

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

January 22, 2004

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

January 22, 2004

Board members present: Roger Benton, Teresa Stanley, Richard Shaw, and Edward Short. Student Board Member Stephanie Shaffer was present. Trustee Sara Myers was not present.

5:00 p.m. – Open Session CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)
President Benton announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session (Held in Library)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting (Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:08 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Folsom Middle School students led the flag salute.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Board President Roger Benton asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Steven Newman. Mr. Newman worked at Kitty Hawk in the Mather Youth Opportunity Program in Special Education. He will be greatly missed.

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

STANDLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- Jennifer Bamman, Resource Specialist (#203082), Folsom Middle School (40% Time), Professional Clear Special Education Specialist/Mild Moderate Credential; BA +54/ME; Class 3, Step 10. Effective: 01/05/04.

- Jodi Nguyen, Teacher (#990382), Riverview Elementary School (50% Time), Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/CLAD Credential; BA + 50 2/3; Class 3, Step 4. Effective: 12/17/03.
- Jane Weakley, Special Education Teacher (#204035), Williamson Elementary School, Preliminary Special Education Specialist/Mild/Moderate Credential; BS + 17; Class 2, Step 9. Effective: 01/12/04.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Realynn Cordova, Special Education Teacher, Mitchell Middle School; From: 50%; To: 70%. Effective: 12/01/03 through 06/11/04.
- Jennifer Freitas, Teacher, Sutter Middle School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 11/22/03 through 03/12/04.
- Shannon Quinlan, Teacher, Sutter Middle School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 11/22/03 through 03/12/04.
- David Sewell, Teacher, Sutter Middle School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 11/22/03 through 03/12/04.

CERTIFICATED PRE-RETIREMENT

This item was eliminated by revision.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Kimberly Christerson, Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School; From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 01/24/04. (On 50% Leave of Absence from 08/21/03 through 01/23/04).
- April Hackert, Teacher, Natoma Station Elementary School; From: 100%; To: 40%. Effective: 01/24/04. (On 40% Leave of Absence from 08/21/03 through 01/23/04).
- Anna Mc Henry, Teacher, White Rock Elementary School; From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 01/24/04. (On 50% Leave of Absence from 08/21/03 through 01/23/04).
- Amanda Withers, Teacher, White Rock Elementary School; From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 01/24/04. (On 50% Leave of Absence from 08/21/03 through 01/23/04).

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Jayne Herrera, Special Education Teacher, Theodore Judah Elementary School. Jayne was hired on August 19, 2003 and has been employed 4 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 12/12/03.
- Amy Mc Kee, Special Education Teacher, Riverview Elementary School. Amy was hired on August 14, 2000 and has been employed 3 years 4 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 12/18/03.
- Michael Ramage, Teacher, Kinney High School. Michael was hired on November 3, 2003 and has been employed 1 month with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 01/23/04.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Stacie Gandy (replacement) Special Project Coordinator (#204550), Family Support Services, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL25/Step C. Effective: 1/5/04.

- James Neal (replacement) Computer Instructional Assistant (#203101), Riverview Elem., 10 hours weekly/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 1/15/04.
- Simon Plukchi (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#204547), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 1/5/04.
- Victor Sanchez (replacement) Campus Monitor (#202617), Cordova High, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step B. Effective: 1/7/04.
- Donald White (replacement) Mechanic I (#201483), Transportation Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range TR24/Step A. Effective: 1/5/04.

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Deborah Evans (hours increase/replacement) Bus Driver (#991489), from 5 hours daily to 8 hours daily. Effective: 1/6/04.
- Brij Raj (hours increase/replacement) Bus Driver (#991473), from 5 hours daily to 7.25 hours daily. Effective: 1/5/04.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Judy Cooke, Special Education Instructional Asst. (#990877), Mather Heights Elem., reason: family matters. Effective: 1/26/04 through 6/10/04.
- Katy Surritt, Special Education Instructional Asst. (#203008), Theodore Judah Elem., reason: family medical. Effective: 2/20/04 through 5/4/04.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- David Bigelow, Relief Bus Driver (#991466), Transportation Dept., reason: substitute driver. Effective: 1/4/04.
- Sheree Dutter, Food Service Worker I (#204503), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 1/2/04.
- Burnie Row, Custodian, resignation from the 39 Month Reemployment List. Effective: 1/5/04.

TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS

- David Ruiz, Campus Monitor (#991506), Folsom High. Effective: 1/9/04

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Linda Tilton, Food Service Assistant (#991344), Folsom High. Effective: 6/12/03. Linda was hired as a Cafeteria Worker I at Cordova High on April 1, 1987. She was promoted the Cafeteria Cook position at Mather Heights Elementary in September of 1989 and was reclassified to Food Service Assistant in July of 2001. Linda retired with sixteen years of service to the District.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Folsom Middle School Physical Education Demonstration

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos introduced Folsom Middle School Principal Karen Knight. Mrs. Knight introduced Rich Barboza who spoke about the Folsom Middle School Physical Education program. Twelve students from the eighth grade student body demonstrated the dances they have been learning in class. The dance instruction is used as a vehicle to provide cultural awareness, manners, etiquette, and personal respect.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-162)

- Pat Heise, parent, encouraged the board to continue summer school for the high school students.
- Janine Lindsey, parent, stated the summer program allowed her daughter to stay on the curriculum requirements for the University of California system.
- Bess Laliberte, parent of FHS student and 7-year substitute teacher at Folsom High School, urged the board to maintain the non-remedial summer school program at Folsom High School. Asked the board for their help, cooperation, and perseverance in making this a reality. High school electives are what connect the kids within the enormous campus population at Folsom High School.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-163)

Student Advisory Board – Stephanie Shaffer reported on the following:

- Next SAB meeting is Wednesday, January 28, at Folsom Middle School.

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:

- Enjoyed the presentation from the Folsom Middle School students.
- Amber Alward, 3rd grade student at Williamson Elementary, received the ACSA Region 3 Every Student Succeeding Recognition Scholarship Award. This award honors students at all grade levels who have exceeded against all odds and beyond expectations, and have won the hearts of their ACSA members or educators who helped them achieve their goals. She will be honored at a dinner on February 26, 2004, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Garden Pavilion Building at McClellan Park.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

0304-164 – Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2004

0304-165 – Business Matters

- A. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly ratification
- B. Approve Budget Revisions – General Fund
- C. Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the District in the amount of \$46,788.49.
- D. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Cordova Lane Elementary School RSP/Office Building
- E. Approve Change Order No. 4 – Folsom high School Theater and Stadium
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 01-22-04-13 – Resolution to Change the Financial Banking Institution for the Student Body Account at White Rock Elementary School.

0304-166 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations:

Case Numbers: 0304-44, 0304-45, and 0304-46

0304-44 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Folsom High School through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; individual student counseling to address alcohol abuse.

0304-45 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; student must 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 anger management and decision-making skills.

0304-46 – Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Folsom Lake High School through the end of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; 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.

B. Approve Contracts for Non Public School Placement – SE-0304-47, SE-0304-48, SE-0304-49, and SE-0304-50

C. Approve Contract for Therapy Services – SE-0304-51, SE-0304-52, SE-0304-53, and SE-0304-54

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-167 – Approve Folsom School Facilities Improvement District School Facilities Needs Analysis (SFNA)

Deborah Bettencourt, Deputy Superintendent/CFO introduced Matt Washburn, Director of Facilities, and Geri Wickham, Facilities Planner. Matt Washburn provided specifics on the Folsom SFID School Facility Needs Analysis and the need to assess fees to finance new school construction in compliance with the provisions of SB 50.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the Folsom School Facilities Improvement District School Facilities Needs Analysis (SFNA).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

PUBLIC HEARING

0304-168 – Authorization of the Alternative Section 65995.5 School Facilities Fee and Provisional Approval of the Alternative Section 65995.7 School Facilities Fee – Folsom SFID

President Benton opening the hearing at 6:46 p.m. No one came forward. Hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-169 – Adopt Resolution No. 01-22-04-14 – Establish Alternative Section 65995.5 Fee and Alternative Section 65995.7 Fee – Folsom SFID

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 01-22-04-14 to Establish Alternative Section 65995.5 Fee and Alternative Section 65995.7 Fee – Folsom SFID.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

0304-170 – Approve Rancho Cordova School Facilities Improvement District School Facilities Needs Analysis (SFNA)

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the Rancho Cordova School Facilities Improvement District School Facilities Needs Analysis (SFNA).
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

PUBLIC HEARING

0304-171 – Authorization of the Alternative Section 65995.5 School Facilities Fee and Provisional Approval of the Alternative Section 65995.7 School Facilities Fee – Rancho Cordova SFID

President Benton opening the hearing at 6:49 p.m. No one came forward. Hearing was closed at 6:49 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-172 – Adopt Resolution No. 01-22-04-15 – Establish Alternative Section 65995.5 Fee and Alternative Section 65995.7 Fee – Rancho Cordova SFID

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 01-22-04-15 to Establish Alternative Section 65995.5 Fee and Alternative Section 65995.7 Fee – Rancho Cordova SFID.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

0304-173 – Approve Resolutions Approving Existence of Auxiliary Organizations and Extension of Certain Insurance Coverage Rights

Resolution No. 01-22-04-16 – Friends of Blanche Sprentz Elementary

Resolution No. 01-22-04-17 – Mitchell Middle PTO

Resolution No. 01-22-04-18 – Mitchell Middle Music Boosters

Resolution No. 01-22-04-19 – Cordova High Rancho Cordova Sports Club

Resolution No. 01-22-04-20 – Cordova High Football Booster Club

Resolution No. 01-22-04-21 – Carl Sundahl Elementary Parent Foundation

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution Nos. 01-22-04-16, 01-22-04-17, 01-22-04-18, 01-22-04-19, 01-22-04-20, and 01-22-04-21, Approving Existence of Auxiliary Organizations and Extension of Certain Insurance Coverage Rights.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

0304-174 – Approve 2004-2005 Budget Planning Calendar

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the 2004-2005 Budget Planning Calendar

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

0304-175 – Approve 2004-2005 Instructional Calendar

No action taken.

Staff was instructed to bring final recommendation to the February 5, 2004 board meeting.

0304-176 – Change July 8, 2004 Board Meeting Date

No action taken. The July 8, 2004 date will remain as scheduled.

0304-177 – Approve Purchase Agreement – Elliott Homes for Second Elementary School Site in Empire Ranch

SHAW/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE the Purchase Agreement between Elliott Homes and the District, and authorize staff to execute all necessary documents for the purchase of a second elementary school site in Empire Ranch.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (MYERS ABSENT)

DISCUSSION

0304-178 – Charter School Model K-8

Superintendent Siefkin introduced Gretchen Hinerman who provided a draft model of a dependent charter school under the authority of FCUSD, the financial implications for the start up, and an updated timeline for continuing the charter process.

Mr. Short

- How do we locate sites that we can optimize based on community needs or interests? On your budget, it says facilities are not applicable. Last time you talked about the charter school being integrated on a site. If we don't have room and have to get temporary buildings, how would we facilitate that for a community that really wants to have one.

Mrs. Hinerman

- It is my understanding that there is potential for some room on Walnutwood in portables. There may also be some room at a school in Folsom. We would need to specify a particular slot between now and the time a petition is turned in. We are talking about two rooms, so not a great deal of space. One room would have a set of about 10 computers for student use and technology, and the rooms would be used alternatively for individual contact with the students. In this model, there would be one full time teacher, a teacher who would be half time director and half time teacher, and another half time teacher on a hourly basis to accommodate the 50 students. Proposition 39 mandates that districts provide reasonable equal facilities to what other students in the domain have. This doesn't include computers and textbooks, but does include rooms, tables, chairs, and whiteboards.

Mr. Short

- Would the facilities have a soft cost? Where would we locate based on community needs?

Mrs. Hinerman

- At this point we are anticipating only one location. We have two parent meetings planned at the end of February if we pursue the charter, one in Folsom and one in Rancho Cordova. Based on the recommendation from other charter developers, we are in the position of talking to our attorneys to develop a letter to go out to some of the charter schools in our areas requesting names of students in our attendance area so we could send them a letter.

Mrs. Stanley

- Could you please explain what you mean by the term dependent charter school?

Mrs. Hinerman

- The dependent charter school is a charter school that is operated under the auspices of a school district as opposed to a public benefit corporation that comes in from the outside and has no relationship to the school district and applies for a charter. They have their own set of bylaws. In a dependent charter school the money comes from the county and the state into FCUSD's budget and then is dispersed to the charter school. Both are still in the position to write MOU's to develop a relationship. FCUSD would have more control over a dependent charter.

Mrs. Stanley

- Is that reflective in the government structure, such as there is an advisory council that oversees it instead of a whole separate board that then has to determine how to interact with our board?

Mrs. Hinerman

- Yes, exactly. This model has a member of the school board on the advisory committee.

Mrs. Stanley

- I see the Legislative Analyst's office is pushing for the expansion of charter schools in California. Does that mean there is a potential that for us to get money for some of the start up costs.

Mrs. Hinerman

- Yes. Even without the Legislative Analyst report, there are two ways to recoup this money. One is with an implementation grant, which can be written for up to \$400,000 and has a 50% success rate. The Charter School Development Center in CDE feels those will be available again next year. Also available through California Department of Education are low interest rate loans (such as 1.25%) that can be paid back over a five-year period.

Mrs. Stanley

- Do you have the budget for the ongoing operations of such a school and how many students would be in it? I suppose the analysis would be done, if we were going to propose a low cost loan, as to whether or not the proceeds that would come to that school would be able to pay that over and above the operation costs.

Mrs. Hinerman

- Yes. I do have documents that include charter school estimated monthly cash flow, a five year fiscal projection, and what our funding determinants would look like. We expect to generate about \$4,900 a student.

Mrs. Stanley

- How many kids are you anticipating to begin with?

Mrs. Hinerman

- We are hoping to have between 30 and 50 students. Right now in independent study we have 17 seventh graders, 16 eighth graders, and 17 in K-6. I anticipate a number of those would be interested.

Mr. Shaw

- Are there provisions for reimbursing the district for custodial, clerical, and maintenance?

Mrs. Hinerman

- Yes, those would be the Memorandums of Understanding. The charter has to spend 80% of the money the charter would generate on direct services to students, 50% of that being certificated salaries and benefits; 30% being in direct support of students, i.e., textbooks and materials. The remaining 20% would be to provide services such as custodial, maintenance, etc. Once the facilities are provided through Proposition 39, the district has a right to automatically claim 3% for facilities use, and 1% for supervisory oversight. Between that and the 20% you negotiate for whatever other services, such as payroll.

Mr. Shaw

- Regarding page 15, disputes arising from within the school, it describes a very hands off approach in terms of how the district will interact with the charter school in solving internal

problems. Would like to know the rationale as to why it is so clearly defined that the district may not intervene.

Mrs. Hinerman

- They may not intervene unless it is a violation of the charter agreement or violation of law. We have to remember this is a model, and if those are the issues that need to be retooled these areas are open for change.

Mr. Shaw

- Is that part of the law or did you pick it up from a model?

Mrs. Hinerman

- It was part of a model. I can investigate further.

Mr. Benton

- If we approve, is it a year-by-year approval?

Mrs. Hinerman

- The state has set up that criteria, but we can authorize the charter for up to five years. Some have been for three years. I have not seen one on a year-to-year basis. Certainly it can be revoked for any of the reasons listed.

Mr. Benton

- What will we be teaching differently in the charter that we are not doing in our own school district? Is it a better way of teaching, and if so, why aren't we doing everywhere else?

Mrs. Hinerman.

- We are providing an opportunity for students that we don't currently offer, and for parents who value that as a concept. In fact, we might be able to bring back students into FCUSD from other charters, where parents are valuing charter but their students are not doing as well as they could be. They don't have the standards that we would have in our FCUSD charter, and a wider range of curriculum materials is available. Home schooling parents, particularly in math, need the support of a certificated staff member. We are proposing a parent education component of it as well. There is much more parental input and involvement in the governance of this school.

Mr. Benton

- Are we looking to pull students who are not here now back to us?

Mrs. Hinerman

- Yes, and turn it into a cohesive collaborate structure for the community. The concept is gaining respect in this state.

Mr. Benton

- What if 75 students show up? We currently have a couple of rooms available, but if additional facilities are needed, what are we going to do?

Mrs. Hinerman

- These programs do get bigger. We can cap them if we choose to.

Mr. Shaw

- Thanks for creating the model as requested at the November meeting. You've done a great job and are well on the way to making something that works.

Mr. Short

- Would like to see us go forward with this, but concerned about the facilities and indirect costs. We'd like to know what the costs are. Also, is the charter required to go under the Field Act for earthquake safety?

Mrs. Hinerman

- I can investigate.

0304-179 – Update on 2004-2005 Governor's Budget

Deborah Bettencourt, Deputy Superintendent/CFO provided an update on the 2004-2005 Governor's Budget including:

- Economic Recovery Bond, Proposition 57.
- Proposition 58, the balanced budget amendment.
- Limited suspension of Proposition 98.
- Proposed suspension of Proposition 42, Transportation funds.
- Closing budget gap by 24% with cost avoidance; 17% with Proposition 57 and pension bonds; 22% with shifts, service reductions, and transfers; and 38% expense reductions.
- Governors' revenue projections are higher than what Legislative Analyst is expecting.
- Proposition 55 will fund our high school in Folsom and two elementary schools, one in Folsom and one in Rancho Cordova. We need this bond to pass.
- Proposition 56 being pushed by the Democrats to allow 55% legislative approval to approve budget as well as tax increases.
- Expecting the CTA initiative in November – a split role property tax going directly to increasing expenses at the classroom level, specifically teachers salaries, textbooks and supplies for kids.
- Rebased Proposition 98 funding – results in a \$5.00 per student increase due to property tax shifts and redirection of categoricals
- Categorical Reform – rolling 22 (biggest two for our district is pupil transportation and SIP) into the base revenue limit
- Assuming that the deficit bond passes, FCUSD will receive 1.84% COLA but the continuance of a 3% deficit would apply to our base revenue limit per student, special education, adult education, SIP, EIA, class size reduction. No COLA would be given to transportation, education technology, or BTSA – items requiring a statutory COLA. It amounts to \$86.33 per student of new money for the base revenue limit. It is not all that we are entitled to under Proposition 98, but it would be some new money for us.
- State budget includes equalization money, which could equate to about \$200,000. Suspects that not enough districts will want the equalization; they will probably want the deficit factor reduced first.
- Increase of instructional materials of \$20 per student. We took a significant cut this year in instructional materials. This is just a partial restoration.
- The \$86.33 COLA per student provides \$1.482 million of new revenue. Our existing contract language with our teachers requires that we give them 75% of whatever COLA we receive. That would be \$1.38% on the salary schedule. Applied to all salary schedules, the cost is about \$1.2 million. 80% of our new revenue would go on the salary schedule. That

leaves us a balance of about \$290,000 to pay for health and welfare costs, step and column, and all other increases.

- As a growing district, projecting hypothetically about 400 new students, we would receive \$4,722 per student, includes additional COLA. There would be new revenue of \$1.88 million, but we would need to hire teachers, so we would have about \$1 million available revenue as a result of enrollment growth.
- Increased costs for 2004/2005 are projected:
 - ◆ Step and column \$1.3 million; health benefits 12%; waived medical stipends 12%; workers compensation 20%; property/liability 5%; and utility 20%.
 - ◆ July 2004 restoration of the 1.52% cut employees took this year. Cost is \$1.3 million.
 - ◆ Retiree benefits costs -\$440,000.
 - ◆ New school openings - \$600,000. Should set aside 200,000 per year for three years.
 - ◆ Restore site budgets/instructional materials supplies, 50% cut in 2003/04.
 - ◆ Restore certificated librarians and deferred maintenance.
 - ◆ 2003/04 categorical transfers - will not have revenue next year for use in general fund.
- Total \$6 million of increase costs or reduction in revenues from this year.
- The increase revenue from COLA - \$290,000, and the \$1 million from increased enrollment equals about \$1.4 million of new revenue to offset these increase costs.
- Shortfall of about \$4.6 million, if we do everything discussed.
- Legislature should pass budget in June, more likely August or September. Will have our budget recommendations to the Board mid-March.

Mr. Benton

- Shortfall of \$4.6 million if the bond passes. What if the bond doesn't pass?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Depending on what the state approves, it could be \$6 or \$7 million shortfall. If they raise taxes, we could be fine. We are a service agency with 85% of our budget in employee salaries and benefits.

Mrs. Stanley

- Regarding \$90/per pupil for STRS, and \$110 for higher state debt service, the \$110 is a state level number because their interest comes out of the general fund, right?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Correct.

Mrs. Stanley

- We would presumably have similar higher debt interest on our local bonds?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- In our case, our property taxes and our assessed valuations are keeping up with our escalating debt so that we can keep a level repayment schedule.

Mrs. Stanley

- On costs such as retiree benefits, are you including the implementation of SB 2?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- No. SB 2 is not in effect until 2006 (unless it is repealed).

Mrs. Stanley

- When you add the cost of increased enrollment, there is nothing for instructional materials. Doesn't each of those students have an associated cost for that, too?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Yes, and we would have some custodial, clerical and other support costs.

Mrs. Stanley

- Regarding the Riordon proposal to put money in schools instead of through governing boards, CSBA insured me that they are not worried. They have been in close contact with Mr. Riordon and they think he is understanding that only some of this can be passed through to the site level. They believe they will not have the whole per student amount sent to the site.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- CSBA is working with Mr. Riordon along with Kevin Gordon from CASBO and Ken Hall from School Services. Hopefully, they we will get local control taken back from the state and it doesn't create another problem.

Mr. Benton

- It's hard to imagine complete control at each school site. This would result in 30 different districts within one, all controlling what they do. The numbers talked about tonight equal cuts of \$260 per pupil. If the bond fails there will be turmoil for a lot of people.

REPORTS

0304-180 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- State Superintendent Jack O'Connell visited Peter J. Shields. It was nice to have him visit our campuses and see the quality of staff and students in the district.
- Represented the board earlier this week on the SunRidge development annexation between Elk Grove USD and Folsom Cordova USD. Met with Elk Grove USD Superintendent Dave Gordon and Rancho Cordova City Manager Ted Gaebbler. Discussions are moving along very well in a positive manner.
- Tonight we had visitors concerned about our summer school program. It is our intention to provide a summer school program that does include some core academic and enrichment programs. It will not be as broad as what we have offered in the past. Most of the courses will be those that are classroom driven. Should alleviate some of the concerns voiced tonight.
- Over the next several weeks, you will be receiving additional emails and concerns regarding the budget reduction process. We will be bringing a recommendation to you prior to March 15 that will include a number of layoff notices. The Trustees will be asked to extend notices to a number of district staff in preparation to meet the budget. Once items are on paper they become discussion items and when people see them they see them as hard facts. People will express concerns for certain programs for their students. I know you will be understanding, but urge you not to promise taking care of each and every item. To get to reductions of \$260 per student will require very deep cuts.
- Will be attending the annual Superintendent's meeting next week, hope to obtain information to assist us in our fiscal crisis. Debbie Bettencourt will be serving on my behalf during my absence.

- Received a communication from the State Department of Education regarding the reorganization petition for the district split. The hearing by the state board will now be conducted in September 2004.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0304-189 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Stephanie Shaffer

- No report.

Richard Shaw

- Congratulated Linda Burkholder and her committee for her Weed and Seed Grant of \$175,000 at White Rock Elementary School.
- Attended reading night at Theodore Judah Elementary this week. It was really cool with lots of good things happening in the classrooms. Lots of parent participation and kids excited about reading.
- Attended Gold Ridge Elementary Science Fair. Out of a student body of 570 kids, there were about 145 participates.
- Looking forward to the opening of the theater at Folsom High School next Friday and the Jazz Festival the next day.
- Looking forward to the dedication of the Folsom Middle School Gym. It's something they have needed for a long time.

Sara Myers

- No report.

Teresa Stanley

- Expressed sympathy for Mr. Newman's family.
- Congratulations to Amber Alward for winning the ACSA Award. Would like to meet her some day.
- Shared a petition with the board president for consideration in the future. It has been passed around at the CSBA in support of local control and school district governance. Maybe we should clarify that we don't mean at the site level.
- Reiterated to all parents regarding summer school that our first concern in summer school is for the kids who are not on track to graduate. I can also empathize with the kids who are trying to get enough electives to get into colleges. If we can't offer P.E., I hope we continue to pursue whatever else we can work out, such as independent study.
- Bell schedules are too early when you have a zero period. Would like to see an effort to push the times back at the high school level.

Ed Short

- Extended condolences to the Newman family.
- The Folsom Middle School students did a great job dancing. It looks like a lot of fun.
- Glad to hear the discussions on the SunRidge annexation are moving along.

- Attended a ribbon cutting for the Chamber of Commerce for a business opening in Rancho Cordova off of Sunrise. It is called Saving Our Youth, and is a community based mentoring program.

Mr. Benton

- Appreciate other board members' comments.
- The visit by the Jack O'Connell was neat. We had several staff members there drilling him with the hard questions. He was given a blue kindergarten seat and was about a foot shorter than everyone else. We'll work on that next time he comes.
- Received an email from Rebecca Sloan regarding the Sikh Open House last week. Spoke to a gentleman for about 40 minutes on the phone and it was very enlightening.
- Received an email from Jeannette Rice who attended the Parent/District Advisory meeting the other day. She did an impromptu survey regarding Senior Projects, and most people are not big fans of it, including students, parents, panel of judges, and teachers. I think it is one of the greatest programs we have. I know it takes a ton of time and work, but the opportunity to present it in front of a panel is extremely rewarding.
- Love to see all the calendars from the schools. Liked Blanche Sprentz's article on helping your child succeed. The boldest line – get involved in the life of your school – tells your child it is important.
- The eighth grade dancers were amazing tonight. We should have more students open the board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

INFORMATION

0304-182 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0304-193 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2004 at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for January 22, 2004:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:08 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	9:11 p.m.

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

Teresa A. Stanley, Clerk of the Board