Clerk-Elementary, 4.5 hours daily, Range CL12. Effective: 8/18/03 through 2/4/04.
- Karen Norris (replacement) Sutter Middle, from SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step E to Account Clerk I (#990693), 6 hours daily/10.75 months, Range CL14/Step E. Effective: 8/19/03.
- Adora Nolasco (hours increase) Snack Bar Worker (991436), Cordova High, from 2 hours daily to 3 hours daily. Effective: 8/25/03.
- Janet Pancucci (hours increase) Research Assistant I (#203059), PDRTA Granite Center, from 4 hours daily to 8 hours daily. Effective: 8/21/03.
- Lisa Skaarup (replacement) from Library Clerk, Peter J. Shields Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step E to Special Project Coordinator (#203054), STARs Program/FSS, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL25/Step A. Effective: 8/29/03.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Pamela Doxford, Student Care Center Assistant (#202507), Empire Oaks Elem., reason: medical. Effective: 8/21/03 through 12/25/03.
- Ola Oliynyk, Administrative Assistant II (#203190), Transitional English Dept., and Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#204084), Williamson Elem., reason: education. Effective: 9/1/03 through 12/31/03.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Richard Bogle, Mechanic I (#201483), Transportation Dept., reason: other employment. Effective: 8/8/03.
- Michelle Deems, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990883), Cordova High, reason: personal. Effective: 8/18/03.
- Kimberley Elliott, Special Project Coordinator (#202618), Family Support Services, reason: other employment. Effective: 8/29/03.
- Attila Hraczky, Child Nutrition Technician (#202568), Folsom High, reason: other employment. Effective: 8/14/03.
- Alina Noble, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201406), Theodore Judah Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 8/24/03.
- Maria Rapetti, Bus Driver (#991482), Transportation Dept., reason: relocation. Effective: 8/20/03.

- Jennifer Thompson, STARs Team Leader (#203105), Riverview Elem., reason: education. Effective: 8/17/03.
- Lisa Tomiak, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990840), Folsom High, reason: personal. Effective: 8/29/03.

Superintendent Siefkin reported that the Board gave direction to staff to appeal the PERB decision on contracting out Transportation Services.

INSTALLATION OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

President Stanley administered the oath of office to 2003-2004 Student Board member Stephanie Shaffer, a senior at Folsom High School.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rebecca Sloan introduced Donna Osmon-Malmov from Applebee's regarding their "Steak in Education Partnership." Ms. Osmon-Malmov presented a check totaling \$1424.50 to the District. President Stanley and Superintendent Siefkin thanked Mrs. Osmon-Malmov.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-039)

- Julie Ford, parent, addressed the Board to appeal the expulsion of her son.

President Stanley

- As a matter of process and procedure, we are pulling student matters off of the consent calendar. That is where we make decisions and determinations. We will go into closed session to consider those matters after the open session of this meeting. If any action is taken during that closed session, we will report it out afterwards.
- Todd Ford, parent, addressed the Board regarding the appeal of his son's expulsion.
- Diana Reynolds addressed the Board regarding a Folsom Telegraph news article regarding harassment and bullying in schools, which relates to the Ford expulsion.
- Sandy Crumley, parent and friend, addressed the board regarding her concerns on issues that led to the Ford expulsion. Folsom Middle School staff ignored the issues.
- Cathy Reiss, representing parents, requested an agenda item on changing the bell schedules for 1st and 2nd graders.
- Conrade Mayer stated the August 21 minutes did not reflect what he meant to convey. The presentation at the Rancho Cordova City Council meeting did go over well. The Council members may have seemed to be interrogatory but they weren't. Thanked Rebecca Sloan for her assistance on the Paper Donation activity held today at Cordova Gardens.

RECEPTION

President Stanley recessed the meeting at 6:42 p.m. for a reception in honor of Student Board Member Stephanie Shaffer.

Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-040)

Student Advisory Board – Stephanie Shaffer reported on the following:

- Nothing to report; the Advisory Board has not met yet.

PTA/PTO Council – No report.

California School Employees Association – President Carlo Tarantola

- CSEA was successful in the PERB hearings. The findings were unequivocal. The judge held that the contract the district signed with Laidlaw was to be canceled and that the district was guilty of failing to meet and negotiate in good faith and had illegally interfered with the right of the union to represent its members and the right of individual employees to participate in the activities of their employee organizations. I had hoped that management would now be willing to work with CSEA in a spirit of joint cooperation to find solutions that would work for all of us, and more importantly for the children of our district. A joint trust of management and classified would have been just one of the possible solutions that has worked very well in other districts.
- Earlier today I was informed that the district would be appealing the decision. Dismayed by the appalling waste of taxpayers' money by dragging out this case and the frivolous litigation that has no chance of winning, especially at a time when the district claims to be in dire financial straits.
- If the decision was made before the board had a chance to meet, who is making the decisions? Are they letting personal animosity get in the way of doing what is in the best interest of our students?

Folsom Cordova Education Association – No report.

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

- School is off to a very smooth start.
- Mills Middle School reports they are excited about their English Language Learners program.
- White Rock students were fortunate to be the recipients of 450 backpacks from COSTCO.
- Oak Chan PTO is having a gift wrap fundraiser. If the goal is reached, Principal Cagney has agreed to kiss a frog.
- Theodore Judah's back to school night was a great event.
- Cordova Meadows had their first back to school barbeque. Attendance was overwhelming. Principal Peterson was approached to have this as an annual event.
- Alan Withers of Mather Heights received two \$1500 grants from Mervyns – one for art and the other for an after school at-risk program.
- Principal Walden reports that Sandy Gallardo has been at school almost every day at her namesake school, helping the children in the lunchroom, on the playground, and before and after school. Her volunteer work has been a great advantage to the students. It is difficult to get the children in a routine at a brand new school; everyone is new and nobody knows where to go or what to do. One day Sandy Gallardo's husband needed to have some medical tests so she was not at school. Mrs. Walden found the children spending their recess searching for Mrs. Gallardo. Her name has taken the form of a real person who goes out of her way to help children.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of the following:

0304-043 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations, Case Numbers 0203-70, 0304-02, and 0304-06.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-041 – Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2003

0304-042 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the District in the amount of \$37,500.
- B. Approve Change Order No. 6 – Folsom Middle School Modernization and Gymnasium
- C. Approve Notice of Completion: Sundahl/Oak Chan Exterior Renovation
- D. Approval of Professional Fees: To authorize use of legal firms for the 2003-04 fiscal year
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 09-04-03-03: Resolution to Establish a Trustee Account at U.S. Bank for Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 09-04-03-04: Resolution to Establish a Student Body Account at U.S. Bank for Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School

0304-043 – Instructional Matters

- B. Approve Contract for Non Public School Placement – SE-0304-06
- C. Approve Contract for Therapy Services – SE-0304-07
- D. Approve Application for English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP) for 2003-2004
- E. Approve Application for Child and Adult Care Food Program
- F. Approve Contract between El Dorado Union High School District and Folsom Cordova Unified School District – SE-0304-08

0304-043 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations, Case Numbers 0203-70, 0304-02, and 0304-06. President Stanley reported that 0304-043 A items on student matters would be deliberated in closed session immediately following open session. Any action will be reported out in open session.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-044 – Approve 2003-2004 Adult Education Courses and Calendar

MYERS/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the list of course offerings and the calendar for Adult Education for the 2003-2004 school year.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

0304-045 – Preliminary District STAR Test Data, 2003

Robert Mange, Director of Professional Development, Research, Testing and Assessment reviewed the report provided and answered questions posed by Board members.

Mrs. Myers

- Encouraging results except on similar school ranking on API.

Mr. Mange

- Our district has a unique situation due to the fact that in a number of our schools we have a difference in ethnicity that is different than other schools in California. The Sacramento area, specifically Rancho Cordova, has large groups of Eastern European families. That is a major reason why some of our schools don't show the same correlation.

Mr. Shaw

- It seems that in our district and statewide, students' reading scores dropped as they progressed from 3rd grade to 4th grade. Has the data been analyzed to see if there is a link between going from CSR to a larger class size, and is there any correlation of that data to early/late schedule?

Mr. Mange

- We are working to try to make those determinations. The 2nd and 3rd grades in the past used

booklets. This is the first year that our 3rd graders used the bubble information for most of their testing. Looking at the impact.

Mrs. Stanley

- The difference between 3rd and 4th grade reading in California is poor in comparison to the national norm. California is performing low relative to students in other states. If we are one of the few states that have smaller class sizes, then that may indicate that it is not part of the reason there is a difference in the scores.
- Why in some of the schools, particularly some of the Folsom elementary schools, where we have very high (8-10) rankings on the API overall, do we have a 3 or 4 in the comparison with schools similarly situated?

Mr. Mange

- Some of our parents coming from European countries consider high school education different than we do. So our parent index is not always accurate.

Mrs. Stanley

- Sounds like the state takes our parents and their situations and have it reflect on how our students are performing. If our parents are well educated, somehow that means that our students are not doing as well as they are supposed to do.
- Where is the cut off for the whole language group – are they in high school now?

Mr. Mange

- Believes they are 10th graders.

Mrs. Stanley

- Noted on the reading chart that the largest percentage growth was in the ninth grade in English Language Arts. Watch it carefully for next year to see if there is an impact, since we took away the ninth grade class size reduction.

Mr. Mange

- We will watch that closely.

Mrs. Stanley

- Excellent results. Very impressive. Need to communicate the good news.

0304-046 – 2003-2004 Enrollment Update

Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh provided up-to-date information on the current 2003-2004 enrollment numbers. This information is not to be confused as average daily attendance; these are enrollment numbers.

Mrs. Myers

- At Carl Sundahl there are less students than projected – do we know why?

Mr. Rickabaugh

- Carl Sundahl Elementary lost their 6th grade, and they had a staff retiree that we waited to replace until we found out how many kindergarten students there would be.
- Empire Oaks may have increased due to the boundary issues, open enrollment, and intra-district requests.

Mrs. Stanley

- Not pleased with what we have done to Theodore Judah. The enrollment is far below what they can handle. We do not have equitable distribution of the children in our school district.

REPORTS

0304-047 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- Received Resolution 53-2003 from the City of Rancho Cordova, a unanimous resolution passed on Tuesday, September 2nd. It was hand-delivered by city staff this morning requesting us to reconsider our previous study, and study again, the potential for a boundary change between FCUSD and Elk Grove Unified School District.
- Publicly acknowledged Conrade Mayer's efforts in the Mountain of Paper event at Cordova Gardens today. Conrade is to be commended for his individual efforts.
- We are pleased with the increased number of students. Our schools opened up very positively this year.
- Had an opportunity to view the lunch operations at some of the schools. Food Services is doing a great job in serving our students.
- Transportation services are going well.
- Facilities look great. People were amazed at the modernization work completed.
- Complimented the entire staff at each site for the smooth start.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0304-048 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ed Short

- Participated in the backpack handout. It was great. Thanked Costco for their generous contribution.
- Test scores are great. Looking forward to an equally successful 2003-2004.
- Welcomed Stephanie to the Board.

Stephanie Shaffer

- Thanked the board for the consideration of retaining Bob Jarman at Folsom High School.
- Excited to work with the Board.

Richard Shaw

- A smooth start of a school year is not an accident. Everyone is doing a great job.
- Attended three back to school events; they were great. It would be nice not to have seven events in one night. The turnout of parents at Mather Heights, SJ Gallardo, and Gold Ridge was great.
- Attended Adult Education graduation last year and my eyes were opened. Glad that we offer these programs to people to complete their education.
- Test data looks good – we're on the right track.
- Welcomed Stephanie to the Board.

Sara Myers

- Welcomed Stephanie. It's always a pleasure to have a student's point of view at Board meetings.

- Grateful to Applebee's for their \$1400 donation.
- Staff members were named during public participation. In the interest of civility and liability, we should add a disclaimer to our agenda, in the section under public participation. On the Folsom City Council agenda there is a statement for the public along this line, and also that they don't want inappropriate words, etc.
- Very impressed to hear about Sandy Gallardo really getting involved in her namesake school.
- After listening to the test data, it seems to reinforce state adopted textbooks. As we go on to zero-based budgeting, we must keep the textbooks in mind as a priority.
- Extremely pleased by the wonderful test results. Hope we fare better in the similar schools rankings, or get the word out about what a basically irrational mix it appears to be. Grade level standards should be measured.

Roger Benton

- Schools off to a great start.
- Appreciate all the hard work staff does to get schools ready for students.
- Costco backpack giveaway was great to watch as the students received their treasures.
- Students at Theodore Judah were ecstatic.
- Welcome Stephanie Shaffer to the Board.
- Schools are looking good. Stadiums look great.

Teresa Stanley

- Welcomed Stephanie to the Board. Looking forward to hearing the students' voice at the meetings.
- Sorry state of affairs at the state level. In light of continuing budgetary issues, we need to continue to consider the pros and cons of an entire elimination of busing.
- Test results look really great so far.
- Back to school night – thanks to Mr. Short I didn't miss my children's event.
- Mr. Benton attended both backpack distribution sessions. Mr. Benton was working on stuffing backpacks and directing student traffic for some very pleased students.
- Apologize that I will not be able to attend the Teacher of the Year dinner. Hopes that Melinda Wilson can progress.
- Really nice to get out to some sites and see improvements.
- The one area where schools seem to have a little bit of money these days is in construction and modernization, especially in our district where we were able to pass two local bond measures. We are doing a ton of good things. I was very pleased as I walked up to Folsom High School today to see a stadium with families and students occupying it. It was great. It makes it seem like this school is finally completed.

President Stanley announced that the Board would recess to closed session at 8:17 p.m. Items to be considered include: 0304-043 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations, Case Numbers 0203-70, 0304-02 and 0304-06, and previous Expulsion Case Number 0304-01.

Reconvened to Open Session at 8:44 p.m.

REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Superintendent Siefkin reported the following action taken in closed session:

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items 0304-043 A – Expulsion Panel

Recommendations, Case Numbers 0203-70, 0304-02, and 0304-06.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-043 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0203-70, 0304-02, and 0304-06
- 0203-70 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; student must successfully complete at least one semester at the Mather Youth Academy or any state-authorized educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address substance abuse; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.
- 0304-02 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; place at the Sacramento County Community School or any state-authorized educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; upon reinstatement into the district, student must attend the Mather Youth Academy (as a S.A.R.B placement) and complete at least one successful semester in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.
- 0304-06 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Cordova High School through the end of the fall semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; place at Folsom High School at the beginning of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year to complete suspended expulsion term, if student complies with the Rehabilitation Plan during the fall semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

Superintendent Siefkin reported the following action also taken in closed session:
STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO ACCEPT the findings of the hearing panel and continue to support the previous board action, and direct staff to find alternative, suitable location for student’s attendance other than Folsom Middle School and Sutter Middle School on Expulsion Case Number 0304-01.
MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES, 1 NO (SHAW).

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

INFORMATION

0304-049 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0304-050 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2003 at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for September 4, 2003:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:08 p.m.
Recess for Reception	6:42 p.m.
Reconvened to Open Session	7:00 p.m.
Recessed to Closed Session	8:17 p.m.
Reconvened to Open Session	8:44 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:52 p.m.

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

Sara Myers, Clerk of the Board