

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

January 5, 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

January 5, 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 6:05 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Natoma Station third grade student Jaycie Schenone 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.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Janet Davis, Special Education; From: 50% Resource Specialist (#205015) Mather Heights Elementary School/50% Program Specialist (#203096, #204047) Special Education; To: 100% Program Specialist (#206076, #204047, #203096). Effective: 12/05/05.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Brenda Hicks, School Nurse (#206519 #206520), Health Services, 100% (80% Contract) Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 12/12/05 through 06/02/06.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Joyce Rowland, Teacher (#206014) Folsom High School. From: 100%; To: 80%. Effective: 12/17/05.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Shannon Bosetti (*revision*), Teacher (#990408), White Rock Elementary School (50% Contract). From: 08/11/005 through 12/16/05; To: 08/11/05 through 06/02/06.
- Barbara Eklund, Counselor (#200221), Cordova High School, Professional Clear Pupil Personnel Services School Counseling Credential; BA + 51; Class 3, Step 1. Effective: 01/04/06.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Linda Boyko (replacement/rehire) Snack Bar Supervisor (#991335), Folsom High, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step E. Effective: 1/3/06
- Laurie Campbell (new position/temporary) Student Care Center Assistant (#206089), Natoma Station Elem., 2.5 hours daily, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 12/12/05 through 6/2/06
- Primi Chagolla (replacement) Custodian (#991176, #205044), Folsom High, 7 hours daily/12months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 12/27/05
- Daniel Ericksen (replacement) Mechanic I (#991441), Transportation Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range TR24/Step B. Effective: 12/19/05
- Elizabeth Smith (replacement) Clerk Typist III (#991044), Psychological Services, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step B. Effective: 1/3/06

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Valerie Callori (replacement) from Research Assistant II (#206502), PDRTA, Range CL21/Step E++ to Administrative Assistant III (#990947), Special Education Dept., Range CL22/Step E++. Effective: 1/3/06
- Kim Hamke (replacement/temporary) Gold Ridge Elem., from Student Care Center Assistant (#203055), 3.5 hours daily, Range CL08/Step D to Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206574), 6 hours daily, Range CL11/Step D. Effective: 1/4/06 through 6/2/06.
- Amy Hiramoto (reclassification) Family Support Services, from Administrative Assistant I (#990637), Range CL18/Step E++++ to Administrative Assistant II, Range CL20/Step E++++. Effective: 7/1/05.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Emily Allen, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206574), Gold Ridge Elem., reason: education. Effective: 1/1/06 through 6/30/06
- Kimberly Hamke, Student Care Center Assistant (#203055), Gold Ridge Elem., reason: temporary assignment. Effective: 1/1/06 through 6/30/06
- Naira Grigoryan, Computer Instructional Assistant (#991026), Peter J. Shields, reason: parental. Effective: 11/14/05 through 12/16/2005

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Lucy Geisel, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201311), White Rock Elem., reason: medical. Effective: 1/13/06

- Bobby Skelton, Bus Driver (#991451), Transportation Dept., reason: other employment. Effective: 1/4/06
- Mara Wyrick, Food Service Technician (#991326), Folsom Elementary Schools, reason: relocation. Effective: 12/31/05

REASSIGNMENT TO THIRTY-NINE MONTH REEMPLOYMENT LIST

- Mary Tunstall, Food Service Worker I (#201329), Theodore Judah Elem., reason: all paid leave exhausted. Effective: 12/16/05

BOARD PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT

President Stanley asked Ms. Myers to say a few words about Douglas Udell, a Folsom resident who was active in the community and served on the Folsom Bond Oversight Committee. Ms. Myers announced that Mr. Udell passed away this week. He was a very good friend of hers who will be sorely missed.

Ms. Stanley asked for a moment of silence in honor and remembrance of Mr. Udell.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

“Ride the Light Rail” – Gina Bamberger, Natoma Station Elementary

Assistant Superintendent Leslie Faust introduced Natoma Station teacher Gina Bamberger and explained that Ms. Bamberger applied for and received a grant from British Petroleum (BP) as a part of the Share About Air Project.

Students Hannah Pawlek and Carter Berry introduced the program, and Faisal Kanaan, Ryan McLaughlin, and Serjei Topacio explained in a DVD presentation on “Reasons to Ride the Light Rail,” how to purchase tickets, safety measures, how it saves gas, how it lessens pollution, and how fun it is to ride the light rail. Students and parents from the class were also in attendance. The DVD was created by Ms. Bamberger’s third grade students with the help of Ms. Bamberger and Dennis Dalquist who provided technical expertise.

Trustees thanked the students, Ms. Bamberger, Mr. Dalquist, and Principal Jay Berns for their work and support on the video and presentation.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/MYERS MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0506-149)

Nancy Mitchell, Folsom resident and former trustee

Spoke as a member of the Folsom Cordova Schools Foundation Board of Directors. The Foundation applied for and received a grant from Sierra Health Foundation to evaluate their own organization. During their self-evaluation, they identified a problem with the name of the foundation. People think they are either a school district or a foundation that gives money. Because of the confusion the name causes, they asked the Trustees for their opinion of changing the Foundation’s name to ‘Folsom Cordova Community Partnership.’

President Stanley asked if Trustees had any objections; none were offered.

Cindy Evans, District counselor

Reported that she is very excited about a free Cal Grant Financial Aid Workshop to be held at Cordova High School on January 25, 5-8:00 p.m. She worked with Senator Deborah Ortiz's office to get the workshop on the Cordova High campus. All seniors in the District are invited to attend.

Robert Giacometti, Folsom resident and parent

Spoke about an issue regarding his son and the varsity basketball team at Folsom High School. Said he had submitted a formal complaint form and has not received a response.

Mr. Godwin apologized that a response wasn't received in ten days per formal complaint procedure.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0506-150)

Student Advisory Board – Student Board Member Maria Huseinbhai:

- Distributed a list of priorities compiled by members of the SAB regarding issues in the District. She explained that the day the students voted on the list, the vote was held at Sutter Middle School so a large number of middle school students took part. She thinks the voting was skewed and that's the reason for some of the items on the list, in particular, the #1 issue about dress codes (inconsistencies and/or too strict).

Two items were tied for 2nd place: class size/campus overcrowding (parking at Folsom High School) and restroom supplies. She thinks the restroom supply issue is a site problem that should be handled by the site administration, not the Board. SAB has since learned that class sizes are within the limits allowed by California Ed Code, and there actually is plenty of parking at Folsom High.

Budget and funding of programs came in at #4. SAB hopes to have someone from the District speak to them about this subject.

In 5th place was the issue of cell phone use by staff/teachers and students. Ms. Huseinbhai said they have noticed a big reduction in cell phone use by teachers since the beginning of the year.

Funding for athletics and extracurricular programs was 6th on the list.

- Next SAB meeting will be January 18 at Cordova High School.

PTA/PTO Council – President Laura Ruby

- No report.

California School Employees Association – President Pat Wilhoyte

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon

- Ms. Brydon was in attendance, but had no comments this evening.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Judy Cutright reported:

- Every Student Succeeding nominations are due now, and awards will be presented in February.
- Administrator of the Year nominations are also going on.
- The North State Spring ACSA Conference is in April, and registration starts in February.

- Because of a problem with network lines at her site, she wasn't able to receive reports from sites and departments. She will have more information at the next meeting.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0506-151 - Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2005

0506-152 – Business Matters

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

0506-153 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0506-29, 0506-30, 0506-31, 0506-33, and 0506-34

0506-29

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual student counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.

0506-30

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual student counseling to address substance abuse, decision-making skills, and coping with depression; student is to continue with ongoing random drug testing and must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.

0506-31

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or any accredited educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; upon reinstatement into the District, student must attend the Mather Youth Academy (as a S.A.R.B. placement) and complete at least 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.

0506-33

Expel through the end of the 3rd 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 3rd 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 term (to be determined at time of review) 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

0506-34

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or any accredited educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; upon reinstatement into the District, student must attend the Mather Youth Academy (as a S.A.R.B. placement) and complete at least one successful semester 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.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0506-154 - Adopt Resolution No. 01-05-06-26 – Regarding the Assignment of Teachers

MYERS/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 01-05-06-26 regarding the assignment of teachers.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory vote.

DISCUSSION

0506-155 – Report on California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference

Superintendent Godwin reported that the Trustees had attended the CSBA Annual Conference in December, and that this item was agendaized to allow them an opportunity to discuss topics of interest from that conference.

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Had a great time at the conference; it was a big learning experience.
- Met with other student board members and discussed issues in other districts such as drugs on campus, different curriculum, schedules, etc.
- She learned leadership skills and how to be an active board member.
- Also learned how to write letters to elected officials, and has received letters from a couple of legislators.

Ms. McCormick

- Most of the sessions she attended dealt with student well-being.
- Attended a session on character-based citizenship in schools, which stressed the basic theme of developing and implementing character-based interventions in grades K-12.
- Attended an interesting session on No Child Left Behind and English learners. Several districts are involved in lawsuits over how English learners are tested. Should not be testing on whether or not they speak English, but rather on their knowledge of core curriculum.
- Another session she attended was on districts' legal responsibilities regarding childhood obesity.
- Improving student achievement by addressing barriers to learning and teaching dealt with inequities in programs in different schools within a district. Need to work together to combine school and community resources to improve programs.
- Basic theme in all sessions she attended seemed to be that in order to close the achievement gap, all students need to be playing on the same field. Students with health problems, problems at home, etc., will not do as well as other students. Health risks are consistently related to API scores.

Mr. Shaw

- Was lucky to be a part of a presentation team on student dental health that included Mary Ann Delleney and Gail Mathe. Poor oral health is the most common reason for students missing school.

- Received his Masters in Governance at the conference, but was unable to attend the ceremony.
- He and Mr. Short went to a presentation on doing whatever it takes for kids to succeed. Mountain View School District in El Monte, California, believed in removing all barriers and encouraging optimism, and their success was huge.
- Reiterated the statistics about more kids going from 4-year universities to community colleges than community college students going to 4-year universities, and 80% of high school grads not going to college at all. Thinks this holds a lot of relevance for us in restructuring our secondary education. Rigor and relevance needs to be there for the non-college bound student as much as for the college-bound.
- Picked up some literature from the Northern California Carpenters Union about their apprenticeship program. They say if a school participates in a partnership with their union, any student who completes the program will be guaranteed a spot in their apprenticeship program.

Ms. Myers

- Attended a workshop on the two basic types of assessments, state and national. Explained the results and difference of these two assessments. The state assessment estimates student performance, focusing on reading, math, writing, and science and is for students in grades 4 and 8. The national assessment is for grades 4, 8, and 12 and covers a wider range of subjects. From the results of these assessments, California is not doing very well by their African American population in particular. The only state lower was Alabama.
- Feels we are way behind in our math program. Math is a problem we need to correct; we have to demand more from our students.

Mr. Short

- Enjoyed the conference this year because he also focused on the things in which he was most interested.
- Keynote speakers were interesting, the scientist in particular.
- The oral health program was very good.
- We need to look at why we're educating kids. Comes down to a common theme that vocational education is where we're misaligned. Doesn't know how to solve that at the high school level. This might be something we can discuss later.
- The report on the Mountain View School District was interesting, talking about eliminating barriers and educating parents, communities, and students.

Ms. Stanley

- Talked to a BYU representative regarding their independent study program. Institutions are expanding online and distance-learning opportunities. We need to keep an eye on what's happening with those opportunities.
- Enjoyed a session by School Services on active management of categoricals. Included topics on setting goals and priorities, looking at categoricals, understanding the rules (and understanding that rules change), one-time funding, etc. Also differences between state and federal funding.
- Also attended a session on early college high school. Apparently, there is some funding available through the California Community College Foundation. Partnering with Los Rios and Folsom Lake colleges would be a benefit for kids in our district.
- Thinks that trades-people are getting good at marketing. They were out in force at this conference. Cautioned again that the 20% figure for kids going to college does not apply to our district.
- The key phrase this year was that student learning and achievement shouldn't be bound by circumstances.

- Heard a lot on health issues, physical activities, wellness plan, and dental health.

Ms. Stanley asked others who attended the conference for input.

Mary Ann Delleney

Our district is far ahead of other districts in preparing our wellness plan; we are doing the right thing.

REPORTS

0506-156 – Reports to the Board of Education

Superintendent Godwin

- Nothing to report.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0506-157 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Happy New Year to everyone.

Ms. McCormick

- No report.

Mr. Shaw

- A fairly large Hispanic student conference will be held at Sierra College in March. It would be a great opportunity for our students.
- CIF is sponsoring a conference on laws and liabilities for coaches. We may want to send someone.
- New laws were passed recently: SB37 on the use of food supplements by athletes; SB70 regarding vocational education, and SB12 and 965 regarding soda and junk foods in schools. As we get those worked out, he would like to see feedback on how we're doing.

Ms. Myers

- Shares Ms. Stanley's enthusiasm for the BYU independent study program and the available options. This is an alternative to students who take the GED since you can get a high school diploma through this program.
- Is in favor of the union apprenticeship programs.

Mr. Short

- Condolences to the Udell family.
- Enjoyed the presentation tonight. Kids promoting public transportation was great.
- Happy New Year.

Ms. Stanley

- Condolences to the Udell family.
- Congratulated Mr. Shaw for his Masters in Governance.

- Is beginning to consider the use of drug dogs at Mather Youth Academy. Seems to be an increase in drug use at that site.
- Is concerned that restroom supplies is on the list of issues submitted by SAB. If sites don't have soap, towels, and toilet paper, we have a problem.
- Happy New Year.

B. Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

INFORMATION

0506-158 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0506-159 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2006, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for January 5, 2006:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Sara Myers, Clerk of the Board