

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

October 6, 2005

MINUTES

Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Folsom High School
Library
1655 Iron Point Road
Folsom, California 95630

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

October 6, 2005

Board members present: Richard Shaw, Ed Short, Mary McCormick, Sara Myers, Teresa Stanley, and Maria Huseinbhai, student board member

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)

President Shaw 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 6:03 p.m. President Shaw called the meeting to order. FCEA President Barbara Brydon led the flag salute.

REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Mindi Nunes to report out on routine action taken in closed session regarding certificated and classified personnel.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (STANLEY ABSENT)

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Ann Botsford, Counselor, Folsom High School; From: 80%; To: 100%. Effective: 09/12/05 through 12/16/05.
- Terry Burns, Special Education; From: 74% Full Inclusion Specialist/26% Program Specialist; To: 100% Program Specialist. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Annie Conover, Teacher; From: 100% Special Education Teacher; To: 60% Special Education Teacher/40% Program Specialist. Effective: 09/15/05.
- Amy Ellis, Pre-School Teacher, Psychological Services; From: 40%; To: 20%. Effective: 08/19/05. Paul Grant (*revision*), Teacher (80% Time), Cordova High School; From: 120%; To: 100%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.

- Lisa Hall, Pre-School Teacher, Psychological Services; From: 80%; To: 100%. Effective: 08/19/05.
- Candace Harris, Counselor, Walnutwood High School; From: 60% Counselor/40% Teaching Vice Principal; To: 100% Counselor. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Terri Hladik, Teacher, Rancho Cordova Elementary School; From: 50%; To: 90%. Effective: 09/15/05.
- Kristina Kraushar, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 09/19/05 through 12/16/05.
- Helen Kwon, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 40%; To: 60%. Effective: 08/11/05 through 12/16/05.
- Kirstin Leland, Special Education Teacher; From: 60% Peter J. Shields Elementary School; To: 50% Peter J. Shields Elementary School/50% Riverview Elementary School. Effective: 09/26/05.
- Perry Mansch, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 09/01/05 through 12/16/05.
- Zhanna Marin, Teacher; From: 50% Rancho Cordova Elementary School/40% White Rock Elementary School; To: 50% White Rock Elementary School. Effective: 09/12/05.
- Erva Perry-Watts, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 09/19/05 through 12/16/05.
- Raymond Savorn, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 09/01/05 through 12/16/05.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Steven Andrews, Special Education Teacher (*revision*), Folsom Middle School; From: until position filled; To: 09/16/05.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- Christina Cova, Special Education Teacher (#203082, #205522) (60% Time), Folsom Middle School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BA + 29; Class 2, Step 6. Effective: 09/19/05.

CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT

The following employees have been appointed Department Chairs for the 2005/2006 school year:

- Lisa Heckman, Blanche Sprentz Elementary School (50%)
- Suzanne Hooker, Blanche Sprentz Elementary School (50%)
- Sheila Lauck, Carl Sundahl Elementary School
- Giuliana Farruggia, Cordova Gardens Elementary School (50%)
- Judith Kummer, Cordova Gardens Elementary School (50%)
- Shelley Craig, Cordova Lane Elementary School
- Carol La Pierre, Cordova Meadows Elementary School (50%)
- Sharon Scofield, Cordova Meadows Elementary School (50%)
- Edith Hiatt, Cordova Villa Elementary School
- Angi Carlomagno, Empire Oaks Elementary School (50%)
- Alicia Legarda, Empire Oaks Elementary School (50%)
- Laurel Christen, Folsom Hills Elementary School
- Canen Peterson, Gold Ridge Elementary School
- Lisa Bates, Mather Heights Elementary School

- Terri Muro, Natoma Station Elementary School (50%)
- Janice Silva, Natoma Station Elementary School (50%)
- Cindy Burns, Oak Chan Elementary School
- David Franzoia, Peter J. Shields Elementary School
- Earlene Bemiss, Rancho Cordova Elementary School
- Elizabeth Leeper, Riverview Elementary School
- Donna Chulos Hays, Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School
- Jill Sedar, Theodore Judah Elementary School
- Sharon Smith, White Rock Elementary School
- Donald Peterson White Rock Elementary School
- Doris Bisauta, Williamson Elementary School

The following employees have been appointed Division Leaders for the 2005/2006 school year:

- Richard Barboza, Folsom Middle School (50%)
- Stephen Doe, Folsom Middle School (75%)
- Patricia Kansier, Folsom Middle School (50%)
- Shawn Lundberg, Folsom Middle School (75%)
- Melinda Nardinelli, Folsom Middle School
- Mary Ellen Plummer, Folsom Middle School (75%)
- Kathryn Wilk, Folsom Middle School (75%)
- Dustin Haley, Mills Middle School
- Martha Ditter, Mills Middle School
- Ann Erbeznik, Mills Middle School
- Kathleen Rushford, Mills Middle School
- Holly Schumaker, Mills Middle School
- Susan Bertram, Mitchell Middle School (50%)
- Diana Hinkle, Mitchell Middle School (50%)
- Constance Lemon, Mitchell Middle School (50%)
- Coline Lucas, Mitchell Middle School (50%)
- Natalie Sansom, Mitchell Middle School (50%)
- Laurel Storrs, Mitchell Middle School (50%)
- Dale Waldo, Mitchell Middle School (50%)
- Karen York, Mitchell Middle School (50%)
- Jennifer Freitas, Sutter Middle School
- Bonnie French, Sutter Middle School
- Norwood Hart, Sutter Middle School
- David Sewell, Sutter Middle School
- Thomas Almeida, Cordova High School
- Cynthia Evans, Cordova High School
- Erva Perry-Watts, Cordova High School
- Dale Bernard, Cordova High School
- Chad Portney, Cordova High School
- Glenn Reagan, Cordova High School
- Ron Arellano, Cordova High School
- Jennifer Stuck, Cordova High School
- Kevin Sims, Cordova High School
- Roseann Roman, Cordova High School

- Sandra Calderon, Folsom High School (50%)
- Curtis Gaesser, Folsom High School
- Gail Gargano, Folsom High School
- Gregory Gorbach, Folsom High School
- Paula Kellogg, Folsom High School
- Gregory King, Folsom High School
- James Noble, Folsom High School
- Patricia Peck, Folsom High School
- Rebecca Harvey-Schwarz, Folsom High School
- Blaine White, Folsom High School
- Melinda Wilson, Folsom High School (50%)
- Kathryn Ynclan, Walnutwood High School

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (STANLEY ABSENT)

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Domonique Antenucci-Neil (replacement) Registrar (#206578), Folsom Lake High, 4.5 hours daily/10.5 months, Range CL17/Step A. Effective: 9/12/05
- Domonique Antenucci-Neil (replacement) Library Assistant (#206579), Folsom Lake High, 2.5 hours daily/10.25 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 9/12/05
- Candace Ayotte (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202598), Cordova Meadows Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 8/26/05
- Marlys Benoit (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#202611), Blanche Sprentz Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/26/05
- Susan Chiechi (replacement) SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990743), Folsom Hills Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 8/25/05
- Allison Ensor (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201368), Carl Sundahl Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 9/12/05
- Linda Foster (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#205561), Empire Oaks Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/26/05
- Susan Frank (replacement/temporary) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202662), 3 hours daily, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/20/05 through 6/1/06
- Julie Fukui (replacement/rehire) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#205088), 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step E. Effective: 9/2/05
- Merle Gregg (replacement) Library Clerk (#991075), Riverview Elem., 1.65 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 9/13/05
- Elaine Humphrey (replacement) In-School Suspension Assistant (#990913), Mills Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 9/13/05
- Zhanna Kondryuk (replacement/second position) Custodian (#205041), Cordova High, 3 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 9/12/05
- Felicia Luminare (new position) School Clerk-Secondary (#206056), Cordova High, 2 hours daily/10 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 9/14/05
- Mark Meyer (replacement) Custodian (#991169), Williamson Elem., 5.5 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 9/28/05
- Patricia Murphy (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#206573), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step B. Effective: 8/29/05

- Carmencita Nevarez (new position) Campus Monitor (#206071), Sutter Middle, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 8/29/05
- Nizalyn Panal (replacement) Health Assistant (#991117), Williamson Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/12/05
- Jennifer Regan (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#201437), Mather Heights Elem., 3.5 hours daily/ 9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 9/12/05
- Trina Rodriguez (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#200488), Theodore Judah Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/29/05
- Miryam Ruiz (replacement) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#200216), Cordova Villa Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/6/05
- Pauline Sais (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#205014), Folsom High, 7 hours daily/ 9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/14/05
- Margaret Schmidt (replacement) Library Clerk (#202014), Empire Oaks Elem., 3.45 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step D. Effective: 9/13/05
- Fara Smith (replacement) IASA Instructional Assistant, Level II (#204560), Rancho Cordova Elem., 3.5 hours Daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step B. Effective: 9/19/05
- Lisa Smith (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#991387), Cordova Gardens Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 9/6/05
- Stella Tatintsyian (replacement) In-School Suspension Assistant (#990918), Mills Middle, 2.8 hours daily/9 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 9/12/05
- Lisa Tevenan (replacement/second position) Health Assistant (#206572), Blanche Sprentz Elem., 1.5 hours weekly/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 9/30/05
- Ashley Texiera West (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206582), Folsom Hills Elem., 10.5 hours weekly/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step C. Effective: 9/26/05
- Geri Webb (replacement) School Clerk-Secondary (#990697), Mills Middle, 8 hours daily/10.25 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 9/12/05

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Aracely Canon (hours increase) Career Center Clerk (#206070), Folsom High, from 4 hours daily to 5 hours daily. Effective: 9/6/05
- Joanne Dudgeon (voluntary hours decrease) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204036), Folsom High, from 6 hours daily to 3 hours daily. Effective: 8/15/05
- Jaimie Gordon (voluntary hours decrease) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990837), Cordova Gardens Elem., from 6.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 8/15/05
- Neal McCoy (replacement) from Building & Grounds Utilityworker (#991145), Sutter Middle, Range CL18/Step E+ to Head Custodian I (#991236), Cordova Lane Elem., Range CL20/Step E+. Effective: 9/26/05
- Theresa McDonald (replacement) from Health Assistant (#203301), Cordova High, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step B to School Clerk-Elementary (#990712), Williamson Elem., 3.5 hours daily/10 months, Range CL12/Step B. Effective: 9/19/05
- Laurie Patten (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990878), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., from 4 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 8/15/05
- Ellen Webb (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990849), Folsom Middle, from 3.91 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 9/12/05

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Jennifer Fallon, Student Care Center Assistant (#204108), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 8/30/05 through 11/10/05

- Pamela Irby, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#200399), Mather Youth Academy, reason: personal. Effective: 9/9/05 through 3/9/06
- Zhana Marin, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#991548), White Rock Elem., (33% LOA), reason: teaching position. Effective: 8/15/05 through 6/1/06
- Cynthia Rodrique, Preschool Teacher (#990982), Riverview Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 8/22/05 through 10/31/05

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Cindi Castro, SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#202575), Empire Oaks Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 9/30/05
- Laura Little, EIP Child Assistant (#204110), Mather Heights Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 8/26/05
George Lockett, Custodian (#991179), Natoma Station Elem., reason: resignation from 39 Month Reemployment List. Effective: 6/30/05
- Fara Smith, IASA Instructional Assistant, Level II (#204560), Rancho Cordova Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 9/23/05

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Rosemarie Coppin, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990877), Mather Heights Elem., Effective: 10/1/05
Rosemarie was hired as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Theodore Judah and Blanche Sprentz Elementary Schools on September 9, 1986. She has worked at Folsom Hills and Folsom Middle and retires from Mather Heights Elementary with nineteen years of service.
- Bonnie Friddle, Snack Bar Supervisor (#991335), Folsom High School, Effective: 12/31/05
Bonnie was hired as a Food Service Worker II at Riverview Elementary on February 17, 1994. She transferred to Mather Heights Facility in August of 1994. She became the Snack Bar Supervisor at Folsom High in March of 1997. Bonnie retires from the District with twenty-one years of service.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Shaw asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

AB294 Online Classroom Pilot Program – Kelly Calhoun, Pam Oien, David Chun, and Starlene Burgette

Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos reminded that a month ago this program was presented to the board, and tonight you will be seeing the program in action.

ETIS Director Kelly Calhoun gave a brief background of the program and explained that teachers Starlene Burgette and David Chun and students Cara Miller and Sabya Das would perform as in a live classroom. Pam Oien was moderator during the presentation. A classroom lesson in geometry was demonstrated. Ms. Burgette explained the three tools that are used: Blackboard (announcements, discussion boards, online quizzes, course documents), Gaggle (monitored student email), and Elluminate (virtual class meetings and recorded lectures).

David Chun explained that some benefits of the program are that it gives students tools for the future, is very interactive, it's easier to get immediate individual feedback (on Elluminate), and it levels the playing field for some students with social inhibitions or other learning issues.

Students Sabya and Cara explained their reasons for enrolling in the online class. Currently 32 Folsom High School and 23 Cordova High School students take part in the online geometry program.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0506-078)

Larry Holden, resident and home-builder

Spoke on his opposition to school impact fees for a home he is building. Asked to be placed on a future agenda so that he might have more time to speak. Asked for direction on where to go from here. President Shaw referred him to Ms. Bettencourt.

Cindy Evans, District counselor

Gave a quick update on guidance services for the district. Requested that she be added to the agenda under 'Reports of District Organizations' so she can speak at each board meeting.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0506-079)

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

- No meeting has been held since the last board meeting. The next SAB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday.

PTA/PTO Council – President Laura Ruby

- No Report.

California School Employees Association – President Pat Wilhoyte

- Reported on recent activities of CSEA including phone-banking and negotiations.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon

- FCEA is putting together a phone bank for the upcoming special election. Everyone is invited to participate and encouraged to vote.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Judy Cutright

- Schools are still collecting for the hurricane Katrina victims. Amounts include Sutter Middle School at over \$1,300.00; Natoma Station, over \$2,800.00; Blanche Sprentz, \$270; Riverview, \$1,500.00; and Empire Oaks students earned over \$358 through a bake sale and PTA-led backpack project. Theodore Judah is still collecting in Red Cross cans. The District music department purchased a new upright bass for a displaced 'Katrina' orchestra student.
- Schools are enrolling 'Katrina' students.
- Reported on other activities around the District.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

President Shaw requested that Items 0506-081 E and 0506-082 D be excluded.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0506-080 - Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2005
- B. Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2005
- C. Adopt Resolution No. 10-06-05-17: To Pay Absent Board Member

0506-081 - Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund
- C. Approve Insurance Broker of Record Contract – District Health Insurance Brokerage Services
- D. Appoint Folsom Citizens Oversight Committee Member and Reappoint Folsom and Rancho Cordova Citizens Oversight Committee Members
- F. Award Bid: Vista del Lago High School, Landscape & Irrigation and Metals Trades
- G. Approve Notice of Completion - Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - Community Education Center Psychology/Special Education Relocatable Building
- H. Approve Notice of Completion - Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - Folsom High School Teacher Workroom Relocatable Building and Relocation of Three Relocatable Classrooms
- I. Approve Notice of Completion - Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - Kinney High School Relocatable Classrooms
- J. Approve Notice of Completion - Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - Sutter Middle School Relocatable Science Classrooms
- K. Approve Notice of Completion - Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - Empire Oaks Elementary School Relocatable Classroom
- L. Approve Notice of Completion - Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School Relocatable Classrooms

0506-082 - Instructional Matters

- A. **Expulsion Panel Recommendations:** Case Numbers: 0506-3, 0506-4, 0506-6, 0506-7 and, 0506-8

0506-3

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) for summer school following the 2005-2006 spring semester and the fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student must successfully complete his required term at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual student counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student is to continue attending Alcoholics Anonymous meetings; student is to complete 150 hours of community service at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

0506-4

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Rancho Cordova Elementary School through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills; student is to participate in the OK Program; student is to participate and successfully complete the Junior Fire Prevention Program through the Sacramento Metro Fire Department; student is to complete 20 hours of community service at Rancho Cordova Elementary School.

0506-6

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend White Rock Elementary School through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills; student is to participate and successfully complete the Junior Fire Prevention Program through the Sacramento Metro Fire Department; student is to complete 20 hours of community service at White Rock Elementary School.

0506-7

Expel through the end of the fall 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 fall 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 one successful semester 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.

0506-8

Expel through the end of the fall 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 fall 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 one successful semester 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.

- B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- C. Approve Administrative Panel Participants for Student Expulsion Hearings
- E. Approve Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Applications Form, Fiscal Year 2005-2006

0506-281 E

Approve Annual Joint Use Operational Agreement with the City of Folsom for Fiscal Year 2005-06

President Shaw pulled this item in order to commend Ms. Bettencourt and all who have worked so long and hard to get this agreement done. A very nice job.

0506-282 D

Approve Application for Early Mental Health Initiative Grant

President Shaw pulled this item to comment on how pleased he is with the quality of the proposal. Arthur Singer and Ellie Evans have worked very hard in a very short time frame. This is an essential program, and he feels it should continue and expand in the future.

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE Items 0506-281 E and 0506-282 D
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

0506-083 - California School Employees Association 2005-06 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education

President Shaw opened the hearing at 7:06 p.m.

No one came forward.

Hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0506-084 - Adopt California School Employees Association 2005-06 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the initial proposal and authorize its chief negotiator to enter into bargaining with the California School Employees Association, Chapter 528.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0506-085 – Formation of a School Facilities Improvement District (SFID) for the Undeveloped Area of Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

Superintendent Godwin introduced Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt and explained that in 2006, we will need to identify funding for our future facility needs. Ms. Bettencourt will explain the options available to us.

Ms. Bettencourt explained, with the help of maps, the existing SFID #1 in Rancho Cordova and SFID #2 in Folsom. The proposed SFID #3 is for the very large open area south of Highway 50 and east of Rancho. She explained the existing bonds and amount of bonds that will be required in the future. There are many options, and we will continue discussion over the next six to eight months.

In Folsom, Measure W requires a plan for financing new schools where residents north of Hwy 50 would not be required to pay for new schools south of 50. Yet, the area south of 50 is paying on bonds for improving/constructing schools north of 50. Homeowners in the 'sphere' would be paying more unless developers "buy out" or escrow Measure C bond payments for homeowners.

In Rancho, the voter survey indicated support for bonds to improve schools, add school-to-career buildings, a library, a theater, and technology. But the level of support dropped below 50% at \$100/year. We would need two to three times that amount. Our option is to create a new SFID.

Options for the District include:

- SFID #1 election for new schools in Rio del Oro and Easton.
- SFID #2 election for new schools in the 'Sphere of Influence'.
- Could create a third SFID on undeveloped land only to overlay the existing two (\$600M over 25 years).
- Could draw a line along Hwy. 50 and not include existing commercial land.
- Could create SFID #3B for Rancho new development (\$400M) and #4B for Folsom new development (\$200M).

The two SFIDs do not correspond to existing or planned city boundaries. Folsom plans to annex the area south of Hwy 50, and Rancho Cordova may go to Hazel or Prairie City Road. We need to be sure our financing plan is what's best for us regardless of city boundaries.

Ms. Myers

- Asked about legal implications of putting a new SFID on top of an existing one. Thinks that would be redundant and confusing.
- Keeping in mind that in Folsom, residents north of Hwy 50 won't have to pay for schools south of Hwy 50, will they have enough tax base to support the \$200M? Given that school construction is so costly (it was shocking to see that the cost is \$73,000.00 per high school student), we could be in a bad situation if we can't pass bonds.

Ms. Bettencourt

- Yes, it is legal to overlay over existing.
- Bonds will be voted on by registered voters in the new SFID area.
- We could also do a district-wide bond instead of SFIDs.

Ms. Myers commented that an effort for a district-wide bond failed miserably in the past.

Mr. Short asked for clarification on how it might be better to spread the bond debt over a larger area.

Ms. Bettencourt

- All three areas (Rio del Oro, Easton, and the Folsom ‘sphere’) will be developing within five years. There is a limitation on how much debt you can issue on assessed evaluation. There would be economy of scale by combining the areas.

Ms. Stanley

- What happens to bonding capacity, in particular the \$400M, if it’s split into #3 and #4?
- When doing the numbers for \$200M, it doesn’t include anything south of there in the future?
- What concerns her is that with all the land and government factions and people saying this group won’t pay for that part, etc., if the sphere of influence is bonded, will they pay on two bonds? It’s already an ‘us’ versus ‘them’ mentality in our district. Setting up more and more overlays will become problematic for us.
- As far as Measure W, it’s a city measure, are we bound by that?

Ms. Bettencourt

- Bonding capacity becomes available as land is developed (residential/commercial) and the assessed valuation grows. The \$200M for Folsom and \$400 for Rancho is for new school construction related to new homes. Nothing is included for modernization of existing schools.
- Measure W requires that a plan to finance schools be submitted (approved) by FCUSD prior to the City requesting annexation south of 50. Technically, we are not bound by Measure W, but it makes sense to plan for schools ahead of development.

Ms. Stanley

- If potential developers in that area were unhappy with the way we set up our tax district, then their problem would be with the City in getting approval. Doesn’t think the District is bound in any way.
- In general, aside from concerns about setting up ‘us’ versus ‘them’, a third SFID is probably the best option instead of operating under the current ones. It will be interesting to see how much dissension we get in our feedback from the areas. We can do what we want. Is concerned about an ‘anti-bond’ campaign, even with only 300 people in the new SFID.

Mr. Shaw

- Questioned the dynamics of the ‘overlay.’ Not sure he understands how that works. If you overlay a third SFID over the existing two, does that mean SFID #1 and #2 remain as they are? Why would you do that?

Ms. Bettencourt

- Yes, SFIDs #1 and #2 remain as is. If you create SFID #3, you’d have only registered voters to vote on that bond. If you leave SFID #1, they’d vote on \$400M; if SFID #2, for \$200M. They’d all be taxed for new schools.

Mr. Shaw

- Seems that timing may be an issue. Maybe waiting would have some value, or is that problematic?

Ms. Bettencourt

- Sees waiting as problematic. We need to bid Mather High School in 2007 and the elementary school in 2008. All schools are scheduled to open in 2009. We need to be ahead of the development so existing schools aren't impacted.

Mr. Shaw

- If we wait until some houses are built, we might have a better chance of passing bonds because of more voters.

Ms. Bettencourt

- It would take many years to outnumber the existing voters.

Ms. Stanley

- If we do overlay, part of the area will pay on Measures V and B and part on Measures J and C. Are you looking into ways we can structure bonds so as debt payments are paid out, we can increase the amount new bonds will take in so payers will have a level amount?

Ms. Bettencourt

- We will have to work with the bond underwriter to see how that would be structured. We will look at escalating debt to keep the tax rate level.

Mr. Short

- Will we go out to the public to get feedback?

Ms. Bettencourt

- We've talked with the Rancho Cordova Bond Oversight Committee and will next talk with the Folsom Oversight Committee in October. Folsom City 2x2 meeting was this week. Rancho City 2x2 is next week.
- The Rancho Oversight Committee would like to see a "catch-up" bond in 2006 for existing schools to be made comparable to new schools.

Ms. Myers

- Asked about developer feedback.

Ms. Bettencourt

- The majority we've talked with are supportive of creating a third SFID on the undeveloped land.

Public Input

Conrade Mayer

- Would like to see the community involved in this. Communications need to be sent out. The survey was done before Cordova High School modernization was completed. Would like to know if the survey results might have changed if Cordova High had been finished. The way schools look could possibly affect the way people feel about taxing themselves for future large development. Doesn't want this to divide the communities.

Ms. McCormick

- Encouraged by the possibility of developers buying out the existing bonds in Option #5, called #3B for Rancho Cordova and #4B for Folsom. If they did, would it have to be #3B and #4B? Would you still have the option of one SFID for the whole thing?

Ms. Stanley

- If you did it that way early, the assessed value in that area would be fairly low. The amount they'd have to come up with would be low.

Ms. Bettencourt

- The bond underwriter would have to take a look at assumptions he used when estimating the future tax rates. There should be enough assessed valuation with existing residents to keep the tax level and pay off bonds south of 50.

Ms. Stanley

- The \$400M doesn't include modernization because there are no schools in #3B. Right?

Ms. Bettencourt

- Yes. This discussion will continue through May when we need to make a decision about a November election.

REPORTS

0506-086 – Reports to the Board of Education

Superintendent Godwin

- Acknowledged all the hard work gone on in terms of looking at these issues related to growth and expressed his appreciation.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0506-087– Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Liked the online learning presentation; it's a good way for students to have flexibility with learning
- The SFID issue is confusing. She hopes to understand it better the next time it's on an agenda. Hopes it doesn't cause division in the communities.

Ms. McCormick

- Impressed with the online learning program. A wonderful opportunity for students.
- Attended the groundbreakings for Vista del Lago High School and Navigator Elementary School. Is impressed with the work that's gone on. Ms. Bettencourt continues to amaze her with the amount of work she and her departments do and the contributions she makes to the district. Thanked her for the parent forum on boundaries.

Ms. Myers

- Also attended the two groundbreakings. They were a high point. The downside is we have to tackle the future. It is vitally important that we proceed carefully. Need input from the public. Is gratified that the developers have indicated a willingness to buy out the bonds.
- The online leaning program is invigorating. A giant leap forward in terms of flexibility and programs to offer students. More students served without a great deal of outlay.

- Plans to investigate a transportation act that she heard was passed that included funding for ‘safe route to school’ for schools. Maybe we can get some of that money.

Mr. Short

- Recognized retirees Bonnie Friddle and Rosemarie Coppin for their years of service to the District.
- The groundbreaking at Navigator was exciting. The first new school in Rancho in 40 years.
- Impressed with the online learning program. It’s truly innovative, and he supports it. Would like to see more. Technology is getting cheaper and can be utilized in so many ways.
- Thinks the SunRidge component will confuse the SFID issue even more. With district boundary adjustments, the issue becomes more complex.

Ms. Stanley

- Regarding the Healthy Kids Survey notification. In order to reach a level of participation to qualify for funding under Healthy Kids grant, the superintendent is recommending a system change from parents approving the survey (active) to parents disapproving the survey (passive). She likes parents to have a real choice. The Superintendent has pointed out in a letter to parents that there might be something in the survey they don’t approve of. She’s comfortable with trying this approach for this year. Need to make sure we do all we can to make sure parents get the word that they have the option to opt out.
- Attended the boundary forum and was impressed. The feedback has been good. Staff did a really fine job with a touchy subject.
- Read a couple of interesting articles. One indicated that the state is putting \$20M into a vocational ed fund. The term vocational means different things to different people. She thinks the state needs to find another term for ‘voc ed’. The other article concerned the fact that in Stockton, marching band can be used as a physical ed class. She understood that there were limitations on that under Ed Code. Has Stockton found out something we don’t know about?
- Noted that Hemet Unified School District has left the Riverside County SELPA, and they have only 2500 students. We’ve talked about our own SELPA; how is it that a small district can do it, and we (with almost 20,000 students) can’t?
- Loved the online learning program.
- Discussed the SFID structure at the Folsom Joint Coordination meeting. Pleased that we talked with them.
- Has no problem with having Cindy Evans give a Guidance Services update at each meeting.
- Attended Folsom Schools Foundation meeting. They are looking for people to serve on their board. They received the grant for mentoring children of prisoners. She can supply information if anyone is interested.
- The two groundbreakings were fun.

Superintendent Godwin

- Wanted to comment that the passive approval process for the Healthy Kids Survey will apply only to middle school and high school. The active process will be used for 5th grade students.

Mr. Shaw

- MaryAnn Delleney will receive her big award on Saturday. He’s sorry he can’t be there, but other board members will attend.
- Sometime within the next couple of months he’d like to see a report on the Spanish Language Magnet School at Folsom Hills. Maybe a presentation on how it’s doing and where it may go in the future.

- Was at the Vista del Lago groundbreaking and wanted to thank the *Folsom Life Newspaper* for taking a picture with a view of the lake. We've been criticized that there isn't a view of the lake at Vista del Lago. This proves there is.
- While doing some research on childhood obesity at a library in Pleasanton, his daughter found a book containing an article in which Al Schieder and FCUSD were mentioned. Happy to say we're out there and people are reading about us.

B. Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

INFORMATION

0506-088 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0506-089 - Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2005, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for October 6, 2005:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:03 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Ed Short, Clerk of the Board