

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

April 19, 2007

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  
Richard Shaw, Vice President  
Mary McCormick, Clerk  
Ed Short, Member  
Roger Benton, Member  
Kendra Stanley, Student Member

April 19, 2007

Board members present: Teresa Stanley, Ed Short, Mary McCormick, Richard Shaw, Roger Benton, and Student Member Kendra Stanley

- 5:00 p.m. – Open Session                      CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 41)  
President Stanley announced items to be discussed in closed session.
- 5:05 p.m. – Closed Session                      (Held in Room 41)
- 6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting                      (Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:10 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. David Knight led the flag salute.

**REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

Assistant Superintendent Lawrence Brubaker reported out on routine action taken in closed session regarding certificated and classified personnel.

Mr. Brubaker also acknowledged two retirees: Mary Jane Motter, Administrative Assistant at Cordova Meadows, who retires with almost 22 years of service; and Judy Shipman, Campus Monitor at Cordova High, who retires with 15 years of service to the District.

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

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

**CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- Taylor Alber, Teacher (#991604), Sutter Middle School, 20% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Tracey Buffalo, Teacher (#204062), Mather Heights Elementary School, 50% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/09/07 through 10/30/07.

- Tammy Eckhardt, Teacher (#206011), Mather Heights Elementary School, 50% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Tracy Gibson, Teacher (#990408), White Rock Elementary School, 50% Parental/Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Lisa Hart, Teacher (#990518), White Rock Elementary School, 40% Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/09/07 through 12/19/07.
- Nancy Henkel, Teacher (#990332), Blanche Sprentz Elementary School, 100% (20% Contract) Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/09/07 through 12/19/07.
- Bonnie Ingalls, Teacher (#201006), Mather Heights Elementary School, 50% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Amy Jacobsen, Teacher (#204062), Mather Heights Elementary School, 50% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/09/07 through 12/19/07.
- Anne King, Teacher (#204081), Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School, 100% Parental/Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Vanessa Leslie, Teacher (#991677), Mitchell Middle School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 04/16/07 through 06/01/07.
- Laura Navarre, Teacher (#203039), Mather Heights Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Kristine Neimann, Teacher (#207019), Empire Oaks Elementary School, 50% Parental/Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Karen O'Hanlon, Special Education Teacher (#990327), Cordova Gardens Elementary School, 100% Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Suemi Oxford, Teacher (#990239), Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 30% (80% Contract) Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Debra Rodriguez Burns, Counselor (#202509), Folsom High School, 100% (50% Contract) Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/02/07 through 12/19/07.
- Lisa Schumacher, Teacher (#990132), Cordova Villa Elementary School, 50% Parental/Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Lauren Spitz, Speech Pathologist (#991993), Speech Services, 20% Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Laurie Towne, Teacher (#991638), Mills Middle School, 40% Parental/Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

#### CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Tracey Buffalo, Teacher (#204062), Mather Heights Elementary School. From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 10/31/07.
- Amy Jacobsen, Teacher (#204062), Mather Heights Elementary School. From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 12/20/07.

#### CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT – ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

- Carol La Pierre (*rescinded*), Principal, Oak Chan Elementary School
- Curtis Wilson, Principal, Oak Chan Elementary School

#### CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Heather Bendinelli, Teacher (#990173). From: 100% IASA Teacher, Cordova Villa Elementary School; To: 100% Visiting Educator, California Department of Education. Effective: 06/01/07 through 05/30/08.
- Jennifer Charles, Teacher (#991632), Mills Middle School. From: 80%; To: 120%. Effective: 3/12/07 through 05/31/07.

### CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

BENTON/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- JoAnne McCarthy (replacement) Computer Instructional Assistant (#991024), Natoma Station Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 3/27/07
- Jaime Richards (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990873), P. J. Shields and Rancho Cordova Elementary Schools, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step D. Effective: 4/16/07

### CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Jill Bakes (replacement FTE) Student Care Center Supervisor (#207616), Williamson Elem., from 5.5 hours daily to 8 hours daily. Effective: 7/1/07
- Hemlata Dodson (replacement) Bus Driver (#991467), Transportation Dept., from 5 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 3/13/07
- Bela Pathak (voluntary decrease) Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (#203003), Student Support Services, from 32 hours per week to 28 hours per week. Effective: 8/13/07
- Eunice Reyes (new position) from Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Cordova High, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step E to Community Based Facilitator (#207138), Cordova Student Union, 8 hours daily/10 months, Range CL22/Step C. Effective: 4/9/07
- Virginia Shupe (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#201401), Sutter Middle, from 3.5 hours daily to 4 hours daily. Effective: 3/26/07

### CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Holles Ahlstrom, Account Clerk II (#206033), Student Support Services, reason: family medical (50%). Effective: 3/18/07 through 5/18/07

### RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Jamie Gordon, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990837), Cordova Gardens Elem., reason: education. Effective: 5/31/07
- Linda Holloway, Library Clerk (#991058), Cordova Gardens Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 5/31/07
- Pamela Irby, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#200399), Mather Youth Academy, reason: family medical. Effective: 3/30/07
- Vernita Murray, Bus Driver (#991451), Transportation Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 3/30/07
- Virginia Paloma-Velasquez, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#200422), Oak Chan Elem., reason: health. Effective: 4/10/07
- Regina Tomasulo, Occupational Therapist (#206655), Student Support Services, reason: relocating. Effective: 6/29/07

### CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Mary Jane Motter, Administrative Assistant-Elementary (#990975), Cordova Meadows Elem., Effective: 6/14/2007  
Mary Jane was hired as a Clerk Typist I at Cordova Meadows on September 18, 1985. In August of 1987, she became the School Secretary at that school. Mary Jane will retire with nearly twenty-two years of service to the District and the students and staff at Cordova Meadows Elementary.

- Judith Shipman, Campus Monitor, (#991551), Kinney High School. Effective: 5/31/07  
Judith was hired as a Campus Monitor at Cordova High on November 14, 1991. On November 30, 1998, she transferred to Kinney High. Judith will retire with fifteen years of service to the District.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **English/Language Arts, 9-12 – Kelly Hillesland**

President Stanley announced that the special presentation scheduled for this evening was postponed until a later date.

She also asked for a moment of silence in honor of the people who lost their lives in the attacks at Virginia Tech.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

### **0607-202 - Public Participation**

#### **Donna Burnett, District Counselor**

- Reported on the activities in which counselors are engaged at this time of the year.

#### **Ken Percival, parent**

- Spoke about an issue with his son on the playground at Cordova Gardens Elementary School.

#### **Bob Winford, teacher**

- Again requested information from Mr. Godwin on specific line item costs from the Bargaining Update distributed earlier in the year.
- Referenced the Response to Intervention (RTI) training that has been taking place. Acknowledged Oak Chan Elementary School Principal Jim Cagney for putting in place programs before and after school and for early and late birds to accommodate specific students. Also acknowledged the teachers who are putting forth efforts to accommodate the RTI program.

#### **Kristina & Kaitlin Hughes, parent and student**

- Spoke regarding the importance of teachers in the District.
- Kaitlin spoke about how special teachers are to children.

#### **Becky Goodwin, parent**

- Spoke in support of District teachers.

#### **Sierra Wentz, student**

- Shared a story about teachers and their importance.

#### **Cyndy Madrigal, parent**

- Spoke in support of District teachers.

#### **Zoeann Lee, parent**

- Spoke regarding the newly created Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (SEPAC). Distributed the committee bylaws to the Board.

Jeff Katz, parent

- Spoke in support of District teachers.

Toni Carstens, parent

- Spoke in support of District teachers.

Heather Bondy, parent

- Spoke in support of District teachers.

### **0607-203 - REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS**

Student Advisory Board – Kendra Stanley

- At the meeting in May, a new student Board member will be elected for next year.

PTA/PTO Council – President Laura Ruby:

- Mary Ann Delleney spoke for Ms. Ruby and reported on the last council meeting and upcoming events.

California School Employees Association – President Dyarl Abdo:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon:

- Shared an experience she had with a colleague who asked her why the District is satisfied with being 9<sup>th</sup> out of 12 in the region. Their goal should be #1. We should not be settling for less than the best and should be attracting and retaining the best new and experienced teachers. Ninth isn't good enough.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Eddi Rains:

- Updated Trustees with information about the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Legislative Action Day. Of key concern were two controversial fund shifts what would manipulate and eventually undermine the integrity of Prop. 98.

### **AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS**

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of 0607-205 G and 0607-205 L.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

### **0607-204- Administrative Matters**

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 29, 2007
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 0607-04-19-31: To Pay Absent Board Member

### **0607-205 - Business Matters**

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification
- C. Approve Budget Revision: General Fund and Other Funds
- D. Approve Professional Fees: To authorize the Use of Perry-Smith LPP, Auditors as Independent Auditors for 2006-2007
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 04-19-07-32: To Establish a Student Body Bank Account for Vista del Lago High School
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 04-19-07-33: To Establish a Trustee Bank Account for Russell Ranch Elementary School

- G. See below.
- H. Approve Substitution of Subcontractor: Vista del Lago High School Phase 1 - Wood Trim
- I. Approve Substitution of Subcontractor: Russell Ranch Elementary School - Wood Trim
- J. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc.- Student Care Relocatable, Russell Ranch Elementary School
- K. Approve Student Care Salary Schedule for 2006/07
- L. See below.

0607-205 G – Approve 2006-07 Discretionary Site Block Grant Expenditures: Walnutwood High School

Mr. Benton pulled this item to again say that he wishes we could find a solution for schools having to spend site block grant money on copy machines.

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the Site Block Grant Expenditures for Walnutwood High School

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

0607-205 L – Accept Certificate of Facts – Election Results, Measure M

Mr. Benton pulled this item to say it should not have been on the Consent Agenda. This is something we need to celebrate. Great job everyone!

BENTON/McCORMICK MOVED to Accept the Certificate of Facts – Election Results, Measure M

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

**0607-206 – Instructional Matters**

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0607-49(S), 0607-50(S), 0607-51(S), 0607-52(S) 0607-53(S), 0607-54(S), 0607-55(S), and 0607-56(S)

0607-49(S)

Expel through the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Cordova Villa Elementary School through the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is not to attend the STARS Program until the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year (August 2007); individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-50(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy or an accredited educational program outside of the District through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 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.

0607-51(S)

Expel through the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year (includes summer session); student must successfully complete at least two trimesters and summer session 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 substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.

0607-52(S)

Expel through the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Cordova Lane Opportunity Program through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student is to attend Mills Middle School during the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-53(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in the district; 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.

0607-54(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student may attend the Mather Youth Academy (on an interdistrict transfer agreement) or may seek educational options in district of residence (San Juan Unified School District or Natomas Unified School District) through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; if student wishes to attend a comprehensive program in the Folsom Cordova Unified School District following his expulsion term, student must successfully complete at least one semester at the Mather Youth Academy; 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.

0607-55(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Walnutwood High School or an accredited educational program outside of the district through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual student counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.

0607-56(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 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.

B. Approve Williams Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarterly Report

C. Approve Course Outlines: Middle School and High School

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT**

No statement.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**0607-207 – Approve Sacramento County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Revised Assurances Statement**

BENTON/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the Sacramento County SELPA Revised Assurances Statement

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

**0607-208 – Adopt FCUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Policies and Revised Assurances Statement**

Superintendent Godwin said it was important to note that adopting these policies and the revised assurances statement is one of the first steps in becoming an independent SELPA. Ms. Burness introduced the item and acknowledged Zoanne Lee, 2007-2008 SEPAC Chair, and Laura Mulder, SEPAC Secretary.

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the FCUSD SELPA Policies and Revised Assurances statement which were originally presented to the Board for discussion on October 5, 2006. A public hearing was held on October 19, 2006, and the draft policies were posted on the District website to allow the public to review and comment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

Zoanne Lee, SEPAC Chair

- Requested that FC-SEPAC be added to Board Meeting agendas under “Reports of District Organizations.”

Ms. Stanley responded that the Board would have to discuss that request. If the request is not granted, the SEPAC representative could submit a card and speak during Public Participation as the District counselors do.

**DISCUSSION**

**0607-209 – Formal Assessments and Using the Data**

Superintendent Godwin introduced Assistant Superintendent Educational Options and Accountability Mark Rickabaugh. Mr. Rickabaugh explained the different types of summative and formative assessments and to whom they are administered. He indicated that Testing and Assessment Coordinator David Knight, Mills Middle School Principal Dennis Willeford, and Assistant Superintendent Student Support Services Maureen Burness would also be part of the discussion.

Mr. Knight explained why we do data analysis and the methods used.

Mr. Willeford explained how testing information is used at the school sites.

Ms. Burness explained the tests that are administered to special needs students.

Mr. Rickabaugh thanked Mr. Knight, who prepared the PowerPoint presentation used, indicating that he is an invaluable part of the assessment program.

Trustees thanked all of the presenters, especially Mr. Knight, for a great job.

**REPORTS**

**0607-210 – Reports to the Board of Education**

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- No comments this evening.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**0607-211 – Board Business**

A. Board Communication

Kendra Stanley

- Is very excited about the Folsom High School symphony orchestra going to Disneyland tomorrow.

Ms. McCormick

- Congratulated Ms. Motter and Ms. Shipman on their much-deserved retirement.
- Expressed personal condolences to the students and families for the terrible tragedy at Virginia Tech. Her prayers are with them.
- Congratulated Ann Knickelbein for her part in the grant (School Community Violence Prevention Program, from the School/Law Enforcement Partnership, a joint venture between the California Department of Justice and Office of the Attorney General) received by Mather Youth Academy and Mather Youth Opportunity. She spent some time with Principal Rosas and students at the 'Day in the Life at Kitty Hawk'. There was a lot of excitement because of the grant.

Mr. Benton

- No report.

Mr. Short

- It's good to be back. He missed the last meeting due to a death in his family.
- Good to see the green shirts again tonight. He appreciates all the comments from teachers and parents. We do respect and value them, and they do make a difference in children's lives. Hopes we find a resolution soon.
- Referring to Ms. Brydon's comments, we also want to be #1, but how we get there is a struggle. This is a great district and it will continue to be. He's proud to be a part of this district and governing board.

Mr. Shaw

- Former Cordova High and Mitchell Middle School student Otis Griffin will be fighting for the World Light Heavy Weight Championship. Very exciting to see another former student make good.
- Attended the Teacher of the Year presentation sponsored by the Masons. Our Teacher of the Year, Dena Reeve, gave a nice talk.
- Attended the Community Partnership breakfast this morning. Had he had access back in the 50's to all the programs that are available now, he would have loved it.
- As we discuss joint use of facilities and Project Lead the Way, he'd like to throw out an idea of a joint use science and math facility that could be located between Cordova High and Mills Middle School.

Ms. Stanley

- Will be a part of Team 2007 at Folsom High tomorrow as they get revved up for testing.
- On Saturday, several schools are having campus cleanup day.
- Thanked Ms. Burness for inviting her to the RTI presentation. People seemed to be very attentive.
- Judged some of the senior projects at Cordova High. Was pleased with them for the most part.
- On April 28, Sutter Middle School will be hosting a Relay for Life. She will participate.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

**0607-212– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova**

**0607-213** – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2007, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for April 19, 2007:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:10 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:08 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

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Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board