

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

October 20, 2005

MINUTES

Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Mills Middle School
Cafetorium
10439 Coloma Road
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Richard Shaw, President
Teresa A. Stanley, Vice President
Edward Short, Clerk
Sara Myers, Member
Mary McCormick, Member
Maria Huseinbhai, Student Member

October 20, 2005

Board members present: Richard Shaw, Teresa Stanley, Edward Short, Sara Myers, and Student Member Maria Huseinbhai

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in the Library)

President Shaw announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in the Library)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:02 p.m. President Shaw called the meeting to order. Mitchell Middle School Student Body Vice President Reyna Juarez led the flag salute.

REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

MYERS/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Shaw absent)

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Jill Thomas, Teacher, Cordova Gardens Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence (50% contract). Effective: 10/07/05 through 06/02/06.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Brandon Brockway, Teacher, Folsom High School. Brandon was hired on August 30, 2005 and has been employed 1 month with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 09/30/05.
- Bridgette Flores, Special Education Teacher, Mather Youth Academy. Bridgette was hired on August 9, 2005 and has been employed 2 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 09/30/05.

- Barbara Gutierrez (*revision*), Special Education Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School; From: 08/10/05; To: 08/11/05.
- Kerri Kaye (*revision*), School Nurse, Health Services; From: 09/10/05; To: 09/30/05.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

The following employees have been *hired* with Temporary status for the 2005/2006 school year:

- Patricia Folsom, Title 1 Teacher (#206079), White Rock Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/CLAD Credential; BA + 65; Class 4, Step 1. Effective: 10/03/05.
- Cecilia Hanly, Special Education Teacher (#206052), Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/SDAIE/Clear Education Specialist Learning Handicapped Credentials; BA + 101/MA; Class 5, Step 10. Effective: 08/15/05.
- Vera Manzyuk, School Nurse (#992017, #992023), Health Services, Preliminary Health Services School Nurse Credential; BS + 18; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 10/13/05.
- Barbara Martin, School Nurse (#201425), Preliminary Health Services School Nurse Credential; BA + 34/MHS Credential; Class 3, Step 10. Effective: 09/20/05.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Janet Davis, Special Education; From: 50% Resource Specialist Mather Heights Elementary School/50% Resource Specialist Riverview Elementary School; To: 50% Resource Specialist Mather Heights Elementary School/50% Program Specialist Special Education. Effective: 09/26/05.
- Andre Leineke, Teacher, Mitchell Middle School; From: 60% Fall Semester Only; To: 80% Fall Semester Only. Effective: 09/26/05.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Shaw absent)

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Anita Avery (replacement) STARS Team Leader (#203123), Mills Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/22/05
- Rachel Bland (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#205128), Mather Heights Elem., 5.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/26/05
- Stevi Cook (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#991426), Sutter Middle, 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 10/10/05
- Amanda Delsoldato (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#203181), Blanche Sprentz Elem., 2.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 10/10/05
- Sue Ann Dumpel (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#206560), Folsom High, 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 10/10/05
- Marisol Frausto (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206583), Folsom Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/5/05
- Emily Graham (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204037), Williamson Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/26/05
- Barbara Graves (new position/temporary) Student Care Center Assistant (#206078), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., 2.5 hours daily, Range CL08/Step C. Effective: 10/1/05 through 6/2/05
- Sam Humphrey (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201397), Folsom Middle, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step C. Effective: 10/4/05
- Cathalean Jones (replacement) Regular Bus Driver (#206606), Transportation Dept., 4.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step B. Effective: 10/6/05

- Ron Lingren (new position) STRS Counselor (#206043), STRS Office, 55 days/10.25 months, Range MG02/Step A. Effective: 10/11/05
- Stacey MacDonald (new position/temporary) Student Care Center Assistant (#206074), Carl Sundahl Elem., 3.5 hours daily, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 10/1/05 through 6/2/06
- Mark Meyer (replacement) Custodian (#991169), Williamson Elem., 5.5 hours daily/12 months, Range CL 14/Step A. Effective: 9/28/05
- Stacy Michelini (replacement/second position) SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990751), Mitchell Middle, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 10/5/05
- Shelley Notareus (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206584), Folsom Middle, 3.9 hours Daily/9/5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/26/05
- Tina Penrose (replacement) Library Clerk (#205074, #991058) Cordova Gardens Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 9/26/05
- Cathy Small (replacement/temporary) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203126), 5.5 hours daily, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 10/17/05 through 6/1/06
- Anita Smedley-Brown (replacement) Health Assistant (#203301), Cordova High, 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/12/05
- Jennifer Trinh (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#203168), Sutter Middle, 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 9/26/05
- Nicole Watanabe (replacement) STARS Team Leader (#204093), Williamson Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 10/4/05

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Oleg Arnaut (replacement) Transportation Dept. from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#203073), 8 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/05
- Marlys Benoit (replacement) Theodore Judah Elem., Food Service Worker I (#991400), from 2 hours daily to 3 hours daily. Effective: 10/10/05
- Dana Brown (hours decrease) Carl Sundahl Elem., Student Care Center Associate Supervisor (#991294), from 3 hours daily to 2.5 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/05
- Virginia Brown (replacement) from Financial Accountant (#202669), Fiscal Services, Range CO14/Step E to Supervisor of Purchasing/Accounts Payable (#200338), Range MG19/Step C. Effective: 10/1/05
- Chen Chi-Hsun (new position) from Student Care Center Assistant, P. J. Shields, 2.5 hours daily, Range CL08/Step B to Student Care Center Associate Teacher (#206080), Roving, 3.5 hours daily, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 11/1/05
- Kamo Danielyan (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#205597), 8 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/05
- Lesley Feldman-Thompson (replacement) Mills Middle, from Food Service Worker I, 6 hours daily/9.5 months Range CL05/Step E to Child Nutrition Technician (#9913301), 8 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL20/Step A. Effective: 9/19/05
- Stacy Fox (replacement) Theodore Judah Elem., Food Service Worker I (#991351) from 2 hours daily to 3 hours daily. Effective: 9/26/05
- Joseph Mihalievic (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#991447), 5.5 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/05
- Patricia Murphy (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#991458), 6.75 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/05
- Terri Neal (hours decrease) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201449), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., From 6 hours daily to 5.5 hours daily. Effective: 8/15/05
- Jane Nielson (reclassification) Folsom High, from Career Center Clerk, 10 months to Clerk Typist III, 10.5 months. Effective: 7/1/05

- Amarpreet Singh (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#991474), 6.25 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/05
- Grupal Singh (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#991473), 7.25 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/05
- Harry Williams (reclassification) Community Education Center, from Custodian, Range CL14 to Building & Grounds Utilityworker (#206607), Range CL18. Effective: 7/1/05

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Cynthia Rodrigue, Preschool Teacher (#990982), Riverview Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 10/4/05 through 6/7/06 (revised dates)

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Dyarl Abdo, Grounds Facilitator (#990258 - 5% stipend), Maintenance Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 10/11/05
- Mike McClenahan, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202643), Youth Opportunity Program, reason: medical. Effective: 10/10/05
- Vanessa Sosa, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#200217), Mather Heights Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 10/14/05
- Linda Vest, Student Care Center Assistant (#991296), Williamson Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 9/29/05

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Shaw asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mitchell Middle School Accelerated Reader Program – DeAnn Kamilos and Andy Smith

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos to introduce Mitchell Middle School Principal DeAnn Kamilos.

Ms. Kamilos spoke briefly about Accelerated Reader and introduced Vice Principal Andy Smith who oversees the program at Mitchell. She said their motto is “Readers are Leaders.” Mr. Smith explained that Accelerated Reader started at Mitchell six and a half years ago under the guidance of Richard Shaw and with the help of Chris Pierman, library media assistant. Reading committee members Ellen Burton, Brighton Montenegro, Colleen Lucas, and Jerry Madayag were introduced.

The objectives of the program are to improve reading comprehension skills and foster a love of reading. After taking the STAR assessment in the fall, students are given a reading zone (comfort zone) and read books rated within their zone. This year, through SIP funding, \$3000 is available to purchase books for the program.

Eighth grade students Dana Cox, Jessica Paz, Reyna Juarez, and Ellie Callen, and seventh grade students Austin Kurz and Jihan Sherif addressed the board. Each talked about how Accelerated Reader has helped them and inspired them to read. They also spoke of the incentives that are offered for students who take advantage of the program.

Trustees thanked all who participated and expressed their appreciation for all the work by students and staff.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

0506-090 Public Participation

Cindy Evans, representing the District Counselors

- Distributed a pamphlet on the California Coalition for Youth which has started a youth teen crisis line for students and parents.
- Recapped activities at the district middle schools including conferences for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with multiple F's on their progress reports; teachers and students being trained in the Safe School Ambassadors program; peer tutoring; and activities planned for Red Ribbon week, next week. Trustees were invited to attend a box luncheon at Folsom Middle School on Wednesday between 12:10 and 1:30 p.m.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0506-091)

Student Advisory Board – Maria Huseinbhai, Student Board Member, reported on the following:

- The second SAB meeting of the year was held last week. Students prioritized their list of concerns and turned them in to Mr. Jarman who will tally the input. Results will be discussed at the next meeting.

PTA/PTO Council – Laura Ruby, President:

- No report

California School Employees Association – Pat Wilhoyte:

- No report

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon:

- No report

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Judy Cutright:

- Commented that representatives from the other organizations might not be in attendance because they are phone-banking for the upcoming special election.
- Reported on activities around the District including preparations for Red Ribbon Week, Harvest Festivals planned, \$3200.00 earned by students of Cordova High School in their American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, and 40 White Rock students taking part in CSUS's "Ticket to College" program.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

MYERS/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE consent items with the exception of 0506-094E.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0506-092 Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2005

0506-093 Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification
- C. Approve Budget Revisions – General Fund and Other Funds

- D. Adopt Resolution No. 10-20-05-19: Resolution to Authorize Employees to Sign Purchase Orders for Legally Authorized Expenses
- E. Approve Change Order No. 11: Cordova High School Modernization 2004/05
- F. Approve Notice of Completion: Cordova High School Modernization 2004-05
- G. Approve Notice of Completion: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - White Rock Elementary School Relocatable Computer Lab and Office
- H. Approve Notice of Completion: Lamon Construction Company, Site Work and Utility Infrastructure for the Relocatable Buildings at Community Education Center and White Rock Elementary School
- I. Adopt Resolution No. 10-20-05-18: Authorization to Apply for the 2005-06 Tire-Derived Product Grant for Vista del Lago High School Track and/or Field

0506-094 Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0506-5, 0506-9, 0506-10, 0506-11, and 0506-12

0506-5

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or any accredited educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; upon reinstatement into the district, student must attend the Mather Youth Academy (as a S.A.R.B. placement) and complete at least two successful semesters in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

0506-9

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one trimester at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; upon reinstatement into the District, student may attend any middle school program with the exception of Mills Middle School; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

0506-10

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

0506-11

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one trimester at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; upon reinstatement into the District, student may attend either Mitchell Middle School or Mills Middle School; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

0506-12

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Mitchell Middle School through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; individual student counseling to address family matters (loss/grieving).

- B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- C. Approve Nonpublic Agencies and Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students

- D. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Jazz Bands and Jazz Choirs to Reno Jazz Festival in Reno, Nevada
- E. See below.
- F. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Orchestra Students to the Mount Hood Orchestra Festival in Gresham, Oregon
- G. This number not used.
- H. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Cheerleading Students to the National High School Cheerleading Championships in Orlando, Florida
- I. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Mills Middle School 6th Grade Students to Sly Park Environmental Education Center
- J. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Riverview Elementary School 6th Grade Students to Sly Park Environmental Education Center

0506-094 E - Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Jazz Bands and Jazz Choirs to the European Jazz Festival in France, Switzerland, and Italy

Ms. Myers pulled this item because of a question she had regarding the adults who will participate in the extended field trip. She questioned if their trips were being subsidized or if they were paying for themselves.

Ms. DeArcos wasn't sure, but said she would get an answer and let the Trustees know.

President Shaw asked Ms. Myers if she wanted to table the item until the information was provided. Ms. Myers indicated that would not be necessary.

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE Item 0506-094E

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0506-095 - Adopt Resolution No. 10-20-05-20 – Regarding the Assignment of Teachers

Superintendent Godwin introduced Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh. Mr. Rickabaugh said the District makes every effort to assure teachers are fully credentialed in their assigned subject areas, however, for various reasons principals find it necessary to assign a teacher to teach outside his/her credentialed subject area. Staff is recommending a Cordova High teacher with a music credential be approved for Algebra 2, and a Mitchell Middle School teacher with a mathematics credential be approved for science.

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 10-20-05-20 regarding the assignment of teachers.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cordova High School counselor Cindy Evans interjected that there was an error in Exhibit A of the resolution in that the Cordova High School subject was not Algebra 2, but rather 2-Year Algebra, Year 2.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION BY STANLEY/MYERS WAS MADE TO ADOPT Resolution No. 10-20-05-20 WITH THE CORRECTION changing Exhibit A to 2-Year Algebra, Year 2.

Ms. Stanley asked if we were having trouble finding math and science teachers.

Mr. Rickabaugh answered that there is a challenge in finding math teachers, but this is more an effort to balance the master schedule and that both teachers have previously taught the alternate courses.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0506-096 – Approve Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators – Declaration Required

Annually by Law

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Teachers for the 2005/2006 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0506-097 – This number not used.

0506-098 - Revise Student Conduct Code Section VI, Level 3 Offenses, #4 – Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances

Superintendent Godwin introduced Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos. Ms. DeArcos gave the history of this particular code and explained that the recommended change to the Conduct Code would add ‘under the influence of alcohol or an intoxicant of any kind’ as an exception to the mandatory recommendation for expulsion.

In the past, possession, using, furnishing, or being under the influence of any controlled substance listed in the Health & Safety Code was designated as a Level 3 offense, and students would receive an automatic 5-day suspension and go forward to expulsion. They would also have to complete a rehabilitation program and notification would be made to a law enforcement agency.

By moving ‘under the influence of alcohol or an intoxicant of any kind’ to a Level 2 offense, students on a first offense would receive a 5-day suspension and be administratively transferred to another school. The option for a principal to recommend expulsion would still be in place as a maximum consequence.

Ms. DeArcos indicated that unlawfully offering, arranging to sell, negotiating to sell, or selling the prescription drug Soma would remain an expellable offense. In addition, unlawfully selling or furnishing an alcoholic beverage or intoxicant of any kind would remain a Level 3 expellable offense. Only ‘possession’ or ‘under the influence’ is being changed to a Level 2 offense.

Ms. Stanley

- Feels that ‘possession’ of alcohol could indicate intent to furnish and asked if there was any reason to change ‘possessed’ and ‘used’ to a Level 2 offense.

Ms. DeArcos

- This is a similar reason to the exception of less than an ounce of marijuana. Ed Code and the Student Conduct Code state that the first offense of less than one ounce of marijuana with no prior school suspensions may result in an action other than a recommendation for expulsion. Possession or being under the influence of alcohol or an intoxicant of any kind may result in an action other than a recommendation for expulsion.

Ms. Stanley

- We would still have the option to send to expulsion if evidence showed sharing with another/others.

Ms. DeArcos

- There are minimum and maximum consequences. The principal would have the option to go forward to expulsion.

Ms. Stanley

- Regarding the section that talks about Soma, why would selling or negotiating to sell any prescription drug not be included? Why just Soma?

Ms. DeArcos

- This was discussed in cabinet, and Ed Code does single out Soma.

Ms. Stanley

- Couldn't we just take out Soma and have our policy read 'any prescription drug'?

Mr. Godwin

- There might be a problem with CCR. If our language is different from Ed Code, we might be found noncompliant.

Ms. DeArcos

- Kim Bogard, from Pinnell and Kingsley, rewrote this section and left in the reference to Soma.

Ms. Stanley

- We could say 'any drug, including Soma'.

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Asked if that would include drugs like Tylenol.

Ms. DeArcos

- No, Tylenol is an over-the-counter drug.

Mr. Short

- By making these changes, it will allow individuals more flexibility in making judgments. Would give us more control and prevent the District from losing students.

Ms. DeArcos

- We've only had one instance this year. It would be case-by-case as Ms. Stanley suggested. This could potentially lessen the number of cases going to expulsion

Mr. Shaw

- It's important to include that the offense would have to be an isolated one and not associated with another offense. If a student took a sip of alcohol and had possession of a knife or was disruptive, that ups the ante and should be automatic for expulsion. We need to make it clear that this change refers to isolated incidents and only that. Will need to look closely at the boxes that are checked on the incident form.

Ms. Myers

- Do we want to bring this back with revised language?

Item tabled until the next regular Board meeting.

DISCUSSION

0506-099 – 2005 ACT and SAT Results

Superintendent Godwin introduced Director of Testing and Assessment Bob Mange.

Mr. Mange noted that each year we receive our students' results for the SAT and ACT. These tests serve a number of purposes for students and allow districts to compare results nationally and state-wide. The ACT is not used as much by our students as the SAT. Like the SAT, the ACT shows preparedness for college.

For the ACT, all District group scores are either at the state and national scores or exceed them. For the SAT, our District's average scores continue to be above the state and national average scores. As a district, verbal scores are up over the five-year trend; math is up over last year, but the trend is down a bit. Cordova High School has had an excellent growth over time showing a five-year trend of over 20 points in verbal and math. Folsom High School verbal is up over the five-year trend, and math is down slightly, but fairly consistent. The number of test takers is up by almost 60 students this year.

Ms. Stanley

- Asked if 2001 was the last rebenching year. Looking at the numbers from then when both math and verbal scores were high, that could be why.

Mr. Mange

- Rebenching was this year. Believes the rise in test takers can be attributed to staff encouraging students to take the test.

Ms. Stanley

- The test dates could be a factor in how many students take the test. If other things are on the calendar, it could affect the numbers.

Mr. Mange

- Dates for the SAT and ACT are set by the state, and many dates are offered.

Mr. Short

- Noticed a huge change (+24) for Cordova High School this year, but Folsom seems to be flat. Any reason?

Mr. Mange

- From year-to-year, you can see a 10 to 15 point change. That's why we look at the trends. We need to be supportive of the one-year jump in points, and look at the trend.

Mr. Shaw

- On the ACT, college biology is at 28% in our schools and state. As a former science teacher, that jumps off the page. Why statewide? Is that a higher level than we're teaching in our high schools?

Mr. Mange

- These tests are designed to measure readiness for college, not necessarily subject matter taught. Most advanced students take biology at the freshman or sophomore level. For those not taking any other science with biology in it, they might be a little rusty.

Mr. Shaw

- Suspects college biology may have a lot of chemistry in it, and that might reflect that not a lot of students take chemistry. That might be a reason.

- Was interesting to note that cumulative SAT scores of Folsom High School and Cordova High School are just about the same. This is extremely encouraging. Students are getting a comparable education at both schools.

Ms. McCormick

- Asked for clarification on the difference between ACT and SAT.

Mr. Mange

- Different colleges require different tests. Most colleges use the SAT results. The tests are very comparable, but use different weighting scales for measuring results.

Ms. McCormick

- Do students take both?

Mr. Mange

- Yes. They would be smart to take both so they can apply anywhere.

Counselor Cindy Evans

- Historically they have been regional tests with the SAT given on the west coast, and the ACT on the east coast. Now, they are pretty much the same. Most colleges take either score.

Mr. Shaw

- This is encouraging news.

REPORTS

0506-100 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin reported on the following:

- Had two productive meetings this week.
 - Attended an ROP meeting with County Superintendent Dave Gordon and others. Mr. Gordon is looking at ROP programs in Sacramento county. At present, the ROP program is ripe for revamping. Seventy percent of students attending ROP classes are adults. Current superintendents are trying to get more high schools students involved. Some ROP offerings are not up to standard in terms of core academics.
 - Met with Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED). Sees a resurgence of that group. They are interested in enforcing the ‘relevance’ in education that Bill Gates has talked about.
- Announced that he is getting married on Saturday.

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Glad to see Accelerated Reading program used in such a good way. Would like to see that rigor in high school. Likes the idea of the reading point system.
- Likes the changes in the Student Conduct Code. Kids make mistakes, and those who do shouldn’t have such severe consequences.
- Glad students are taking the SAT and ACT.

Ms. McCormick

- Congratulations to Mr. Godwin.
- Thanked the presenters on the Accelerated Reading program. Good to see students enjoy reading.
- Made the SAB meeting. Mr. Washburn was there and did a very nice presentation. Interesting to learn of students’ interests and concerns about what goes on in the District.

- Attended the luncheon where Mary Ann Delleney received her special award. Congratulations to her again.

Ms. Myers

- Congratulations to Pat.
- The reading program is a really stellar accomplishment. Glad to hear all the schools have it. Read a negative report about California's standing in the nation. We are fortunate to not be an example of that trend. Staff and teachers are doing a great job.
- Attended a chamber luncheon on September 29. Someone from the University of the Pacific gave an economic forecast. It's interesting to hear so many different opinions about what's happening to our economy. He thinks times will be getting tougher all over. She hopes people keep this in mind when they go to the polls. She's afraid one of the propositions might be passed and we'll be in a lot of trouble. We would lose the protection of Proposition 98.

Mr. Short

- The Accelerated Reading program is excellent. A great job.
- Attended the Rancho Cordova 2x2 meeting. Discussed safety issues and the crossing at Kinney High School. RT is moving forward with installation of a railing. A positive thing.
- Congratulations to Pat.
- Attended a meeting of the Rancho Cordova Chamber Workforce. It was a great meeting with regard to assessments for work readiness.
- The County Association of Boards met. Discussed the complexities and changes in testing. The High School Exit Exam is convoluted. New laws should be brought to the board to discuss.

Ms. Stanley

- Attended the dedication of Folsom Lake College. It's a really nice facility. As they expand, she hopes we keep in touch and keep an eye out for shared educational opportunities.
- Handed out ice cream at the ice cream social at Folsom High School. Thanks to Mayor Miklos for pledging ice cream to all Folsom High School students for raising their test scores.
- Read a couple of interesting articles. One involved later start times for students. The other talked about PE before or after lunch. Knows from personal experience that a lot of kids aren't ready to eat lunch after sitting in a classroom for a few hours. Thinks it's a great idea to play first, then eat. We are trying this out at some of our elementary schools.
- Went to the secondary CAC meeting where they discussed alternative scheduling at the high school level. A committee is being formed to take a look at options. A lot of work was done on this before. Glad to hear this issue didn't die. Should be before the Board in the spring.
- Went to a meeting for Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan. A presentation on emergency preparedness was done. They had some refrigerator magnets with the information on the back. Bill Watson and the Folsom Chamber are talking about the Chamber getting magnets for elementary students.
- Congratulations to our Superintendent.

Mr. Shaw

- Congratulations to Pat.
- Glad to see the Accelerated Reading Program at Mitchell running so smoothly.
- The SAT and ACT results are great.
- Announced that he and Mary Ann Delleney will be presenting at the CSBA conference in San Diego in December. It's a round table discussion on dental health in students.

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0506-101– Board Business

A. Board Communication

- Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

INFORMATION

0506-102– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0506-076 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2005, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for October 20, 2005:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:02 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Ed Short, Clerk of the Board