

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

November 4, 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

November 4, 2004

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

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. Bob Jarman, Folsom High School teacher, 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 personnel.

Mr. Rickabaugh noted the retirement of Nancy Andreotti, teacher at Folsom Middle School. Ms. Andreotti has served 30 years and 4 months with the district.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Barbara Brydon, Teacher, Folsom High School. From: 100% Teacher; To: 40% Teacher/60% FCEA. Effective: 10/18/04.
- Cindy Rosefield, Teacher (On Leave of Absence); From: 100% Folsom Hills Elementary School; To: 22% IASA Title 1 Teacher, Peter J. Shields Elementary School. Effective: 09/13/04 through 12/17/04.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Joni Pendergraft, Teacher, Natoma Station Elementary School, Medical. Effective: 04/12/05 through 06/03/05.
- Cindy Rosefield (*rescinded*), Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School, Parental. From: 100%; To: 78%. Effective: 09/13/04.

- Jenna Schuette, Teacher (50% Time), Mills Middle School, Parental. Effective: 10/05/04 through 11/29/04.
- Joseph Shimmin, Military Instructor, Mather Youth Academy, Military. Effective: 11/01/04 through 02/27/05.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

The following employee has been hired with *Temporary* status for the 2004/2005 school year:

- Patrick Mahoney, Teacher (#990205), Natoma Station Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization Physical Education/CLAD Credential; BA + 38; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 10/11/04.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Nancy Andreotti, Teacher, Folsom Middle School. Nancy was hired on September 1, 1974, to teach Physical Education at Cordova High School. She transferred to Folsom Junior High School at the beginning of the 1988/1989 school year. Nancy retires from this position on December 17, 2004. She has been employed 30 years 4 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT 2004/2005

- Robert Fillman, Director Alternative Education/Principal Adult Education (50% Time)
- Ronald Lingren, Vice Principal Mather Youth Academy (50% Time)
- Jon Maloney, Department Chair District Music/Elementary Prep (50% Time)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton announced the results of the school board election and introduced Mary McCormick, new Trustee, and Teresa Stanley, who will be serving her third term. Congratulations.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Language Arts/EETT

Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos introduced Christine Anderson and Pam Oien, Lead Teachers. Christine talked about the Holt Adoption - where we've been and where we're going. The program began in the 2003/04 school year and has been very successful so far. District-wide STAR test results have increased for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Thanks were given to Janie DeArcos, Bob Mange, Leslie Faust, the implementation coaches and teachers, students, and the Board.

Pam Oien talked about the Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) Grant. Elk Grove and FCUSD partnered in the grant. The purpose of the grant is to augment language arts instruction with electronic curriculum materials. Teachers report a significant increase in both skill levels and use of technology.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Beginning Teacher Support & Assessment (BTSA)

Mark Rickabaugh introduced Lorie Garrett, BTSA Coordinator, to explain how teachers are equipped with the skills to provide instruction.

Lorie Garrett

FCUSD is part of the Sacramento County BTSA Project along with 15 other districts, and was part of the original five-district pilot program in 1992. Began with teacher support only and is now involved in credentialing.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0405-109)

No one came forward.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0405-110)

Student Advisory Board – Heather Reeder, Student Board Member,

- The second SAB meeting was held at Folsom Middle School. Reported on activities at the secondary schools. Some concerns with trash on campuses.

PTA/PTO Council – No report

California School Employees Association – No report

Folsom Cordova Education Association –

- Barbara Brydon, president of FCEA, commended the Board on taking the asbestos issue so seriously.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Sherian Kutzera

- Distributed photos taken at schools during Red Ribbon Week and explained activities at the sites.
- Talked to Mr. Benton and expressed the sadness we all feel to be losing him. He is incredible – no one can be like Roger. So focused on kids. Administrators asked her to express their love for him.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of the following two items: 0405-112 B - this item has been tabled for a later meeting, and 0405-113 A, held for clarification.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

STANLEY/BENTON moved to approve 0405-113 A

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0405-111 – Administrative Matters

A. Regular Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2004

B. Adopt Resolution No. 11-04-04-19: Resolution to Pay Absent Board Member

0405-112– Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Annual Joint Use Operational Agreement with the City of Folsom for Fiscal Year 2004-05
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 11-04-04-16 – Authorizing the Issuance of Folsom Cordova Unified School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 Election of 2002 General Obligation Bonds, Series B
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 11-04-04-17 – Authorizing the Issuance of Folsom Cordova Unified School Facilities Improvement District No. 2 Election of 2002 General Obligation Bonds Series B
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 11-04-04-18 – Resolution of Intent to Grant an Easement at Mather Heights Elementary School
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 11-04-04-20 – Approve 2004-05 Child Development Contract
- G. Approve Revised Academic Performance Index (API) Expenditures – Folsom Middle School
- H. Approve Revised 2003-04 and 2004-05 Certificated Salary Schedules
- I. Approve Change Order No. 1 – Cordova High School Modernization 2004
- J. Approve Change Order No. 3 – Community Education Center Modernization
- K. Approve Notice of Completion – Community Education Center Modernization

0405-113 – Instructional Matters

- A. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic Agencies for the 2004-2005 School Year and Approve Nonpublic Agency Services for Specific Students
- B. Approve Application for Funding, English Language Acquisition Program (ELAP) for 2004-05

Ms. Stanley

- Could only see one service agreement for approval. Asked for clarification from Jan Lucas. Also asked about funding for nonpublic schools.

Jan Lucas

- At least once in the year you'll see the master contracts. When new contracts are issued, they will be provided. A contract with Capital Autism Services is presented for approval tonight.

PUBLIC HEARING

0405-114 – Mitigated Negative Declaration for Lago Vista High School

President Benton opened the hearing at 7:34 p.m. No one came forward.

Hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0405-115 – Approve Mitigated Negative Declaration and Authorization to File Notice of Determination for Lago Vista High School

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO Approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Authorization to File Notice of Determination for Lago Vista High School.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0405-116 – 2004 Growth API Report

Superintendent Siefkin introduced Director of Testing and Assessment Bob Mange.

Mr. Mange

- Discussed highlights of FCUSD API test results. All of our district-wide subgroups have grown. Cordova Meadows subgroups all scored over 800. Another API for 2004 will be out in December. This will be our base. What we have now is our growth. The State is reducing testing. The CAT6 will be given to only 3rd and 7th grade students this year.

Mr. Short

Do we have a reason for the schools with negative numbers?

- There are different challenges at different schools. Intervention programs are taking place in the district to address the issue of negative numbers. A growth scale of 630 and up represents an average performing school. Look at scores and see very few that are below 630.
- White Rock and Cordova Villa are two of our most challenging schools with high socio-economically disadvantaged levels and very high mobility rates. Mather Heights has the highest mobility rate of all the schools in our district.
- Demographics at Theodore Judah have changed considerably. It was an overflow school while building Sandra Gallardo.
- Reclassified ELL students taking the STAR for the first time also contribute to the lower scores.

Ms. Stanley

- Statewide a lot of schools are doing exceptionally well – encouraged more of our schools to apply to become a California Distinguished School.

Ms. Myers

- Noticed that several Folsom schools don't have a column for socio-economic disadvantaged – wondered what constitutes that designation.

Mr. Mange

- The state determines the socio-economic disadvantaged category by a combination of free and reduced lunch as well as the educational level of the parent. If the school does not have that subgroup, it means there are not 50 students or 15% of the student body in this category.

Mr. Shaw

- Is proud to see test scores at Mills. Especially since 300 of their 1100 students are LEP.
- The Board does know that Judah's scores relate to shifting demographics. Would like that conveyed to Principal Judy Cutright and staff.
- Is concerned about science as a testable subject. Wondered if professional development (like what's being done in English/language arts) is aimed at that program.

Mr. Mange

- Science has been slighted in the past, but students must be proficient in English/language arts to be successful in other classes.

0405-117 – Proposed Dates, Times, and Places of Regular Board Meetings for January 2005 through December 2005

Board members will review and take action in December to set 2005 dates.

0405-118 - Board of Education 2004-05 Proposed Contract Openers to the California School Employees Association and announcement of Public Hearing scheduled for the November 18, 2004 Regular Board Meeting

Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services/EER Mindi Nunes reviewed the proposed items for negotiations with CSEA:

- Article IX - Other Terms and Conditions of Employment
 - Volunteers
 - Lateral Transfer
- Article XI – Hours of Employment
 - Hours of Employment – Special Education Instructional Assistants

0405-119 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Siefkin reported.

- Congratulated schools on outstanding test scores and attendance rates for first two months. Actual attendance in excess of 96.5 percent. Budget is based on attendance.
- On the reverse side of that good news is an alarming trend – a noticed decline in enrollment. Approximately 200 students below anticipated number when Trustees were asked to approve budget for the year. Not alarmed at this time, but staff will provide first interim report in December. Will need to take a look at what has caused this shift.
- Congratulations to Ms. McCormick and Ms. Stanley.
- Next week he and Ms. Bettencourt will be in New York selling school bonds. Mark Rickabaugh will act on his behalf.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0405-120 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Heather Reeder

- Presentation on Holt and EETT was interesting – wishes it had been around when she was in middle school.

Ed Short

- Recognized Ms. Andreotti for years of service to kids.
- LA/EETT presentation was great. Very impressed with the program.
- BTSA and the credentialing program are great.
- Professional development is in direct proportion to student success.

Sara Myers

- What a pleasure it's been serving with Mr. Benton. He has been the bulwark of our board and our comedy relief at times. Will miss his influence on our board.
- Congratulations to Ms. Stanley and Ms. McCormick.
- Would like staff report back on status of school finance – funds that state owes us – prospects of Proposition 98, etc.
- Shocked about attendance and revenue loss.
- We've established some programs that are producing real results. Don't want to go backward – want to go forward.
- Homework hotline is great idea.

- Thanks to Nancy Andreotti for 30 years of service.
- Would like to hear what's going on with Spanish immersion program and possibility for it.

Richard Shaw

- Congratulations to Ms. McCormick and Ms. Stanley for their victories.
- Thanks to Roger for eight years of service. Has known him as board member and parent. A great guy.
- Wanted to talk about three of his pet projects.
 - Sees a value in placing an IB program at Cordova High School.
 - Would like to have Board consider trustee areas for Board elections.
 - Would like to see us become a digital school board and become paperless. Digital school board could pay for itself in savings of paper and people hours.
- Attended SAB meeting – great to listen to kids.
- Before election, received letter from Mayor Miklos promising that developers would fund schools if Folsom expanded south of 50. Would like to enter letter in record of tonight's meeting as proof that promise was made before election.

Teresa Stanley

- Folsom City Council did pass the resolution as requested by the district.
- Commended Superintendent Siefkin on his presentation to the Folsom Chamber of Commerce.
- Agrees with Mr. Shaw on paperless board meetings – CSBA has a new system they're willing to export to districts.
- Want to join in congratulations for Ms. McCormick.
- Expressed her heartfelt appreciation for Mr. Benton and what he has meant to the Board and kids. His leaving will be a major loss to district and a personal major loss to her.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

INFORMATION

0405-121 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0405-122 - Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2004 at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for November 4, 2004:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:05 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:25 p.m.

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

Teresa A. Stanley, Clerk of the Board