

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

June 3, 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
Richard Shaw, Board Member
Edward Short, Board Member
Stephanie Shaffer, Student Board Member

June 3, 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 6:05 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Members of the Folsom High School FHA-HERO Club led the flag salute. President Benton asked that everyone join him in a moment of silence for Albert Gerospe, 7th grade student at Mills Middle School, who passed away this weekend.

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/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the following administrative appointment:
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Janice Lucas, Director, Special Education.

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

SUMMER SCHOOL TEACHERS

CORDOVA HIGH SCHOOL

Addi, Mary
Barr-Smith, Carrie
Billeci, Cameron
Bowles, Ken
Brunner, Kathy
Carlos, Ed
Chun, David
Creeger, Joshua
DeAcanu, Eugene
Gardner, Jennifer
Goyette, Wendy
Gribskov, Mark

Kesler, Daw-Suwan
Mansch, Perry
McGuire, Amy
Meyer, Scott
Milano, Rochelle
Miller, Max
Myers, Caryl
Reagan, Glenn
Rubinoff, Greg
Sherman, George
Thrasher, Paul
Yale, Leslie

FOLSOM HIGH SCHOOL & FOLSOM MIDDLE SCHOOL

Anderson, Danielle
Anderson, Shauna
Brown, Heather
Brown, Michelle
Brownell, Sara
Casner, Dennis
Freitas, Jennifer
Galentine, Erica
Gorbach, Greg
Gordon, Michael
Hallam, Mark
Itkoff, Mike
Jacobs, Michelle
Kiem, Eric
Kinnison, Michiyo
McAler, Kay
McBride, Mike

McKeen, Joe
McMahon, Robert
Miller, Shelby
Millinson, Luke
Orr, Chris
Padgett, Joyce
Pajer, Christina
Racine, Denis
Rains, Cheryl
Sansenbach, Jeanette
Scales, Joe
Strate, Shane
Theis, Laurie
Uribe, Chuck
Villero, Geri
Waldo, Dale
Zan, Brian

MITCHELL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Brown, Michelle
Burton, Ellen
Clinton, Glenn
Downey, Lori
Lane, Peter
Lopez, Sarah
Lum, Jennifer
Myers, Lisa
Quinlan, Shannon
Sutherland, Sharon
York, Karen

SANDRA J. GALLARDO ELEMENTARY

Brown, Kenneth
Christen, Laurel
English, Terry

SANDRA J. GALLARDO ELEMENTARY (continued)

Fergusson, Robert
Huntley, Diane
Johnson, Sandra
Lobese, Lisa
Lobitz, Michael
Peterson, Canen
Reed, Lisa
Singer, Natalie
Steubing, Susan
Vann, Sheila

PETER J. SHIELDS ELEMENTARY

Ball, Pam
Craig, Shelley
Duran, Cara
Gaberman, Laurette
Hailer, Barbara
Hawkins, Mary
Holshevnikoff, Jessica
Jordan, Shantell
Kester, Stacy

TITLE I HIRES

Dounce, Cindy
Frietas, Nicki
Guevara, Cheryl
Langley, April
Miller, Kimberly
Murray, Gina
Reagan, Sara
Sancedo, Heather
White, Patti
Wright, Sara

RANCHO CORDOVA ELEMENTARY STAFF

Armaral, PK
Bonillo, Darsie
Espinoza, Jennifer
Knorr, Kathy
Marin, Zhanna
Matheu, Jenny
McDonald, Michelle
Peele, Louise
Powell, Rand
Youngman, Julie

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

Allen, Melissa
Brinkley, Stacey
Buonauro, Cathleen

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS (continued)

Calhoun, Linda
Carey, Ryan
Collins, Donny
Engman, Pat
Etrata, Dari-Anne
Holway, Donna
Isbell, Vince
Lonsdale, Luren
Lucas, Coline
Lucas, Kei
Mahony, Patrick
McCann, Doug
Mootz, Jack
Namisnik, Amy
Napton, Bonnie
Narver, Billie
Nordquist, John
Pena, Ellen
Pena, Thomas
Sawyer, Sue

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

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Amy Burger, Special Education Teacher, Sutter Middle School, 100% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Amy Burger (*rescinded*), Special Education Teacher, Sutter Middle School. Effective date: 06/11/04.
- Licia King, Teacher, Cordova Meadows Elementary School (from Leave of Absence). Licia was hired on August 21, 2000. She has been employed 4 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.
- David Rominger, Military Instructional Assistant, Mather Youth Academy. David was hired on February 1, 2003. He has been employed 1 year 4 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/25/04.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Lena Black, Teacher, Theodore Judah Elementary School. Lena was hired on September 1, 1961 to teach third grade at White Rock Elementary School. She resigned in June 1965 and was re-hired at White Rock Elementary School in September 1975. She transferred to Peter J. Shields Elementary School at the start of the 1976/1977 school year. Lena returned to White Rock Elementary School in September 1977. She transferred to Cordova Meadows Elementary School in 1978. At the start of the 1996/1997 school year she transferred to Theodore Judah Elementary School. She retires from her teaching position on June 14, 2004. Lena has been employed 33 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

- Robert Cragun, Teacher, Cordova High School. Robert was hired on September 1, 1969 to teach Mathematics at Cordova High School. He retires from his teaching position on June 12, 2004. Robert has been employed 35 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Helen Kotrlík, Teacher, Cordova High School. Helen was hired on September 1, 1965 to teach Mathematics at Mills Middle School. She transferred to Cordova High School at the start of the 1967/1968 school year. Helen was appointed Division Leader in 1990. She retires from her teaching position on June 19, 2004. Helen has been employed 39 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Susan Dickerson (replacement/rehire) Educational Interpreter/Deaf & Hard of Hearing (#202548), Peter J. Shields Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL23/Step E. Effective: 5/17/04.
- Laurie Patten (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203007), Oak Chan Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 4/24/04.
- Marina Roy (new position) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#204132), Family Support Services, 3.9 hours daily/12 months, Range CL10/Step C. Effective: 5/24/04.
- Denise Thompson (replacement) Special Project Coordinator (#202628), Family Support Services, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL25/Step C. Effective: 6/1/04.

SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Administrative Assistants

- Folsom High School – Cheryl Blower, regular rate. Effective: 6/17/04 to 7/23/04
- Cordova, Kinney & Walnutwood High Schools at Cordova High – Shelley Raffaelli, Range CL20/Step B. Effective: 6/17/04 to 7/23/04.
- Mather Youth Academy at Mather Heights Elementary – Sarah Orbanosky, Range CL20/Step A. Effective: 7/14/04 to 7/23/04.
- Folsom & Sutter Middle Schools at Folsom High School– Jody Rider, Range CL20/Step E. Effective: 6/21/04 to 7/16/04.
- Mills & Mitchell Middle Schools at Mills Middle School – Tiressa Briggs, Range CL20/Step A. Effective: 6/21/04 to 7/16/04.
- Folsom Elementary Schools at Sandra J. Gallardo – Darlene Farrell, regular rate. Effective: 6/21/04 to 7/16/04.
- Rancho Cordova Elementary Schools at Peter J. Shields – Rebecca Molina, regular rate. Effective: 6/21/04 to 7/16/04.
- English Language Development at Rancho Cordova Elem. – Jean Rust-Lopez, regular rate. Effective: 6/21/04 to 7/16/04.

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Terry Arnold (replacement) Maintenance Department, from Mechanic I, Range CL24 to Mechanic II (#991437) Range CL27. Effective: 5/26/04.
- Kathy Colivas (replacement) from Clerk III/District Receptionist, Range CL14/Step E to Administrative Assistant II (#990946), Instructional Services, Range CL20/Step B. Effective: 6/7/04.

- Rita Coughlin (replacement) from Custodian/Groundsworker, Range CL14,16/Step E, Sutter Middle to Head Custodian I (#991215). Effective: 6/1/04.
- Alicia Padilla (replacement) from School Clerk-Elementary, Carl Sundahl Elem., 6 hours daily/10 months to Personnel Clerk II (#990659), 8 hours daily/12 months. Effective: 5/24/04.
- Alan Mastin (replacement) Mitchell Middle, from Custodian, Range CL14/Step E+++ to Head Custodian II (#202653), Range CL22/Step B+++. Effective: 6/1/04.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Kris Montoya, Yard Duty Supervisor (#203281), Cordova Gardens Elem., reason: accepted temporary position. Effective: 4/26/04 through 6/10/04.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Katie Allen, Clerk Typist II (#201468), Adult Education Dept., reason: other employment. Effective: 4/30/04.
- Roger Jones, Custodian (#204107), Folsom Middle/Blanche Sprentz, reason: personal. Effective: 5/17/04.
- Calvin Koenig, Food Service Worker I (#991395), P. J. Shields Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 5/28/04.
- Brian Rieke, Computer Inst. Asst. (#991025), Oak Chan Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 6/10/04.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Folsom High School Home Economics Careers and Technology

Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos introduced instructor Pat Peck. Mrs. Peck introduced members of the FHA-HERO Club at Folsom High School.

Folsom High School, FHA-HERO, is a local chapter of a national student career and technical education organization. It is the largest national student organization in the United States. FHA-HERO offers members opportunities for developing leadership skills, exploring career paths, interacting with school and community members and coordinated chapter programs. It is a co-curricular activity for students that extends and enriches classroom instruction. The home economics careers and technology curriculum becomes alive as teachers guide students in a wide variety of activities.

Student members included:

President Brittany Drennan

Secretary Carlotta Rhea Lopez

Historian Ashley Louen

Treasurer Neda Nitkova

Region 4 President Jarrod Nicholas

Region 4 Vice President Michelle Montoya

The Board thanked club advisors Linda Olsen and Pat Peck.

Folsom SARB

Attendance and Due Process Officer Jim Thompson and President Benton presented the following SARB members with certificates of appreciation:

Steve Howe

Earl Kipp

Gail Kipp

Dustin Laswell
Pete Lopez
Chris Marshall
Kirk Morris
Jerry Sather
Muriel Sather
Terry Solgas

Farewell to Stephanie Shaffer

President Benton presented Student Board Member Stephanie Shaffer with a plaque of appreciation for her service on the Board. President Benton called for a short recess at 6:30 p.m. A reception was held to honor Ms. Shaffer.

Meeting reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0304-297)

- No one came forward.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0304-298)

Student Advisory Board – Stephanie Shaffer reported on the following:

- We elected a new student board member; her name is Heather Reeder. She is currently a sophomore at Cordova High School.

PTA/PTO Council – No report.

California School Employees Association – President Dyarl Abdo was in attendance. No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon was in attendance. No report.

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

- We are in the home stretch of the 180-day race to the end of the 2003-2004 school year.
- We are swamped with class placement, teacher transfers, graduation, school choice, room reassignments, bell schedules, and retirement celebrations.
- Sunday, June 6th, staff and family members will attend the Rivercats Baseball game. Denise Burns and Sherian Kutzera will sing while students from Dewey Fundamental School sign the National Anthem. Thanked Rebecca Sloan for arranging this function.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

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

0304-300 C – Authorization to Proceed – Kitty Hawk School Modernization

0304-300 D – Authorization to Proceed – Mills Middle School Kitchen Renovation

0304-300 E – Authorization to Proceed – Folsom High School Fire Alarm Modifications

0304-300 G – Adopt Resolution No. 06-03-04-40 – Resolution to Establish Charter School Fund, Fund 09

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-299 – Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – May 20, 2004

0304-300 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the district in the amount of \$15,298.80.
- B. Approve Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan
- C. See below.
- D. See below.
- E. See below.
- F. Accept County Treasurer’s Report – Quarter Ending March 31, 2004
- G. See below.

0304-301 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations:

Case Numbers: 0304-86, 0304-87, 0304-88, 0304-90, 0304-91, 0304-93, and 0304-94

0304-86 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of 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 must successfully complete at least summer session and 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.

0304-87 – Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Sutter Middle School for the remainder of the 2003-2004 academic year; student is to attend a summer school program following the 3rd trimester of the 2003-2004 academic year; if student successfully completes his terms at Sutter Middle School and summer school, student may attend Folsom High School during the fall semester of the 2004-2005 academic year; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills.

0304-88 – Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the 2nd trimester 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.

0304-90 – Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2004-2005 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2004-2005 academic year; student must successfully complete at least 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.

0304-91 – 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 decision-making skills.

0304-93 – 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 attend the Mather Youth Academy for summer session following the

spring semester; student must successfully complete at least summer session and 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.

0304-94 – 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 attend the Mather Youth Academy for summer session following the spring semester; student must successfully complete at least summer session and 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.

B. Approve Contracts for Non Public School Placement – SE-0304-105

C. Approve Contracts for Therapy Services – SE-0304-106, SE-0304-107, SE-0304-108, and SE-0304-109

0304-300 C – Authorization to Proceed – Kitty Hawk School Modernization (NOTE: this item was revised as follows): 0304-300 C – Award Bid – Kitty Hawk School Modernization

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO AWARD bids to the trade contractors and ASSIGN them to Roebbelen Construction Management Services, Inc., as the Construction Manager At Risk. Roebbelen Contracting was the low bidder for the miscellaneous trade package; therefore the District will hold the contract for that portion of the work.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-300 D – Authorization to Proceed – Mills Middle School Kitchen Renovation

0304-300 E – Authorization to Proceed – Folsom High School Fire Alarm Modifications

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO TABLE Items 0304-300 D and 0304-300 E until the bid results are presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-300 G–Adopt Resolution No. 06-03-04-40–Resolution to Establish Charter School Fund, Fund 09

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO TABLE this item to the June 17th Board meeting.

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES, 2 NOES (MYERS, SHAW).

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-302 – Approve California School Employees’ Association Contract Amendments for the 2002-2003 School Year

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the CSEA One-Year Contract Amendments for the 2002-03 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0304-303 – Approve 2004-2005 Management Compensation

MYERS/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the 2004-2005 Management compensation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

0304-304 – 2004-2005 Proposed Budget

President Benton opened the hearing at 7:02 p.m. No one came forward. Hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0304-305 – Adopt 2004-2005 Proposed Budget and Revise 2003-2004 Budget

Deborah Bettencourt, Deputy Superintendent/CFO, reviewed the 2004-2005 proposed budget. Numbers are subject to change and there will be additional revisions once the State passes their budget. We are anticipating a cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 2.41%, deficit factor adjustment of .857%, and possible restoration of other budget items. The status of current budget reductions is as follows:

	<u>March Reduction</u>	<u>Restored in June Budget</u>	<u>Implemented Reduction</u>
1. Class Size Reduction Grade 3	107,000	107,000	-----
2. Secondary Counselors	341,000	-----	341,000
3. Division Leaders Department Chairs (Academic Coordinators)	267,000	118,000	149,000
4. Teacher Staffing	350,000	240,000	110,000
5. High School Transportation	120,000	120,000	-----
6. Health Services Nurse	56,000	-----	56,000
7. Student Services Psychologist	50,000	50,000	-----
8. Clubs	95,000	47,000	48,000
9. Music	125,000	61,000	64,000
10. Middle School Athletics Grades 6,7,8	84,000	43,000	41,000
11. Professional Development Lead Teachers	170,000	80,000	90,000
12. Close all School Sites in July (negotiated extended work hours)	309,000	69,000	240,000
13. Conferences	67,000	67,000	-----
14. District Admin. Clerical Support	449,000	79,000	370,000
15. Print Shop	54,000	-----	54,000
16. Instructional Media	18,000	18,000	-----
17. Library Clerks K-8	436,000	225,000	211,000
18. Special Education Aides	20,000	-----	20,000
19. School Administrators Secondary	200,000	120,000	80,000
20. School Administrators Elementary	120,000	120,000	-----
21. Health Services Clerks	30,000	30,000	-----
TOTAL	\$3,468,000	1,594,000	1,874,000

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the revised budget for 2003-2004 and other revisions required to complete year-end closing, and ADOPT the 2004-2005 proposed budget.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION

0304-306 – Rancho Cordova Territory Transfer Feasibility Study

Superintendent Siefkin presented the consultant's study assessing whether the transfer of property from Elk Grove Unified School District to Folsom Cordova Unified School District should or could come to be.

- The report was released to Rancho Cordova City Manager Ted Gaebler and Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) Superintendent Dave Gordon in preparation for tonight's agenda.
- Since then, we have received a press release from the EGUSD Board President expressing concern about being pushed into a timeline with which they may not be comfortable.
- There continues to be an interest from the City of Rancho Cordova to pursue this in a quicker timeline than EGUSD is interested in.

Deputy Superintendent Bettencourt introduced Paul Woods of Economic and Planning Systems.

Mr. Benton

- Asked Mr. Woods to provide some background on his company, and some of the studies they've conducted.

Paul Woods

- Have been around for 21 years with offices in Sacramento, Berkeley, and Denver, Colorado.
- We have conducted surveys for developing communities, government agencies, school districts and counties.
- Was previously a licensed architect, facilities director, and architect for school districts.
- Expertise is in education.
- Has been involved in fee studies, master plans, and financing plans for Mello Roos districts.
- Citrus Heights, Rancho Cordova and El Dorado Hills are former clients of EPS.
- Prepared financing work on the SunRidge project
- This is the fifth involvement with the territory transfer process, including an elementary school district, and four boundary change feasibility studies - two of which went to completion and had boundaries actually changed.

Mr. Short

- Is this the final report on a preliminary feasibility study?

Paul Woods

- This is designed to address questions related to feasibility and issues or bumps in the road that may need to be addressed or overcome.
- Will this be easy? Probably not. Is it possible? The Mello Roos and Community Facilities District (CFD), which EGUSD has established district-wide will be the issues that need to be addressed.

Mr. Short

- Inquired about annexation and de-annexation of CFD territory.

Paul Woods

- EGUSD Board has the authority to determine that property owners have met their obligation for taxation. This would be a negotiation detail with EGUSD based on what parties on both sides felt comfortable doing to eliminate double-taxation.

Mr. Short

- What about the fiscal management of CFD tax base?
- Also, regarding the CEQA process to be conducted by the County committee, who is responsible for the cost of the CEQA process?

Paul Woods

- Within a couple of months EGUSD will submit a new tax base that will change the potential for future tax base. The increase in the tax fee will apply toward future bonds.
- In their opinion, there aren't any financial roadblocks, although there may be financial details to be addressed with the cooperation of both school districts.
- Typically, the county committee requests that developers cover associated costs.

Mrs. Myers

- Requested clarification on comments related to property costs being somewhat greater in Rancho Cordova than Elk Grove.
- Commented on a recent article in *The Sacramento Bee* related to land cost increases in Elk Grove.
- Asked if this could be reviewed and updated a little more precisely based on current costs as opposed to an average.

Paul Woods

- Referred to legislative requirements for “significant differences” in land costs. The 10% or 70 cent difference may not be considered “significant.”

Mrs. Myers

- Asked for clarification on page 14 related to bonds issued on Sunrise Douglas. Is it true that there was a bond issued for \$1.5 million?

Paul Woods

- Clarified that there is a current tax level for Sunrise Douglas.
- The study should have cited future tax level for additional development approvals.
- It is possible that some of the bonding could be designated in a financial agreement yet to be worked out.

Mrs. Myers

- Indicated EGUSD Board President Cox mentioned additional issues.
- Inquired as to whether some of those issues may be future bonding.
- What options might be in place for shared bond indebtedness?

Paul Woods

- Suggested that would not likely be a resolution.
- Future fee revenues or Mello Roos taxes for facilities may be an issue of concern, as expenses and revenue go together.

Mrs. Myers

- You can't steal from students in one area to pay debt in another area.
- Raised the issue of floating a new SFID in a new development area such as the Rio del Oro and Easton development areas.
- CFDs require a vote; SFIDs are established by the County Board of Education.

Mrs. Stanley

- Superintendent Gordon, in his memo, raised concerns beyond the nine criteria of the California Department of Education. Gordon's maintenance and operation questions are covered in the section on cost of operation.

Paul Woods

- If they get the kids, they get the costs, the expenses, and the revenues. If they do not get the kids, they do not get the costs, the expenses, or the revenues. This isn't an issue of feasibility.

Mrs. Stanley

- Inquired about the impacts of reorganization of FCUSD in the context of the territory transfer.

Paul Woods

- The study could be expanded to address issues of growth and potential future reorganizations.
- The territory transfer does not cause a reduction in any school district. It changes the future limit or cap on growth. It will not cause Elk Grove to stop growing.

Mrs. Stanley

- Inquired about growth being a good thing for school districts. School districts project growth and sometimes rely on it for future planning.

Paul Woods

- There is plenty of time to adjust for change in that final number for growth.

Mrs. Stanley

- How would they undo a structure where they were somewhat counting on this growth if they were to remove this potential revenue stream.

Paul Woods

- On pure speculation, if they were planning to issue a bond in the next two years and the territory was to be transferred then the bond should not be issued.
- It does not affect their ability to issue bonds, but it does affect their need to issue bonds.

Mrs. Stanley

- Will this issue affect other construction plans for other parts of the district?

Paul Woods

- The only impact would likely be related to lower staffing demands.
- Can't imagine how this would affect plans for construction in other areas.
- From a cash flow base I can understand the aggregating of funds but CFDs are limited in the appropriateness of where funds are spent.
- In Irvine, taxpayers indicated they'd better see their taxes spent in their local school or it is not a proper nexus.

Mrs. Stanley

- What are the fiscal impacts on the remainder of EGUSD territory?

Paul Woods

- The state is looking for impacts on existing programs.
- Assumed the educational program offerings should not look very different from one area to another.

Mrs. Stanley

- Inquired about land costs of \$7.96 per square foot of new residential construction.

Mrs. Bettencourt

- \$7.96 is the amount for School Facility Needs Analysis for Folsom Cordova dated May 2003.
- This is a district wide average number. Rancho Cordova is somewhat less.
- There is no significant difference in cost for housing students, because the land will remain the same regardless of which district boundaries are drawn around it. The cost of the land will remain the same.

- Developer fees are capped by formula in terms of level 2 fees.

Mrs. Stanley

- Inquired about criteria #9 related to growth of students.

Paul Woods

- It will not affect the current programs because there are no programs currently to be impacted.
- County committee indicated it is irrelevant because the revenue limit is the revenue limit. It will not change.

Mrs. Stanley

- Inquired about boundaries impacting SFID 1.

Paul Woods

- The SFID doesn't enlarge automatically. The question will be whether you enlarge the current SFID or create a new overlapping SFID for that territory. Those options will need to be assessed with other options.

Mrs. Stanley

- What about operational funding and adjustments to future budgets?

Paul Woods

- Future budgets will be different because of the size of the territory transfer.

Mr. Shaw

- Interested in the scope of the report.
- As a political person serving the public, I have concerns about the quality of life of the people who will have to live there.
- Inquired about the effects of community participation in EGUSD school district and programs from such a distance.
- Further, he inquired about conversion of SFID 1 to SFID 3. This is not a stumbling block but something that could be addressed.
- These details may not have been important to the initial scope of the work you were hired to do.

Mr. Short

- What about the long term build out beyond initial 3-year projections?

Paul Woods

- Believes there's time for both districts to adjust their budget projections.
- Feds are going to adjust interest rates that will affect affordability of new homes and interest rates. It is impossible to project how many homes will be built or sold next year.

Mrs. Myers

- Last Wednesday she heard a representative of the BIA who also serves on the County Board of Education that building projections were much faster than even they had projected.
- In any case, this is an issue that is critically important to one portion of the district's community identity and quality of life issues.
- We've heard from EGUSD Board that the study doesn't address issues of importance to them but they didn't identify what their concerns and issues are.

- It appears we have three options. We could have President Benton write to President Cox to request issues of concerns. We could schedule joint study sessions. We could request written list of deficiencies.

Mrs. Stanley

- What is EGUSD's interest in pursuing this?

Paul Woods

- EGUSD has a big district serving outlying areas with experience serving remote communities.
- I can't speak for EGUSD's benefit from possibly not having to serve this area.
- I can't say that EGUSD would have a great benefit. They may have additional operational costs for satellite administration facilities.

Mrs. Stanley

- What are the benefits to FCUSD for the new territory?

Paul Woods

- If Sunrise Douglas ends up being year round and the rest of the Rancho Cordova community is on traditional calendars, it creates some difficulties for families. I personally don't think it is the best circumstance.
- It is survivable, great education is possible, but it is an inconvenience. Community identity would be a benefit for Rancho Cordova.

David Sander, Rancho Cordova Councilmember

- This is a vital community identity issue for Rancho Cordova.
- Frankly, it is very simple – we want what is best for our kids and community.
- Not interested in empire building and debating quality of education.
- We are seeking a single school district for our city. There is no reasonable argument that two districts should serve our students.
- Proposed a study session with EGUSD, FCUSD, City of Rancho Cordova and City of Elk Grove, where all the facts can be laid on the table and discussed.

Larry Ladd

- People in Rancho Cordova need to see how large they want their school district to be.
- My personal opinion is that small is beautiful.

Mr. Short

- This should be a collaborative effort with all the facts on the table.
- Supports Mrs. Myers' suggestion that we move forward with a study session.

Mrs. Myers

- Perhaps staff should prepare a letter to Mrs. Cox from Mr. Benton to request a study session, which includes the two school districts and potentially the Rancho Cordova City Council.

Mrs. Stanley

- Analyzing the nine criteria seems to be a cursory review and doesn't involve the real effects.
- Is Elk Grove going to save tons of costs by not having to bus out to the SunRidge area?
- How much has Elk Grove spent out of the funds received out of their CFD? What was their plan for building the schools there and how is this going to affect them?

- Concerned about school district size. Research suggests that bigger is not necessarily better.
- This development is huge and will grow significantly and immediately. Are we prepared?
- More comfortable if we had some knowledge on where the reorganization petition is headed.
- Mr. Sander mentioned it is a vital community identity issue for Rancho Cordova. Would Rancho Cordova include Folsom in their community identity? I don't think they would. If community identity is a major issue we need to consider the reorganization petition as well.
- Spoke to Priscilla Cox regarding her press release. Indicated the tone felt that we were pushing this on Elk Grove. She agreed and stated it was not intended. She would like the Elk Grove board to take the opportunity to review their questions and concerns.
- The result of our district proceeding with this study is that it has brought it to the forefront and Elk Grove may realize they may need to deal with it sooner, rather than later.
- Elk Grove's Board of Education needs to have a discussion item prior to a joint study session.
- Requested President Benton send a letter expressing support for Elk Grove board members to look at the issues and let us know what information would be helpful to them.
- Need to ask Elk Grove what their input on the study is.
- Believes the nine criteria didn't necessarily analyze what that much growth, that quickly, really means to our district. If we want to pursue the transfer, for the benefit of our students, we need to analyze the impact.

Mr. Benton

- For the benefit of our students, the land is in the City of Rancho Cordova and we need to determine how to serve those students the best way we can.
- We are not questioning the educational leadership, development, and programs of Elk Grove Unified School District.
- Board members have said the report does not cover enough. Need to look at what else needs to be covered. Perhaps we need to expand the report?
- Better to do a territory transfer before there are homes and students in place.
- Money follows the kids.
- The students aren't there yet. We need to be prepared for the students when they come.
- Community identity is important. Kids should attend schools where they live. The more they have in common, the more tied into the community they will be.
- Agree with Mrs. Myers for staff to draft a letter to President Cox; staff knows our concerns and where we want to go.
- We have passion for our students and want to serve them the best we can.
- Thanked Mr. Woods for the report. The final report is a great first step.

REPORTS

0304-307 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- Thanked Trustees for their participation in the Employee Recognition program. It meant a lot to the employees. It was an excellent program and your participation made it very positive.
- Announced three awards District received at the Cordova Community Council Awards Night last week:
 - Distinguished Public Agency of the Year - Family Support Services, managed by Linda Burkholder
 - Distinguished Community Service – White Rock Family Center
 - Outstanding Educator of the Year – Principal of Mills Middle School, Dennis Willeford

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0304-308 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Sara Myers

- Congratulations to our retirees: Lena Black, Robert Cragun, and Helen Kotrlík
- Extended sympathies to Albert Gerospe's family.
- Congratulations to our new Director of Special Education Janice Lucas.
- Appreciate the devotion of our SARB board members.
- Employee Recognition Program went really well. Congratulated Effie Rea's effort for a very organized program.
- President Benton and I attended the coordination meeting with Rancho Cordova City Manager Ted Gaebler and Mayor Linda Budge.
- Wished Stephanie Shaffer well as she heads to Santa Cruz.
- Will address the AP Government classes.
- Looking forward to the graduation ceremonies next week.

Stephanie Shaffer

- Excited about everything reinstated on the budget. The final cuts were not as drastic as anticipated.
- Thanked everyone for their support and for all she has learned.
- Inspired to be politically active.

Richard Shaw

- Employee Recognition was great. Over half of the staff was in attendance.
- Congratulated all of the Employees of the Year. Important to show how much we value each other.
- Welcomed Janice Lucas.
- Congratulated Connor and Parker Boone from Oak Chan Elementary School who collected books for South Africa.
- Read an article on vocational education. Educators may not place much value in this. In pushing for standards and potential UC students, we may have ignored students who may have done very well with other education options. Referenced an editorial written by Dan Walters in the Sacramento Bee.
- Grateful for the restorations to budget reductions and appreciates the efforts of staff.
- Golf tournament to raise money for libraries is on June 25th.
- Mrs. Stanley brought up an important point on the annexation discussion – the proposal to split the district. Important for this board to take a look at the reorganization petition. Requested that this topic be placed on the next board agenda as a discussion/action item. Would like to discuss the status of the current petition and where it is at the State level.

Teresa Stanley

- Extended sympathies to the Gerospe family.
- Thanked Stephanie Shaffer for her service and wished her well as she goes on to bigger and better things.

- Enjoyed end of year concerts and award celebrations and look forward to next week's graduations. EGUSD President Cox informed me she would be attending 23 ceremonies. Perhaps keeping SunRidge will add another 15 ceremonies to her future schedule.
- Employee Recognition ceremony went very well. Thanks to Effie Rea and assisting staff. Congratulations to our honorees.
- Receiving several communications regarding the confidential medical counseling issue. People have indicated that no one has responded to their requests that the item be placed on an upcoming agenda. Someone other than me should respond.
- District in Southern California was held liable in a case where a woman accidentally killed two children when trying to avoid other children. The District did not enforce its own drop off and pick up area zones. Safety should be kept in mind.
- Congratulations in advance to Kelly Calhoun on her dissertation.

Ed Short

- Thanked retirees for their years of service.
- Employee Recognition Ceremony was great. Appreciate staff putting this program together. Very efficient.
- One retiree had 43 years of service. Incredible.
- Congratulated and welcomed Janice Lucas.
- Condolences to the Gerospe family.
- FHA-HERO provided a great presentation.
- Thanked SARB folks for all their hard work.
- Thanked Stephanie Schaffer for all her service. Wished her well in Santa Cruz.
- Great job on the budget. Pleased with restorations.
- It is time to talk about the reorganization petition.

Roger Benton

- Received one email regarding confidential medical services. Hoping to see the Attorney General opinion. Would like to see new information before adding this topic to a future agenda.
- We are being proactive by requesting the territory transfer report.
- Graduations coming up next week – busiest time of Board member's life. It's a blast. Little preschoolers excited to receive a piece of paper saying "good job."
- Need to examine where we're at with the reorganization petition at the June 17th meeting.
- Mrs. Stanley and I will be setting the agenda.
- Long time teacher John Barris is not feeling very well, suffered two strokes recently. Hope he and his family are doing well.
- Reminded Board members about the Superintendent's written evaluation.
- Very proud of Stephanie Shaffer and what she accomplished while on the board. Congratulations and best wishes to her.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

INFORMATION

0304-309 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0304-310 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2004 at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for June 3, 2004:

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

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

Teresa A. Stanley, Clerk of the Board