

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

January 19, 2006

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

January 19, 2006

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

4:30 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 41)

President Stanley announced items to be discussed in closed session.

4:35 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Room 41)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:09 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Family Support Services Coordinator Linda Burkholder 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 reported that the Board unanimously approved placement of Paul Richards as interim principal at Folsom High School for the 2005/2006 school year. (Myers/McCormick)

Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos thanked Christine Anderson for her 12½ years of service to our district saying that Ms. Anderson is a consummate professional. Ms. Anderson is leaving to accept a position at the Sacramento County Office of Education.

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

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

**CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT**

- Ann Botsford, Counselor (#206093), Folsom High School. From: 80%/20% Fall Semester Only; To: 80%/20% Spring Semester Only. Effective: 01/04/06 through 06/07/06.
- Valerie Bronstein, Teacher (#206094), Folsom High School. From: 60% Fall Semester Only; To: 60% Spring Semester Only. Effective: 01/04/06 through 06/02/06.

- Barbara Brydon, Teacher (#991840), Folsom High School. From: 20% Teacher/80% FCEA; To: 40% Teacher/60% FCEA. Effective: 01/04/06.
- Gregory Crannell, Teacher (#206094), Folsom High School. From: 120% Fall Semester Only; To: 120% Spring Semester Only. Effective: 01/04/06 through 06/02/06.
- Wendy Pierce, Teacher (#206094), Folsom High School. From: 120% Fall Semester Only; To: 120% Spring Semester Only. Effective: 01/04/06 through 06/02/06.
- David Werra, Teacher (#206044), Folsom High School. From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% FCEA. Effective: 01/04/06.

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

- Christine Anderson, Elementary Lead Teacher (#203099), Granite. Christine was hired on July 29, 1993 and has been employed 12½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 01/06/06.
- Daw-Suwan Kesler, Teacher (#991905), Cordova High School (from Leave of Absence). Daw-Suwan was hired on August 31, 1998 and has been employed 7½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 12/30/05.

#### CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Gina Miller, Teacher (#991807), Folsom High School, Professional Clear Single Subject Biological Sciences/Chemistry/CLAD Credentials; BA; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 01/04/06.

The following employee has been *re-hired* with Temporary status for 2005-2006:

- Dennis Jones, Teacher (#991729), Kinney High School, Spring Semester Only

#### VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Janice Harris, Teacher (#990424), Carl Sundahl Elementary School. From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 12/17/05.

#### CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

MYERS/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Amanda Allensworth (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#200316), Mather Heights Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 1/4/06
- Hemlata Dodson (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (205560), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 Months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 1/4/06
- Becky Marquez (replacement/second position) SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#201341), Folsom Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step E. Effective: 12/16/2005

#### CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Christine Alleva (replacement) Sutter Middle from Campus Monitor, 3.9 hours daily, Range CL09/Step B to Special Education Instructional Assistant (#205089), 6 hours daily, Range CL11/Step D. Effective: 1/4/06
- Sherri Allen (reclassification) Family Support Services from Categorical Account Technician I, Range CL19 to Categorical Account Technician II, Range CL22. Effective: 4/1/05
- Janet Dearborn (replacement) Folsom High, Food Service Worker I (#206644) from 3.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 1/9/06
- Rita Galstyan (replacement) Mills Middle, Food Service Worker I (#203166) from 2.5 hours daily to 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 1/9/06

- Jan Hollman (replacement) PDRTA, Granite Center, Research Assistant II (#206645), from 4 hours daily/11 months to 8 hours daily/12 months. Effective: 1/3/06
- Stacey MacDonald (replacement) Carl Sundahl Elem., Student Care Center Assistant (#206646) from temporary to regular status. Effective: 1/9/06

#### CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Marie Velazco, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#202557), reason: parental. Effective: 1/5/06 through 6/2/06

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

- Richard Bonnett, Custodian (#991175), Folsom Hills/Blanche Sprentz Elems., reason: other employment. Effective: 1/12/06
- Janene Huber, Student Care Center Assistant (#200270), Carl Sundahl Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 12/21/05
- Yulia Kubay, Food Service Worker I (#201401), Sutter Middle, reason: education. Effective: 1/6/06
- Stephanie Lockhart, Elementary Intervention Program Child Assistant (#204110), Mather Heights Elem., Reason: student teaching. Effective: 1/13/06
- Judith Ocampo, Food Service Worker I (#206559), Folsom High, reason: relocation. Effective: 1/3/06
- Ashley Texiera-West, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206582), Folsom Hills Elem., Effective: 1/13/06

#### TRANSFER TO THIRTY NINE-MONTH REEMPLOYMENT LIST

- Allan Velasquez, Custodian (#991220), Blanche Sprentz Elem., reason: all paid leave exhausted. Effective: 1/27/06

#### BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Stanley asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**STARS After School Program** – Linda Burkholder and Catherine Minicucci

Assistant Superintendent Leslie Faust introduced Linda Burkholder and Catherine Minicucci. Ms. Minicucci is from Minicucci Associates and is a collaborating partner in the program. STARS has been in our District for seven years, and 512 students from Cordova Meadows, Cordova Villa, Rancho Cordova Elementary, Riverview, White Rock, Williamson, and Mills Middle School are participating this year. The goals of the program are to improve academic performance, provide recreation and snacks, assist with homework, provide a safe environment, and improve attendance. Lisa Skaarup was thanked for her enormous contributions to the program.

Trustees commented on the value of the program and thanked all involved.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 0506-160- Public Participation

Craig Osborn – Peter J. Shields parent, Chair of the P.J. Shields School Site Council and Measure B Oversight Committee

Urged Trustees to place on the November ballot a new bond measure for existing Rancho Cordova schools. Thanked the Board for going forward with Measure B and sees a great need to continue the

success of that bond. Suggested a public survey of voters to determine their desires, validate needs, learn what they would be supportive of, increase public awareness of the success of the current bond, and perhaps solidify support of a future bond.

Cindy Evans – District counselor

- Again mentioned the financial aid workshop to be held at Cordova High School and said Folsom High is having their workshop tonight from 7:00 to 9:00. While geared toward juniors and seniors, all students are welcome to attend.
- Folsom High is hosting an evening program next week for 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents to go over graduation requirements, college requirements, SAT information, etc. Cordova High's is scheduled for February.
- Counselors are gearing up for registration activities in the spring. They are working with ETIS to look at ways to register online.

**0506-161 - REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS**

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

- SAB meeting was held yesterday at Cordova High School. The focus of the meeting was on the high school scheduling survey that is on the District website. Mr. Jarman explained all of the questions and scheduling options so that more students will be interested in taking the survey; so far, not many have. The next meeting will be on February 8 at Sutter Middle School.

PTA/PTO Council – Laura Ruby, President:

- No report.

California School Employees Association – Pat Wilhoyte:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Judy Cutright:

- Is excited about the FCAA website that is being developed to encourage and support professional learning and networking.
- Kinney and Folsom Lake High Schools are engaging in the WASC accreditation process.
- Several schools report staffs working on chapters of Marzano's book Classroom Instruction that Works.
- A Cordova High music student has been selected for the California All State Honor Band in addition to the Northern California High School Honor Band.
- Staff Development and Student Care divisions are conducting various inservices for library clerks, computer lab assistants, and yard supervisors.

**AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS**

SHORT/MYERS MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**0506-162 - Administrative Matters**

A. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2006

**0506-163 - Business Matters**

A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District

- B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification
- C. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund and Other Funds
- D. Approve Notice of Completion: CEI Roofing – California, Sutter Middle School Roof Replacement
- E. Approve Professional Fees: To Authorize Use of Legal Firm for the 2005-06 Fiscal Year
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 01-19-06-27: Approve 2005-06 Child Development Contract – Instructional Materials

**0506-164 - Instructional Matters**

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Number: 0506-35  
0506-35

Expel through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester 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 successfully complete summer session and one 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; student is to complete 30 hours of community service.

- B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- C. Approve 2003-04 Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) Third Performance Indicator Selection – Mather Youth Academy
- D. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Mather Heights’ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class to Woodleaf Outdoor School, Yuba City, California

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**0506-165 – Approve Instructional Calendars for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008**

Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh reviewed the criteria considered when creating the District’s instructional calendars: 1) include 181 instructional days, per contact; 2) provide enough days prior to winter break to allow high schools to finish first semester; 3) remain consistent with previous calendars regarding holiday vacations; and 4) approve calendars for two years to allow staff and families ample lead time to plan vacations and activities outside of school. One more criterion has been added, and that is to make sure the timelines for state testing are considered.

Discussion was held on the week-long Thanksgiving break; the fact that high school students really like having finals over before winter break; the lack of a travel day the day after Easter; an option of having the week after Easter for spring break (some districts do that); the impact, if any, on ADA when that day is not included in spring break; and the constraints of the state testing windows.

MYERS/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the instructional calendars for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 as recommended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (including Advisory vote)

**0506-166 – Accept 2004-05 Annual Audit Report**

Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt said there was only one significant issue in the audit and that was related to ADA and independent study and was the result of a clerical error on the contracts; it is being appealed to the state. They were legitimate contracts, but were not dated. She commended Rhonda Crawford and her department for their tireless work on this project and introduced Independent Auditor Justin Williams of Perry Smith.

Mr. Williams reviewed the report provided.

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO ACCEPT the 2004-05 Annual Audit Report, as submitted.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (including Advisory vote)

**0506-167 – Approve 2005-2006 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part II**

Superintendent Godwin introduced Director of State and Federal Programs Judy Lewis. Ms. Lewis gave an overview of the Consolidated Application and noted that SIP is no longer in the application; it is now a block grant, as is 10<sup>th</sup> grade counseling.

Trustees asked questions about Title I funding, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) teacher credentials, and decreases.

MYERS/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the 2005-2006 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part II  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (including Advisory vote)

**0506-168 – Approve 2006 School Site Plans**

Ms. Lewis explained that Cordova High, Folsom High, Kinney High, Folsom Lake High, Walnutwood High, and Mather Youth Academy have submitted site plans for the first time. That is because the School Improvement Program (SIP) is now part of a block grant along with the School Library Materials Program and is no longer funded through the Consolidated Application. The intent is that K-12 schools operate site-based, coordinated programs with advisory councils charged with writing and monitoring student achievement plans, and to prove ongoing funding support for school library purchases. Joy Cleaver and Renee Garber were commended for their work on the site plans and consolidated application.

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE Site Plans for 2006 for all K-12 schools.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (including Advisory vote)

**DISCUSSION**

**0506-169 – Status Report from Wellness Policy Committee**

Ms. Bettencourt introduced MaryAnn Delleney, Karen Knight, and David Knight, from the District, and Vicky Berends, from the California Project LEAN, all of whom are working on the policy.

Ms. Delleney gave a brief overview of the program and explained that the Federal Child Nutrition and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Reauthorization Act of 2004 mandates that each district participating in the National School Lunch program or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 adopt a district-wide school wellness policy, with specified components, by the beginning of the 2006 school year. We are ahead of most districts and hope to have a policy to submit for Board approval in April.

Ms. Berends explained the two bills that were signed by the governor which affect nutrition and food/beverages served in high schools. SB12 establishes nutritional standards and SB965 is the soda ban.

Ms. Knight reviewed the challenges and successes the committee has encountered, and Mr. Knight talked about the next steps.

Ms. Huseinbhai asked if students were included on the committee.

Ms. Delleney said both students and parents are included.

Ms. McCormick

- Is impressed with what has been done so far. We are programmed to accept so many things through advertisements, etc. This is something that is very much needed

Mr. Short

- With all we hear about childhood obesity and diabetes, he is glad we have this program to set guidelines for our kids. Is impressed with Senate Bills 12 and 965.

Ms. Stanley

- Feels that schools can only do so much, and our efforts are minimized if parents aren't involved and onboard with this. Asked if there is a piece of the program focused on parent involvement.

Ms. Knight

- There is a parent component, and the hope is that over time, kids will develop a pattern of healthy choices and carry those over to their families.

Mr. Shaw

- It's been a good thing to serve on this committee. We've taken this mandate as an opportunity to look at ourselves and determine what we value and how we want to be known. We are becoming known as a district that really cares about student nutrition.

Ms. Myers

- In developing our wellness policy, we need to stress a recommendation to students and parents to turn off the TV. Kids don't play outside as they used to and might find more time for physical activity if they weren't in front of the television.

Ms. Huseinbhai

- At Folsom High, we do have healthy lunches, but the snack bar still sells unhealthy items. If they sold apple slices or carrots, for example, and were priced right for kids, she thinks they would make healthier choices.

Ms. Stanley

- Thanked committee members for their work on the wellness policy and the presentation.

**REPORTS**

**0506-170 - Reports to the Board of Education**

A. Superintendent Godwin reported on the following:

- Had an opportunity to attend the science fair at Gold Ridge. It was a lot of fun and gave him hope for the future of science in this country.
- Had asked Ms. Bettencourt to report out on information from the Governor's Budget Workshop, but will ask that it be agendaized for the February 2 Board meeting.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**0506-171 - Board Business**

A. Board Communication

Ms. Huseinbhai

- No report

Ms. McCormick

- No Report

Ms. Myers

- Christine Anderson will leave a huge gap. Hope we can find someone half as capable.
- Was impressed with the presentations this evening. Staff is outstanding when it comes to details and condensing them.
- Attended a PTA council meeting last week, and guest speaker Gail Mathe talked about a tobacco licensing law that has been adopted in San Francisco. It is an effective tool in discouraging teenagers from smoking. Under this law, vendors selling to the under-aged would lose their ability to sell for 30 days. It makes a big impact on their businesses. Would like to ask for an agenda item to have Ms. Mathe report on this ordinance.
- Commended Rhonda Crawford and Debbie Bettencourt for their work on the audit report. Also Judy Lewis for the conapp and site plans.

Mr. Shaw

- Good luck to Christine Anderson. She is a great employee and a wonderful person.
- Impressed with the STARS program.
- Thanked Judy Lewis for her great reports.

Mr. Short

- Best wishes to Christine.
- STARS program was impressive.
- Good to see the overall feeling to continue with a bond in the Rancho Cordova community as expressed by Mr. Osborn.
- Attended the Governor's Budget Workshop and feels we will be facing the issue of universal preschool before long. Is something the Board should discuss.

Ms. Stanley

- The District management letter in the audit suggests that the Board pursue three topics: to control health care costs, to develop a legislative agenda for categoricals, and to work with the education coalition to restore funding to districts. Would like to have discussion on these.
- She's sure that everyone has read about the new autism center Kaiser is opening in Rancho Cordova. It is only the second one in northern California. May mean a significant increase in autistic students in our district. We need to look at what will happen to the number of SELPA units and take another look at setting up our own SELPA.
- Wished Christine well in her new job. She was an asset to the District.
- Pending Board Requests

President Stanley announced that the Board would return to closed session, and no action would be taken.

Recessed to Closed Session at 8:38 p.m.

Reconvened Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

**0506-172 - Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova**

**0506-173** - Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2006, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for January 19, 2006:

Open Session	4:30 p.m.
Closed Session	4:35 p.m.
Open Session	6:09 p.m.
Recessed to Closed Session	8:38 p.m.
Reconvened to Open Session	9:20 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	9:20 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