

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

March 18, 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

March 18, 2004

Board members present: Roger Benton, Sara Myers, Teresa Stanley, 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 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 6:15 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Cordova High School Academy students Mike Robinson, Sal Singh, and Anna Yang led the flag salute.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Happy 15th anniversary to my lovely bride Tamra.

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

CERTIFICATED PRE-RETIREMENT

The following employee meets the criteria established by *STRS* and *FCUSD Policy 4118.01* pertaining to the Pre-Retirement Employment Program and is requesting to participate in the program. Effective: 2004/2005 school year:

- Susan Recely is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement employment program:

Elementary Specialist, Williamson Elementary School; Employed 09/07/82, 80% work assignment.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Jennifer Gex, Teacher (50% Time), Folsom Hills Elementary School, Parental. Effective: 02/10/04 through 06/11/04.
- Steve Kester, from 80% Teacher Mather Youth Academy to 50% Teacher Mather Youth Academy/50% FCEA. Effective: 02/17/04.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- David Dean, Teacher (#202527), Theodore Judah Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Program Credential; BS; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 03/05/04.
- Carissa Smith, Teacher (#990113), Folsom Hills Elementary School (40% Time), Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential/CLAD; BA; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 12/01/03.
- Matthew Navone (*rehired*), Teacher (#991818), Folsom High School. Effective: 03/08/04.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Karen Jackson, Teacher, Folsom High School. Karen was hired on December 12, 2003, and has been employed 2 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

SUMMER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Joan Lytle, Principal, Peter J. Shields Elementary School

Jay Berns, Principal, Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School

SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Dennis Willeford, Principal, Cordova High School at Mills Middle School

Christopher Aland, Vice Principal, Mills Middle School

Reginald Brown, Principal, Mitchell Middle School

Ward Andrus, Principal, Folsom High School

TBD, Vice Principal, Folsom High School

Michael Shepherd, Vice Principal, Middle School Program

Dennis Davis, Site Commander, Mather Youth Academy

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Del Allman (replacement/second position) Equipment Repair Technician (#991272),

Maintenance Dept., from 40 hours weekly to 24 hours weekly. Effective: 2/1/04.

- Laurie Pasut (replacement/rehire) Health Assistant (#203301), Cordova High, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step D. Effective: 3/3/04.
- JoAnn Peterson (replacement/rehire) Administrative Assistant-Elementary (#990983), Blanche Sprentz Elem., 8 hours daily/10.5 months, Range CL20/Step C. Effective: 3/1/04.
- Rosa Ramos (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#204562), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 3/3/04.

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Del Allman (voluntary decrease) Maintenance Dept., Building & Grounds Utilityworker (#991146), from 40 hours weekly to 30 hours weekly. Effective: 2/1/04.
- Brij Raj (hours increase) Transportation Dept., Bus Driver (#9911482), from 7.25 hours daily to 7.5 hours daily. Effective: 2/6/04.
- Harry Williams (hours increase) Community Education Center, Custodian (#202537), from 5.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 7/1/02.
- Suzanne Wilson (voluntary hours decrease) Rancho Cordova Elem., Yard Duty Supervisor (#203287), from 2.58 hours daily to 1.5 hours daily. Effective: 2/26/04.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Mike McClenahan, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202643), Kitty Hawk/Youth Opportunity, reason: medical. Effective: 2/10/04 through 6/10/04.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Alysia Blanford, Student Care Center Assistant (#203331), Williamson Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 3/2/04.
- Judy Cooke, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990877), Mather Heights Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 2/27/04.
- Ruth Kendall, Payroll Accountant (#201399), Payroll Dept., reason: other employment. Effective: 4/1/04.
- Cheryl Ramage, Lead Account Clerk II (#204100), Accounts Payable Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 3/31/04.
- Mike Wallace, Custodian (#204107) Folsom Middle/Blanche Sprentz, reason: other employment. Effective: 3/19/04.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Cordova High School Hydrogen Fuel Cell Research Project

Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos introduced Cordova High School Principal Jackie Levy. Mrs. Levy introduced Helen Kotrlík and Chris Almeida, Cordova High School academy teachers. Sal Singh, Mike Robinson, and Anna Yang, Polytechnic Academy students, presented information on their hydrogen fuel cell research project, which is funded through awarded grants.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

2004-2005 Cordova High School Modernization

Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt introduced Rainforth Grau architect Teri Jamison.

Ms. Jamison provided information on the modernization of Cordova High School. Construction is expected to begin early in May.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-230)

- Chun Lee, Cordova High School student, stated his opposition to 2004 summer school dates and times, the shortened summer vacation due to the instructional calendar change, and the budget reductions.
- Melissa Wilson, Cordova High School student, voiced her concerns regarding the instructional calendar for next year. Provided 968 student signatures who support revising the calendar to a later start date.
- Cameron Billeci, CHS teacher, addressed the board regarding his opposition to the 2004-2005 instructional calendar.
- Marissa Quevedo, CHS student, voiced her concerns regarding the 2004-2005 instructional calendar and summer school schedule. Feels the length of semesters should be even.
- Brandon Cheathon, CHS student, voiced his opposition to the 2004-2005 instructional calendar and summer school schedule.
- Daw-Suwan Kester, Social Science teacher at Cordova High School and parent, addressed her concerns on social sciences being taught in summer school. Students cannot learn the proper content in a history class in five weeks and two days. Asked the board to seriously consider not having social science for enrichment in summer school.
- Manjit Khehra, Cordova High School parent, shared her family's positive experiences at Cordova High School. The staff's willingness to help has been exemplary.
- Ethel Lee, Mills Middle School library clerk, requested the Board reconsider their action to eliminate library clerks for the 2004-2005 school year.
- Pamela MacBride, library clerk, addressed the Board regarding elimination of library clerks.
- Tony Kopczyk, Kinney High School teacher, addressed the Board regarding custodians being laid off in July. He also spoke on safety issues. An 18-year-old kid attacked him across the street from Kinney High School. Thanked Stan Seiler, Bob Fillman, Jim Thompson, and Don Etling for coming to his aid.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-231)

Student Advisory Board – Eric Hoang

- No report this evening.

PTA/PTO Council – No report.

California School Employees Association – Steve Hanson, Vice President, reported on the following:

- Indicated that the audience members wearing yellow shirts represent classified employees in the district.
- Congratulated Mr. Benton and his wife on their 15th wedding anniversary.
- Custodial staff has questions about employment, retirement, health benefits, lack of cleaning times, and campus care as a result of July closures.
- Custodians are among the lowest paid employees in the school district and now are looking at a 20% cut in pay.
- When does the district plan to address these issues?
- We no longer have bi-monthly head custodian meetings. Asked that the meetings be reinstated so that communication is shared.
- Committed to working with the district and the Board.

- Mr. Rickabaugh sent an email asking that we give the district some time to work on the proposed changes. We're waiting for answers.
- Now that 3rd grade class size reduction has been removed from the cut list, we ask the district to place the return to 12-month employment for custodians at the top of the reinstatement list.
- Why did the board vote 5-0 to modify the 2004-2005 school year, which shortened cleaning times, when the teachers' association, CSEA, and staff recommended against this implementation?

Folsom Cordova Education Association – Barbara Brydon, Vice President reported:

- Thanked the Board for reinstating 3rd grade class size reduction.

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

- Congratulated Mr. Benton on his 15th wedding anniversary.
- Judy Lewis has been helping newcomers since 1979. She has dedicated her life and career to advancement of all students regardless of their ability level, ethnic background, or economic status. She believes that by educating teachers, parents, and the community, every child can reach his/her potential. Judy advocates respect, belief, and support for all students and all people. We can always count on her to remind us through stories and examples to value different points of view and opinions. She has taught us all, and we are changed as a result of her work. It is for these reasons and many more that the Folsom Cordova Administrators Association is proud to share with you that this wonderful lady is the recipient of the 2004 ACSA Region 3 Value and Diversity Award. Congratulated and thanked Judy Lewis.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

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

0304-233 G – Approve Agreement Between the City of Folsom and the District – Construction of the Joint-Use Library at the Second High School in Folsom

0304-234 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations, Case Number 0304-58

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-232 Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – March 4, 2004, as revised.

0304-233 – Business Matters

A. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly ratification

B. Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the District in the amount of \$22,478.48.

C. Approve Changer Order No. 4 – Cordova Villa Elementary School

D. Approve Notice of Completion – Cordova Villa Elementary School

E. Approve Revised Academic Performance Index (API) Expenditure Plan – Oak Chan Elem.

F. Approve Extension of Classroom and Office Furniture and Equipment Bid

H. Adopt Resolution No. 03-18-04-32 – Resolution of Necessity, Condemnation of the Northern Portion of Lot H and Approve Settlement Agreement with the City of Folsom for the Elementary School Site in the Parkway

0304-234 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations:

Case Numbers: 0304-56, 0304-57, 0304-58, 0304-59, 0304-60, 0304-61, and 0304-62

0304-56 – Expel through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Mitchell Middle School through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills; student is to serve 8 hours of community service at a homeless shelter.

0304-57 – Expel through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Mitchell Middle School through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills.

0304-59 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Mills Middle School through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student is to attend summer school following the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills; weekly grade checks and tutoring are to be requested if student’s academic progress falls below a “C” average in any of his classes.

0304-60 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least two semesters at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program in Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address substance abuse; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-61 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy for the remainder of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 year and the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student is to attend summer session at the Mather Youth Academy following the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least two semesters and summer session at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program in Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address grief and substance abuse; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-62 – Expel through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Mather Heights Elementary School through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student is to attend summer school following the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; individual student counseling to address substance abuse; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

B. Approve Contracts for Non Public School Placement – SE-0304-75, SE-0304-75, and SE-0304-77

C. Approve Contract for Therapy Services – SE-0304-78, SE-0304-79, SE-0304-80, and SE-0304-81

D. Approve Cooperative Agreement for Adult Education with Sacramento City Unified School District

0304-233 G – Approve Agreement between the City of Folsom and the District – Construction of the Joint-Use Library at the Second High School in Folsom

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the agreement between the City of Folsom and the District for the Construction of the Joint-Use Library at the Second High School in Folsom.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-234 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations, Case Number 0304-58
STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the findings and recommendations of the panel with the following exception:

Placement will not be at Mills Middle School. Find alternative placement through the fall semester of the 2004-2005 school year.

0304-58 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Mills Middle School through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; student is to attend summer school following the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year (location to be determined depending on grade level at the end of the 3rd trimester); student to attend Cordova High School during the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year (depending on passing 8th grade); individual student counseling to address grief and decision-making skills; weekly grade checks and tutoring are to be requested if student's academic progress falls below a "C" average in any of his classes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

0304-235 – Board of Education 2003-05 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association

President Benton opened the hearing at 7:23 p.m. No one came forward. Hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-236 – Approve Board of Education 2003-05 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association

SHORT/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the initial proposal and authorize its chief negotiator to enter into bargaining with the Folsom Cordova Education Association.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-237 – Naming of the Second High School in Folsom

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE naming the second high school in Folsom, Empire High School.

MOTION FAILED 3 NOES, 2 AYES (BENTON, STANLEY).

Mrs. Myers

- Asked that each board member provide three names for consideration.
- Not inclined to support staff recommendation.
- Pinnacle, John Steinbeck and Burnett (the family who served on the school board for three generations) would be good considerations.

Mrs. Stanley

- Does our policy exclude naming schools and facilities after a subdivision?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- It does not exclude it.
- There is not a subdivision called Empire. There is an Empire Ranch Specific Plan, but the subdivisions have names such as Broadstone I, II, & III, and Terrace.

Mrs. Stanley

- Does Empire Ranch have a historical basis?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Empire was the name of the mining camp in El Dorado County.

Mrs. Stanley

- Not as comfortable naming facilities after people that are still around.
- Believes Empire is a good name for a high school sitting on top of a hill.

Mrs. Myers

- Empire would be a mistake, after the recent dissatisfaction with the fact that we didn't name our new elementary school Prairie Oaks Elementary.
- We have many names to choose from. Empire Ranch has been associated with development of the East area. Does not favor the name Empire for our second high school.
- Pinnacle means the highest point.
- The Empire mining camp was in El Dorado, not Folsom.
- The Burnett family represents a unique accomplishment.

Mr. Shaw

- The name should have some significance to the people outside of the community to identify it to that community. Typically, you name it after the town. When a second high school is built, usually the name of the town has already been used. We have an opportunity in Rancho Cordova to call the second high school Rancho High School. We don't have this option in Folsom.
- Outsiders think of Folsom prison and Folsom lake.
- I don't favor calling the new school Prison High or Prison View.
- My daughter and I visited the site and I asked her what was really unique about this site that ties it to Folsom. There is a spot on the site where you can see the lake, so Lakeview is an appropriate name. She suggested Lago Vista. It ties in with the Spanish origin of this state, sounds pretty, and ties in to Folsom and Folsom Lake.

Mr. Short

- The area does represent the gold rush days. Mother Lode would be appropriate.
- Geographical references Salmon Falls and Mormon Island stand out as good names for me.

Mr. Benton

- I like Lakeview, Empire (not Empire Ranch), Prairie City, and Mormon Island.
- Couldn't pronounce the one Mr. Shaw mentioned.

Mrs. Myers

- Lago Vista, Lakeview and Mother Lode are acceptable to me.
- Opposed to Empire.

Mrs. Stanley

- I don't see the name Empire as being the same as if we had named a school Broadstone or Prairie Oaks. Those were contrived names of subdivisions.
- Empire does have some historical reference.
- Would rather stick with something the committee came up with.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- Clarified that the committee did not make the recommendation of Empire.

- Empire was one of the recommendations made by the middle school leadership students.
- Empire was staff's recommendation.
- The committee was not asked to narrow down the names for specific sites. They put together a pool of names for both Rancho Cordova and Folsom for naming facilities. Lakeview is on the list, but not in Spanish.

Richard Shaw

- The committee did come up with a whole list of names from which we will choose from for several years.

Stan Jones

- Don't remember the community being asked to come up with names for schools. But we should allow people to submit suggestions along with a \$5.00 bill, and we might be able to pay for the high school.
- To me the cement arch in front of the lake is very prominent in Folsom. But please don't name it the Dam High School.

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO NAME the second high school in Folsom – Lago Vista High School (the Spanish version of Lake View High School).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

0304-238 – Academic Performance Index (API) – 2003 Base Report

Director of Testing, Assessment and Staff Development Robert Mange provided updated information to the Board regarding the excellent success of the District's students. The results are very impressive and reflect the Board's focus, district leadership, student and parent hard work, and the dedication and outstanding work of our teachers and support staff.

Mrs. Myers

- Similar schools' ranking is very puzzling to me.
- How can Carl Sundahl be a 10 in the statewide ranking and a 3 in the similar schools rank?

Mr. Mange

- We have found that the most significant figure for our high performing schools is the parent education index. It has a major impact.
- As we look at our high performing schools that have a 10 on the statewide index, many of those have a different parent index than some of our schools. Having the parent index that some of our schools have reflects that API scores need to be over 900 to be in the top 10.
- Sometimes it is very difficult to differentiate within the group.

Mrs. Myers

- So, Carl Sundahl could be a 3 in similar ranking because the parents have a lot of education?

Mr. Mange

- The education index at some of our high performing schools is higher than other schools.
- That is one of the indicators (out of 16) that varies.

Mrs. Myers

- How about Cordova Villa, which is the reverse – their statewide rank is a 4 and the similar

schools is a 9? Did they do much better compared to other schools with parents that have less education?

Mr. Mange

- Remember that it is one of the factors.
- We look at these in different areas depending on where they are in terms of their API score.
- It reflects that considering the demographics of that school and compared to the others of their group, their API score is high enough to place them in a category of 9 for that particular group.
- It is hard to single out one factor.
- In terms of some of our schools that are over 800, we have found that the parent index is an indicator.

Mrs. Stanley

- I'm confused on the handouts. As an example, on the 2004-2005 growth, is the student body that says grade 5 going to be a different one than the next block that says grade 5?

Mr. Mange

- The 2004 API base is a different group of 5th graders than the 2005 API growth.
- In terms of change, you have to look at it in two ways. The years of reporting go down the picture. You take last year's growth and create another base across.
- In 2003 there were two test results. There is a growth 2003 and a base 2003 because different ingredients are used to arrive at those scores. Both are reported from last year's tests.

Mr. Benton

- Very pleased that the students are continuously improving.

Mr. Mange

- These are impressive scores and our students and teachers should be very proud of them.

REPORTS

0304-239 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- FCUSD has been invited by the California Department of Education to host a visit Monday from the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Representatives will meet with Health Programs, observe a health education class, meet with Mrs. Bettencourt and myself, and discuss the progress our district has made in providing quality nutrition to students with Mr. Schieder from Food Services.
- Earlier today I accepted, on behalf of the Board, a petition for a Charter School submitted on behalf of employees to create a Folsom Cordova K-8 Community Charter School. Trustees will receive it in their Friday packet. Staff will do an analysis in preparation of a public hearing on April 15th. The decision to accept or deny this charter must be made no later than May 6th.
- Will also be providing Trustees with information that has been individually and/or collectively requested recently.
- Thanked Executive and Cabinet staff that helped identify the necessary resources to remove 3rd grade class size reduction from the budget reduction list for 2004-2005.

- Expressed appreciation to Trustees for their willingness to extend the deadline for the Retirement Incentive to April 15th.
- Congratulated Judy Lewis on her award.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0304-240 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Stephanie Shaffer

- Not present.

Richard Shaw

- It is great to see students in the audience. They are very well behaved and attentive. Appreciate your input.
- Can't wait to call my daughter tonight regarding the naming of the high school.
- Congratulated Bob Mange and staff for all their work in raising test scores. The scores are amazingly impressive. Nine schools ranked 10 in the statewide rank. Two schools ranked 9. Proud of Mitchell Middle School for hitting 700.
- Impressed that only 10 schools have a growth target of greater than 1. That means almost 20 schools are right where they should be.
- Impressed with Cordova Gardens, Cordova Lane, Cordova Meadows and Cordova Villa for scoring 8's, 9's and 10's in similar school rankings. These schools are working hard with lots of different programs and really doing a good job with the kids.
- Impressed with Mills. They are growing every year. Scored an 8 in similar school rankings.
- Attended a session this week on grants at Cordova High. Culinary school may receive a \$42,000 start up grant. I hope they get it. It looks like a great academy in the works.

Ed Short

- Thanked students from the Polytechnic Academy for their presentation. Very exciting.
- Thanked students for their attendance and providing their input.
- Congratulated Judy Lewis.
- Congratulated Roger on his 15th wedding anniversary.
- Lago Vista - magnifico para una escuela aqui, esta bueno.
- Asked for more information on the security situation (Kinney High) the gentleman spoke of tonight.
- Eso es todo.

Sara Myers

- Congratulations to Mr. Benton on his wedding anniversary.
- Very proud to hear that our very own Judy Lewis has won the Region 3 Diversity Award. She certainly is an outstanding administrator.
- Attended PDAC meeting. Mrs. Lewis presides and always does a great job. Had a preview of Mr. Mange's API analysis. He did an excellent job.
- Received many comments on budget reductions, and a lot of thank yous for restoring 3rd grade class size reduction. Do away with counselors was one recommendation. A lot of

people want to keep certain programs such as clubs, nurses, librarians, cheerleaders, maintenance and custodians. Hope in the coming months that the state is able to provide us with additional funding so that we can make some restorations of these very painful cuts. If we do, we need to get the word out to the public.

- Our API progress is just amazing. It is a great achievement for our teachers and principals. We can't say enough good things about the work done by staff. I wish we could tap into the real estate industry because having such great achievement really helps their sales and we should be receiving some type of monetary reward.
- Will be at Riverview to read tomorrow.
- Something came out from Senator Alpert about having universities take over Charter Schools. Requested staff to provide an opinion on this. Is it a good or bad idea? What is staff's read on this addition to the whole charter school process? Don't think the Teacher Training Institute has the background to evaluate these charter school applications.
- Appreciated the student participation tonight.
- Polytechnic Academy is one of our outstanding programs. Pleased that we are able to provide for it.
- The schedule change points the students made were excellent. Pleased that students are coming to voice their opinion on issues of importance.

Teresa Stanley

- Thanked Cordova High students for coming with their suggestions and concerns.
- Appreciated the comments relating to Ms. Evans and the environment at Cordova High School. It was nice to hear how the student was made to feel so safe and welcomed.
- Congratulated Judy Lewis. She has never showed me that she doesn't value my opinion as well. I know she values a lot of diversity.
- Read in an article that Richard Riordon was principal for a day in Orange County. Concerned he is concentrating on the woes in Southern California and thinking it applies to the rest of us. We should invite him to visit us.
- Are we proceeding with a town hall meeting on budget cuts? May involve educating the public on the legality of us not using their suggestions. We need a forum and open discussion.
- Working on setting a replacement for losing clubs, etc. such as an Adopt a Club type program. We should also look at Adopt a Librarian for an hour. Requested the hourly cost of librarians.
- Concerned about the social science in summer school issue. A teacher also expressed this to me. Will speak to Mrs. DeArcos.
- Congratulations to Tammy and Roger on their 15th anniversary.
- Buenas noches.

Roger Benton

- API scores are better this year than last year. Life is good.
- Students tonight were amazing. They sat here through the entire meeting with respect and understanding and they were attentive. Gave their point of view and gave examples. Proud of them.
- Judy Lewis wins another award, yada, yada, yada. Ceased to be amazed with the wonderful things she does.
- Invited to the Folsom High School induction ceremony for the National Honor Society tonight. It is a wonderful accomplishment for the students. Appreciate the invitation; wish we could have attended.

- Riverview has their Read Across America tomorrow. Their letterhead is neat.
- CDC's visit on Monday, March 22nd. It is great when other folks are impressed with what we have.
- Will attend the ceremony for California Educator of the Year where Glenn Reagan may be honored.
- Polytechnic Academy is great. Extremely proud of Mike and all the kids in the academy.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

INFORMATION

0304-241 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0304-242 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 1, 2004 at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for March 18, 2004:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:15 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:20 p.m.

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

Teresa A. Stanley, Clerk of the Board