

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

May 20, 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

May 20, 2004

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

The 4:15 p.m. Student Matters hearing (challenging content of student records) was postponed at the request of the parent.

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 6:16 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Science fair participants led the flag salute.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Superintendent Siefkin asked Mark Rickabaugh, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, to report out on routine action taken in closed session regarding certificated and classified personnel.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Amy Livingston, Teacher, Oak Chan Elementary School, from 100% to 50%. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Janet Baird, Teacher, Cordova High School, 100% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Lanette Crowley, Teacher, Cordova Gardens Elementary School, 100% Parental. Effective: 03/30/04 through 06/11/04.
- Ann ter Haar, Teacher, Cordova High School, 20% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Minalani Chapman, Teacher, Oak Chan Elementary School. Minalani was hired on September 7, 1965 to teach fourth grade at Williamson Elementary School. She transferred to Peter J. Shields Elementary School to teach the Learning Handicapped at the start of the 1967/1968 school year. In 1969 Minalani transferred to Cordova Villa Elementary School until her transfer to Blanche Sprentz Elementary School and Theodore Judah Elementary School in 1976 to teach Emotionally Handicapped and ESEA. In 1977 Minalani began teaching first grade at Theodore Judah Elementary School. Minalani transferred to Cordova Lane Elementary School at the start of the 1986/1987 school year. She then transferred to Oak Chan Elementary School at the start of the 1989/1990 school year. She retires from her teaching position on June 12, 2004. Minalani has been employed 39 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Rita Jones, Teacher, Cordova Meadows Elementary School. Rita was hired on September 1, 1968 to teach first grade at Cordova Meadows Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1991/1992 school year she was appointed Department Chairperson. In 1993 she became the ESEA Resource Teacher at Cordova Meadows Elementary School. She retires from her teaching position on June 19, 2004. Rita has been employed 36 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Abraham Lambrechtse, Teacher, Peter J. Shields Elementary School. Abraham was hired on September 1, 1979 to teach fourth grade at Theodore Judah Elementary School. He transferred to Cordova Lane Elementary School at the beginning of the 1980/1981 school year. In 1982 Abraham transferred to Walnutwood to teach sixth grade. He remained there until his transfer to Peter J. Shields Elementary School in 1989. He retires from his teaching position on June 12, 2004. Abraham has been employed 25 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Doretha Moriguchi, Teacher, Cordova Lane Elementary School. Doretha was hired on September 1, 1969 to teach at Cordova Villa Elementary School. She transferred to Theodore Judah Elementary School at the beginning of the 1976/1977 school year. In 1984 Doretha transferred to Cordova Lane Elementary School. She retires from her teaching position on June 12, 2004. Doretha has been employed 35 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Patricia Rhodes, Teacher, Mitchell Middle School. Patricia was hired on September 1, 1981 to teach a Special Day Class at Mitchell Middle School. She was appointed Division Leader at the beginning of the 1996/1997 school year. She retires from her teaching position on June 12, 2004. Patricia has been employed 23 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Roberta Parker, Teacher, Gold Ridge Elementary School. Roberta was hired on August 30, 1988 and has been employed 16 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.

- Jenny Sneed, Counselor, Folsom High School. Jenny was hired on August 14, 2001 and has been employed 3 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/18/04.
- Rachel Wallace, Teacher, Carl Sundahl Elementary School (from Leave of Absence). Rachel was hired August 12, 1997 and has been employed 7 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Sandra Gonzalez (new position/rehire) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#204131), Family Support Services, 3.9 hours daily/12 months, Range CL10/Step E. Effective: 3/10/04 (*revised date*).

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Lidia Gutierrez (replacement) Folsom High, Food Service Worker I (#200517), from 3.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 3/23/04.
- Juliana Hraczky (replacement) Folsom High, Food Service Worker I (#204561), from 3.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 2/23/04.
- Patricia Koberg (replacement) Elementary Instruction, from Administrative Assistant II (#990946), Range CL20/Step E+ to Administrative Secretary (#990652), Range CO02/Step E+. Effective: 5/10/04.
- Bela Pathak (voluntary decrease) Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (#203003), Special Education Department, from 8 hours daily to 6.5 hours daily. Effective: 8/16/04.
- Cheryl Smith (replacement) Folsom High School, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201372), from 6 hours daily to 6.5 hours daily. Effective: 8/25/03.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Marilyn LaCount, Health Assistant (#991108)/Library Clerk (#991074), Cordova Villa Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 4/22/04 through 6/10/04.
- Jacklyn Loret de Mola, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990838), Folsom High, reason: family medical. Effective: 4/13/04 through 5/17/04 (*revised date*).
- Maritza Perez, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#200437), Cordova Meadows Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 5/3/04 through 6/10/04.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Royal Flynn, Mechanic II (#991439), Transportation Dept., reason: other employment. Effective: 5/25/04.
- Brian Kurtz, Custodian (#991224), Carl Sundahl Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 5/21/04.
- Connie Love, Library Clerk (#991062), Carl Sundahl Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 6/10/04.
- Patricia Nelson, Campus Monitor (#200313), Sutter Middle, reason: personal. Effective: 4/29/04.
- Peggy Peterson, Special Education Inst. Asst. (#990871), Mills Middle, reason: relocation. Effective: 5/10/04.
- Robin Turner, School Clerk Secondary (#204063), Mather Heights Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 6/18/04.

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Sue Hofflander, Administrative Assistant-Secondary (#990957), Folsom High School, effective: 9/6/04. Sue was hired as a Clerk Typist II for the Personnel Department at the District Office in September of 1983. She became the School Secretary for Folsom High School in August of 1987. Sue will retire this September with twenty-one years of service to the District.
- Mary Johnson, Food Service Assistant (#203117), Mather Heights Facility, effective: 6/10/04. Mary was hired in December of 1978 as a Cafeteria Worker at Theodore Judah Elementary. In October of 1990 she became the Cafeteria Cook at that school. She became a Food Service Worker I at Folsom Middle in 1995 and transferred to Cordova Gardens in 1996. Mary went back to Theodore Judah as the Cook in 1997. She has also been the Cook at Mitchell Middle and Folsom High. Mary retires as a Food Service Assistant at Mather Heights with twenty-five and one-half years of service to the District.
- Linda Redmon, Child Nutrition Technician (#202568), Folsom High School, effective: 7/26/04. Linda was hired as the Cafeteria Manager at Cordova Villa Elementary in October of 1975. She transferred to Folsom High in January of 1981. She also managed the Mitchell and Mather Heights child nutrition programs. Linda returned to Folsom High in October of 2003 and retires from the District with 29 years of service.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

GenCorp Science Fair

Bob Mange, Director of Professional Growth, Research, Testing and Assessment, introduced the Director of GenCorp Foundation, Juanita Garcia and President of GenCorp Foundation, Linda Cutler, and presented them with a thank you certificate for their funding and volunteer support of the annual middle school science fair.

He also thanked and acknowledged the instructional staff:

Folsom Middle School – Jean Schumpelt

Sutter Middle School – David Sewell

Mitchell Middle School– Sue Bertram

Mills Middle School – Jennifer Stuart

The followings students were presented with certificates:

Earth Science winners:

3rd Place – Macy Rhodes and Alexandria Burgay, Mitchell Middle School

2nd Place – Zoe Nader and Jessica Paz, Mitchell Middle School

1st Place – Tiko Cassidy, Mitchell Middle School tied with Rizal Currammeng and Alex McArdle, Mills Middle School

Life Science winners:

3rd Place – Mindi Miller, Sutter Middle School

2nd Place – Nick Steelman, Mills Middle School

1st Place – Kelli Davis and Misty Schubert, Mitchell Middle School

Physical Science winners:

3rd Place – Ben Duran, Mitchell Middle School

2nd Place – Grace Marjerison, Mills Middle School

1st Place – Heather Knudson, Mitchell Middle School

GenCorp Presentation

Rebecca Sloan introduced Linda Cutler and Juanita Garcia from GenCorp Foundation. The ladies presented President Benton with a check in the amount of \$5,000 in support of the District's STARS program.

Rancho Cordova SARB

Jim Thompson, Attendance and Due Process Officer, introduced members and presented certificates of appreciation to the following members of the Rancho Cordova SARB committee:

Kerri Kaye, Health Programs, Nurse
Jeanette Neuburger, Cordova High School, Vice Principal
Rich Limpach, School Resource Officer
Tony Peterson, Cordova Meadows Principal
Regi Brown, Mills Middle School Vice Principal
Steve Wright, School Resource Officer
Trisha Ruckle, Riverview Principal
Patty Olmo, Cordova Lane Principal
Jane Engle, County Social Services

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-284)

- No one came forward.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-285)

Student Advisory Board – No report.

- Ms. Shaffer was participating in the Folsom High School girl's soccer playoff game.

PTA/PTO Council – No report.

California School Employees Association – Dyarl Abdo reported on the following:

- Pleased to report that we completed 2002-2003 negotiations. Thanked the Board for their patience.
- Looking forward to the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 negotiations.
- Currently surveying members for their input to take to the District.
- Anticipate we will get through the negotiations during the 2004-2005 school year.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – No report.

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

- ASCA Region 3 awards banquet was wonderful. We acknowledged our dynamic trio, Marsha Wilson, Leslie Faust, and Judy Lewis. Congratulations to our colleagues.
- The 2004-2005 officers for FCAA are: President, Sherian Kutzera; President Elect, Judy Cutright; Vice President of Legislative Action, Kelly Calhoun; Secretary, Denise Burns; Treasurer, DeAnn Kamilos; Membership, Carol Campbell; Meet and Confer, Marty Baumann; Professional Development, Eddi Rains, Joan Lopez Jarman, and Charlie Linebarger; Member-at-Large and Region 3 Treasurer, Fay Kerekes; and Past President, Sharon Heilman.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

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

0304-287 I – Adopt Resolution No. 05-20-04-38 – Action Concerning Ordinances of the City of Folsom at Lago Vista High School

0304-288 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Number 0304-85

0304-288 D – Approve 2004-2005 GATE Plan

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-286 Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2004

0304-287 – Business Matters

A. Warrants and Payroll

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

C. Reject Bid – Mills Middle School Kitchen Renovation

D. Award Bid – Mills Middle School New Bus Loop

E. Award Bid – Cordova High School Modernization 2004 Drywall and Miscellaneous Trade Packages

Reject Bid – Cordova High School Modernization 2004 Asbestos Abatement and Demolition Trade Package

F. Approve Change Order No. 6 – Folsom High School Theater and Stadium

G. Approve Notice of Completion – Folsom High School Theater and Stadium, Various Trade Contractors

H. Approve Substitution of Subcontractor – Community Education Center Modernization

I. See below.

0304-288 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations:

Case Numbers: 0304-75, 0304-76, 0304-77, 0304-78, 0304-79, 0304-80, 0304-81, 0304-82, 0304-83, 0304-84, and 0304-85

0304-75 – Expel through the end of the fall semester 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 semester 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; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-76 – Expel through the end of the fall semester 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 semester 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.

0304-77 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy for the remainder of the spring semester of the 2003-2004 academic and the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student is to attend summer school at the Mather Youth Academy following 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 decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-78 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy for the remainder of the 2003-2004 academic year and the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student is to attend summer session at the Mather Youth Academy if his behavior is unsatisfactory for the remainder 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; counseling to include student and family; individual student counseling to address substance abuse, anger management, and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-79 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy for the remainder of the 2003-2004 academic year and the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy for summer session following the end of the 3rd trimester 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 fire safety, decision-making skills, and goal setting.

0304-80 – 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; student is to seek academic counseling to formulate a plan to complete graduation requirements.

0304-81 – Expel through the end of the fall semester 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 semester 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.

0304-82 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy; student must complete at least one successful semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

0304-83 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; place at the Mather Youth Academy or any state-authorized educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; student must complete at least one successful semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; individual student counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0304-84 – Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2004-2005 academic year; place at the Mather Youth Academy for the remainder of the 2003-2004 academic year and 1st and 2nd trimesters of the 2004-2005 academic year; student is to attend summer school at the Mather Youth Academy following the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; student must successfully complete at least summer session and two trimesters 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.

0304-85 – See below.

B. Approve Contracts for Non Public School Placement – SE-0304-100 and SE-0304-101

C. Approve Contract for Therapy Services – SE-0304-102, SE-0304-103, and SE-0304-104

D. See below.

0304-287 I – Adopt Resolution No. 05-20-04-38 – Action Concerning Ordinances of the City of Folsom at Lago Vista High School

Staff and district architect made a presentation on the options available for baseball fields and preserving the oak tree. Costs and loss of field area was discussed. Main concern was safety.

Mrs. Myers

- Staff needs to work with City about moving field over to preserve the tree.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- The City can only give us 30 to 35 feet due to the impacts to the vernal pool pond on the other side of the field.
- Moving our field over would cause the City to lose their soccer field.

Mrs. Myers

- Longevity of tree could be longer than arborist predicts. Give it a chance to survive.

Mr. Short

- Clarified that we are adopting a resolution to exempt us from the City’s ordinance prohibiting removal of oak trees.

Mrs. Myers

- Asked for specifics on replacing the two historic blue oak trees being removed.

Mr. Washburn

- Landscape plan is not fully developed, but planning to plant many trees throughout the site.

Mr. Short

- Asked about the arborist’s report on the longevity of the tree.

Mr. Washburn

- If we did all the recommended protections, the threat of the tree falling was moderate.
- Whether the construction activities will harm the tree will not be known until years later.

Mr. Shaw

- Blue oak trees do not want to be disturbed.

- The 21-foot drop-off made out of concrete required to preserve the tree is an unacceptable safety hazard on a school site.

Mrs. Stanley

- We are faced with a situation where it is going to be cost prohibitive to possibly save one tree.
- It is fiscally responsible to give staff flexibility to remove the tree.
- Confident that if there is a way to save the tree, staff will find it.
- The site is cramped, has grading problems, and we don't need to complicate it with one tree.

Mrs. Myers

- Asked again about the landscaping plan. Will it include any new oak trees?

Mrs. Bettencourt

- It will include hundreds of trees as landscape around campus and parking lots.

Mrs. Myers

- Questioned 100 trees on a cramped site.

Mr. Washburn

- The key is to plant trees conducive to a school environment. A blue oak is not.

Mrs. Myers

- Was not impressed with the expertise of the landscapers who planted the trees at Folsom Lake High School.
- Would like a better idea of what species are appropriate for a high school.

Mr. Washburn

- Some species used are hackberry, spruce, crepe myrtle, sycamore and redwood. Can provide a list.

Mrs. Stanley

- Shares Mrs. Myers concerns on what will be placed on the site.
- Would like to see us put in as much that is natural to this environment as we can. Italian spruces do not belong here. Would like to see oak trees and more native trees planted.

Mrs. Myers

- Requested the landscaping plan be brought to the Board.

Mr. Short

- Request drought-tolerant and native species in the landscaping plan.

Mrs. Stanley

- At Natoma Station significant retaining areas were installed to preserve trees, and little by little the trees are dying in the middle of their big concrete planters.

Teri Jamison, Rainforth Grau architect

- The landscape plan would be appropriate for a high school and would be ready within six months. The main emphasis right now is the design of the buildings and the layout of the campus.

- Will be going out to bid for grading this summer and a decision is needed on the tree.

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 05-20-04-38 – Action Concerning Ordinances of the City of Folsom at Lago Vista High School.

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES, 1 NO (MYERS).

0304-288 A – Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Number 0304-85

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy for the remainder of the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year and summer session following the 3rd trimester; student must successfully complete the remainder of the 3rd trimester and summer session at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District; if student successfully completes his term at the Mather Youth Academy, student may attend Cordova High School during the fall semester of the 2004-2005 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.

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO ACCEPT the findings and recommendations of the panel with the following exception:

Item #3 to be modified to: place student at Mather Youth Academy through the end of the 2004-2005 fall semester.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-288 D – Approve 2004-2005 GATE Plan

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the 2004-2005 GATE Plan

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-289 – Approve Modifications to Graduation Requirements: Senior Project/Service Learning

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the Modifications to Graduation Requirements – Senior Project/Service Learning

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES, 1 NO (STANLEY).

0304-290 – Adopt Resolution No. 05-20-04-39 – Resolution to Amend the No Child Left Behind Act

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 05-20-04-39 – Resolution to Amend the No Child Left Behind Act

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

0304-291 – Update on K-5 English/Language Arts Implementation

Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Instruction Leslie Faust reviewed the report provided.

Mrs. Myers

- We no longer have early/late in third grade.

Mrs. Faust

- Due to equal access, we have not had early/late in third grade this year.
- The recommendation from implementing teachers is to reduce the 60-minute early/late period for first and second graders to 45 minutes.

Mrs. Stanley

- The universal access program that is 30-40 minutes, is that a part of the 2-½ hour block?

Mrs. Leslie

- No. It is in addition.

Mrs. Stanley

- If we have an early/late of 45 minutes, would it be used for that purpose?

Mrs. Faust

- Yes, the majority of teachers will use the early/late for universal access, but we have several models of how teachers can use the time with these materials.
- The program is presented with options. There are several successful models that will work.

Mrs. Stanley

- We will have first and second graders who are potentially using the early/late time for universal access, and then have an additional 2-½ hours in the day for Language Arts.
- Is there any time left for other subjects?

Mrs. Faust

- Our teachers who teach first grade and are preparing our students to become readers have always spent the vast majority of their instruction time on the whole umbrella of Language Arts, phonics, spelling, writing, etc.
- They have always been good at integrating some of the other standards that have to do with Social Studies or Science into the Language Arts activities they do with the students.
- There has to be an hour dedicated to Math.

Mrs. Stanley

- Surprised when we say we have identified money.

Mrs. Faust

- We are reallocating categorical funds from 12-14 funding strings.

Mr. Short

- We will this be fully implemented by next year, and do you foresee any negative impacts?

Mrs. Faust

- These materials are certainly better aligned to the standards.
- Positive change for all students to be in the program.
- Anecdotal from teachers stating students are doing very well in the program and moving more quickly into areas deeper into the instructional standards.

Mr. Short

- We hope to see positives in the test scores.

Mr. Shaw

- Does this mean we will go to a 45-minute early/late program next year?

Mrs. Faust

- That is what I would like to do.

Mr. Shaw

- We need to get working on the bell schedules.

Mrs. Faust

- Based on your feedback tonight, I will ask principals to build their bell schedules.

Mr. Shaw

- Does this get us closer to the mandatory instructional minutes?

Mrs. Faust

- It gets us much closer.
- Did receive some positive response from parents.

REPORTS

0304-292 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- Invited Trustees to attend and participate in the annual employee recognition reception on May 26th, at Folsom Middle School, 4:00 p.m.
- Optimistic about the initial proposal of the Governor's May revised budget. If a favorable action is received we may be able to reinstate some of the other programs on the proposed budget reduction list. Hopefully, it will happen in a timely manner for planning purposes.
- Less than three months from now we will be starting next school year. We are working on filling a number of vacancies and will accommodate the challenge.
- We will have a discussion item on the June 3rd agenda on the feasibility study on the Rancho Cordova territory transfer. Looking forward to receiving additional direction from Trustees following this completed feasibility study, which was funded by the City of Rancho Cordova.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0304-293 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Stephanie Shaffer

- No report.

Richard Shaw

- Received a hint of feedback on the Healthy Kids Survey. The data indicates the trend of drug use in our student population is going down. On the other hand, any drug use is a problem. There will be family community forums on teenage drug use Tuesday, May 25th at Cordova High School, and Wednesday, May 26th at Folsom High School. Encouraged parents to participate.
- Congratulations to retirees.

- Proud of our science fair, which started small and took off fast. Thanked GenCorp for being a great partner.
- Thanked the volunteers on the SARB board. It is a difficult, challenging, and sometimes disappointing job. This group has a very good success rate.
- GATE plan was very well written. Thanked Ginny Bateman and her staff.

Ed Short

- Thanked the retirees for all their years of service.
- Congratulated the science fair winners. GenCorp is continually a good partner.
- STARS program is great.
- Thanked the members of the SARB board. It is a challenging arena.

Teresa Stanley

- Concerned about AB 2902, the bill that may cause a school district or other organization to have to pay the costs of another branch of the government's mitigation when we do a project. Given the amount of construction we face, concerned about this bill passing and having us left with paying some of the costs to do things we have not anticipated, haven't had to do in the past, and haven't placed in our bonds.
- Received an anonymous picture of Folsom Middle School, showing a crosswalk running into a curb, suggesting we cut the curb to allow for wheelchairs. Seems to be a reasonable request.
- Congratulations to science fair project winners
- Thanks to GenCorp for the science fair and the other programs they support. Great service to our district.
- Congratulations to Sherian Kutzera and all the new officers of FCAA.
- Appreciate the SARB committee. They are very dedicated.
- I'll miss participating in handing out the staff appreciation item this year, but will attend the employee recognition event at Folsom Middle School.

Sara Myers

- Congratulations to retirees. The certificated and classified retirees represent 233 years of service. Wish them well.
- Sue Hofflander is a real mainstay at Folsom High School.
- Very grateful for all GenCorp's contributions - \$226,000 to support science.
- Very pleased to see the excellent press in today's paper about our two-year Algebra program. Hope we can capture that information and inform parents.
- We should be very grateful for the SARB volunteers. It is a real service to our district.
- Will attend the employee recognition event, but it conflicts with a public hearing at the Folsom Community Center regarding Folsom Dam Road.
- Had a fun experience at Blanche Sprentz with the Business of Reading. Grateful to Intel for their participation.
- GATE program has always been one of our curriculum assets. Very appreciative of Ginny Bateman's leadership. Very proud of all involved.
- Heard the Governor was thinking about abolishing positions (commissions) some of which are useless. If eliminated, it would save \$316 million dollars a year. Requested Board to send a letter encouraging the Governor to follow through on this idea. Money would be better spent elsewhere.
- Asked staff to request grant money for crossing guards from Cal Trans.

Roger Benton

- Attended Cordova High School scholarship and awards night. Private donors, Cal Grants, Pal Grants, Military, etc, gave out a ton of money. It was amazing. The highlight of the night was seeing when Jackie Levy was about to announce the Valedictorian, and said it was a tie. There are two valedictorians and two salutatorians. The difficult part of the night was seeing my son Michael receive several awards, and realizing that my baby boy is no long a baby. Tonight he is receiving additional awards from MESA. Very proud of him and his sister. Far more than I ever expected and far more than I ever did.
- Thanked Stan Jones for dropping off anonymous pictures of different schools.
- AeroJet was always there helping the community in the '60s and '70s, and GenCorp in the '90s. Appreciate what they do.
- Applaud Dyarl Abdo's hard work for CSEA. Amazing the negotiators have come together to find great ways to benefit the students. Applaud the efforts of all those involved.
- Receive Larry Ladd's emails based on community interest and community concerns.
- Staff Appreciation Day – cannot participate.
- Will attend Adult Ed luncheon tomorrow.
- We appreciate staff 24/7.
- The SARCs are so detailed with all the accountability information available. Appreciate staff's hard work.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

INFORMATION

0304-294 – 2004 School Accountability Report Cards

0304-295 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0304-296 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2004 at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for May 20, 2004:

Open Session	4:10 p.m.
Closed Session	4:15 p.m.
Open Session	6:16 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:26 p.m.

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

Teresa A. Stanley, Clerk of the Board