

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

September 1, 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

September 1, 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 6:02 p.m. President Shaw called the meeting to order. Mike Shepherd 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/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (SHORT ABSENT)

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Kristine Anderson, Counselor (#202032) (30% Time), Folsom Lake High School, Intern Pupil Personnel Services School Counseling Credential; BA + 57; Class 1, Step 1. Effective: 08/10/05.
- Charles Angelopoulos, Special Education Teacher (#206062), Cordova High School, Intern Education Specialist Mild/Moderate; BA + 12; Class 1, Step 1. Effective: 08/11/05.
- Nancy Beland, Teacher (#205072, #991913), (60% Fall Semester Only/40% Spring Semester Only), Cordova High School, Preliminary Single Subject Home Economics/Supplementary Authorization Ornamental Horticulture/CLAD Credential; BA + 39; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 08/17/05.

- Alexandra Botos, Teacher (#206063), Folsom Hills Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credential; BA + 45; Class 3, Step 1.
- Elizabeth England, Teacher (#991677), Mitchell Middle School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/CLAD Credential; BA + 46 2/3; Class 3, Step 2. Effective: 08/15/05.
- Carmen Farruggia, Music Teacher (#200158, #200103), District Music, Clear Single Subject Music Credential; BA + 98/MA; Class 5, Step 10. Effective: 08/24/05.
- Jeanne Gewalt, Special Education Teacher (#200173) (60% Time), Folsom Lake High School, Emergency Education Specialist Mild/Moderate/Life Standard Secondary Art/Home Economics Credentials; BA; Class 2, Step 10. Effective: 08/11/05.
- Estelle Gray, Special Education Teacher (#200244) (60% Time), Natoma Station Elementary School, Intern Education Specialist Mild/Moderate Credential; BA; Class 1, Step 1. Effective: 08/17/05.
- Victoria Haas, Teacher (#991571, #203025), Sutter Middle School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization English/Mathematics Credentials; BA + 63/MA; Class 5, Step 10. Effective: 08/11/05
- Edward Hyde, Special Education Teacher (#990150), Mather Youth Opportunity, Emergency Education Specialist Moderate/Severe Credential; BS + 102; Class 5, Step 1.
- Todd Krewson, Elementary Prep (#990501, #205511, #206003), 20% Oak Chan Elementary School/20% Empire Oaks Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization Physical Education Credential; BA + 63; Class 4, Step 6. Effective: 08/17/05.
- Vanessa Leslie, Teacher (#991617, #201428, #991614, #203068), Sutter Middle School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/SB 2042 Content, BA + 50/MA; Class 3, Step 1. Effective: 08/11/05.
- Heather Linsley, Teacher (#991596), Sutter Middle School, Preliminary Single Subject Science Credential; BA + 56/MA; Class 3, Step 6.
- Zhanna Marin, Teacher (#203196, #204082), 40% White Rock Elementary School/50% Rancho Cordova Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BA + 27; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 08/15/05.
- Alexandra Pattillo, Teacher (#204133), Folsom Lake High School, Preliminary Single Subject Social Science/English Learner Credential; BA + 48 1/2/MA; Class 3, Step 2. Effective: 08/24/05.
- Kristine Taylor-Miramontes, Teacher (#990285) (50% Time), Cordova Gardens Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credential; BA + 34; Class 2, Step 1.

The following employee has been *re-hired* with Probationary status for the 2005/2006 school year:
William Mc Garvey, Military Instructor, Mather Youth Academy

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Julie Bennett, Teacher, Mills Middle School; From: 50%; To: 60%. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Dale Bernard, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Meredith Brown, Elementary Prep; From: 70% Theodore Judah Elementary School/15% Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School/15% Empire Oaks Elementary School; To: 70% Theodore Judah Elementary School/20% Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School/10% Gold Ridge Elementary School. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.

- Roberto Cestari, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Milan Chakroborty, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Teacher; To: 80 % Teacher/20% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Matthew Chan, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Title 1 Teacher; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Raymond Chayo, Teacher, Folsom High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Joshua Creeger, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Richard Demmer, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Kathryn Donovan, Music Teacher; From: 60% Cordova High School/40 Mills Middle School; To: 60% Cordova High School/20% Mills Middle School/20% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Colby Franklin, Teacher, Mills Middle School; From: 80% Teacher/20% Title 1 Teacher; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Patrick Funk, Elementary Prep; From: 90% Folsom Hills Elementary School/10% Gold Ridge Elementary School; To: 100% Folsom Hills Elementary School. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Dianne Goldman, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Paul Grant, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Dustin Haley, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Marisa Akemi Juguilon, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Title 1 Teacher; To: 60% Teacher/40% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Mari Lowes, Mills Middle School; From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- Mark Nelson, Teacher, Folsom High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Wendy Pierce, Teacher, Folsom High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Paul Thrasher, Teacher, Cordova High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/15/05 through 12/16/05.
- Melinda Wilson, Teacher, Folsom High School; From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.
- John Zimny, Music Teacher; From: 50% Folsom Middle School/50% Sutter Middle School; To: 60% Folsom Middle School/60% Sutter Middle School. Effective: 2005/2006 school year.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Claudia Conte, Teacher, Sutter Middle School, 20% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/11/05 through 12/16/05.
- Shelbey Miller, Teacher, Sutter Middle School, 20% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/11/05 through 12/16/05.
- Jennifer O'Dette, Teacher, Folsom High School, 100% Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/26/05.

- Patricia Sternad, Teacher, Sutter Middle School, 20% Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/11/05 through 12/16/05.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Claudia Conte, Teacher Sutter Middle School; From: 100%; To: 80%. Effective: 12/17/05.
- Shelbey Miller, Teacher, Sutter Middle School; From: 100%; to: 80%. Effective: 12/17/05.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Steven Andrews, Teacher, (60% Time), Folsom Middle School. Steven was hired on August 24, 2004 and has been employed for 1 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: until position filled.
- Vanessa Dunlap, School Nurse, Health Services. Vanessa was hired on October 31, 2000 and has been employed 5 years 1 month with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 08/31/05.
- Barbara Gutierrez, Special Education Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School. Barbara was hired on August 11, 2005 and resigned on August 10, 2005.
- Kendra Johnson, Teacher, Mills Middle School. Kendra was hired on August 24, 1999 and has been employed 6 years 2 ½ months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 10/31/05.
- Kerri Kaye, School Nurse (60% Time) Health Services. Kerri was hired on April 22, 2002 and has been employed 3 years 2 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 09/10/05.
- Debra Lichtman, Teacher, Folsom High School. Debra was hired on January 3, 2005 and has been employed ½ year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 08/26/05.
- Francis Ogata, Lead Teacher, State & Federal Programs. Francis was hired on August 27, 1991 and has been employed 14 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 08/15/05.

TENURE STATUS FOR PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES

In accordance with the District Policy 4116.4 and California Education Code 44929.21, subsequent to July 1, 1983, a certificated probationary employee “after having been employed by the district for two complete consecutive school years in a position or positions requiring certification qualifications, is reelected for the next succeeding school year to a position requiring certification qualifications shall at the commencement of the succeeding school year be classified as and become a tenured employee of the district.”

The records indicate that the following employee’s status should be reclassified as “Tenured,” effective with the commencement of the 2005/2006 school year:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>PROBATIONARY DATE OF HIRE</u>
Leo Gravin	District Music	01/06/03

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Deborah Andrus (replacement) SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990753), Cordova Gardens Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 8/15/05

- Rebecca Holsted (replacement) SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#203200), Rancho Cordova Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 8/15/05
- Karen Jones (replacement) Health Assistant (#991114), Peter J. Shields, 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 8/19/05
- Zhanna Kondryuk (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#991398), Rancho Cordova Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/15/05
- Lyudmila Levko (replacement), Food Service Worker I (#200349), Mather Heights Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/15/05
- Nedezhda Mayevskaya (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#206557), Cordova High, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/15/05
- Essie Price (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#200143), Cordova Meadows Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step D. Effective: 8/16/05
- Anh Vi (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#206560), Folsom High, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/16/05

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Diana Bowling (hours increase) Computer Instructional Assistant (#205037), Carl Sundahl Elem., from 3 hours daily to 4 hours daily. Effective: 8/15/05
- Patti Eckhardt (new position) from Special Education Instructional Assistant, Blanche Sprentz Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step E+ and Food Service Worker I, Theodore Judah Elem., 1 hour daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step E+ to Clerk Typist III (#205047), STRS Office, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step D+. Effective: 8/15/05
- Heidi Naderi (replacement) from School Clerk-Elementary, Williamson Elem., 3.5 hours daily, Range CL12/Step E to Account Clerk I (#991131), Mitchell Middle, 6 hours daily, Range CL14/Step E. Effective: 8/22/05
- James Neal (hours increase) Computer Instructional Assistant (#203101), Riverview Elem., from 10 hours weekly to 11 hours weekly. Effective: 8/15/05
- Donna Wiese (months decrease) Family Center Assistant (#204522), White Rock Elem., from 10 months to 9.5 months. Effective: 7/1/05

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Birgit Davis, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203009), Empire Oaks Elem., reason: education. Effective: 8/15/05 through 2/28/06
- Zhanna Marin, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#991548), White Rock Elem., reason: teaching position. Effective: 7/1/05 through 6/30/06
- Valinda Nelson, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201312), Cordova Lane Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 8/15/05 through 2/15/06
- Maritza Perez, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#203573), Cordova Meadows Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 8/15/05 through 6/1/06
- Mary Tunstall, Food Service Worker I (#201329), Gold Ridge Elem., reason: medical. Effective: 8/15/05 through 12/15/05

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Dorena Criddle, Food Service Worker I (#991398), Williamson Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 8/1/05
- Lisa Hollwedel, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202030), Empire Oaks Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 8/1/05

- Amanda Holway, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#205089), Sutter Middle, reason: other employment. Effective: 8/1/05
- Viktor Myrza, Bus Driver (#205597), Transportation Department, reason: personal. Effective: 9/2/05
- Alicia Thomas, Child Nutrition Technician (#991330), Mills Middle, reason; relocation. Effective: 8/11/05
- Angelic Wolfe-Jones, Food Service Worker I (#200492), Cordova Gardens Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 8/9/05
- Alina Zakusilo, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#200436), Peter J. Shields Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 8/14/05

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

No report.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0506-047)

No one came forward.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0506-048)

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

- First SAB meeting will be on September 14.

PTA/PTO Council – President Laura Ruby

No report

California School Employees Association – President Pat Wilhoyte

No report

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon

No report

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Judy Cutright

- Schools have reported successful back-to-school nights.
- Folsom Middle School will have their Distinguished School flag raising on September 15. Assemblyman Roger Niello and Superintendent Godwin will speak.
- Student Care is expanding their program at six school sites in Folsom to alleviate the waiting list.
- Reported on other activities around the district.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0506-049 - Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2005

0506-050 - Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Folsom High School Easement Modification and Acceptance of Land from the City of Folsom

0506-051 - Instructional Matters

Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0405-64, 0405-69, 0405-70, 0405-71, 0405-72, and 0405-73

0405-64

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy or any accredited educational program outside of the district through the end of the fall semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; individual student counseling to address anger management and decision-making skills.

0405-69

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Mills Middle School or any other program in the District, other than Mitchell Middle School, through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; individual student counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0405-70

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; place at Cordova High School through the end of the fall semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; individual student counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0405-71

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall 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 in FCUSD; individual student counseling to address substance abuse, decision-making skills, and academic progress; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon district request.

0405-72

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 District, as determined by an IEP team, through the end of the fall semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; individual student counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon district request.

0405-73

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester 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 2nd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; upon reinstatement into the district, student must attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy (as a S.A.R.B. placement) and complete at least one successful trimester 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

0506-052 - Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act

President Shaw opened the hearing at 6:12 p.m.
No one came forward.
Hearing closed at 6:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0506-053 - Adopt Resolution No. 09-01-05-13: Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act

STANLEY/MYERS MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 09-01-05-13 regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act ensuring that sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, in mathematics, science, history-social science, English/language arts, foreign language, and health classes, and also ensuring that sufficient laboratory science equipment was provided for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0506-054 - Approve AB294 Online Classroom Pilot Program

Superintendent Godwin introduced Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos.

Ms. DeArcos explained that only 40 schools in eleven districts in the state are participating in this program. Last year, online Algebra 1 and geometry were taught at Cordova High School and Folsom High School, respectively. This year due to a lack of enrollment in Algebra 1, only geometry is being taught at both schools during 0-period. Students must take proctored exams in the classroom. The District course outlines for Algebra 1 and geometry are used for both classroom and online courses. It is hoped that the program will expand next year to include science and English.

The fiscal impact to FCUSD was for training teachers and setting up the system. The grant does not pay for this. Since our students are in school for a full day anyway, we do not receive additional ADA from the grant. A special presentation of the online classroom pilot program will be made to the board at a meeting in October.

Ms. DeArcos explained that Board approval is a requirement of the grant. She is asking the board to approve the program for the 2005/2006 school year, and retroactively approve it for the 2004/2005 school year. As part of the approval process for AB294, governing boards need to consider eight essential factors, including alignment of course design and content, and appropriateness for online delivery.

MYERS/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE the AB294 Online Classroom Pilot Program in geometry for 2005/2006, and retroactively for algebra and geometry in 2004/2005.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0506-055 - Initial Student Enrollment

Superintendent Godwin introduced Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh.

Mr. Rickabaugh explained that nonpublic school placements, and home hospital and charter school numbers are not included in the chart. Numbers in Rancho Cordova are down by 136 students from the projected enrollment. He's not sure why, but theories include: newcomers are moving out of sheltered English and leaving; changes in daycare (a phenomenon that people are shopping around for schools and daycare centers); Cordova High School EL students are going to charter schools or

being home schooled; and apartment complexes are under new management, and people are moving out. These are all speculation. He reminded that numbers do fluctuate, and we should have more accurate numbers in a few weeks.

Mr. Shaw

Looked over staffing in closed session and feels the personnel department did an excellent job of staffing this year.

Ms. McCormick

How long before you know the real numbers?

Mr. Rickabuagh

He feels good about the numbers in Folsom. Numbers in Rancho are less predictable. They tend to have more mobility, and people sometimes don't let us know when they're leaving. Also, Rosemont High School is open, and students who went to Mills and Cordova High School may be attending Rosemont instead. We'll know more when Sac City schools start next week.

0506-056 - 2005 Summer School Report

Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos and Assistant Superintendent Leslie Faust summarized this year's summer school programs. Ms. Faust introduced Summer School Principals Monika Himmrich, Linda Liebert, David Frankel, and Donna Hays. Ms. DeArcos introduced Principals Mike Shepherd and Dan Smith.

Ms. Stanley

Were you able to evaluate the success of remedial classes?

Ms. DeArcos

The majority were very successful. At the middle schools, students can't matriculate to high school unless they complete their requirements. The majority of students do complete their contracts. High school students are making up credits or trying for a better grade. Some do drop out, but those who finish are generally successful.

Mr. Short

Noticed that the number of Cordova High students increased by 100 from last year to this year; the others went down. Any reason?

Ms. DeArcos

Students at Cordova High seem to be sufficiently motivated to get their credits or improve their grades. The other schools had similar enrollment numbers last year and this year.

Ms. Huseinbhai

Tell me more about the GATE program in summer school.

Ms. Faust

In the past, we've done a GATE camp where teachers and students attended classes. It was planned as a dual event with teachers training one week, and students in classes the next week. This year we didn't include teacher training; we had just the one week for students. It was very well attended. Since students had to provide their own transportation, fewer students from Rancho Cordova were present.

Mr. Shaw

Last year we introduced the concept of having world cultures and government as enrichment classes in summer school to clear the way for students to have another elective. It seems this was used more at Cordova High than Folsom High.

Ms. DeArcos

We didn't actually offer world cultures as enrichment because we want to avoid having students take a six-week course in world cultures during the summer and not be tested on it until the STAR CST in May. World cultures was offered as a remedial class to improve grades and/or earn credits.

Mr. Shaw

We still have the issue of offering something to free up an elective.

Mr. Godwin

One thing we will work on this year is rethinking how to expand the high school schedule so students can take more courses. That might include 0-period, a 7th period, block scheduling, etc. We will look at alternatives this year. Students need more options than just summer school.

Mr. Shaw

Congratulated all principals on a successful summer school.

REPORTS

0506-057 – Reports to the Board of Education

Superintendent Godwin

- Wanted to comment on API scores. As a district we grew from 762 to 782, which is significant. A number of schools grew by 50 to 60 points. Eleven schools scored over 800, and if you round up Cordova Lane's 799 to 800, we have 12. Four scored 900. Folsom High School, with 827, is in a very small group of California high schools over 800. Great job. We have committed staffs and the support of the students and parents. This is healthy information in terms of looking at test scores.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0506-058– Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Impressed with API scores.
- Summer school report was interesting.
- Looks forward to the presentation on the AB294 Online Classroom Pilot Program.

Ms. Myers

- Attended PTA council meeting with Ms. McCormick and Mr. Godwin. Mr. Godwin gave a very impressive talk.
- Attended Carl Sundahl's family picnic last Friday. Kids were having a wonderful time, and new Principal Marty Baumann has been very well received by the parents.

- Attended back-to-school at White Rock, also packed with parents. Shared with them the opportunity of taking language courses at White Rock Park across the street from the school.
- Also attended Mills back-to-school night. Was impressed with Mr. Willeford's presentation to the parents regarding rigor, relevance, and relationships.
- Attended a meeting with an official from the City of Folsom and talked about water issues. There is a video that was done through collaboration with high school students which deals with issues the city has to resolve. She hopes to have that at a future board meeting.
- Glad to see the excellent API scores.
- Hopes funding for our summer school program isn't cut; it serves an important purpose.

Ms. McCormick

- Enjoyed her back-to-school experiences visiting with and seeing excited teachers and staff. Attended both Folsom Hills and Cordova Gardens. Was impressed with the rapport and community feeling between administrators and parents. Campuses look great.
- Attended the PTA meeting and heard Mr. Godwin's talk. It was a packed house. We need to be appreciative of all the work and support the parents give.

Mr. Short

- Has been busy attending Mather Heights, Riverview, White Rock, and Mitchell back-to-school nights. The Riverview modernization is wonderful; it's done wonders for morale. White Rock is a very diverse multicultural group. Mitchell is doing impressive teaming using websites to teach.
- Online learning is a great program. Would like to see it progress.
- A lot of people are moving into the SunRidge area in Elk Grove. Again mentioned the Board needs to start discussing what we want to do about this issue.

Ms. Stanley

- Reviewed the back-to-school nights she attended. Was impressed with the artwork in all the classrooms at Williamson. Heard several different languages around campus. Natoma Station had their ribbon cutting for the new playground. Sutter Middle School was jam-packed. Everyone likes their new principal, Keri Phillips. Was surprised at how packed Folsom High School was; it is a huge campus. Mr. Richards did a nice job and announced the jump in their API scores.
- Congratulations to Al Schieder. He continues to be a presence, nationally and internationally. The BBC is doing a documentary on our food services program.
- Thrilled at the test scores. Has the feeling from year to year that we'll level off, but that's not happening. We need to celebrate now and keep working on improving.
- Looking at the enrollment numbers reminded her that when we redraw our boundaries, we need to balance out some of these schools. Make it a priority to be sure each one of our elementary schools has a non-transient-based population.
- At a future board meeting, we need to address a couple of propositions that will impact us, and pass resolutions on them. Also need to review (if there is a policy) or adopt a policy (if there isn't one) on the release of personal information by our District. Are there circumstances when we release personal information, and if we do, should we?

Mr. Short

- Also attended back-to-school nights. Was impressed with the high degree of teaming at Gold Ridge. Everyone is doing a great job, and our scores show it.

- We have a lot to be proud of: Mather Heights jumping 57 points in one year; Cordova High School up 29 points, Folsom High School up 28 points to over 800 (#3 in entire area); Folsom Hills up 32 points to 927; Sandra Gallardo at 937, how high can you go? Amazing.
- The hurricane will affect us. Fuel, including diesel, will be a huge issue and will impact our budget. We need to have a conversation on how we can save fuel. When do we start talking about limiting field trips, etc.? Will be a tradeoff on where we spend our money.
- Received a letter from Sacramento Office of Education about the approval of our adopted budget. There were no glitches. Great job Debbie and staff!

B. Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

INFORMATION

0506-059 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0506-060 - Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2005, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for September 1, 2005:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:02 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Ed Short, Clerk of the Board