

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

April 6, 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

April 6, 2006

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

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 6:06 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Folsom High School student Rachel Smith 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 announced that Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of three elementary school principals, two high school principals, and an interim middle school principal. Five of the newly appointed administrators were present and were introduced. He also read a short bio on Norma Richards, bus dispatcher, who retires with 26 years of service to the District.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

McCORMICK/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Myers absent)

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Amanda Chapa, Teacher (#990124), Cordova Villa Elementary School (from Leave of Absence). Amanda was hired on September 2, 1998 and has been employed 8 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/02/06.
- Christine Cova, Resource Specialist (#203082), Folsom Middle School. Christine was hired on August 19, 2005 and has been employed 7 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 03/24/06.

- Stacy Joseph, Teacher (#202634), Empire Oaks Elementary School (from Leave of Absence). Stacy was hired February 19, 2002 and has been employed 3 ½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/02/06.
- Sarah Lopez, (*correction*), Teacher, Oak Chan Elementary School. From: 03/02/01; To: 03/02/06.
- Diane O’Laughlin, School Nurse (#206514), Health Services. Diane was hired on September 14, 1998 and has been employed 8 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/02/06.
- Kelly Rogers, Teacher, Rancho Cordova Elementary School (from Leave of Absence). Kelly was hired August 29, 1997 and has been employed 7 1/2 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 03/01/06.
- Catherine Subryan, Teacher (#202504), Peter J. Shields Elementary School. Catherine was hired on August 21, 2001 and has been employed 5 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 03/31/06.

CERTIFICATED PRE-RETIREMENT

The following employee meets the criteria established by *STRS* and *FCUSD Policy* 4118.01 pertaining to the Pre-Retirement Employment Program and is requesting to participate in the program. Effective: 2006/2007 school year:

- Laurel Storrs is requesting her 1st year in the pre-retirement employment program: Physical Education Teacher, Mitchell Middle School: Employed 09/01/73, 60% work assignment.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Katherine Dixon, Teacher (#990446), White Rock Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 03/27/06 through 06/02/06.
- Tracey Taylor, Resource Specialist (#990584), Williamson Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 02/27/06 through 04/28/06.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Jennifer Charles, Resource Specialist (#204554) (60% Time), Mills Middle School, Intern Education Specialist Mild/Moderate/Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credentials; BA + 68/ME; Class 5, Step 1. Effective: 01/04/06.
- Deborah Keith, Teacher (#205012), Mather Heights Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credential; BA + 52; Class 3, Step 1. Effective: 03/13/06.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS 2006-2007

McCORMICK/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the following administrative appointments for 2006-2007

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Myers absent)

Elementary

- David Frankel, From: Lead Teacher, Granite; To: Principal, Rancho Cordova Elementary School.
- Linda Liebert, From: Teacher, Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School; To: Principal, Williamson Elementary School.
- Andrew Smith, From: Vice Principal, Mitchell Middle School; To: Principal, Riverview Elementary School.

Secondary

- Charles Linebarger, From: Vice Principal, Cordova High School; To: Interim Principal, Sutter Middle School.
- John Dixon, From: Vice Principal, Folsom High School; To: Principal, Vista del Lago High School.
- Paul Richards, Principal, Folsom High School.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Myers absent)

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Anna Bondaruk (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#200143), Cordova Meadows Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 3/27/06
- Frances Buch (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206585), Empire Oaks Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 3/26/06
- Leslee Fobes (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206667), Mather Heights Elem., 4.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 3/26/06
- Britany Gramenz (replacement) Bus Attendant (#200487), Transportation Dept., 7 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 3/27/06
- Flora Guillen (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#206622), Folsom Elementary Schools, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 3/13/06
- Sandra Johnson (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206668), Cordova Meadows Elem., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 3/26/06
- Karl Miller (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#206643), Cordova Gardens/Riverview Elems., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 3/10/06
- Karen Nickell (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#203168), Sutter Middle, 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 4/3/06

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Denise Franklin (replacement) Adult Education Dept., from Research Assistant (#24565), Range CL17/Step E+ to Administrative Assistant II (#206654), Range CL21/Step D+. Effective: 5/1/06
- Lyudmila Levko (replacement) Food Service Worker I from Mitchell Middle (#206660), 3.5 hours daily to Cordova High (#206660), 4 hours daily. Effective: 3/20/06
- Catherine McCune (replacement) from Food Service Worker I (#202674), 4 hours daily, Range CL05/Step 5 to Food Service Worker II (#202569), 6 hours daily, Range CL07/Step 5. Effective: 3/20/06
- Douglas Pieper (replacement/temporary) Student Care Center Assistant, from Natoma Station (#206089), Elem., 2.5 hours daily to Empire Oaks Elem., (#206086), 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 3/20/06 through 6/2/06.
- Glenda Tofsrud (replacement) School Clerk-Secondary, from Cordova High (#206081), 3.5 hours daily/9.75 months to Mills Middle (#990692), 8 hours daily/10.25 months. Effective: 4/17/06

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Pamela Irby, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203099), Mather Youth Academy, reason: parental. Effective: 3/10/06 through 6/1/06

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Bruce Anderson, Campus Monitor (#202617), Cordova High, reason: personal. Effective: 3/17/06
- Anita Avery, STARS Team Leader (#203123), Family Support Services, reason: personal. Effective: 3/10/06
- Carol Ermeti, Food Service Worker I (#200488), Theodore Judah Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 6/1//06
- Vada Keenan, Food Service Worker I (#991394), Folsom Hills Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 6/1/06
- Donna Thompson, SIP Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990784), Sutter Middle, reason: personal. Effective: 6/1/06

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Norma Richards, Bus Dispatcher (#991521), Transportation Dept. Effective: 8/1/06
Norma was hired as a Relief Bus Driver on March 16, 1983. She became a Regular Bus Driver in October of 1983. On January 1, 1991 Norma became the Bus Dispatcher for the Transportation Department. Norma will be retiring from the District with twenty-six years of service.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Stanley asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentations.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- **NBA All Star Camp** – Ray Robitaille, Recreation Coordinator, Folsom Parks & Recreation Department

Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt introduced Mr. Robitaille who presented President Stanley with a check in the amount of \$10,000 representing funds raised from the NBA All Star Camp. Over the last few years, the City of Folsom has presented approximately \$45,000 to the District from camp proceeds.

President Stanley thanked the City and Parks and Recreation Department for the check.

- **Academic Decathlon** – Melinda Wilson and Members of the 2006 Team
Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos introduced Folsom High School teacher and Academic Decathlon coach Melinda Wilson. Folsom High School's team took third place in this year's Academic Decathlon competition, placing behind Bella Vista and Kennedy High Schools. This year's team improved in overall score by 4500 points from last year. Ms. Wilson said this is one of the strongest teams she has ever coached, and she is very proud of them.

Ms. Wilson turned the presentation over to students Tyler Knight, Courtney Wang, Andrea Barrica, Rachel Smith, John Liu, Lindsey Hutchison, and Jennifer Spear. Students introduced themselves and posed questions from the competition to the Board and audience. With the exception of three questions which were answered correctly by two of the Trustees, everyone was stumped.

Trustees thanked Ms. Wilson and the students for their hard work and dedication.

Before adoption of the agenda, President Stanley requested that one of the Discussion Items,

0506-251 - Use of Sacramento Count Sheriff's Work Project at Cordova High School, be moved to after the Agenda Consent items. Sergeant Marchese volunteered her own time this evening to present to the Board and needed to leave as quickly as possible. Trustees agreed to the move.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Myers absent)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0506-235)

Doreen Pendleton, District teacher

- Urged the Board to open dialogue on Kindergarten Class Size Reduction (CSR). Has taught for 20 years and has seen curriculum magnified over the years. Feels that the time that is available in smaller classes to build emotional relationships with students is very important.

Laura Sims, Rancho Cordova parent

- Addressed the Board in support of Kindergarten CSR. Has worked in classrooms with both of her children. Feels that smaller class sizes would help teachers immensely, especially since there doesn't seem to be much parent participation in classrooms in Rancho Cordova.

Sandy Masters, District teacher

- Asked the Board to reconsider opening up dialogue on Kindergarten CSR. Feels it would save money in the long run since there would be less retention and less referral to Special Education.

Andy Kotko, teacher

- Spoke on Kindergarten CSR. Is teaching a Kindergarten/1st grade combination class this year. When he taught a class with 32 students, he felt the sheer volume of students limited his effectiveness. With a class of 20, he feels he can now meet the needs of all his students.

Cindy Evans, District counselor

- While writing a recommendation for a counselor at Cordova High School, she reflected on the duties performed throughout the year and wanted to remind the Board of all of the things an FCUSD counselor does in the course of a year.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0506-236)

Student Advisory Board – Student Board Member Maria Huseinbhai:

- No report. No meeting since the last Board meeting. Next SAB meeting will be on April 18 at Sutter Middle School.

PTA/PTO Council – President Laura Ruby

- Former Trustee Roger Benton said Ms. Ruby asked him to report for her this evening.
- Reported on the Reflections contest and multiple winners; one student won in three different categories. PTA wanted to thank the Board members and community members for their help, especially with the judging.
- Wished Mindi Nunes well in her new job and expressed his sorrow that she is leaving.

California School Employees Association – President Pat Wilhoyte

- Thanked Mindi for all her years of service. It was wonderful working with her on negotiations. Will miss her very much. Good luck.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon

- Congratulated Mindi on her good fortune in eliminating two hours of commute time. She will be missed terribly.
- Acknowledged all of the people who spoke for Kindergarten CSR this evening. FCEA officially would like to see conversation move in the direction of CSR. The costs would prohibit this happening overnight, but there are a lot of sound educational reasons for implementing it. Would like the District to figure out a way to phase it in.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Cutright reported:

- Wished Mindi well.
- A 5th grader from Theodore Judah and a 6th grader from Natoma Station won Youth Inspire! Awards for community service, perseverance, or outstanding accomplishments.
- Teachers Joyce Scolnick, Theodore Judah, and Julie Dunn, Folsom Hills, were selected for special recognition in this year's Who's Who Among America's Teachers.
- Two Cordova High School teachers won prestigious fellowships for this summer. Cameron Billeci will attend the Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History at Stanford, and Ginny Goss will travel to Japan on a Fulbright.
- Two students from Cordova Gardens will take part in state competition as a result of their performance in the Sacramento County History Day.
- Sites around the District are involved in drama productions, music concerts, and other creative activities.
- Eddi Rains continues with classified staff development activities in the District.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory (Myers absent)

0506-237 – Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 16, 2006

0506-238 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Budget Revisions - General Fund and Other Funds
- C. Approve Change Order No. 2: Vista del Lago High School
- D. Approve Extension of Classroom Equipment Bid

0506-239 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0506-53, 0506-60, 0506-61, 0506-1(S), and 0506-2(S)

0506-53

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.

0506-60

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student is to seek educational options through district of residence (out of state) through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2005-2006 academic year; if student re-establishes residency in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District, 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, if student has established residency in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District, student must attend the Mather Youth Academy (as a S.A.R.B. placement) and successfully complete at least one term (to be determined by the District Hearing Officer) 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.

0506-61

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, grief, and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0506-1(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student may attend the Mather Youth Academy or an accredited educational program outside of the District through the end of the fall semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student must 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.

0506-2(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Lake High School through the end of the spring semester of the 2005-2006 academic year; student may attend Folsom High School for summer session; 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.

- B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- C. Approve Nonpublic Agencies and Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- D. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Susan Woodman’s Class at Oak Chan Elementary to Gualala, California

DISCUSSION

0506-251 – Use of Sacramento County Sheriff’s Work Project at Cordova High School

Superintendent Godwin explained the program and the benefits gained by Cordova High School from the work project. Recently, questions have been raised by a Trustee about supervision and who the people are who make up the work force. This item was placed on the agenda to afford time for discussion.

Mike Mallory, District Supervisor of Operations

- Showed, through a PowerPoint presentation, the conditions of the Folsom High School campus versus Cordova High. Talked about the work to be done on Folsom High grounds and the fact that we do not have the manpower to accomplish all of it. Also mentioned that the work project performs work on campus that could lead to injuries of our own employees. This work is done on the weekend, and by Monday morning, the campus is completely cleaned.

Sergeant LeeAnneDra Marchese, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department

- Runs one of the work projects. She explained that the workers are not in custody. They are lower-risk offenders who have been deemed by the court as eligible for work project. They actually pay \$40 a day to be on the project. Most work a job during the week and work on the weekend for the Sheriff's department.
- Anyone with a sex offense would never work on a project.
- Each site is supervised by a uniformed, armed officer at all times.
- While the District contracts for this free service, some, such as Regional Transit, actually pay \$170,000 per year. The District saves a lot of money by using work project.
- If an activity is scheduled for a weekend that work project is on campus, workers are moved to another area of the campus away from the activity. If it is a major activity and contact with others cannot be avoided, the workers are credited for the day and sent home.

Mr. Godwin

- In the time we've had a crew at Cordova High, has there ever been an incident where a student has been threatened or assaulted? Any reports where school property has been taken?

Sgt. Marchese

- In the 20 years we've been at Cordova High, there has never been a reported incident. There was an unsubstantiated report of an inmate smoking in the bathroom.

Ms. McCormick

- Asked for a definition of "supervision." How are they supervised? It is a major concern for her. Has been on campus where inmates are "scattered all over campus," and she did not see a supervisor. She personally has witnessed smoking.
- If the Board is sanctioning these people on campus, supervision is a real issue.
- What about people with a history with Child Protective Services, but haven't been convicted of anything?
- What is the possibility of having more supervision?

Sgt. Marchese

- Folks on the project are divided into groups when they arrive at a site. The officer's job is to assign tasks, deploy people, and supervise by walking the area (golf carts are used on larger sites).
- If inmates refuse to work (no control over work ethic), they are returned to custody.
- It is not possible to assign more supervision to sites. Most are retired officers who dedicate weekends to the project, and they are not easy to find.

Ms. Stanley

- It has been suggested that the crew at Cordova High isn't always busy. Can you expand on that?

Mr. Mallory

- We haven't always provided the crew with enough equipment to keep them busy. Since he joined the District, workers have been provided with more brooms, hoses, window-washing equipment, etc.
- Would like to see the project at Folsom High.

Ms. Stanley

- Would there be a problem with rotation to other campuses?

Sgt. Marchese

- Her bus drivers could transport workers to other campuses.

Mr. Shaw

- Is pretty grateful that we have this service and would like to see it on other campuses.

Joe Lashinsky, Cordova High School head custodian

- Is extremely proud of his school, especially when it looks clean and sharp.
- Growth has added extra portables, new restrooms, the student union, and more on the Cordova High campus, and his custodians have been asked to 'absorb' the extra work. They can't absorb any more, and he is very grateful for the work project.
- The majority of the folks on the work project want to work. Some are Cordova High alumni. Anyone could find themselves on the work project, even people convicted of a speeding violation.
- He is very much in support of this program at Cordova High.

Diana Criddle, CSEA labor representative

- Believes that up until recently, this was a good program. CSEA made an agreement in 1992 when the program started. In the agreement, certain projects for inmates were defined.
- Layoffs of classified staff and reduction of hours over the last few years have resulted in a lack of custodians at Cordova High. There is more work than workers to do the jobs.
- People from their CSEA chapter have gone to Cordova High on weekends and during rainy times and have observed workers inside doing work that is not to be done. Guidelines have not been followed. This was brought up in negotiations in 2005 and now in 2006.
- Our employees are held to certain standards that don't allow them to do a lot of what the inmates are doing.
- CSEA wants the work project to cease and desist. It is taking from the bargaining unit. If the District does not cease and desist, they will file an unfair labor practice.

Ms. McCormick

- A lot of her feelings about this program stem from experiences from another school district. She witnessed an event that was not very nice. This causes her to have concerns about supervision. Parents and students need to feel safe on campus on weekends or out-of-school hours.
- Even though we are assured these people have been convicted of only minor infractions, she is still concerned with other crimes they may have committed for which they were not prosecuted or convicted. To her, the risks outweigh the benefits.

Sgt. Marchese

- Wanted to make clear again that these folks are out of custody. After they leave campus, they are free to go about their business. Some are probably from local communities. They are only returned to custody if they don't complete their court-mandated service.

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Wanted to clarify that if there is an activity on campus on the weekend, the inmates are not around. If that's correct, she thinks it's a good program to have.

Sgt. Marchese

- They will be moved to another part of campus. If the activity is too big, they are credited and sent home.

Mr. Short

- Is it correct and clearly defined that the work that's being done is not in the job description of employees?

Mr. Mallory

- Everyone is assigned a task daily. It is strictly limited to work outside such as weeds, trash, clutter, windows, gum on the ground, etc.

Mr. Short

- After 20 years with no incidents, the risks seem to be nonexistent.

Ms. Stanley

- Thanked Ms. McCormick for bringing this forward.
- We don't restrict the general populace from coming onto our campuses on weekends, and some might be worse than those on the work project.
- It's nice to have a free service with people out of custody.
- Ms. Criddle says there is a problem. We're looking into it, and if we're not in violation, she doesn't feel a need to cease and desist. We just need to be sure nothing happens in the future.
- Asked if anyone had thought about working with CSEA to expand this service to other sites and duties.

Mr. Short

- It's definitely a beneficial program, and he would like to see it expanded as long as we're within the guidelines of CSEA.

Ms. McCormick

- Still has a real problem concerning safety. It only takes one incident. Would feel better if there was a different kind of setup for supervision.
- Would like to have the project monitored and a periodic report of violations and incidents made to the Board. Would be good for Trustees to be updated regularly.

Mr. Shaw

- It comes down to whether or not we are in compliance with our CSEA contract.
- In terms of direction to the Superintendent, would like to see assurance that we're not in conflict with classified employees and, if not, would like to see the program continued.

Mr. Godwin

- It would be easy to report back if there are any violations of the contract or incidents with workers. He has asked CSEA to report to him about violations, and so far he has heard nothing.
- We certainly can do an annual report about incidents or violations.

Ms. Stanley

- The Board would like to see a report of violations and incidents.

Ms. McCormick

- Doesn't feel her issue was addressed. Feels everyone else must think the benefits outweigh the supervision issues.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0506-240 – Adoption of Social Studies Textbooks – Grades 6-8

SHAW/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE adoption of Holt history/social studies textbooks for 6th-8th grade social studies classes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory (Myers absent)

0506-241 – Approve Rancho Cordova Attendance Boundaries for Navigator, Mather Heights, and Cordova Villa Elementary Schools – Effective 2006-2007

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE Rancho Cordova Attendance Boundaries for Navigator, Mather Heights, and Cordova Villa Elementary Schools effective 2006-2007 school year.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory (Myers absent)

0506-242 – Adopt Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5131.63 - Steroids

Superintendent Godwin explained that this item was being brought back with changes per the Board's request. He introduced Assistant Superintendent Mindi Nunes to explain the changes.

Ms. Nunes said that Trustees had requested changes to the Administrative Regulation. Those changes included a definition of "performance-enhancing" dietary supplements and a change in language in the sentence regarding the providing of non muscle-building supplements to student athletes by school personnel or coaches. The other request of the Board was to include a testing component for those student athletes who displayed typical symptoms of steroid use. Legal counsel has advised the District that this is a matter more appropriately handled through the Student Conduct Code as part of the District's overall policy on illegal drug use under Level III controlled substance offenses.

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5131.63 – Steroids.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory (Myers absent)

PUBLIC HEARING

0506-243 – Charter School Petition – Walden Charter School

President Stanley opened the Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m.

Dr. Vickie Boyd from Walden Waldorf Methods Charter School explained their school's approach. They believe in knowledge permeated with the arts. Student artwork and books made by students were displayed. Their aim is to infuse the education process with the arts. Not so much as an independent subject, but more as a method of delivering other curriculum. Dr. Boyd said Sac City

Unified School District has a Waldorf magnet school and cited their 2005 test results as affirmation that their method works.

Randolph McCready, parent

- Was active in the preparation of the charter application.
- The center of the Waldorf education lies in the fact that arts are carefully, thoughtfully, and intentionally woven into academic curriculum.
- This presents an alternative to folks who would like private education for their students, but can't afford it.

Bridget Duffy, parent

- Her children have attended Waldorf schools. The difference she sees is that the curriculum "grabs" children and causes them to want to go to school. It is a non-traditional form of educating children that is used traditionally in other countries.

Ms. Stanley

- Reminded that Trustees would not make any comments this evening. Staff will thoroughly investigate the petition and discussion will occur at another Board meeting.

Hearing closed at 8:23 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

0506-244 – Extension of Urgency Implementation of Statutory Development Impact Fees per Education Code Section 17620

President Stanley opened the Public Hearing at 8:23 p.m.

No one came forward.

Hearing closed at 8:24 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0506-245 – Adopt Urgency Resolution 04-06-06-38: Extension of Urgency Implementation of Statutory Development Impact Fees per Education Code Section 17620

McCORMICK/SHAW MOVED TO ADOPT Urgency Resolution 04-06-06-38 to extend the urgency implementation of Statutory Development Impact Fees per Education Code section 17620.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory (Myers absent)

PUBLIC HEARING

0506-246 – California School Employees Association 2006-07 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education

President Stanley opened the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

No one came forward.

Hearing closed at 8:25 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0506-247 – Adopt California School Employees Association 2006-07 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory (Myers absent)

PUBLIC HEARING

0506-248 – Board of Education 2006-09 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association

President Stanley opened the Public Hearing at 8:26 p.m.

No one came forward.

Public Hearing closed at 8:26 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0506-249 – Adopt Board of Education 2006-09 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the initial proposal and authorize its chief negotiator to enter into bargaining with the Folsom Cordova Education Association.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY including advisory (Myers absent)

DISCUSSION

0506-250 – Academic Performance Index (API) 2005 Base Report

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos to introduce this item. Ms. DeArcos introduced Director of Testing and Assessment Bob Mange.

Mr. Mange explained the scores, called attention to a couple of changes, and took responsibility for the drop in similar schools ranking for Mills Middle School. Information in SASI had not been updated when it should have been, and he failed to catch it. Consequently, Mills was identified with a socioeconomic subgroup of 300+ when, in fact, they had 600+. He feels that's the reason for the large drop in similar school ranking and expects that number to increase significantly next year.

Trustees had no comments.

0506-251 - Use of Sacramento County Sheriff's Work Project at Cordova High School

This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda.

REPORTS

0506-252– Reports to the Board of Education

Superintendent Godwin

- This is Ms. Nunes last official Board meeting. In addition to losing her obvious technical skills, we will miss the heart, soul, and integrity she brought to her position. She has been invited back to the end-of-the-year management meeting at which time she'll be honored in a more appropriate fashion. We will miss her.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0506-253 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Huseinbhai

- Thanked everyone who worked on the history textbook adoption.
- Thanked the Folsom Parks & Recreation Department for the large check to the District.
- Enjoyed the Walden Charter School presentation. It was interesting.
- Congratulated the Academic Decathlon kids. Hopes they have great success next year.
- Good luck to Ms. Nunes.

Ms. McCormick

- Congratulated Mindi and wished her well. She'll be missed. Appreciate the support she has given me.
- Congratulated all of the new administrators for next year. Was happy to have participated in the elementary principal selection. It was a great experience seeing what qualified and outstanding people we have. Was difficult to make a decision.
- Attended Cordova Lane open house and science fair. Enjoyed it.
- Visited some of the preschool sites yesterday. They're doing self-evaluations, and it was very interesting.
- Great to see the Academic Decathlon students and all the hard work they do.

Mr. Shaw

- Congratulated Mindi. We'll miss her.
- Complimented Janie on the Secondary Newsletter. Seems that our secondary sites are getting on the same page in areas such as concentrating on equal access to standards-based curriculum, curriculum guides, common assessments, individual websites for teachers, research-based education, etc. Glad to see that.
- Saw the WASC report and recommendations for Folsom High. One comment was that we need to look at scheduling barriers. Are our existing schedules limiting what students can take? We need to open up discussion on schedules at Folsom and Cordova High Schools.

Mr. Short

- Thanked retiree Norma Richards for her years of service.
- Congratulated new administrators for next year.
- Appreciates the \$10,000 from Folsom. Always nice.
- Will definitely miss Mindi. It was a pleasure working with her. All the best.
- Reported on some discussions at recent 2x2's.
 - Rancho Cordova City Council has offered their new council chambers for our Board meetings.
 - The recent air show was sponsored by Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce and Community Council. The show was fantastic and profitable for the Chamber and Council.
 - Declining enrollment was discussed, especially at Riverview and Shields. Debbie is looking at backing out the numbers.
 - Rancho and Folsom both seem to think that our timing is too fast on the SFID issues. There is concern there.

Ms. Stanley

- Loved the air show.
- Need to make clear that we have reduced our Kindergarten classes.
- Congratulated Ginny Goss and Cameron Billeci on their fellowships and Joyce Scolnick and Julie Dunn for being honored in this year's publication of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.
- Congratulated newly appointed principals.
- Congratulated Mindi; we will miss her.
- Enjoyed Folsom High's production of *Beauty and the Beast*. It was very good.
- Rancho has invited everyone to their grand opening of City Hall on April 22 at 11:00 a.m.
- CSBA is looking for programs to honor in their Golden Bell Program and also presentations for their annual meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

INFORMATION

0506-217 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0506-218 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2006, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for April 6, 2006:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:06 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Sara Myers, Clerk of the Board