

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

August 19, 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
Heather Reeder, Student Board Member

August 19, 2004

Board members present: Roger Benton, Sara Myers, Teresa Stanley, Richard Shaw, Edward Short, and Heather Reeder

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 6:15 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Carla Miller, former Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, 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.

Superintendent Siefkin announced that the board unanimously approved Mr. David Knight's appointment as vice principal at Mills Middle.

President Benton reported that at the Board's request, Superintendent Siefkin has agreed to postpone his retirement until the end of the year. The Board will begin the superintendent replacement search following the board elections in November.

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton

- Thanked the Folsom Cordova Unified School District for giving kids the best opportunities in life. The district prepares students for college, vocations, or the military. His son has chosen to enter the military. Choices are what education is about.
- Congratulated Trustee Teresa Stanley for participating in the Folsom International Triathlon, a race which includes running, biking, and swimming.

INSTALLATION OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

President Benton administered the Oath of Office to Heather Reeder, Student Board Member for 2004/2005. Heather is a junior at Cordova High School.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Don Isbell, Teacher (#991953, #200165), Cordova High School, Professional Clear Single Subject Business Credential; BA + 58; Class 4, Step 5.
- Jeri Kozel, Teacher (#204080), Empire Oaks Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Limited Assignment Single Subject Industrial and Technology Education/ CLAD Credential; BA + 60; Class 4, Step 10.
- Patrick McAdam, Special Education Teacher (#201351), Mitchell Middle School, Single Subject Social Science/CLAD/Project Pipeline Special Education Intern Credentials; BA + 56; Class 3, Step 1.
- Scott Meyer, Teacher, Mills Middle School, Preliminary Single Subject Social Science/English Learner Authorization Credential; BA + 66; Class 4, Step 1.
- Bonnie Napton, Teacher (#991628), Mills Middle School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/CLAD Credential; BA + 53; Class 3, Step 1.
- Andrea Petsch, Teacher (#990061), Theodore Judah Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/English Learner Authorization/General Subjects Credential; BA; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 08/12/04.
- Wayne Pleis, Teacher (#205009), Folsom High School (Fall Semester Only), General Secondary Credential; BA + 131/MA; Class 5, Step 11. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/17/04.
- Keith Rowe, Teacher (#200155), Sutter Middle School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization English/Social Science/CLAD Credential; BA + 66; Class 4, Step 10.
- Joseph Shimmin, Military Instructor, Mather Youth Academy, Designated Subjects/Special Subjects ROTC Credential; BA + 55; Column 2, Step 1. Effective: 08/30/04.
- Sara Wright, Teacher (#990579), Peter J. Shields Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/ General Subjects/English Learner Credential; BA + 47; Class 3, Step 1.
- Lisa Myers, Teacher (#201352), Mills Middle School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BS + 31; Class 2, Step 1.

The following employees are being *re-hired* with Temporary status for the 2004/2005 school year:

- Joelle Bobrowsky, Speech Pathologist, Speech Services
- Heather Brown, Teacher, Sutter Middle School
- Kendra Clerkin-Males, Speech Pathologist, Speech Services
- Stephen Nystrom, Special Education Teacher, Cordova Gardens Elementary School
- Kathryn Warnick, Music Teacher, Elementary Prep
- Denise Whitelaw, Special Education Teacher, Sutter Middle School (Fall Semester Only)
- Virginia Zychalski, Special Education Teacher, Mather Youth Opportunity (Fall Semester Only)

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Terry Blesso, Teacher, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Michele Brown, Mitchell Middle School; From: Teacher; To: Resource Specialist. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Realyynn Dufford-Cordova, Special Education Teacher, Mitchell Middle School; From: 70%; To: 100%. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Wayne Edney, Teacher; From: Natoma Station Elementary School; To: Folsom Cordova K-8 Community Charter School. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Dari-Anne Etrata, Special Education Teacher; From: Folsom Hills Elementary School; To: Natoma Station Elementary School. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Laurie Flood, Teacher, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Karen Giles, Teacher; From: Cordova High School; To: Sutter Middle School. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Jennifer Hackbarth; Teacher, Empire Oaks Elementary School; From: 08/10/04 through 12/17/04; To: 2004/2005 school year.
- Angela Henderson, Resource Specialist, Cordova Meadows Elementary School; From: 40%; To: 80%. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Kendra Johnson, Teacher, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Title 1 Teacher; To: 20% Title 1 Teacher/80% Teacher. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Carmen Kardokus, Teacher, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Teacher; To: 60% Teacher/40 % Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Tina Ma, Teacher; From: 60% Cordova Villa Elementary School; To: 100% Teacher Cordova Meadows Elementary School.
- Erin Muse, Teacher, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Heidi Nelson, Special Education; From: 60% Resource Specialist, Mather Heights Elementary School; To: 100% Visually Impaired Teacher, District. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Elleen Pena, Special Education; From: Resource Specialist, Cordova Gardens Elementary School; To: Special Education Teacher, Cordova Meadows Elementary School. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Heather Stevens, Resource Specialist; From: 80% Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School/20% White Rock Elementary School; To: 100% Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Deanna Al-Hariri, Teacher (50% Time), Elementary Prep. Deanna was hired on August 20, 2002 and has been employed 2 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.
- Jennifer Bamman, Special Education Teacher (40%), Folsom Middle School. Jennifer was hired on January 4, 2004 and has been employed 1/2 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.
- Jennifer Espinoza, Teacher, Sutter Middle School. Jennifer was hired on October 19, 1998 and has been employed 6 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.
- Brandi Lungren, Speech Pathologist, Speech Services. Effective: 06/15/04. Brandi was hired on August 21, 2001 and has been employed 3 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/18/04.

- Riann Lee, Teacher, Empire Oaks Elementary School. Riann was hired on August 21, 2003 and has been employed 1 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 08/03/04.
- Joseph Mc Bee, Teacher, Theodore Judah Elementary School (from Leave of Absence). Joseph was hired on January 13, 2000 and has been employed 3 1/2 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.
- Stacey Preach, Teacher, Folsom High School. Stacey was hired on August 20, 2002 and has been employed 2 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.
- Tamara Saylor, Resource Specialist (40% Time), Cordova Meadows Elementary School. Tamara was hired August 24, 2000 and has been employed 4 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/11/04.
- Melissa Scadina, Teacher, Cordova Meadows Elementary School. Melissa was hired on August 21, 2001 and has been employed 3 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 07/14/04.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Helena Burns, Teacher, Mather Heights Elementary School, 100% Parental. Effective: 08/12/04 through 12/31/04.
- Amanda Chapa (*rescinded*), Teacher, Cordova Villa Elementary School; From: 50% Leave of Absence; To: 100%. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Lawrence Franzoni, Teacher, Cordova High School, Personal. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.
- Jennifer Stuart, Teacher, Mills Middle School, 20% Parental. Effective: 2004/2005 school year.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

MYERS/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Christine Alleva (replacement) Campus Monitor (#200313), Sutter Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 8/16/04
- Jamie Gordon (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant, 6.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 8/16/04
- Connie Guy (replacement) School Clerk-Secondary (#202571) Cordova High, 8 hours daily/11 months, Range CL12/Step B. Effective: 8/9/04
- Barbara Lipnosky (replacement) Administrative Assistant III (#990947), Special Education Dept, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL22/Step E. Effective: 8/23/04
- Susan Thomas (replacement) Computer Instructional Assistant (#991024), Natoma Station Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 8/16/04

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Valerie Callori (hours increase) Research Assistant I (#991042), Special Education Dept., from 6 hours to 8 hours daily. Effective: 7/1/04
- Cathi Cassidy (replacement) Mather Youth Academy., from Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202633), 9.5 months, Range CL11/Step B to School Clerk-Secondary (#204603), 10.25 months, Range CL12/Step C. Effective: 8/9/04

- Vladimir Chernetskiy (hours increase/location change) Custodian (#991203) from Cordova Meadows Elem, 5 hours to Mitchell Middle, 6 hours daily. Effective: 8/2/04
- Elizabeth Ely (replacement) Cordova Lane Elem. from Health Assistant (#991099), 2 hours daily to SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990750), 3.9 hours daily. Effective: 8/16/04
- Susan Ishimaru (voluntary reduction) EIP Staff Support Specialist (#991000), Elementary Intervention Program, from 3.8 hours daily to 2 hours daily. Effective: 7/1/04
- Darlene Virga (hours increase/replacement) Account Clerk II (#204526), Accounts Payable Dept., from 4 hours/10 months to 8 hours/12 months. Effective: 8/9/04

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Denise Whitelaw, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201315), Sutter Middle School, reason: temporary teaching contract. Effective: 8/16/04 through 12/17/04

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Jodi Steele, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204036), reason: other employment. Effective: 8/3/04

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Shirley Mead, Food Service Worker II (#991360), Cordova High/Kitty Hawk Facility. Effective: 6/10/04. Shirley was hired as a Cafeteria Worker II for Mather Heights in October of 1988. She moved to Folsom High in 1994 and Theodore Judah Elementary in 1996. Shirley transferred back to Mather Heights in 1996, satelliting to Cordova High School. Shirley is retiring with fifteen years of service to the District.
- Carole Palm, Student Care Center Supervisor (#991287), Theodore Judah Elementary. Effective: 7/30/04. Carole was hired as an ESEA Teacher Aid in September of 1977 at Theodore Judah Elementary. She accepted a second position as Student Care Center Supervisor in September of 1986. She became full time Supervisor in September of 1987. Carole will retire from the District with twenty-seven years service to the students at Theodore Judah.
- Donna Schultz, Food Service Worker II (#204532), Folsom Middle School. Effective: 8/27/04. Donna was hired as a Food Service Worker I at Folsom Middle School in August of 1995. She was promoted to Food Service Worker II in 1998. Donna retires with nine years of service to the District.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0405-027)

- Cynthia Mulcaire, parent, addressed the board on confidential medical appointment release without parental consent. Parents in the community are still concerned with this policy. Hopes this issue can be readdressed.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0405-028)

Student Advisory Board – Heather Reeder reported on the following.

- The first SAB meeting will be next month in Folsom.

PTA/PTO Council – Joann Reinking, President of Oak Chan’s PTO, reported on the following:

- Oak Chan was painted over the summer using PTO funds.
- Thanked Don Butler’s department for their hard work.
- PTA/PTO is hosting membership drives. In the past, every teacher and staff at Oak Chan has joined and supported PTO. Trying to initiate the same membership support at Folsom Middle School.
- Please visit Oak Chan’s new and improved website. A carnival and picnic are scheduled for the fall.
- Oak Chan will sponsor a second year of “Meet the Masters,” an art/history curriculum program from which we have received positive staff feedback. Oak Chan has received a \$2,500 grant from Mervyns in support of this program. Invite elementary schools interested in learning about this program to contact us.
- Concerned about the ongoing budget reductions, janitorial services, and how to accommodate the students at Folsom High School in the coming years.

California School Employees Association – No report

Folsom Cordova Education Association – No report

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – Sherian Kutzera, President of FCAA, reported on the following:

- This year was the smoothest startup ever of the school year.
- Had a very successful inservice at Mills Middle School. Thirty-five new teachers attended.
- Also, had our Houghton Mifflin inservice, and the best part was the modeled lessons provided.
- Presented a slide show of the first day of school, which included photos of students at Folsom Middle School, Cordova Gardens, Natoma Station, Cordova Meadows, Carl Sundahl, Folsom High School, Folsom Lake High School and White Rock. The pictures from White Rock include Fay Kerekes giving every child in school a pencil box provided by Catholic Healthcare Mission West.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0405-029 – Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes, as Amended – August 5, 2004

0405-030– Business Matters

- A. Warrants and Payroll
- B. Accept Donations: To acknowledge receipt of donations to the district.
- C. Adopt Emergency Resolution No. 08-19-04-07: Removal of Unsuitable Subgrade Soil at Cordova High School
- D. Approve Change Order No. 1 – Community Education Center Modernization
- E. Accept County Treasurer’s Report – Quarter Ending June 30, 2004
- F. Approve Substitution of Subcontractor – Mills Middle School Kitchen

0405-031– Instructional Matters

No instructional matters.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0405-032 - Appoint Citizens Oversight Committee Members – Measure B and Measure C

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPOINT Mike Passof to the Measure B Citizens Oversight Committee as a business community representative, and Laurie Ruby to the Measure C Citizens Oversight Committee as a parent representative.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

0405-033 - Negative Declaration for Navigator Elementary School

President Benton opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. No one came forward. Public hearing closed at 6:37 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0405-034 - Approve Negative Declaration and Authorization to File Notice of Determination for Navigator Elementary School

Matt Washburn, Director of Facilities, Planning and Construction, presented information received from the state clearinghouse from CalTrans. CalTrans indicates the site meets adequate safety levels and may need additional soundproofing. Staff recommends approval of the negative declaration indicating that this is the only feasible site to serve students from Zinfandel Villages.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the negative declaration and authorization to file notice of determination for Navigator Elementary School on this designated site as the only suitable location for construction.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0405-035 - Approve Folsom School Facilities District School Facilities Needs Analysis (SFNA)

Matt Washburn stated that this is an update of the last needs analysis and takes into consideration increased land costs and the remediation of naturally occurring asbestos.

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the Folsom School Facilities District School Facilities Needs Analysis (SFNA)

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs. Stanley thanked staff for being on top of this issue and moving so quickly.

PUBLIC HEARING

0405-036 - Authorization of the Alternative Section 65995.5 School Facilities Fee and Provisional Approval of the Alternative Section 65995.7 School Facilities Fee – Folsom SFID

President Benton opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. No one came forward. Hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0405-037 - Adopt Resolution 08-19-04-08: Establish Alternative Section 65995.5 Fee and Alternative Section 65995.7 Fee -Folsom SFID

MYERS/BENTON MOVED TO Adopt Resolution 08-19-04-08: Establish Alternative Section 65995.5 Fee and Alternative Section 65995.7 Fee – Folsom SFID

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0405-038 - Approve Appointment of Folsom High School Team Physicians for 2004/2005

Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos brought forth names of the physicians who will serve as team doctors for the junior varsity and varsity football teams at Folsom High School.

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE Dr. Kristine Burke and Dr. Guy Guilfooy as Folsom High School Team Physicians for 2004/2005.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

0405-039 District Reorganization

Superintendent Siefkin explained that the petition for reorganization of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District is scheduled to be heard by the State Board on September 9 at 9:00 a.m. The recommendation from state staff is enclosed in this agenda. In summary, state staff has made recommendation that the petition should be terminated because state staff feels that the petition fails to meet three of the nine criterion necessary to go forward. Those three are:

- Condition 4: The reorganization of the districts will not promote racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation.
- Condition 6: The proposed reorganization will not significantly disrupt the educational programs in the proposed districts and districts affected by the proposed reorganization and will continue to promote sound education performance in those districts.
- Condition 9: The proposed reorganization will not cause a substantial negative effect on the fiscal management or fiscal status of the proposed district or any existing district affected by the proposed reorganization.

Superintendent Siefkin announced that Mr. Bob Kingsley of Pinnell & Kingsley, the District's legal counsel, was present to clarify any issues the Board might have.

Superintendent Siefkin said there was no recommendation from the Superintendent's office because of the issue of governance

Mrs. Stanley

- If a motion was made to pull the petition from the state, now that it is submitted, would that even be a possibility since it is scheduled for a hearing?

Mr. Kingsley

- That would be discretionary on part of the state board.

Mrs. Stanley

- Would the state proceed if we decide to pull the petition?

Mr. Kingsley

- The state could accept the withdrawal, or reject and continue.

Mrs. Stanley

- Can you explain the process that the state board goes through?

Mr. Kingsley

- On September 9th, the state board will take action on recommendation of their staff to either disapprove or approve the petition. They, in fact through Attachment 9, could approve the reorganization even though staff rejects it.

Mrs. Stanley

- Is there a public hearing process?

Mr. Kingsley

- Yes, much as you have done this evening. They will open a public hearing, take comments, close the hearing, and arrive at a decision.

Mrs. Stanley

- Do they have to have a certain period of time or certain number of community hearings?

Mr. Kingsley

- No, that process was covered by the county board.

Mrs. Stanley

- Since the state board would have discretion to go either way, could we present a resolution to the effect that we now have a board that isn't in favor of the reorganization?

Mr. Kingsley

- If your board were to direct that the petition be withdrawn, the state board would probably act upon and accept withdrawal. They are not compelled, however.

Curt Haven, Board of Directors, Cordova Recreation and Park District

- As an elected official, asked the Board to make a decision that may not be popular, but do it because it's best for the school district.
- Asked to pull the petition and send a clear message that this district does not want this. Reorganization is a bad decision for this district.

Robert McGarvey, Rancho Cordova City Council Member

- Chaired the committee for 17 years to get Rancho Cordova on the ballot to become a city.
- Has studied this reorganization. It is not a good idea due to money alone; the kids would lose again. Maybe in the future, but now is not the time. There have been budget cuts for four years in a row.
- If the reorganization were to pass, according to state figures, it would mean \$3 million more in cuts for Folsom and \$3.5 million more for Rancho Cordova. Not sure where we'll find that money.
- Asked Board to pull the reorganization petition. Please think about kids and what's best for them.

Mrs. Myers

- This analysis by the state is a little different from the last time – especially criterion 5. The last time the state board overruled the staff report and put the matter on the ballot. I assumed that it was primarily because of the issue of local control. Local control was a very important motivation in the City of Folsom. The importance to Rancho is one of community identity.
- Concerned about this report because unlike the earlier one in Criterion 5, there was no acknowledgment of failure to meet the criterion of racial diversity. Suddenly in this staff report there is a very weak rationale that says that reorganization would promote racial diversity. I take exception to that. Folsom is now over 20% diverse and Rancho Cordova is 43%. The staff report acknowledges that the statutes don't provide a precise quantitative definition of segregation unless it's more than 50%. It is a weak rationale that fails to take into account future growth in Rancho Cordova.

- Number 6, impact on educational programs, is a more clear rationale. Given the difficulties of budget cuts, feels that is a case that is more readily made, as is number 9 on the fiscal impact.
- Believes future growth will change the dynamics in both number 6 and number 9. The fiscal viability may alter in the future and we will be taking up this matter again, particularly if there is a tremendous amount of growth.
- Prefers not to pull the petition. Feels it is incumbent upon us to let the state board go through with the process. A previous board worked for 18 months to come up with this petition in response to the desires of one community that we are not hearing from tonight. A second consideration is that the state has already put in a considerable amount of time on it and it is better to let it die a natural death than make a dramatic appeal to pull it.
- Prepared to make a motion to ask the state board to put the matter over to the future.

Mr. Short

- Has been thinking about this for the last couple of years and has mixed emotions. This is a contentious issue between both communities that has been going on for over a decade. The communities voted it down, the county board said no, the state board recommends no. Unions, staff, and teachers have had this held over their heads every year. It degrades morale and impacts children. The only support I see for it is the previous board.
- We need to get rid of it. The unity and purpose for this board, and this community and staff is primary. We have to exercise local control, and to do that the present board needs to make a decision now.

Mrs. Stanley

- Disagrees with staff report and recommendations. Doesn't understand how the segregation issue makes sense. How does it segregate when kids are kept in their own neighborhood schools?
- In educational programs – a couple of things that don't hold up include the fact they say we only have one high school in each half of the district. They fail to consider that new high schools are being built. The main reason we have movement between high schools now would be suspended expulsions.
- Continuation schools are in both sides of the district. Doesn't want to refute on a case by case basis.
- If the petition goes to the state with recommendation the way it is without strong district support, it's going to have the finality of the state board decision behind it. We won't have finality because of the likelihood of it coming back.

Mr. Shaw

- Felt it necessary for this Board to discuss this before it goes to the state.
- Agrees on the three areas that they found do not meet required criteria – racial segregation and education impacts, but was surprised on the finding of impact on fiscal management. Didn't know it would cost \$3.2 million in Rancho and \$3 million in Folsom. Would be difficult to find \$6.2 million to cut. We face two more years of cuts as an intact district. Rancho would be totally fiscally bankrupt by 2007. The state would take over.
- Wants to focus on student issues. If this district were to split, the early/late model would have to be done away with. That model is very successful in this district. A Folsom school district would lose a large portion of GATE funding. Would also lose special education units in Folsom. Mather Youth Academy would be lost. Folsom would lose ESL and Title 1 funding. Rancho would also take losses. District as a whole would lose staff development, including lead teachers.

- Is there a need to split a district that is doing so well? All data show we are doing better every year. Who is asking for this split? Hasn't heard the public ask for a split. Is this good for students?
- Recommends we send a clear message to the state board – clearly relate what our desires are.

Heather Reeder

- Hasn't had much background information, but doesn't know why the district wants to split. Doesn't see how it would help. Feels we are doing well as a district right now. Doesn't see a need for it.

President Benton

- We've been debating this for over a decade all for the sake of a name – Folsom and Rancho Cordova. How is this going to help kids? Board of trustees, Sacramento County Board of Education, voters, another Board of Trustees, Sacramento County Board of Education, and now a second generation of state board has weighed the merits of reorganization.
- Keep asking how will this benefit kids?
- We have cut \$12 million over the last several years. We've reduced administration costs, operational costs, taken money from every department, shaved programs and taken things from classrooms. The thought of cutting \$3, 5, 6 million in the next couple of years due to state budget is frightening. The idea of cutting because of something we caused is criminal. Why change something that is doing so well? I am clear that reorganization has never been a good idea. There are nine criteria we had to pass. How about one - how can we educate better than we're doing today?
- Motioned to have the Superintendent direct Mr. Kingsley to tell the State Board of Education that we want our petition back and to terminate the process.

Mrs. Stanley

- People can analyze this situation differently - a split district can be good for kids. How is it any worse to split the district? Thinks governance structure and local governance control is important. Keeps governing body more in tune with communities that they serve.
- Doesn't think huge is any better. There is a potential for adding 15,000 more students. Is this going to make this district any better? There is a risk that it will be a detriment. What makes FCUSD a good district is that we haven't grown to a size we can't handle.
- People in the community wanted reorganization brought to a vote. Doesn't think that a motion that will pass tonight will bring finality.

Mrs. Myers

- Thinks that should the motion pass, it will have the opposite effect. It will wake up people who have been complacently waiting for state board to take care of the matter. There is a real desire on the part of the grassroots in Folsom for their own school district just as there is a real desire from a substantial number of people in Rancho Cordova for their community identity. This issue will not go away.
- It is difficult to argue with the fiscal considerations, but feels this will change in the future.
- Won't be supporting the motion because there is a way to handle the matter – let the petition go to the state level and let it die a natural death there. Cannot conceive the state board will overturn their staff. Would rather it go away quietly.

Superintendent Siefkin

- Reminded that he doesn't like being placed in a box where there are no options. Mr. Kingsley believes that while the state board would listen to a letter at a late hour from us, they still might retain jurisdiction.
- Assuming the state board takes action to terminate the petition and they say we will retain jurisdiction, are there any considerations as part of this motion or follow up direction that if it is too late in the process, additional steps should be taken?
- Doesn't want there to be finality that takes all choices out of this Board's hands. Asking for options so that we don't bring closure one way or the other in the event the state level wants to retain jurisdiction.

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE motion to rescind petition.
MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES, 2 NOES (MYERS/STANLEY)

President Benton

- Motioned to tell the state board that we want our petition back and we are done, and then if they decide to pursue anyway, our message is that we are adamantly opposed and agree with their staff recommendations.

Mrs. Myers

- Thinks you're sending a mixed message if you say "adamantly opposed". It doesn't characterize this issue properly when two people are not adamantly opposed. Preference would be to put the issue in limbo until some future date when dynamics might change.

Mr. Short

- Message should be that we do not support it.

Mrs. Stanley

- "Adamantly opposed" doesn't fly when you have two members opposed.

President Benton

- Withdrew the motion.
- Asked Mr. Kingsley if it is possible that in addition to the message of withdrawing the petition, can we send a message, if they decide to go on anyway, stating that we agree with their staff recommendations that three criteria can't be met?

Mr. Kingsley

- Yes. Understand you are asking for two separate requests. Your first motion is to take formal action to withdraw. Then, if the state board does not permit the withdrawal, the essence of your second motion is that I am to put material before the state board to advise that your board agrees with the state department of education's recommendation that the petition be disapproved.

Mrs. Myers

- Does not agree with the staff analysis on number 5 – the racial and ethnic criteria. The other two are acceptable to me.

President Benton

- Need to send a basic message that we agree with what their staff recommends.

Mrs. Stanley

- Could state simply that we agree with staff recommendation as opposed to their analysis that lead them to the recommendation to reject.

BENTON/SHAW MOVED to direct Mr. Kingsley to let the State Board of Education know that the FCUSD Board of Trustees agrees with the CDE staff recommendations.

MOTION CARRIED 3 AYES 2 NOES (MYERS/STANLEY)

DISCUSSION

0405-040 - 2004 Summer School Report

Superintendent Siefkin introduced Assistant Superintendents Leslie Faust and Janie DeArcos.

Assistant Superintendents Leslie Faust and Janie DeArcos reviewed the 2004 Summer School Report.

Mr. Shaw

- To what factors do we attribute less enrollment this year?

Mrs. DeArcos

- Not sure, but could be the compressed summer, physical education classes not being offered, and possibly the students' knowledge that if they fail the course during the school year they are required to attend summer school to go on to the next grade.

Mrs. Stanley

- Do we know how many students who required remediation before summer school didn't need it after?

Mrs. DeArcos

- Don't have all the numbers, but most of middle school students did complete contracts. Eighth graders who want to promote to 9th have to have a contract. Most were fulfilled. Retention reports are not back yet.
- The majority of high school kids were successful.

Mrs. Faust

- The retention report will be ready next month.

0405-041 - Preliminary District STAR Test Data, 2004

Bob Mange, Director of Staff Development, Testing and Assessment, presented preliminary district STAR test data.

Mrs. Myers

- Almost too good to be true. When will it come crashing down?

Mr. Mange

- It is statistically impossible for every student to become proficient in every grade level, but it's the right goal to have. We are going to find in most every school in every district in California a program improvement school by the year 2014 because they continue to ratchet up the percent proficient to a point that they want 100% by 2014. If we keep that in mind, and we keep our public aware, I think things will change before we get to that point, and people will continue to look at the growth as we continue to grow, not that we can reach perfection.

Mrs. Myers

- What explains this significant increase in the high school scores?

Mr. Mange

- We have spent time talking with secondary teachers about the importance of the test and making it relevant to kids. The state sometimes comes up with great ideas such as this year for 11th graders, Language Arts and Algebra 2 scores are being checked by our California college systems. This can eliminate students from taking “bonehead” English or Math when registering for college. We’ve made it a little more important for kids.

Mr. Shaw

- Mathematically speaking, we are getting into the part of the curve that’s going to be tough. We all need to realize it will level off. Expecting these kinds of gains every year is unrealistic.
- Good job.

Mrs. Stanley

- Important to note that one of the reasons we are where we are is because we’ve raised the bar in our district. We have maintained high expectations. We don’t want to give up and say at some point it’s all going to fall apart. 100% is a great goal.
- This is a time to celebrate. These are continually good scores. We seem to have the right mix of everything going in the district. Kudos to Rebecca Sloan for the Team 650 program, Team 2004, etc.

Bob Mange

- High school exit exam results are in for last year’s 10th graders. In English/Language Arts, we had 81% passage, and in Math we had 80% passage district wide. Statewide average is up to about 75%.

REPORTS

0405-042 - Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Siefkin reported on the following:

- Very smooth opening to school year. It was very well done and didn’t happen by mistake. It started last spring. Great deal of appreciation goes to classroom staff, classified support staff, custodians, maintenance department, and those involved in readying our schools while still involved in modernization. Truly a good beginning.
- Apologize to anyone who was inconvenienced by change in location of tonight’s meeting. Because Mills Middle School’s modernization is still in progress, we took the liberty of meeting here. The next meeting on September 2nd will also be here. Hope to be back at the Mills site by the September 16th meeting.
- Received a letter earlier this week from Sacramento County Superintendent Dave Gordon letting us know that based on your support and adopted budget, have received approval with notification that we will be projecting a \$3.6 million fund balance reduction over the year. They are giving us a full ahead as far as their support.

- Annually, there is a “Make a Difference Day” where you can go into a local Rancho Cordova vendor and make a nomination for a school. Someone who is a resident in the district nominated Peter J. Shields at Gold River Floor and Carpet. Peter J. Shields was the winner and will receive new flooring, new paint, and/or a monetary donation for computer supplies of \$1000.
- We have three candidates for school board – Teresa Stanley, Roger Benton, and Mary McCormack. We will have an election in November.

- B. Correspondence to the Board
- C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0405-043 - Board Business

A. Board Communication

B. Pending Board Requests

Heather Reeder

- Tonight went well.
- Congratulations to Mr. Knight, new Vice Principal at Mills.
- Looking forward to coming to these meetings.

Ed Short

- General thanks to all retirees mentioned tonight. Should always honor people who serve.
- Congratulated David Knight.
- Welcomed Heather to board.
- Scores are amazing. Keep up the good work.

Sara Myers

- Extremely pleased with success in persuading Mr. Siefkin to extend his stay.
- Looking forward to working with Ms. Reeder.
- Congratulations to retirees – 42 years combined service.
- Asked staff to look into a program she has heard about called the “Used Oil Program” which might help to solve our fuel problems.
- Thank you to Renae Radovich – pleased to have you. Nice to see Carla here tonight.
- Test scores should go way up since cloud of reorganization is gone.

Teresa Stanley

- Welcomed Heather and congratulated Mr. Knight and Ms. Radovich.
- Thanked Mr. Abdo and Mrs. Brydon for being here. Important to have them here and involved.
- Passed along sample board policy to President Benton about student and family privacy rights. No Child Left Behind has amended the law in this area with respect to districts who receive certain funds.
- Glad to hear summer school and the first day of school went so well.

- Mr. Benton had announced that we turned in candidacy papers. I know that I said I wouldn't run again, but when no one had filed toward the end of the deadline, it sent the message that people have confidence in what we've been doing so far. With this confidence, we could continue to serve the district well for another term. Look forward to reelection in November along with Mr. Benton.
- Happy birthday to daughter Meredith.

Richard Shaw

- Welcomed Heather and David Knight. David is great candidate for this job. He knows the culture at Mills and is very effective in dealing with all kinds of different students.
- Hardest thing to do as principal is get ready for next year. Amazing that it all comes together. Great that is was so smooth.
- Congratulations to Bob Mange and staff. Great progress report.
- Happy to have Renae on board.
- Also happy to know that Teresa and Roger are running. I endorse both of them. Wish them best of luck.

Roger Benton

- There was one sentence in the letter from David Gordon regarding the budget that caught my eye: "I commend you and your staff for working diligently to reduce your budget while minimizing programs and service cuts to your students." Other people recognize that we want (cuts) to stay as far as way from the classroom as possible.
- White Rock and Cordova Villa Elementary Schools were selected by News 10 to receive school supplies. Supplies were from the Tools for Schools program sponsored by Office Depot and California Highway Patrol.
- Welcomed Ms. Reeder. Good to have you on board and look forward to your input and wisdom. Thanked Mrs. Reeder for allowing us to borrow her daughter for awhile.
- Barbara Brydon gave a nice speech at new teacher orientation.
- Thanked CSEA union president, Mr. Dyarl Abdo, for showing me how to work a daytime flashlight – an old school bus mirror.
- Pleased about schools opening so smoothly. Excited about what we do. Very proud of our Folsom Cordova family.

President Benton announced at 8:38 p.m. that the board would be recessing to Executive Closed Session.

Reconvened to Open Session at 9:27 p.m.

President Benton stated no action was taken on the items discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

INFORMATION

0405-044 - Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0405-045 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2004 at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for August 19, 2004:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:15 p.m.
Recessed to Closed Session	8:38 p.m.
Reconvened to Open Session	9:27 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	9:28 p.m.

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

Teresa A. Stanley, Clerk of the Board