

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

May 6, 2004

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

May 6, 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 Library)

Meeting convened at 6:07 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Williamson Principal Alan Withers 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

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

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Deanna Al-Hariri, Music Teacher, Elementary Prep, 100% Parental (On 50% Leave of Absence). Effective: 04/13/04 through 06/11/04.
- Christina Axelson, Teacher, Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 50% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Suekyung Baker, Teacher, Cordova High School, 40% Parental. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/17/04.
- Barbara Brown, Psychologist, Psychological Services, 100% Parental (60% Assignment). Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Michelle Cagney, Teacher, Sutter Middle School, 50% 1 trimester Parental/2 trimesters Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

- Amanda Chapa, Teacher, Cordova Villa Elementary School, 50% 1 semester Parental/1 semester Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Kathleen Chew, Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School, 50% 1 semester Parental/1 semester Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Julie Dunn, Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School, 50% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Donna Eddy, Teacher, Cordova Villa Elementary School, 50% 1 semester Parental/1 semester Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Amy Ellis, Pre-School Speech, Psychological Services, 60% Parental. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/17/04.
- Janice Gratteau, Teacher, Blanche Sprentz Elementary School, 20% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Carolyn Harkins, Teacher, Cordova Meadows Elementary School, 100% Medical. Effective: 3/10/04 through 06/11/04.
- Janice Harris, Teacher, Carl Sundahl Elementary School, 50% 1 semester Parental/1 semester Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Monika Himmrich, Teacher, Empire Oaks Elementary School, 100% Parental. Effective: 04/26/04 through 05/28/04.
- Licia King, Teacher, Cordova Meadows Elementary School, 40% Parental. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/17/04.
- Susan Kingsbury, Teacher, Riverview Elementary School, 50% Personal. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/17/04.
- Janell Marton, Teacher, Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 80% Parental. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/17/04.
- Amy Meininger, Special Education Teacher, Mitchell Middle School, 100% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Kristine Neimann, Teacher, Riverview Elementary School, 50% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Suemi Oxford, Teacher, Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 20% Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Carol Peterson, Teacher, Carl Sundahl Elementary, 50% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Kelly Rogers, Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 100% Parental (50% Assignment). Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Cindy Rosefield, Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School, 100% Parental. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/17/04.
- Joyce Rowland, Teacher, Folsom High School, 1 semester Parental/2 semesters Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Jennifer Salter, Teacher, Natoma Station Elementary School, 50% Parental. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/17/04.
- Shailau Spivak, Teacher, Cordova Lane Elementary School, 100% Parental. Effective: 03/30/04 through 06/11/04. 100% Parental, effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Audra Sterrett, Teacher, Cordova Lane Elementary School, 100% 1 semester Parental/1 semester Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Jon Turbovsky, Teacher, Cordova High School, 20% 1 semester Parental/2 semesters Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Deanna Al-Hariri, Elementary Prep Teacher, District Music, from 100% to 50%. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

- April Hackert (*revised*), Teacher, Natoma Station Elementary School, from 60% to 40%. Effective: 01/24/04.
- Laura Navarre, Teacher, Mather Heights Elementary School, from 100% to 50%. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATORS:

- Gretchen Hinerman, Coordinator of Grant Services, District. Gretchen was hired September 1, 1977 to teach Mathematics at Mitchell Junior High School. On August 10, 1987 she was appointed Vice Principal of Mitchell Junior High School. Gretchen was reclassified to Vice Principal/ Curriculum Coordinator for the 1993/1994 school year. On July 1, 1995 she was appointed Principal of Natoma Station Elementary School. Under Gretchen's leadership Natoma Station Elementary School attained recognition as a California Distinguished School for the 1997/1998 school year and won National Blue Ribbon Recognition in 2000/2001. Gretchen transferred to the District Office as the Coordinator of Grant Services on July 1, 2003. She is currently developing a Dependent Charter School. Gretchen is in her first year in the STRS Pre-Retirement Program. She will retire on July 1, 2004. Gretchen has been employed 27 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Patricia Olmo, Principal, Cordova Lane Elementary School. Patricia was hired on February 3, 1986 to teach 5th grade at Blanche Sprentz Elementary School. Beginning with the 1987/1988 school year she taught 6th grade 50% time at Blanche Sprentz Elementary School and 50% time at Theodore Judah Elementary School. In 1988 she began teaching full-time at Theodore Judah Elementary School and became a Department Chair at the start of the 1993/1994 school year. In 1994 she became a Lead Teacher and in 1995 a Teaching Vice Principal. She remained at Theodore Judah Elementary School until she transferred to Cordova Lane Elementary School at the beginning of the 1996 school year. Patricia was appointed Principal of Cordova Lane Elementary School for the 1997/1998 school year. She retires from this position on July 1, 2004. Patricia has been employed 17½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Marsha Wilson, Director of Special Education. Marsha was hired on September 1, 1973 as a District Speech Pathologist. On January 3, 1977 she transferred to Peter J. Shields Elementary School in the position of Aphasic Speech Pathologist. Marsha was temporarily assigned to the Pupil Personnel Department as an Interim Program Specialist for the Learning Handicapped and Severely Handicapped for the fall semester in 1982, and returned to her position of Speech Pathologist in the spring of 1983. At the start of the 1987/1988 school year she was appointed to the position of Program Specialist at Pupil Personnel Services. For the 1990/1991 school year Marsha was appointed Program Manager of Psychological Services and Speech and Program Specialist. At the beginning of the 1991 school year she was named Coordinator of Special Education/Program Specialist Speech Services and in 1992 she became the Program Manager of Psychological Services. In 1993 she was named Coordinator of Psychological Services/Special Education and on July 1, 1994 she became the Coordinator of Psychological Services/Special Education Placement/Speech Pathologists. At the beginning of the 2001 school year Marsha was named Director of Special Education. She retires from this position on July 1, 2004. Marsha has been employed 31 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Elizabeth Curtis, Teacher, Folsom High School. Elizabeth was hired on September 1, 1972 to teach Spanish at Folsom High School. She served as Division Leader from September 1989 through June 1998. Elizabeth participated in the STRS Pre-Retirement Program for three years. She retires from her teaching position on June 12, 2004. Elizabeth has been employed 32 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Stanley Harms, Teacher, Folsom High School. Stanley was hired on September 11, 1969 to teach Mathematics and Mechanical Drawing at Mitchell Junior High School. At the start of the 1977/1978 school year he transferred to Folsom High School. He was appointed Division Leader

in 1991. Stanley was the Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball Coach, and in 1985 led the team to the State Championships. He retires from his teaching position on June 12, 2004. Stanley has been employed 35 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

- Robert Rose, Music Teacher, Elementary Prep. Robert was hired on September 1, 1974 to teach Music at Folsom High School. At the beginning of the 1981/1982 school year he transferred to Mills Junior High School and remained there until his transfer to Theodore Judah Elementary School in September 1988. Robert transferred to Cordova Gardens Elementary School in 1990. He retires from his teaching position on June 12, 2004. Robert has been employed 30 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- David Sato, Teacher, Rancho Cordova Elementary School. David was hired on September 1, 1961 to teach at Cordova Gardens Elementary School. He transferred to Mitchell Junior High School at the start of the 1974/1975 school year. In 1981 he transferred to Rancho Cordova Elementary School. He will retire from his teaching position on June 30, 2004. David has been employed 43 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Sherryl Simonsen, Counselor, Folsom Middle School. Sherryl was hired on August 23, 1988 as a counselor at Folsom High School. Beginning with the 2001/2003 school year she was appointed ROP Counselor at Folsom High School and Cordova High School. She transferred to Folsom Lake High School as Counselor and ROP Coordinator for the 2001/2002 school year. In August 2002 she transferred to Folsom Middle School. She retires from this position on June 21, 2004. Sherryl has been employed 16 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Laura Strain, Teacher, Folsom Middle School. Laura was hired on January 7, 1985 to teach 6th grade at Williamson Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1992/1993 school year she transferred to Folsom Junior High School to teach English and Social Science. Laura was appointed Division Leader on September 30, 1998. She retires from her teaching position on June 30, 2004. Laura has been employed 18½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Amy Burger, Special Education Teacher, Sutter Middle School (from Leave of Absence). Amy was hired on August 20, 2002 and has been employed 2 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.

CERTIFICATED SUMMER SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

- Alexandra Yen Rauchfuss, Vice Principal, Folsom High School
- Lari Powell, Program Manager, Secondary ELD Program
- Jeanette Smith, Program Manager, Special Education
- Suemi Oxford, Program Manager, Elementary, 50%
- Sharon Greene, Program Manager, Elementary, 50%

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Jamie Albee (replacement) Payroll Accountant (#201399), Payroll Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL27/Step C. Effective: 4/26/04.
- Christina Diaz (replacement) STARS Team Leader (#203105), Family Support Services, 3.9 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 3/26/04.
- Sandra Gonzalez (new position/rehire) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#204131), Family Support Services, 3.9 hours daily/12 months, Range CL10/Step E. Effective: 3/3/04.

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Lori Ann Ball (replacement) Mather Heights Elem., from SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#201342) 3 hours daily to Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990830) 6 hours daily. Effective: 4/26/04.
- Anne Miller (voluntary reduction) Folsom Hills Elem., Student Care Assistant (#991311) from 11 months to 9.75 months. Effective: 6/10/04.
- Heidy Naderi (replacement) SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990750), Cordova Lane Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step E to School Clerk-Elementary (#990712), 3 hours daily/10 months, Range CL12/Step E. Effective: 5/3/04.
- Laura Schroeder (replacement) Student Care Assistant (#203181), Blanche Sprentz Elem., 2.5 hours daily to Oak Chan Elem. (#991297), 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 5/1/04.
- Katy Surritt (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203008), Theodore Judah Elem., 5 hours daily to Natoma Station (#203308), 5.5 hours daily. Effective: 3/6/04.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Katy Surritt, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203308), Natoma Station Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 4/21/04.

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Roger Brookie, Head Custodian II/Training Specialist (#202653), Mitchell Middle School. Effective: 5/31/04. Roger began his employment as a Custodian at Mitchell Middle School in August of 1987. In November 1989 he became a Groundsman/Gardener for the Folsom Elementary Schools. He was promoted to the Lead Groundsman/Gardener one month later. He became Head Custodian I at Rancho Cordova Elementary in May 1990 and Head Custodian II at Mills Middle in 1993. He moved to Blanche Sprentz Elementary in May of 2000 as the Head Custodian I and took on the Custodian Training Specialist duties as well. In April of 2002, Roger returned to Mitchell Middle as the Head Custodian II and he retires with fourteen years of service to the District.
- Phyllis Pimienta, Student Care Supervisor (#991288), Cordova Gardens Elementary. Effective: 6/11/04. Phyllis came to the District in September of 1977 as a Teacher's Aide at Williamson Elementary. She resigned that position in October of 1983. She was rehired as a Student Care Aide at Cordova Meadows in September, 1988 and moved to Peter J. Shields in 1989. Phyllis became the Student Care Supervisor at that school in September 1980. She transferred to Cordova Gardens Elementary in 1994 as the Supervisor. Phyllis retires this year with nineteen years of service to the District.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos introduced Folsom High School Vice Principal Keri Phillips and Grant Coordinator/PE Teacher Jill Shafer who presented information on the Smaller Learning Communities Planning Grant. The grant focuses on providing a comprehensive academic program clustering common students with common teachers to create smaller learning communities.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-270)

- Cynthia Mulcaire, parent, addressed the board regarding her opposition to the district's board policy 5113 on confidential medical release of students. Requested that language used in

notifications be clearer and less ambiguous. Instead of reiterating Education Code 46010.1, use language that states clearly that the district has chosen a policy to release students for confidential medical services and that they will release students for such appointments without the knowledge or consent of parents. Also requested the notification be sent out separately, and not just in the parent's rights and responsibilities handbook with other information at the beginning of the year. If pending legislation (SB 1221) is passed it will require all schools and districts throughout the state to provide a separate notice of student release. Along with a group of 16 other concerned parents, we are requesting the district make these changes regardless of the outcome of SB 1221.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-271)

Student Advisory Board – Stephanie Shaffer reported on the following:

- Middle Schools are preparing for graduation and their end of the year dance.
- Cordova High School students are preparing for dances and graduation.
- Folsom High School junior and senior proms went well. The FHS play was awesome.
- Invited Board members to attend the SAB final meeting and annual luncheon on May 25th at the Folsom Community Center.

PTA/PTO Council – No report.

California School Employees Association – No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – No report.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – Alan Withers reported on the following:

- Marsha Wilson, Judy Lewis, and Leslie Faust will be honored at the ACSA Awards banquet tonight.
- Thanked Leslie Faust for completing the huge task of implementing the Houghton Mifflin language arts program across the district, aligning it with the standards, training the teachers, and doing it with grace. Everyone is excited about this program, and it is working very well at all the schools. She also found a way to keep academic after school at-risk programs going when there was no money. She puts kids first, and we are proud of her accomplishments.
- Thanked TEAM 2004. Rebecca Sloan did a great job with the Breakfast of Champions. Roger Benton and Ed Short attended my school at Mather Heights. We set an API goal of 766.
- Excited about the feeling in the schools toward testing. Kids and teachers were excited about it.
- PTA's are providing luncheons for Teacher Appreciation week.
- Sites participated in Cinco de Mayo events celebrating diversity.
- Thanked Conrade Mayer who is running for Grand Marshall again this year to raise money for our schools.
- Extended invitation to Kids Day, May 15th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at White Rock Park.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-272 – Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2004

0304-273 – Business Matters

A. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification

B. Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the district.

- C. Approve Budget Revisions – General Fund and Other Funds
- D. Award Bid – Cordova Meadows Elementary School Modernization
- E. Award Bid – Cordova High School Modernization 2004
- F. Award Bid – Williamson Elementary School Modernization
- G. Approve Notice of Completion – Phone and Intercom/Bell Systems at Cordova Villa Elementary School Using CMAS
- H. Approve Notice of Completion – Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Cordova Lane Elementary School RSP/Office Building
- I. Approve Notice of Completion – Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Cordova Meadows Elementary School Student Care Building
- J. Approve Notice of Completion – Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Williamson Elementary School Preschool Building
- K. Approve Notice of Completion – Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Kinney High School Classrooms
- L. Approve Prequalification of Trade Contractors – Low Voltage
- M. Approve Easement Agreement – Sprint Communications, Inc.
- N. Adopt Resolution No. 05-06-04-36 and Approve the Revised Healthy Start Memorandum of Understanding – Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance

0304-274 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations:

Case Numbers: 0304-67, 0304-69, 0304-70, 0304-72, 0304-73, and 0304-74

0304-67 – 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 through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student must complete at least one successful semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills and substance abuse; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-69 – 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 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 substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-70 – 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 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 substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-72 – 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 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 substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-73 – 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 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 substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-74 – Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2004-2005 academic year; place at the Sacramento County Community School or any state-authorized educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; upon reinstatement into the district, student must attend the Mather Youth Academy (as a S.A.R.B. placement) and complete at least one successful trimester in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

B. Approve Contracts for Non Public School Placement – SE-0304-93, SE-0304-94, 0304-95 and SE-0304-96

C. Approve Contracts for Therapy Services – SE-0304-97, SE-0304-98, and SE-0304-99

PUBLIC HEARING

0304-275 – Increasing Fees for Home-to-School and Athletic Transportation

President Benton opened the hearing at 6:49 p.m.

- Dean Sultani, parent, addressed the board regarding his concern about the possibility of eliminating high school transportation. He provided written information to board members and staff suggesting alternatives. Elimination of these services would affect student attendance. Suggested fee increase set to a level that would allow for total restoration of high school bus transportation. Need to look for support from the corporate community. Will be soliciting parents to find solutions to this problem.

Hearing was closed at 6:52 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-276 – Approve Fee Increase for Home-to-School and Athletic Transportation

MYERS/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the increase in home-to-school and athletic transportation fees as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-277 – Authorize Developer Fee Funded Rancho Cordova Voter Survey for Support of Future Growth

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE staff to enter into a contract for a voter survey in School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) No. 1 of Rancho Cordova with an organization other than Capitol Campaign.

- Conrade Mayer stated to the board that our residents need to be educated and surveyed on this issue.

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

0304-278 – Adopt Resolution No. 05-06-04-37 – Resolution on Findings of Fact - Folsom Cordova K-8 Community Charter School

MYERS/STANLEY MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 05-06-04-37 – Resolution on Findings of Fact - Folsom Cordova K-8 Community Charter School Petition and direct staff to enter into negotiations related to the attached list of MOU requirements.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

0304-279 – Senior Project/Service Learning

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos recognized committee members who evaluated Senior Project and Service Learning by organizing surveys and analyzing data. Provided the committee's recommendations:

- Service learning will no longer be a graduation requirement, but optional service learning projects will continue in selected courses, i.e., social studies classes, and at Kinney High School. Service Learning would be an option of Senior Project.
- Two options for Senior Project:
 - (1) Senior Project would not continue as a graduation requirement, but would remain in English IV as a research paper and presentation.
 - (2) Senior Project would remain as a graduation requirement, and the coordinators at Folsom High and Cordova High would remain in their position organizing the projects and tracking the students.

There is a fiscal impact of about \$48,000 to retain coordinators.

Mr. Short

- Asked for clarification on a 4 + 4 classroom – would that be an extra period?
- How would eliminating this impact teacher staffing?
- Why didn't the survey incorporate parents?

Mrs. DeArcos

- It is four periods, two at each high school.
- Staffing would have to be adjusted.
- We surveyed seniors, staff, last year's alumni, and parents.

Mrs. Myers

- Prefers service learning not be a graduation requirement. It is a good recommendation for teachers to work service learning into their curriculum where it can be more closely monitored.
- Prefers the senior project not be a graduation requirement, but be part of the standards based curriculum in English IV.
- Thanked staff for making a very diligent effort to air all these issues.

Mrs. Stanley

- Have they dropped the community evaluators this year?

Mrs. DeArcos

- No, we are still using community evaluators.

Daw-Suwan Kesler, Service Learning Coordinator at CHS

- Thanked Mrs. Myers for recommending the evaluation.
- Last spring we were asked to try to integrate service learning into the curriculum so we could eliminate some of the abuses. We worked hard to put a program together in U.S. History that we could be proud of.
- We understand the value service learning should have, unfortunately not all students do. The kids that want to serve will do a good job.

Cindy Evans

- We did the surveys prior to the current seniors completing their projects, therefore, 56% of them disagreed that it is a worthwhile project.

- The senior project survey of the graduates shows that 58% said yes, it is a worthwhile project.
- Strongly recommend that if we keep senior project, we choose option 2, where it is part of the English curriculum.

Mrs. Stanley

- What is your reply to the survey responses that say Senior Project takes too much away from English IV?
- What is your opinion of the timing of the Senior Project? Is there any benefit in moving it to a different time of the year?

Cindy Evans

- If we didn't do Senior Project, students would still be doing a lot of it because it is included in the standards for the English IV program. They would probably moan and groan over a research paper no matter when you asked them to do it.
- At CHS we finished the panel presentations prior to the STAR and AP testing. The only seniors still needing to complete the Senior Project are students who missed their panel presentation for some reason or had to do a revision.
- It's a valuable experience and could be moved up and completed earlier in the year.
- They receive the deadline sheet early in the senior year.

Mr. Short

- Tying the Service Learning to the curriculum is a good option.

Mrs. Myers

- Prefers Option 1 in terms of the Senior Project.
- It is not worth another almost \$50,000.

Stephanie Shaffer

- There is abuse going on with Service Learning. There needs to be some updating on implementation.
- College applications ask how many hours of community service your school requires. It's good to be able to list 15 hours of community service.
- Personally learned and had a positive learning experience doing Senior Project.
- Don't think it should be added to English IV. Already so many requirements, and preparing students for College English should be the first priority.
- The Senior Project was a positive bonding experience in the classroom.

Mrs. Stanley

- To what courses are we considering tying Service Learning?

Janie DeArcos

- Probably Social Studies. They tie it in with the standards that talk about different types of civic duties.

Mrs. Stanley

- I agree that Service Learning should not be a graduation requirement.
- Understand and believe in the value of Service Learning, so would like to see it implemented into Civics lessons.

- Concerned about the discrepancies in the Senior Projects. One student does a scrapbook; another takes a dump car and turns it into a functioning, nice looking car. Totally different projects. Disparity bothers me. Should be addressed if we continue.
- Senior Project seems to be more of a test and an exit requirement, than a learning experience.
- Concerned about taking up too much of English IV with a project, if we select option 1.
- Senior Project is excellent experience for students in writing, presentation, planning, and meeting deadlines.
- Not sure whether to go with option 1 or 2.

Mr. Shaw

- There is a lot of variability on Senior Project between students. Just because there are some failures, doesn't mean the whole program is a failure. If we keep it, we need to support it financially. Shouldn't be added to English IV, where students are preparing for College English.
- With all the testing and new requirements by the state, we may need to get rid of something, even if it is a good program.
- Favors not doing Service Learning.
- Keep Senior Projects and go with Option 2.
- If we don't have the money then drop them both.

Mr. Benton

- Regarding Option 2 – if can't afford to do it right, then we shouldn't do it.

REPORTS

0304-280 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- Pleased to welcome our new Charter School. Complimented the parents and teachers and those who put the Charter together. Complimented the Board for the vision in granting this Charter, which will provide an opportunity for students and families who are looking for a different educational delivery system. Granting this will enable us to stay connected with these families.
- Hopefully, one of these years ACSA's Region 3 may find a way to change the date of their awards banquet so that we may attend. Congratulations to Marsha, Judy, and Leslie on their honor.
- Announced that we have been able to reinstate \$160,000 of the proposed budget reductions, including two periods of effective reading at Mitchell Middle School, restoration of two elementary principals (all elementary schools to have their own administrator), and \$20,000 for professional development. We have an upcoming board election, and the training and preparation for governance is very important. Will probably have additional restorations to make following the Governor's May Revise.
- Melissa Farrell of Mather Heights Elementary is the winner of the Lighthouse for Literacy award from the Sacramento Area Reading Association. She will be honored at an installation dinner on Thursday, May 13th. Congratulations to Melissa.
- Extended well wishes to Dan Skoglund for being named to the Ranch Cordova City Council.
- Extended congratulations to our new County Superintendent Dave Gordon.
- As Mark read the retiree information, I realized that both classified and certificated people have played a major part in developing our culture and quality programs, particularly our managers. Retirees will definitely be missed.
- Several bills are currently being heard at the Capitol. COLA may increase a little bit in the next couple of weeks, which may alleviate some of our budget cuts.

- Expressed concern about the last discussion item. If we do eliminate Senior Project we are lowering the bar for our graduates.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0304-281 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Stephanie Shaffer

- No report.

Ed Short

- Thanked staff for their work on evaluating the Senior Project.
- Thanked staff for all their work on the Charter Petition, it is a good step in providing our families with options.
- Construction projects seem to be moving along in both Folsom and Rancho Cordova. Noticed that we are only receiving one or two bidders on some projects, and the construction costs are increasing.
- Quarterly reports from the Citizens’ Oversight Committee members would be great.
- Congratulated Dave Gordon and Dan Skoglund.

Sara Myers

- The Folsom High School musical “Anything Goes” was incredible.
- Attended Joint Coordination meeting with the City of Folsom and the Secondary Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting.
- Attended the CSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Monday morning we were fortunate enough to listen to Elizabeth Hill, Legislative Analyst. As far as our state budget she said we still have a long way to go. However, it appears COLA will increase to 2.41%.
- The bad news is that there is a corporate lawsuit the state has lost that will drain revenue. The pension obligation fund is another threat to the revenue. She predicts a \$7 billion shortfall for 2005/2006.
- The good news is that growth is at 3.2%.
- Asked staff to contact Ms. Hill’s office to obtain information on growth implications for our district.
- The state is trying to put the \$1.3 billion dollar shift (where the money goes from cities and counties to us) back through an initiative. It will be on the ballot. The Governor doesn’t like this and wants to enter negotiations. Buried in the bill text is a retroactive feature that would go back to July. We are competing for dollars.
- Some bills that we lobbied in favor of are: SB 1380, textbook selection process; SB 1510, categorical aid (Dee Dee Alpert); and the elimination of SB 1419, contracting out services, which were rejected today by the reviewing committee.
- There was a session on FNCLB, which stands for Fix No Child Left Behind. Asked staff to present a resolution in a future board packet. We don’t want our schools to be identified as dangerous schools, and we want our teachers still identified as fully qualified.
- Congratulations to our retirees and their 264 years of services.
- Congratulations to Dave Gordon and Dan Skoglund.

Richard Shaw

- Congratulations to the retirees. I highly recommend retirement.
- Congratulations to Judy, Marsha, and Leslie.
- Attended breakfasts at Cordova High School and Mills Middle School for Team 2004.
- Attended the Student Health Advisory committee meeting. It is amazing what we do for families in this district. Partnerships with Mercy Hospital, American Cancer Society, Dairy Council, Kaiser, and others. The level of support is really huge.
- Relay for Life is June 5 and 6 at Sutter Middle School; it is a 24-hour marathon to raise money for cancer research.
- There will be community forums on drug use among teenagers at 7:00 p.m. on May 25th at Mills, and May 26th at Folsom High School.
- There is a bill going through the legislature on licensing the sale of tobacco.
- Happy with the restoration of elementary principals and Effective Reading programs.

Teresa Stanley

- Unable to attend Dave Roberts' memorial service. Publicly expressed her condolences to the family and friends.
- Congratulations to Marsha, Judy, and Leslie. Good reflection of our district.
- Congratulations to all our retirees. Some of them taught my children. They will leave some gaps.
- Attended Team 2004 breakfasts. Glad to help kick that off.
- Attended the wonderful "Anything Goes" play. They believe they may receive Ellie Awards. Incredible musical. One of our students choreographed the production.
- It is noteworthy that on the survey regarding connectivity to schools only 50% of the freshmen students knew who their principal was.
- The survey also showed students responded that 97% of the parents talked to them about school; 94% responded that parents support their successes at school; and 90+% responded that parents help with homework.
- Would like to see us consider Cynthia Mulcaire's requests on the notification of confidential medical releases.
- Part of Liz Hill's report was that part of personal income growth in California is due to a one-time tax amnesty program. Don't know how that will affect the budget.
- Categorical programs – SB 1520 alternative proposal to the governor's plan. I think the Governor's proposal would work well for Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

Roger Benton

- Thanked staff and board members for going to the Capital to advocate for legislation.
- All the masks decorating the walls are amazing and show so much imagination.
- I recently was honored to visit Mather Heights. Alan Withers is doing a great job.
- Thanked Conrade Mayer for all he does for our schools.
- Today's Show Lester Holt at Cordova High School - what else can I say? It was a neat thing. Mr. Holt, a 1977 Cordova High School graduate is doing so well, and still remembers where he came from.
- The passing of Dave Roberts was not easy. He was a friend of ours. Life is too short. He will be missed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

INFORMATION

0304-282 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0304-283 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2004 at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for May 6, 2004:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:07 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:57 p.m.

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

Teresa A. Stanley, Clerk of the Board