

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

December 8, 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 Clerk
Richard Shaw, Board Member
Edward Short, Board Member
Stephanie Shaffer, Student Board Member

December 8, 2003

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

- 4:00 p.m. – Study Session First Interim Financial Report
- 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 6:10 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Ginny Bateman led the flag salute.

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

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

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Amy Burger, Special Education Teacher, Sutter Middle School, 100% Parental. Effective: 12/12/03 through 06/11/04.
- Shailau Spivak, Teacher, Cordova Lane Elementary School, 100% Parental. Effective: 11/06/03 through 06/11/04.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Lisa Gilbert, Teacher, Riverview Elementary School. Lisa was hired on August 20, 2002 and has been employed 1 year 3 months with the FCUSD. Effective: 11/30/03.

- Wendy Pierce, Teacher, Folsom High School. Wendy was hired on August 24, 2000 and has been employed 3 years 4 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 12/17/03.

TENURE STATUS FOR CERTIFICATED 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>
Dale Waldo	Mitchell Middle School	10/08/01

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF STATUS

- Leo Gravin, Teacher, District Music (*revision*), Probationary hire date, from 01/06/03 to 08/21/03.
- Peter Lane, Teacher, Mitchell Middle School (*revision*), Probationary hire date, from 03/25/03 to 08/19/03.
- Linda Vance, School Nurse, Health Services (*revision*), Probationary hire date, from 11/04/02 to 08/19/03.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Patrick Mahoney, Teacher (#990379), Cordova Lane Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject CLAD Credential; BA + 38; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 11/06/03.
- Natalie Singer, Teacher (#990205), Natoma Station Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject Credential, BA + 15; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 10/21/03.

RATIFY MANDATORY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Scott Gmitter, Teacher, Empire Oaks Elementary School. Effective: 11/28/03.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- David Bigelow (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#991466), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL16/Step A. Effective: 11/10/03.
- Shilo Dunham (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#991466), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL16/Step A. Effective: 11/20/03.
- Susan Lacheny (replacement) Child Nutrition Technician (#991328), Folsom Elementary Schools, 4 hours daily.9.75 months, Range CL21/Step A. Effective: 12/3/03.
- Mary Lee (replacement) STARS Team Leader (#204091), Family Support Services, 3.9 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/1/03.

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Stacy Brown (hours increase) Food Service Worker I (#204535), Gold Ridge Elem., from 2 hours

daily to 2.5 hours daily. Effective: 11/1/03.

- Demetria Torres (hours increase) Food Service Worker I (#204536), Carl Sundahl Elem., from 2.5 hours daily to 3 hours daily. Effective: 11/1/03.
- Mara Wyrick (replacement) Folsom Elementary Schools from Food Service Worker II (#200517), 5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL07/Step E to Child Nutrition Technician (#991328), 4 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL21/Step A. Effective: 11/12/03.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Gracie Brown, IASA Instructional Asst. (#990769), Rancho Cordova Elem., reason: family matters. Effective: 10/10/03 through 1/6/04.
- Linda Calhoun, Special Education Instructional Asst. (#990819), Theodore Judah Elem., reason: student teach. Effective: 1/5/04 through 4/30/04.
- Elizabeth Carmichael, Health Assistant (#991117), Williamson Elem., reason: family medical. Effective: 10/14/03 through 1/2/04 (extended).

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Jennifer Bowers, School Clerk-Secondary (#990697), Mills Middle, reason: other employment. Effective: 11/28/03.
- Sharon Cosner, Student Care Center Asst. (#202566), Theodore Judah Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 11/25/03.
- Pamela Doxford, Student Care Center Asst. (#202507), Empire Oaks Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 11/30/03.

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Susan Alley-Marek, Special Education Instructional Asst. (#990808), Mills Middle School. Effective: 1/2/04. Susan was hired as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Mills Middle in September of 1990. Over the years, she was worked at Folsom Middle, Theodore Judah, Oak Chan and Folsom Hills. Now, back at Mills Middle, Susan is retiring with thirteen years of service to the District.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

This is the end of the school board's organizational year and an opportunity to celebrate some of the school district's successes over the past couple of years.

- Folsom Cordova has grown to nearly 18,000 students, 27 schools, and we have cut over \$12 million from our operating budget.
- Given that, we have fared very well. We passed two bond measures allowing us to construct new facilities and modernize old schools; have added stadiums, fields, tracks, and a new gymnasium; built a performing arts theatre; and opened a new elementary school this year. These were significant goals for us to achieve in the district.
- At the same time, this district has managed to align our materials and assessments to the state standards and improved test scores in our district. There is not a school that has not excelled in growth.
- Maintained a district with award winning music programs and sports teams.
- We have managed to bring all the pieces together in our district even in a severe budget crisis. We do well at partnering with institutions/businesses in the communities. Have successful partnerships and programs such as Team 2003, COSTCO, and Intel. We are expecting the Folsom Mayor to present us with a check from the Vlade Divac basketball camp.
- Tonight we will see an example of something our district does well – our National Board

Certified teachers. The district has more than 1% of the state's teachers who are national board certified.

- As Board President it has been a pleasure being involved with this district. Hope that I have served the Board well during the past two years.

Vice President Roger Benton presented President Stanley with a plaque expressing the Board's appreciation for her service as President of the Board during 2003.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (0304-130)

A. Election of Officers for 2004

President Stanley opened nominations for President of the Board.

Ed Short nominated Roger Benton.

Nominations were closed.

Roger Benton was elected President of the Board by a unanimous vote.

President Benton opened nominations for Vice President of the Board.

Teresa Stanley nominated Sara Myers.

Nominations were closed.

Sara Myers was elected Vice President of the Board by a unanimous vote.

President Benton opened nominations for Clerk of the Board.

Sara Myers nominated Teresa Stanley.

Nominations were closed.

Teresa Stanley was elected Clerk of the Board by a unanimous vote.

President Benton opened nominations for Board Representative to the Sacramento County Board of Education.

Teresa Stanley nominated Ed Short.

Nominations were closed.

Ed Short was elected Board Representative to the Sacramento County Board of Education by a unanimous vote.

B. Time, Date, and Place of Regular Board Meetings for January 2004-December 2004

MYERS/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the Board meetings for January 2004-December 2004 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Volunteers for Committees

Staff Committees

Elementary Curriculum Advisory – Myers, Shaw

Secondary Curriculum Advisory – Myers, Stanley

Fiscal Advisory – Short, Myers

Audit Committee – Short, Myers

Education Specs Committee (FHS) – Myers, Stanley

Education Specs Committee (CHS) – Short, Shaw

Parent District Advisory – Benton, Myers

Student Advisory Board – Myers, Shaw, Benton

Community Committees

Folsom Cordova Schools Foundation – Stanley
Cordova Park & Recreation District – Benton
Folsom Park & Recreation District – Stanley
Cordova Community Council – Benton, Short
Healthy Start Community Collaborative Committee – Shaw
PTA Council – Benton
City of Folsom Joint Coordination – President Benton, Vice President Myers
City of Rancho Cordova Joint Coordination – President Benton, Vice President Myers
Folsom Planning Commission – Stanley
Rancho Cordova Planning Commission – Short
Liaison to Folsom Chamber – Determined by Chamber
Liaison to Rancho Cordova Chamber – Determined by Chamber

Professional Committees

CSBA Legislative – Myers

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

National Board Certification Program – Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Instruction Leslie Faust introduced Ginny Bateman. Ms. Bateman introduced two teachers who recently achieved national board certification. Board President Benton assisted Mrs. Bateman in presenting pins of acknowledgement to Amy Porter of Natoma Station Elementary and Rich Rowland of Folsom Middle School. Ms. Bateman also introduced the following teachers who have applied to participate in the board certification process for next year: Cyndi Casner, White Rock Elementary; Debbie Stone, Natoma Station; and Wendy Sol, Theodore Judah.

RECEPTION

President Benton recessed the meeting at 6:40 p.m. for a reception in honor of new board officers and National Board Certified teachers.

Meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-131)

- Folsom Mayor Miklos presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$7,500 representing funds raised from the Vlade Divac Basketball Camp.
- Piper and Michael Miguelgorry, Folsom music parents, thanked the Board and Superintendent for their ongoing support over the years of the Folsom Cordova music programs. Thanked the Board for the new football stadium and the performing arts theatre. Displayed several trophies earned during the 2003-2004 school year. Jazz festival will take place in January 2004. Please visit us at: folsommusic.org. Cordova's music program is doing very well also under Kevin Sims. Count Basie Orchestra will be performing for the community in March.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-132)

Student Advisory Board – Stephanie Shaffer reported on the following:

- Nothing to report.

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:

- Congratulated President Benton, Vice President Myers, and Clerk Stanley.
- Preparing for holiday get together; hope to see everyone there.
- Wished everyone a happy holiday season.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

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

Item 0304-134 A – Accept Donations – To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District

Item 0304-134 D – Approve Budget Revisions – General Fund and Other Funds

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-133 – Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2003

0304-134 – Business Matters

B. Warrants and Payroll – Monthly Ratification

C. Approve Notice of Completion – Local-Area Network Improvements at Riverview Elementary School Using CMAS

E. Authorization to Proceed – Community Education Center Modernization

F. Approve Piggyback Bid – Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Kitty Hawk School Site Classrooms

G. Approve Piggyback Bid – Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Cordova Meadows Elementary School Band/Office Building

H. Approve Change Order No. 2 – Cordova High School Stadium Renovation, Site Work Improvements, and HVAC-Wing G

I. Approve Notice of Completion – Cordova High School Stadium Renovation (excluding the Miscellaneous Trade Package), Site Work Improvements, and HVAC-Wing C

J. Approve Notice of Completion – Folsom High School and Cordova High School Synthetic Turf

K. Adopt Resolution No. 12-08-03-12 – Resolution to Change the Financial Banking Institution for the Student Body Account at Mills Middle School

0304-135 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations:

Case Numbers: 0304-22, 0304-25, 0304-26, and 0304-27

0304-22 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; remain at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; student is to successfully complete the remainder of the fall semester and spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year 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.

0304-25 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student to seek educational options through home district (Sacramento City Unified School District); if student and

parent establish residency within the boundaries of Folsom Cordova Unified School District, student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or any state-authorized educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills and anger management.

0304-26 – Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one 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 tolerance/diversity training.

0304-27 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one 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 substance abuse, anger management, and family dynamics; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

- B. Approve Contracts for Non Public School Placement – SE-0304-36, SE-0304-37, and SE-0304-38
- C. Approve Contracts for Therapy Services – SE-0304-39, SE-0304-40, SE-0304-41, SE-0304-42, and SE-0304-43
- D. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request – Mills Middle School 6th Grade Students to Sly Park
- E. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request – Cordova High School Music Students and Colorguard to Perform at Disneyland’s Magic Music Days, Anaheim, CA

0304-134 A – Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the District in the amount of \$32,001.06.

MYERS/STANLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT donations to the District in the amount of \$32,001.06.

0304-134 D – Approve Budget Revisions – General Fund and Other Funds

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE the Budget Revisions to the General Fund and Other Funds.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-136 – 2004 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly

BENTON/SHAW MOVED TO NOMINATE Teresa Stanley as the Board’s candidate to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-137 – Adopt Board Policy No. 5141.7 – Coordinated School Health Programs

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Board Policy No. 5141.7 – Coordinated School Health Programs

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES, 1 NO (STANLEY).

0304-138 – Adopt Resolution No. 12-08-03-10 – Identification of District Employees, By Title, Who May Have Access to National School Lunch Program (N.S.L.P.) Information for Use in Preparing STAR Test Pre-Identification Files or Coding Student Answer Documents

SHORT/BENTON MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 12-08-03-10 – Identification of District Employees, By Title, Who May Have Access to National School Lunch Program (N.S.L.P.)

Information for Use in Preparing STAR Test Pre-Identification Files or Coding Student Answer Documents

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-139 – Approve 2003-2004 First Interim Financial Report

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE the 2003-2004 First Interim Report certifying that Folsom Cordova Unified School District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the 2003-2004 fiscal year and two subsequent years with budget reductions for the two subsequent years.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-140 – Adopt Resolution No. 12-08-03-11 – Resolution of Necessity, Condemnation of Elementary School Site in the Parkway Subdivision of Folsom

SHORT/STANLEY MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 12-08-03-11 – Resolution of Necessity, Condemnation of Elementary School Site in the Parkway Subdivision of Folsom

Mrs. Stanley

- Resolution states the site consists of 11.68 acres. Does that include the portion we are unable to use?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Yes, and it is a legal parcel that we must make the offer on. Our recommendation is to purchase the entire site and then do a lot line adjustment with the City of Folsom.

Gary Livaich, Attorney representing Parkway Company, LLC

- Have had conversations with the district's legal counsel over the last few days concerning the proposed acquisition.
- District representatives have been cooperative in providing most requested documents and information.
- Asked for information as to when this school is scheduled to be built.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- It would be built within the next seven years.

Gary Livaich

- Here to protect the owner's constitutional rights and his rights under California law.
- Voiced objections that there has not been an adequate showing of the public interest and necessity required of this project, or that the parcel is planned and located in a manner that would be most compatible to the greatest public good and least private harm.
- On the proposed resolution of necessity, this parcel is not necessary for the project. Confused by what the district alleges in the proposed resolution of necessity – the section on eminent domain law that requires the district to find that the property has already been dedicated to a public use and this is a more necessary public use. Section 1240.510 is referenced.
- The Parkway Company, LLC property is not dedicated to a public use at this time.
- The proposed resolution lists the owners as Bill Parker and Parkway Company, LLC. It is my understanding that it is just the Parkway Company, LLC that is the owner of the property.
- Recognize this is not the appropriate time to discuss price or amount of just compensation as required in the constitution. Not broaching that issue, but the district is required under the government code to make a precondemnation offer.

- Here to object to the offer that has been made and the insufficiency of the appraisal.
- There have been a number of appraisals that have been provided to the landowner. The appraisals dated April 15, 2002 and October 23, 2002 used the incorrect definition of values required under the eminent domain law.
- The reference of a third appraisal, on June 15, 2003, is still outdated. The information required under the government code has not been provided in a summary basis form. The particular deficiency is the analysis of the highest and best use discussion and the identification of the principal transaction supporting the determination of value.
- Tonight was the first time I heard there was a plan that this property was going to be utilized within seven years.
- The owner of the property has a particular desire that this property be committed to a school site sooner than later. They have reserved it for over eight years, but a school still has not been built.
- Owner would like some comfort or representation from the Board that when the school is built that the Parkway kids will have the ability to go to this neighborhood school instead of being bussed to another school.
- Would like to state that there has been no showing of a reasonable probability that this project will be built within seven years or that this property will be necessary for the public use within seven years.
- Believes these are significant rights to take issues that have been now perfected on the record.
- Thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Benton

- Asked for clarification of Mr. Livaich's remarks.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Basically, he is protecting the owner's rights to go through the legal process. He is making some of his arguments now and our attorney will respond in the proper sequence.

Mrs. Stanley

- You stated in the opening that there had been no response to our offer. Do we take it now that there is one on the record?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Yes. He has declined.

Mr. Shaw

- Looking at data on comparables, see 19 acres for \$5 million and 28 acres for \$11 million. Seems to me that the price offered is high and fair in my opinion.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Because we are a subdivision of the State of California, we have to follow the rules that the Office of Public School Construction outlines for us.
- The June 2003 appraisal was conducted in that format using highest best use of properties adjacent to the existing parcel.
- Although it may seem high, it is determined to be the highest best use as it is currently zoned.

Mrs. Myers

- Was the highest best use defined as residential or single family?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Single family.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-141 – Approve 2004 School Site Plans

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE Site Plans for 2003-2004 for all K-8 schools, and approve embedded Title I reauthorizations and program changes, as needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-142 – Approve Revision of Board Policy No. 7310 – Naming of Facility

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the revised Board Policy No. 7310 – Naming of Facility with the following revision: Item 4 to read Groups, Items, or Events of historical significance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

0304-143 – Facilities Naming Committee Progress Report

Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt reported that an advisory committee was formed to develop a pool of potential names for Board consideration when naming new or existing facilities. The committee consisted of Herbert Barrows, Cindy Baker, Lisa Tuter, Larry Ladd, Michael Harris, Doug Husen, John Chapman, George Anderson, Neil Orchard, Guy Anderson, Pat Flynn, Lynn LePage, Sharon Heilman, Laurelle Steele, and Pat Wilhoyte. Thanked the members for their time and work. Will continue to solicit names from the Board and community.

The committee was asked to take representation from their organization, i.e., Kiwanis, Rotary, teachers or classified association, and provide names that fit within the board policy and should be recognize by having something named after them. Compiled the resource “bank” of names and identified the type of facility each name could be used for.

The first facility we will be bringing back for consideration will be the second high school in Folsom. The plans will be submitted to the State Department of Education and the State Architect in February. Would like the name before then so the school will be identified by its formal name. Asked the Board for any recommendations for additional research and what format to bring back in January.

Mrs. Myers

- The second high school site is near what is considered the highest point in Sacramento County. Would a term like Pinnacle fall under the classification of what has been adopted? Pinnacle High School.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Would need background information on that name, such as geographical description.

Mrs. Myers

- Have names to submit. What is the deadline to provide the information?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Would hope to discuss this at the first meeting in January and then bring back for final action at the second meeting in January. So if we could have suggestions between now and the 15th of January.

Mrs. Myers

- Historical events, like the forty-niners and gold rush should be added.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Gold Rush was on the list and the committee decided to take it off.

Mrs. Myers

- Really like the name Pony Express, but to make it clear should add terminus in order to make the point of what it is.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- The committee also noted those names that have already been used or are being considered in other areas. Prairie City is under consideration by the Elk Grove USD for their next high school.

Mrs. Stanley

- How did the committee determine what type of facility these names should go with, for example, Prairie City would be a good name for a stadium or performing arts facility.
- Don't find a value in having the type of facility identified.
- Could receive input from the public if this list was published or posted on our website.

Mrs. Myers

- Could we find a way to have people vote for names on the website?
- Impressed with the list for Rancho Cordova. Like the idea of names like Peacekeeper and Navigator.
- We have Cordova High School. A second high school could be called Rancho High School.
- Likes the historical references such as Rickenbacker and Amelia Earhart.
- Need information on others that are unknown, such as Joe Matthew.

0304-144 – Proposed 2004-2005 Instructional Calendar

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Mark Rickabaugh reviewed the proposed instructional calendar for 2004-2005. He also reviewed a proposed calendar that would assist in ending the first semester before winter break with 83 days in the first semester and 98 days in the second semester. Received feedback from staff. Folsom High likes the calendar that starts early. Still waiting for feedback for Cordova High.

Spring testing takes place at 85% of the school year. Out of the 181 days, it equals the 154th day with a window one week before or one week after.

Mrs. Myers

- We had a schedule one year and the counselors were upset because of an issue around December.
- Have we received reaction from that group?

Mr. Rickabaugh

- They may be presenting to the Board in January to share their point of view as to why an earlier calendar is advantageous to kids.
- There are several school districts that have the semester end at the winter break.

Mr. Shaw

- What is the breakdown of the semesters in plan B?

Mr. Rickabaugh

- First quarter is 44 days; second quarter is 39, which is 83 for the first semester.

- The second semester would be 98 days, which is a difference in semesters of 16 days.

Mr. Shaw

- Would like to hear what Cordova High has to say about this.

Mr. Benton

- If we bump the school year up, then obviously we bump up summer school.

Mr. Rickabaugh

- We usually take a week off after school ends before we begin summer school.

Ms. Shaffer

- As a student it is difficult to keep focused after having two different breaks and it is hard on the teachers. Would recommend the earlier calendar.
- Because other school districts get out earlier than us, they have first opportunities at the summer jobs available.

Mr. Benton

- Directed staff to bring back the item to the second meeting in January for discussion/action.
- Need to notify high schools for input.

Recess Regular Board Meeting at 8:17 P.M.

President Benton called to order the Folsom Cordova Schools Financing Corporation Annual meeting at 8:17 p.m.

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the December 12, 2003 meeting.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Item No. 3: Status Reports of Projects

Superintendent Siefkin reported: No new status reports.

Item No. 4: Corporation Officers

President Benton stated that the bylaws provide that the officers remain the same as the Board of Education, and let the record reflect the following officers are:

President Roger Benton

Vice President Sara Myers

Clerk Teresa Stanley

Member Richard Shaw

Member Ed Short

Item No. 6: Other Business

No new business.

No public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Reconvene Regular Board Meeting at 8:19 p.m.

REPORTS

0304-145 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- Congratulated Trustees on their new assignments and board appointments.
- Congratulated Teresa Stanley on her nomination for a position as one of the delegates on the Delegate Assembly. Sara Myers currently represents Folsom Cordova Unified School District and it would be great if we had two trustees serving in that capacity.
- Congratulations to new National Board Certified teachers and to Ginny Bateman.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0304-146 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Stephanie Shaffer

- Congratulations to new board officers.
- Thanked Teresa Stanley for the great work as President last year.
- Looking forward to the CSBA conference.

Sara Myers

- Congratulations to our new National Board Certified teachers Rich Rowland and Amy Porter, as well as our candidates for certification Debbie Stone, Cyndi Casner, and Wendy Sol. Appreciates Washington Mutual's monetary assistance in supporting this program.
- Having 25 board certified teachers is putting us ahead of the region in a very worthwhile way.
- Impressed that over three years, there has been \$62,000 from the Vlade Divac Basketball Camp. Thanked Superintendent Siefkin for taking the leadership on that.
- Regarding the marching band trophies – very proud of the students' achievement. The choreographer, Paul Zimmey is my dance instructor. He is famous. He does the choreography for the Air Force Academy and many other marching bands. We have some major talent helping our marching band win those trophies.
- Attended the Christmas tree lighting at the Chamber of Commerce. Ran into the parents of Brad DeWitt, our previous student board member. He is doing well at UCLA and he had just had dinner with Fidel Castro as part of a student world tour.
- Pleased to serve with new president Roger, Teresa, and other board members. Look forward to another good year despite the dismal picture down at the State Capital.

Richard Shaw

- Congratulated the new board officers. Looking forward to working them.
- *Sacramento Bee* ran a great series on school finance last week. The article a week ago Sunday sums it up well.
- Congratulations to Cordova High on their successful football season. Too bad the rain changed the game plan. Great 12-1 season.
- *Sacramento Bee* ran an article on Dwayne Brown, a sophomore running back from Cordova High who set the sectional record for rushing. They talked about all the trials and tribulations he has overcome. He lost both parents and was raised by a brother. Don Northcross was mentioned as

an individual who is instrumental in turning Dwayne's life around. Would like to honor Don in some way. He has done a lot in Rancho Cordova.

- Site Plans are outstanding. It does drive what you do in the schools, and you have to look at all the subgroups and prepare plans to help solve problems.
- Very proud of the National Board Certified teachers. It is quite a process to go through.

Teresa Stanley

- Congratulations to new Board President.
- Previously received direction to send a letter to the Board President of Elk Grove. Asked Mr. Benton to take that on that task.
- Attended Joint Coordination meetings with both the City of Folsom and City of Rancho Cordova.
- Regarding the City of Rancho Cordova, pleased to sit down with a group of people who are willing to work on issues. Raised the traffic issue at Williamson, and they are willing to help. Also talked about following up on setting up a partnership committee such as the one we have in Folsom. We need to work together, and there are a lot of opportunities in the new City of Rancho Cordova. Would like to sit down and partner with the City, the college, the chamber, and all stakeholders.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Myers.
- Asked board president and vice president to please let us know if you cannot attend the Joint Coordination meetings.
- Thanked Mayor Miklos for coming tonight to bring cash. The city has some wonderful teen programs because of monies like this.
- Thrilled we have the student union center at Cordova High now to provide some of those same opportunities.
- Congratulations to our National Board Certified teachers, and best wishes to those going through the process, including Ginny Bateman who is working on being re-certified.
- Special thanks and recognition to Sharon Heilman who has had a couple of bad weeks and is still coming to our meetings and participating in the naming committee, etc.

Ed Short

- Commended past President Stanley for her leadership in the last year.
- Congratulations to National Board Certified teachers.
- Thanked Mayor Miklos for being here tonight.
- Marching band trophies were wonderful to see. Exploring possibility of marching band receiving credit for PE.
- Congratulations to our new officers.
- Have a great holiday season.

Roger Benton

- School Services of California workshop will be held on January 13th – need board participation.
- Folsom Middle School flier is amazing.
- Cordova High School marching band will be going to perform at Disneyland in April.
- The “Peacekeeper” name submitted by the facility committee is great.
- National Board Certified Teachers do an amazing job.
- Debbie Bettencourt's budget presentation tonight was phenomenal.
- Pray for the best, expect the worst. Regarding the difficult issue at one of the elementary school would like to publicly thanked Folsom Police Department Sgt./Detective Steve Robinson, Detective Ron Peterson, Rebecca Sloan and Mark Rickabaugh for handling this situation.
- Appreciate your confidence in electing me as Board President.

- Looking forward to a new year.
- Referenced materials in the agenda packet on modernization and construction updates. Matt Washburn is doing a great job.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

INFORMATION

0304-147 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0304-148 – Cooperative Agreement Between the City of Folsom and District – Joint Use of Library Facilities

0304-149 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2004 at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for December 8, 2003:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:10 p.m.
Recessed for Reception	6:40 p.m.
Reconvened	6:55 p.m.
Recessed for Financing Corporation	
Annual Meeting	8:17 p.m.
Reconvened	8:19 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:36 p.m.

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

Teresa A. Stanley, Clerk of the Board