

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

February 2, 2006

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

February 2, 2006

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

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)

President Stanley 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 6:07 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Williamson Elementary School Principal Denise Burns led the flag salute.

**REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

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

Mr. Rickabaugh also announced that the Board voted unanimously (Myers/McCormick) to reassign Principal Denise Burns from Williamson Elementary to Navigator Elementary and Principal Patricia Ruckle from Riverview Elementary to Blanche Sprentz Elementary. Both principals were in attendance.

**PERSONNEL MATTERS** (Approved in Closed Session)

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

MYERS/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT**

- Elizabeth Marjerison, Resource Teacher (60%) (#205528, #205015), Mather Heights Elementary School, Emergency Education Specialist Mild/Moderate/Ryan Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credentials; BA + 45; Class 3, step 1. Effective: 01/23/06.

- Melissa Montgomery, Elementary Music Teacher (40%) (#202516, #206058), District Music, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization Music/CLAD Credentials; BA/Class 2, Step 2. Effective: 01/17/06.
- Wayne Pleis, Teacher (#991782) (80% Time), Folsom High School, General Secondary Credential; BA + 131/MA; Class 5, Step 11. Effective: 01/04/06 through 06/02/06.

#### CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Michael Shepherd, District Music (#200098). From: 40% Elementary Music/60% Department Chair Elementary Music; To: 100% Department Chair Elementary Music. Effective: 01/04/06.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REASSIGNMENT 2006-2007

- Denise Burns, Principal. From: Williamson Elementary School; To: Navigator Elementary School.
- Patricia Ruckle, Principal. From: Riverview Elementary School; To: Blanche Sprentz Elementary School.

#### CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

#### CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Brenda Archer (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#991313), Peter J. Shields Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 1/10/06
- Judy Harris (replacement) EIP Child Assistant (#206647), Riverview Elem., 3 hours daily/9 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 1/17/06
- Troy Hawkins (replacement) Computer Instructional Assistant (#203101), Riverview Elem., 12 hours weekly/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 1/12/06
- Laura Landslittel (replacement) EIP Child Assistant (#206648), Peter J. Shields Elem., 3 hours daily/9 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 1/17/06
- Jaime Moore (replacement) EIP Child Assistant (#204110), Mather Heights Elem., 3 hours daily/9 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 1/17/06
- Louis Valdez (replacement) Campus Monitor (#200313), Sutter Middle School, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 1/30/06

#### CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Toni Boyer (voluntary decrease) from Food Service Worker II, Cordova High, 7.5 hours daily, Range CL07 to Food Service Worker I (#203117), Mills Middle School, 6 hours daily, Range CL05. Effective: 1/18/06
- Janet Dearborn (voluntary decrease) Food Service Worker I (#206644), Folsom High, from 6 hours daily to 5 hours daily. Effective: 1/12/06
- Cathalean Jones (replacement) Bus Driver (#206591), Transportation Dept., from 4.45 hours daily to 5.45 hours daily. Effective: 1/13/06
- Susan Ishimaru (replacement) EIP Staff Support Specialist (#206501), Elementary Intervention Program, from 12 hours weekly to 18 hours weekly. Effective: 12/1/05

#### CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Toni Boyer, Food Service Worker II (#203117), Cordova High, reason: parental. Effective: 12/2/05 through 1/13/06
- Lyudmila Gadzhev, Food Service Worker I (#202544), Mitchell Middle School, reason: parental. Effective: 12/19/05 through 6/1/06

- Rubik Kazaryan, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#991539), Cordova High, reason: medical. Effective: 1/30/06 through 6/1/06
- Tiffany Tolbert, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204038), Theodore Judah/Blanch Sprenz Elems., reason: medical. Effective: 1/9/06 through 4/7/06

**RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT**

- Laurie Campbell, Student Care Assistant (#206089), Natoma Station Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 12/16/05
- Yolanda Velarde, Student Care Assistant (#991301), Folsom Hills Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 1/31/06

**TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS**

- Mark Meyer, Custodian (#991169), Williamson Elem. Effective: 1/18/06
- Trina Rodriguez, Food Service Worker I (#200488), Theodore Judah Elem. Effective: 1/13/06

**CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT**

- Dennis Davis, Site Commander (#200113), Mather Youth Academy. Effective: 8/1/06  
Major Davis was hired on August 20, 1999 to serve as Military Instructional Coordinator for the District's new Mather Youth Academy. He was reclassified to Site Commander on July 1, 2002. Major Davis will retire with six years of service to the District.
- Lorraine McIntyre, Administrative Assistant III (#201476), Adult Education. Effective: 4/30/06  
Lorraine was hired as the Library Clerk at Cordova Villa Elementary on September 4, 1979. In August of 1980 she became the Clerk Typist II at Cordova High School and then School Secretary I at Cordova Lane Elementary in January of 1982. Lorraine became a School Secretary II for the Adult Education Department on July 1, 1990. She retires as the Administrative Assistant III at the Adult Education Department with twenty-six years of service to the District.

**BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT**

No statement.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

No presentation scheduled.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0506-174)**

No one came forward.

**REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0506-175)**

Student Advisory Board – Student Board Member Maria Huseinbhai:

- No report – no SAB meeting since last Board meeting.

PTA/PTO Council – President Laura Ruby

- No report.

California School Employees Association – President Pat Wilhoyte

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon

- Attended a briefing on High Quality Universal Access Preschool. She distributed a summary of part of the Rand study on the benefits of high quality universal preschool with emphasis on the Sacramento area. Reported on the potential savings that result from this program. Would like Folsom Cordova to look at participating.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Cutright was unable to attend; Eddi Rains spoke in her place and reported:

- Several elementary schools are holding family event nights and performances. Williamson is conducting their Family Reading Night tonight, and their second Reading is Fundamental give-away Friday night when all Williamson students will receive a book to keep.
- Cordova Lane reported that their PTA has upgraded the school's sound system and put DVD/VCR players in every classroom.
- Empire Oaks 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Surujan Kopparapu advanced to the next level in the Sacramento Bee Spelling Bee. He is the only 4<sup>th</sup> grader to advance.

**AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS**

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0506-176 - Administrative Matters**

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes - January 19, 2006

**0506-177 – Business Matters**

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District  
B. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - Student Care Relocatable - Navigator Elementary School  
C. Approve Substitution of Subcontractor - Navigator Elementary School Voice and Data Cabling System

**0506-178 – Instructional Matters**

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0506-36, 0506-37, 0506-38, and 0506-39  
0506-36

Expel through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one semester and summer session 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 must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0506-37

Expel through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least two trimesters at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills.

0506-38

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of summer session following the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete term at the Mather Youth Middle

Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; if student complies with the requirements of his expulsion order through summer session, student will be placed on a suspended expulsion order for the fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year and will be allowed to attend Cordova High School; 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.

0506-39

Expel through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least two trimesters at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills.

- B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- C. This number not used.
- D. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Mitchell Middle School Social Science Students to Washington, D.C., Social Science Tour
- E. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Baseball Team to San Diego Lions Baseball Tournament in San Diego, California

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**0506-179 – District Membership in the CSBA Legal Alliance**

Superintendent Godwin explained that the Board is a member of the California School Boards Association and, for additional dues, they can become members of the CSBA Educational Legal Alliance. This is at the Board’s discretion, and this item was agendaized to allow Trustees to decide whether or not they want to join the alliance.

Ms. Myers

- At the CSBA Annual Conference in December, it was noted that as of November 2005, FCUSD was not yet a member and that the dues would be \$2,464.00. She is embarrassed each year that FCUSD is among a very small group of districts that are not supporting the Legal Alliance.
- FCUSD benefits from a number of the issues the alliance is involved in, the biggest being the Williams settlement.
- Reviewed some of the cases in which the alliance is involved.

Ms. McCormick

- Understands all of the statewide issues that would concern us, but what about things that would apply only to our district?

Ms. Stanley

- Explained that the Legal Alliance is closely tied with the CSBA. They are involved in many cases, but in very few are they the front runners in taking legal action. They mostly monitor issues and have to apply to the court to ask for authorization to file a legal brief in support of the position they’ve chosen. The bulk of what they do is to file supportive (Amicus) briefs.

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE membership in the CSBA Educational Legal Alliance as long as the dues do not exceed \$3,500.00 annually.

ZoAnn Lee, Folsom resident

Asked Ms. Myers to list three things that the alliance could provide in Amicus briefs for \$2,500.00.

Ms. Myers

- Personnel issues that we might also have
- Field Trips and the school district's liability for such
- Breach of construction contracts – we've been sued in the past.
- Equitability in school funding
- Charter school issues

MOTION CARRIED 3 ayes 2 noes (Stanley/McCormick). Advisory voted to approve.

**0506-180 – Approve 2006/2007 Budget Planning Calendar:** Calendar of Timelines for the Development of the District Budget

SHORT/MYERS MOVED TO ADOPT the 2006/2007 Budget Planning Calendar

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory vote.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **0506-181 – Categorical Block Grant Update**

Superintendent Godwin introduced Director of State and Federal Programs Judy Lewis.

Ms. Lewis explained that the 26 state categorical programs have been consolidated into six thematic groups as a result of AB825. Each of the 26 programs used to have its own statute, but AB825 repealed most of the laws and instead specified that Block Grant funds could be used for “any purpose authorized by the programs,” as written in the statutes governing them on January 1, 2004. Several state categorical programs were not included in the six block grants; these are called “mega-item” programs. Other state categorical programs continue as “stand-alone” programs. Block grant amounts are based on the proportion of allocations made in the 2003-04 year, increased for COLA and growth.

In a PowerPoint presentation, she explained the block grants and “mega-item” programs.

Trustees asked for clarification on the funding involved and how it is distributed, if some of the targeted instruction improvement funds could be used for programs such as International Baccalaureate (IB), and if money was received for school safety,

Ms. Lewis

- Explained the flexibility options and how money can be transferred within block grants and between block grants. Approximately \$1million is received and transferred to transportation and education technology.
- This system gives districts the opportunity to spend the money as they like.
- Carl Washington School Safety is a stand alone categorical, and money is there.

Ms. Stanley asked if 10<sup>th</sup> grade counseling is still funded.

Ms. DeArcos

- Answered that with the funding situation (\$36,000 does not go very far), Cordova and Folsom High Schools have had to change the way they do their 10<sup>th</sup> grade counseling. Especially Folsom High which now does groups of sophomores and parents in the evening rather than one-on-one as in the past.

Ms. Stanley

- Noted that it seems the #1 priority is transportation.

Mr. Shaw

- Cautioned that we don't want to capriciously move money from here to there. Will change the structure of the grants.

Ms. Stanley

- Thanked Ms. Lewis for bringing this forward and explaining it in the most understandable way possible.

**0506-182 – 2006 Budget Update**

Superintendent Godwin introduced Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt and explained that the governor released his preliminary budget at the Governor's Budget Workshop in January. He asked Ms. Bettencourt to update the Trustees.

Ms. Bettencourt summarized Proposition 98 calculations, explained that California is still in the bottom quartile in education funding, that the governor added \$1.67 billion to the 06/07 funding, but didn't give a retro for 04/05 and 05/06, and that the governor's strategy is to focus cuts on the largest segment of the budget, but she sees cuts occurring after the election. She also explained the legislative changes that affect class size reduction caps, block grant flexibility, intervention program delivery, and others and how they affect FCUSD.

Ms. Bettencourt said that 95% of our unrestricted expenditures are in salaries and benefits. Categorical dollars are providing supply funding for our school sites.

She sees the major topics for 2006 being adequacy for education funding, the preschool initiative, CTA/O'Connell lawsuit, infrastructure bond, and an election year budget, and looks for the 2007/08 budget to need cuts and/or tax increases.

Mr. Shaw

- One of the cornerstones of successfully building schools is state bonds, and obviously we need to go for local bonds as well. If the state is backing out of state bonds and the current one is running out, it puts us in a bad position locally when talking about a local bond.

Ms. Bettencourt

- There will probably be a statewide bond when we go for our local bond. If it loses, we will be eligible for the next state bond. We would continue to make the assumption that the state at some point would meet obligations.

Mr. Short

- Proposition 49 has matching funds. How would that impact us?

Ms. Bettencourt

- We don't know if we can use our student care program for the state match.

Mr. Lewis

- Four additional schools, Mitchell, Cordova Lane, Shields, and Gardens, might fall into high priority. Those four schools received information and looked at things that would be required. None of them are Title 1, so any local match would need to be through the School Library

Improvement Grant. We're looking at community business partners, like AmeriCorps. With that, each school would need about \$8,000; without, they would need \$16,000.00 or \$17,000.00.

Ms. Myers

- All of those schools are in Rancho Cordova. We could appeal to the city council to emulate what Sacramento did and pay for the match.

Ms. McCormick

How is equalization determined?

Ms. Bettencourt

- It's based on statewide average. Our amount per student is \$50 less than statewide average.

Ms. Stanley

- Any chance of midyear cuts?

Ms. Bettencourt

- We've had midyear cuts even without a budget; it has happened before.

Mr. Godwin

- No one is talking about midyear cuts at this time

**REPORTS**

**0506-183 – Reports to the Board of Education**

**Superintendent Godwin**

- Attended the ACSA Superintendents' Conference last week and will be preparing notes, but wanted so share some of the highlights.
  - Much conversation and conjecture about the budget, and talk about the governor's initial overtures to want to move forward.
  - Half of the districts in California are in declining enrollment; we are blessed not to be one of those.
  - There was a lot of talk about the aging of school leadership. Becoming difficult to find principals and superintendents.
  - Something of interest for FCUSD...the state of New Hampshire is doing a lot with community education. Students can propose going out into the community to acquire learning for high school credit.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**0506-184 – Board Business**

A. Board Communication

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Congratulated Ms. Burns and Ms. Ruckle on their new schools.
- Appreciated items on categoricals and the budget. She learned a lot.
- Is on the high school scheduling committee. When they went through the survey results, they were happy to see that the numbers have increased and more than half of the respondents are students.

- Looking forward to attending the Academic Decathlon at Folsom High School on Saturday.

#### Mr. Shaw

- Went to Fresno today to see MaryAnn Delleney receive the School Nurses Administrator of the Year award for the State of California. MaryAnn is well-respected in the state community, and it brings credibility and honor to our District.
- Former Cordova High School student and star football player James Montgomery is going to Berkeley. Over 100 requests for transcripts were received by Cordova High.
- Seneca Wallace, another CHS football player, will be playing for Seattle in the Super Bowl this Sunday.
- Feels we need to start talking about local and state bonds. We need to let the state know bonding is important to a growing district like ours.
- The Folsom High School Jazz Fest last Saturday was great.
- Visited Mira Loma High School last Monday with Cordova High School teacher Cameron Billeci. Talked to the people who run their IB program. They did a good job of explaining how complicated that program is. We need to consider IB, but certainly other high achieving programs as well. He doesn't like the cost that kids incur while in the program.
- It will be huge if we can beat Bella Vista in the Academic Decathlon this Saturday.

#### Ms. McCormick

- Congratulated Ms. Burns and Ms. Ruckle. Also MaryAnn Delleney; she is a wonderful asset to the District.
- Congratulated Lorraine McIntyre, who is retiring from FCUSD with 26 years of service.
- Thanked Judy Lewis for the great presentation on categoricals.

#### Ms. Myers

- Invited all to a dinner and presentation on AIDS research. If you're interested in attending, please see her.
- Would like information from staff on what the consequences would be if we implemented a reduction in categorical aid to transportation and ed tech. Not to wipe it out all together, but would like to use some of that money for a program like IB for high achieving youth. Putting all that money 'on wheels' is not in the best interest of kids.
- Pleased to see the appointments of Ms. Burns and Ms. Ruckle and wishes them well.
- Is very proud of MaryAnn Delleney; quite a significant accomplishment. Thanked Mr. Shaw for representing the Board at the awards ceremony.
- Will look with interest at the Academic Decathlon. Hopes we pull off an upset.
- Appreciates the rundown of categoricals and Debbie's presentation on the budget.

#### Mr. Short

- Congratulated Ms. Burns and Ms. Ruckle.
- Attended a great fundraiser last week by the Cordova High School Music Boosters. Is amazed at the number of trophies and awards the kids have won and would love to see a presentation on what they've done.
- Has been installed on the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.
- Congratulated MaryAnn Delleney and thanked Mr. Shaw for supporting the Board at that event.
- The Rancho Cordova 2x2 meeting this morning was pleasant. Pat talked about the interventions and assistance given to the 80 students in jeopardy of not graduating. The number is quickly declining. Also discussed the joint use library agreement between Rancho Cordova and Mather High and Morrison Middle School.

- The Rancho Cordova City Council would like to be more collaborative in sharing in our agendas and working toward partnering with them on regional issues. The grand opening of City Hall is April 22. Encouraged everyone to attend. It is a fabulous facility.

Ms. Stanley

- Congratulated Ms. Burns and Ms. Ruckle.
- Also congratulated MaryAnn Delleney and thanked Mr. Shaw for representing the Board.
- Congratulated Mr. Short on becoming a member of the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce.
- The FHS Jazz Fest went well; she worked in one of the venues.
- Also discussed at the Rancho 2x2 was the possibility of them setting up public policy internships in coordination with Cordova High. A great opportunity for students.
- Received an advisory from CSBA about the nuances of releasing information to military recruiters. The bottom line is we have to give notice about whether or not we're disclosing that information and have to notify parents that they can opt out.
- Will not be in attendance at the February 16, 2006, Board meeting.

B. Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

**0506-185 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom**

**0506-186** – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2006, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for February 2, 2006:

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| Open Session         | 5:00 p.m. |
| Closed Session       | 5:05 p.m. |
| Open Session         | 6:07 p.m. |
| Meeting adjourned at | 8:05 p.m. |

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Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

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Sara Myers, Clerk of the Board