

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

November 6, 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

November 6, 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 6:16 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Dr. Kandy Lamson 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.

**CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT**

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

- Denise Coath, Resource Specialist (#990366) (80%), Riverview Elementary School, Emergency Special Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Credential; BA + 69; Class 4, Step 2. Effective: 10/21/03.
- Realyann Dufford-Cordova, Special Education Teacher (#991705) (50%), Mitchell Middle School, Emergency Special Education Specialist/Mild Moderate Credential; BA; Class 1, Step 1.
- Holly Evans, Psychologist (#202610), 20%, Psychological Services, Professional Clear Pupil Personnel Services School Psychology Credential; BA + 78 2/3/MS + 35 1/3; Class 5, Step 2.

- Catherine Niekarz, Teacher (#202508) 60% Fall Semester Only Folsom High School, Preliminary Single Subject English Credential; BA + 30; Class 2, Step 2; Effective: 10/13/03.
- Jenny Pechstein, Teacher (#204112), Mather Heights Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/CLAD Credential; BA + 43; Class 2, Step 2. Effective: 10/20/03.

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

- Amy Wheat, Psychologist, 10% Time, Psychological Services

#### CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT

- Mary Heth, Department Chairperson, Oak Chan Elementary School (50%)

#### CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Constance Lemon, Teacher, Mitchell Middle School, from 100% to 120%. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Diane O'Laughlin, (*revision*) School Nurse, Health Programs, from 70% to 90%. Effective: 2003/2004 school year.
- Paul Wolter, Teacher, Kinney High School, from 80% to 100%. Effective: 09/29/03.

#### RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Fred Stockett, Teacher, Folsom High School. Effective: July 1, 2006.

#### CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

BENTON/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#### CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Cindi Castor (replacement) SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#202575), Empire Oaks Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/20/03.
- Maria Gutierrez (replacement) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#200216), Cordova Villa Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/20/03.
- Jocelyn Hammerstrom (replacement) Health Assistant (#991115), Sutter Middle, 12 hours per week/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Sergey Kostov (replacement) Regular Bus Driver (#202650), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Pensri Mammolite (replacement) Regular Bus Driver (#991449), Transportation Dept., 5.25 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step B. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Kimberly Miller (replacement) STARS Team Leader (#204093), Cordova Villa Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/1/03.
- Darcy Porter (replacement) Health Assistant (#991111), Theodore Judah Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Joan Reed (replacement) Computer Instructional Assistant (#202635), Empire Oaks Elem., 14.25 hours per week/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 11/3/03.
- Sharon Samano (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203168), Carl Sundahl Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Debbie Sanchez (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201406), Theodore Judah Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Nicholas Smith (replacement) Campus Monitor (#991509), Cordova High, 3.9 hours/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 10/15/03.

- Maria Suarez (replacement) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#200220), White Rock Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months. Effective: 10/20/03.
- Daria Stark (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990843), Empire Oaks Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Irene Velazco (replacement) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#202557), Cordova Lane Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months. Effective: 10/13/03.

#### CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Marvin Listberger (new position/replacement) Folsom High from Campus Monitor (#201441), 7.5 hours daily, Range CL09/Step E to Lead Campus Monitor (#204517), 8 hours daily, Range CL11/Step E. Effective: 10/6/03.
- Rosalinda Lopez (hours increase/replacement) Cordova High, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#204534), from 3.9 hours daily to 6.5 hours daily. Effective: 11/1/03.
- Jodi McCash (new position) Sutter Middle from Campus Monitor (#200313), 3.9 hours daily, Range CL09/Step B to Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204029), 6 hours daily, Range CL11/Step B. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Carmen Negron (voluntary hours decrease) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201472), Rancho Cordova Elem./Cordova Villa Elem., 6 hours daily to Rancho Cordova Elem., 3 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/03.
- Patricia Nelson (replacement) Campus Monitor (#200313), Sutter Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Jill Nisley (hours increase/replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204533), Carl Sundahl Elem., from 3.75 hours daily to 4 hours daily. Effective: 10/27/03.
- Rhoda Pacillas (voluntary hours decrease) School Clerk-Secondary (#203177), Folsom High, from 3.9 hours daily to 2 hours daily. Effective: 8/25/03.
- Carol Plageman (hours increase/replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203011), Cordova High, from 6 hours daily to 6.5 hours daily. Effective: 9/4/03.
- Donna Schultz (voluntary reclassification/replacement) Folsom Middle from Food Service Worker II (#991357), Range CL07 to Food Service Worker I (#204532), Range CL05. Effective: 10/17/03.
- Donna Wiese (voluntary hours decrease) Family Center Assistant (#990638), White Rock Family Center, from 3.9 hours daily to 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 11/1/03.

#### CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Elizabeth Carmichael, Health Assistant (#991117)/Yard Duty Supervisor (#203284), Williamson Elem., reason: family medical. Effective: 10/14/03 through 11/14/03.
- Lyudmila Gadzhev, Food Service Worker I (#202544), Mitchell Middle, reason: parental. Effective: 11/01/03 through 1/2/04.

#### RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Sandra Gonzales, Preschool Instructional Assistant (#203300), Williamson Elem., reason: continue education. Effective: 10/31/03.
- Larry Wilson, Regular Bus Driver (#991442), Transportation Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 6/12/03.

#### TRANSFER TO THIRTY-NINE MONTH REEMPLOYMENT LIST

- Judy Huetter, Food Service Worker II (#202565), Cordova Gardens Elem., reason: all paid leave exhausted. Effective: 11/1/03.

- Cynthia Meza, Food Service Worker II (#203159), Folsom High, reason: all paid leave exhausted. Effective: 10/1/03.

### CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Virginia Sexton, Administrative Assistant, Elementary (#990983), Blanche Sprentz Elem. Effective: 12/29/03. Virginia began her career with the District in August of 1970 as a Clerk Typist I at Theodore Judah Elementary. During her time at Theodore Judah, she held a second position as an ESEA Teacher Aide. On October 1, 1973 Virginia accepted the School Secretary I position at Blanche Sprentz Elementary. Virginia has devoted thirty years to the students and staff at Blanche Sprentz Elementary. In December she will retire with over thirty-three years of service to Folsom Cordova.

Superintendent Siefkin reported the Board took additional action to approve the extension of our escrow on 14.375 acres of property on Iron Point Road with Bob Cook Company.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

#### **Intel Volunteer Matching Grant Program**

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos introduced Dr. Kandy Lamson who in turn introduced Leroy Tripett of Intel. Mr. Tripett introduced the following principals of schools, which earned volunteer dollars from Intel:

Blanche Sprentz – Daryl Hackbarth  
 Carl Sundahl – Eddi Rains  
 Cordova High – Jackie Levy  
 Empire Oaks – Sharon Heilman  
 Folsom High – Dax Bryson  
 Folsom Hills – Jon Wallace  
 Folsom Middle – Karen Knight  
 Gold Ridge – Patricia Carbone  
 Cordova Lane – Patty Olmo (Kandy Lamson spoke on Mrs. Olmo’s behalf)  
 Sutter Middle School – Robert Ithurburn  
 Mitchell Middle – DeAnn Kamilos (Kandy Lamson spoke on Ms. Kamilos’ behalf)  
 Natoma Station – Jay Berns  
 Oak Chan – Jim Cagney  
 Rancho Cordova – Sherian Kutzera  
 Peter J. Shields – Bryan Mixon  
 Theodore Judah – Judy Cutright

President Stanley thanked Mr. Tripett for Intel’s support in the amount of \$111,800.

Vice President Benton stated that of \$530,000 in volunteer funds distributed by Intel, Folsom Cordova Unified School District received \$111,800. Thanked Intel and thanked staff.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-094)

- No one came forward.

## **REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-095)**

Student Advisory Board – Stephanie Shaffer reported on the following:

- Met last week.
- Cordova High School homecoming parade had issues because of traffic.
- Folsom High School red ribbon week activities included visits from Congressman Ose and Supervisor Niello.
- Kinney High School's red ribbon activities were attended by the media.
- Folsom Lake students participated in the Four Bridges Marathon, the Gourd Festival and the Renaissance Faire.
- Folsom Middle School's Halloween dance and red ribbon activities were successful.
- Sutter Middle School's red ribbon week was successful.
- Mitchell's red ribbon week activities were conducted throughout the week.
- Mills participated in red ribbon week activities. The Mayor of Rancho Cordova was principal for a day.
- Every school is reporting trash problems on their campuses. We decided we should not punish students for throwing trash, but reward them for picking it up or not throwing it at all. We're trying to finalize a plan of action
- Cordova High School is asking for a gym floor cover because coaches don't want them to use the gym for a dance.
- Kinney High is feeling over-populated.
- Folsom Lake students report it is hard to get transportation to ROP classes. Reported problems with custodians, not enough food for lunch, and there is no unity on their campus like last year.
- Folsom and Sutter Middle Schools are complaining about the loss of a soccer team.
- Next meeting is on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at Sutter Middle Library.

PTA/PTO Council – No report.

California School Employees Association – No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – No report.

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

- Will email principals' reports to everyone.
- Sherian Kutzera invited the Board to the FCAA Holiday celebration on December 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday evening from 7:00 – 10:00 at the Folsom Community Center. The Kiwanis Club will have an open drink area.

## **AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS**

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

Item 0304-098 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Number 0304-12

Item 0304-097 I – Adopt Resolution No. 11-06-03-06 – Authorization to Apply for the 2003-2004 Recycled Tire Track Surfacing Grant for Cordova High School Stadium Track and Field Facility  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **0304-096 – Administrative Matters**

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2003

B. Special Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2003

**0304-097 – Business Matters**

- A. Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the District in the amount of \$74,701.24.
- B. Authorize Utilization of Western States Contracting Alliance Agreement/Dell Marketing, LLP. to Obtain Dell Computers
- C. Approve Budget Revisions – General Fund and Other Funds
- D. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Cordova Meadows Elementary School Student Care Building
- E. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Williamson Elementary School Preschool Building
- F. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Kinney High School Classrooms
- G. Approve Notice of Completion: Natoma Station Multi-Purpose Flooring Replacement
- H. Approve Notice of Completion: Cordova High School Gymnasium Modernization

**0304-098 – Instructional Matters**

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations:  
Case Numbers: 0304-12, 0304-14, 0304-15, and 0304-16

0304-14 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

0304-15 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy; must complete at least one successful semester 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 anger management and decision-making skills.

0304-16 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student to seek educational options through home district (Sacramento City Unified School District) through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; if student and family re-establish residency within the boundaries of Folsom Cordova Unified School District, student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; if student and family re-establish residency within the boundaries of Folsom Cordova Unified School District, student must complete at least one successful semester 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 anger management and decision-making skills.

- B. Approve Contracts for Non Public School Placement – SE-0304-20, SE-0304-21, and SE-0304-22
- C. Approve Contracts for Therapy Services – SE-0304-23, SE-0304-24, SE-0304-25, SE-0304-26, SE-0304-27, SE-0304-28, and SE-0304-29
- D. Approve Application for 2003-2004 Carl Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Funds

**0304-099 – Personnel Matters**

- A. Approve Classified Job Descriptions – Theatre Productions Specialist and Theater Technician

Item 0304-098 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Number 0304-12

0304-12 – Expel through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Peter J. Shields Elementary School through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; individual student counseling to address anger management, decision-making skills, and social skills.

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO ACCEPT the findings of the panel, reject placement and refer the case back to Mr. Jim Thompson and Ms. Marsha Wilson for a more appropriate placement with additional supervision.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item 0304-097 I – Adopt Resolution No. 11-06-03-06: Authorization to Apply for the 2003-2004 Recycled Tire Track Surfacing Grant for Cordova High School Stadium Track and Field Facility

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 11-06-03-06: Authorization to Apply for the 2003-2004 Recycled Tire Track Surfacing Grant for Cordova High School Stadium Track and Field Facility

STANLEY WITHDREW HER MOTION.

BENTON/MYERS MOVED TO TABLE item until the next board meeting to give staff time to research Coach Davis' concerns.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### **0304-100 – SunRidge Specific Plan – Rancho Cordova**

MYERS/SHAW MOVED TO TABLE this item.

AMENDED MOTION:

MYERS/SHAW MOVED TO TABLE this item and have staff return with a resolution that (1) clarifies obligations of the City of Rancho Cordova and this board regarding this study, and (2) the purpose of the study.

MYERS/SHAW MOVED TO POSTPONE item until next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES, 2 NOES (BENTON, SHORT)

#### **0304-101 – Resignation and Appointment of Citizen Oversight Committee Member – Rancho Cordova**

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the replacement appointment of Russ Davis to the Rancho Cordova Citizens Oversight Committee as recommended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Stanley called for a short recess at 8:40 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **0304-102 – Preliminary API Growth Report**

Director of Staff Development and Testing Robert Mange reviewed the report provided and stated that similar schools ranking information will probably be out in December.

#### **0304-103 – District Reorganization**

Superintendent Siefkin reported that it has been over 18 months since we submitted our petition for district reorganization to the county. The only response received is that it is somewhere at the state process for review. A request was made to provide an update and opportunity for clarification

between trustees and a chance to discuss the reorganization concept. Prior to submitting the petition, the board spent well over a year identifying and examining the nine criteria for qualification. By the time our petition is reviewed by the State Board of Education (possibly in March 2004), the data and information contained in the petition will be at least two years old. Another concern is timing; the trustees voted unanimously that should a petition go forward, we supported a 15-month lead-time and a March election. This would allow ample time for the two new districts to formulate their plans and prepare to welcome students. Because the current hearing is set for March, there could not be an election conducted that month. It would be pushed back to November of 2004, allowing only 7 months, if approved, to plan for two new districts.

Mr. Shaw

- When the State Board looks at this, do they look at the data sent, do they update the data, or do we update the data?

Mr. Siefkin

- It is the State's responsibility to do their own analysis.
- The State has contacted Debbie Bettencourt on a few occasions to obtain updated information on our current fiscal conditions. They have not made inquires on the other eight criteria.

Mrs. Myers

- The new Governor will be sworn in next week. We may have new appointees.
- The State may have to complete new analysis, which may drag it out past March.

Superintendent Siefkin

- They meet every other month on reorganization petitions. If pushed past March, the next potential time would be May. They do not meet in June or July. If postponed again, it could be moved to fall 2004. If this happens, there is no way to get it on the November ballot.
- Sacramento County requires it to be on a regularly scheduled election, and currently there are no scheduled elections in Sacramento County in odd numbered years.

Mr. Short

- What is the trend of other petitions that have gone to this board?
- If there is a change of leadership, will there be a new set of board members?

Superintendent Siefkin

- The state board members are on the list of appointees the new Governor may name.
- The state department indicated up to seven current board members could be replaced, and it is an eleven-member board.
- The current board is comprised of Governor Davis appointees and they rejected the last four petitions they reviewed. With a change in the board makeup, there is no guarantee that trend will continue.

Mr. Benton

- Would like to have this brought back as a discussion/action item to review information on impacts and timelines.

Mr. Short

- Concurred with Mr. Benton.

Mrs. Stanley

- Asked for clarification from Mr. Benton on what discussion/action item he was asking for.

Mr. Benton

- The Board may hear the petition in March 2004. If they change it to August or September, the information they have would be 28 months old. Do we want to try to update that information or should we leave it in their hands?

Mrs. Stanley

- Agrees with the concern on the timeline. It is important to have the 15-month lead-time.
- As far as the information update, I understood staff to say the state bases their analysis on current information, which they request from the district.

Mr. Benton

- I understand the state calls from time to time requesting fiscal information. But that leaves the other eight criteria information not updated.
- The information is two and a half years old; we need to see if it is still accurate information.
- Do we need to bring back the information and update it or leave the old information there?
- We need to examine if the budget cuts we've made the last couple of years have affected the petition, as well as the increased student population, and the opening of new schools.

Superintendent Siefkin

- If we receive information that further postponements will affect the petition data, then do you want to consider, at that time, whether to take action to update the content?

Mrs. Myers

- Should also inquire if that is even an option. If it is the responsibility of the State, can we provide input? Seems the State would need to review all nine criteria, not just fiscal information.

Superintendent Siefkin

- Complicated by the possible appointment of seven new state board members who will be asked to make an educated guess on a petition with data that is two years old.
- Will wait to see if there are any additional postponements. If so, will notify board to determine whether to revisit the data, or wait for information from the State.

Mr. Benton

- If we receive notification that the petition will be pushed back further than March, we need to decide if it is worth reviewing.

**0304-104 – California School Employees Association 2003-2004 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education** and announcement of Public Hearing scheduled for the November 20, 2003 Regular Board Meeting.

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Mindi Nunes reported CSEA has notified us that they wish to review the following:

- Salary
- Grievance Procedure
- New article that addresses contracting and bargaining unit work

**0304-105 – Board of Education 2003-2004 Proposed Contract Openers to the California School Employees Association** and announcement of Public Hearing scheduled for the November 20, 2003 Regular Board Meeting.

Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services Mindi Nunes reported that the Board intends to exercise their right to enter into negotiations with CSEA and the district will be reopening the following:

- Article 9 – other terms and conditions of employment
- Article 11 – hours of employment

**REPORTS**

**0304-106 – Reports to the Board of Education**

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- Notified board of a potential special board meeting on December 17 or December 18 for the purpose of hearing student expulsions. The meeting would be conducted during the day, with a single item agenda for the purpose of due process consideration.
- Thanks to Intel for their generous donations.
- Earlier today we had an opportunity to show off our outstanding Food Services Department. Two buses of Food Service managers from throughout California and people from the State Department of Education visited Folsom High School for three hours. Had a presentation of the food provided to students on a daily basis, and the new and creative ways of preparing the various menus. Sometimes we take our departments for granted. It's a fine thing to see our departments get all the kudos they deserve.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**0304-107 – Board Business**

A. Board Communication

Ed Short

- Intel's matching grant programs are phenomenal.
- Participated in the Red Ribbon Week activity with Senator Rico Oller.

Stephanie Shaffer

- Not present - was excused earlier.

Richard Shaw

- Commended Folsom High School on obtaining a Smaller Learning Community Grant in the amount of \$500,000.
- Impressive growth at Empire Oaks on their API score, which was over 900.
- Last Saturday, Sara and I attended the CSBA conference on Aligning Policies for Student Health and Achievement. Al Schieder was one of the keynote speakers. It was very obvious that our district is the model on how it should be done - both in terms of efficiency and nutritional content of foods. The Food Services tour today was an offshoot of that.
- SB 677 restricts the sale of non-nutritional beverages in elementary and middle schools. It will probably pass.

- SB 65 restricts contracts between schools and beverage companies. It also has a good chance of passage.
- The entire state is now looking at the issue of childhood health and nutrition.
- Student Union Building at Cordova High School is a result of a Healthy Start Planning Grant that was started in 1999. It serves as a great model for after school programs. They provide for children who need a place to go after school, provide good modeling, and help with their schoolwork.
- Attended the Folsom Family Clinic opening at Theodore Judah. It is a partnership with Folsom Mercy Hospital. Commended Judy Lewis and Judy Cutright for making this happen.

#### Sara Myers

- Described the nutrition workshop. It was quite impressive how Al Schieder's program was revered by others. Galt was not up to speed, and they were inspired by our system. We are an inspiration to others.
- Described Berkeley High School's offering of an organic food program. They couldn't deliver in a timely fashion and they were charging \$4. The program didn't work out.
- Learned that the City of San Francisco and Los Angeles have adopted policies to ban junk food and drinks. Received information on policies that I would like us to take up as a board at a future meeting. We need to be in the wave of the future and not lagging behind. Need to go on with the abolition of junk food and drinks.
- Congratulated Virginia Sexton on her retirement.
- Linked our test scores not only to the application of standards and to the text books, but also to the quality of our teaching staff
- Grateful to Intel for their generosity. Not all of our schools have volunteers.
- Have been helping at White Rock with the Russian students.
- Kindergarten teacher thought we could have more kindergarten parents volunteering if we could bring school nurses on to the campus to administer TB tests. Parents seem reluctant to go to another site for testing.
- Gratified with the phenomenal test scores.
- A letter to the editor in the Telegraph made people think we are not doing the pledge of allegiance at our schools. Please spread the word we are still observing this act of citizenship in its entirety.

#### Roger Benton

- Stopped at McDonald's tonight where the Mitchell Middle School teachers were working on a school fundraiser. It was amazing to see the how much the kids enjoyed seeing their teachers working behind the counter.
- The money from Intel is wonderful, but the volunteer hours are even more wonderful. The more volunteers we get in the classrooms, the better the kids' lives will be.
- Test Scores are up. Our Team 650 events are working. Need to keep showing the kids that our community cares.
- Student Union building at Cordova High School is amazing.
- Attended a technology conference with Kelly Calhoun. Technology is not replacing teaching; it is an aid for teaching. Classes showed how the children learn through technology.

#### Teresa Stanley

- Thanked PTA council for inviting us to their social gathering.
- Congratulated the recipients of the volunteer awards. Reverend Hicks had an exceptional resume of service to the community and our schools. Attended the Intel event at which they handed out the checks. It was nice because the reception included the volunteers themselves.

- Cordova Student Union building opening was great.
- Mr. Benton and I attended a Joint Coordination meeting with the City of Folsom. We talked about the progress on the joint library. The city and council are interested in our SunRidge annexation issue; they have asked us to keep them up-to-date on it.
- There is a Joint Coordination meeting with Rancho Cordova City officials tomorrow at 8:30 a.m.
- We would be happy to place PDAC on the agenda.
- Mr. Mange gave us the good news about test scores. Under the NCLB, all of our students must exceed the national median by 2014. We have several schools that have 70% or more students that are already exceeding that median, but we are expected to have 100% of them doing better than the national average.
- Received an invitation from the Coalition for a Healthy and Active America (CHAA). They are promoting the physical activity portion of childhood obesity. Maybe we can get more information on what other districts are doing.
- Noticed that a lot of school newsletters still do not claim to be from our district. They should acknowledge.
- We have a vision statement saying our schools are community centers. There are valid concerns on vandalism. However, I don't think people jogging around the track are causing harm to our property. We should not limit our schools as community centers.
- Received a report from the Public Policy Institute regarding Early Assessment of Readiness for College Assessments in Mathematics. They set up a placement test for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade to make the determination whether students have the skills to go straight into a college course or if they need remedial work. Good news is that they are trying to identify at an earlier level. Bad news, it is another test.
- This report also stated that more than half the school districts in California have less than 2,000 students.
- Thanked Board for their restraint and courtesy on somewhat adversarial issues.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

**0304-108 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom**

**0304-109** – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2003 at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for November 6, 2003:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:16 p.m.
Recessed	8:40 p.m.
Reconvened	8:50 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	9:55 p.m.

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

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Sara Myers, Clerk of the Board