

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

February 1, 2007

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

February 1, 2007

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

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 6:04 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Folsom High School student Rachel Smith 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.

He also announced that Cordova Meadows Principal Tony Peterson had been appointed principal of the new Russell Ranch Elementary School, effective the 2007/2008 school year.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

SHORT/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Daniel d'Avignon, Teacher (#991737), Kinney High School, Professional Clear Single Subject Social Science/Supplementary Authorization Introductory Industrial and Technology Education; BA + 70 1/3; Class 4, Step 8. Effective: 01/16/07.

- Jeanmarie Dawson, Resource Specialist (#207015), 40% Folsom High School, Preliminary Education Specialist Mild Moderate Credential; BS + 47 1/3/MS; Class 3, Step 8. Effective: 01/22/07.
- Michele Matsumura, Special Education Teacher (#200239), Folsom High School, Preliminary Education Specialist Mild/Moderate/English Learner/Preliminary Multiple Subject Credentials; BA + 58/MA + 4; Class 5, Step 4. Effective: 02/01/07.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- John Cornett, Teacher (#207037, #207038, #207078), Folsom Middle School. John was hired on August 8, 2006, and has been employed 5 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 01/23/07.
- Mari Lowes, Teacher (#203202), Mills Middle School. Mari was hired on August 9, 2005, and has been employed 2 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/01/07.
- Barbara Martin, Nurse (#992020), 80% Health Programs. Barbara was hired on September 20, 2005, and has been employed 1 year, 1 month with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 01/31/07.

SHAW/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the Administrative Appointment of a Principal for Russell Ranch Elementary School.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT 2007-2008

Anthony Peterson, Principal. From: Cordova Meadows Elementary School; To: Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Jason Klarich (replacement) Custodian (#991189), Cordova High, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 1/22/07
- Martha Kraus (replacement) Health Assistant (#991101), White Rock Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 1/22/07
- Timothy Reckers (replacement) Campus Monitor (#991509), Cordova High, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 1/8/07
- Zephyr Scott (replacement) Food Service Office Technician (#200116), Food Service Dept., 6 hours daily/12 months, Range CL22/Step A. Effective: 1/24/07
- J. Crayton Yelverton (replacement) Director of Food Services (#990615) Food Service Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range MG26/Step D. Effective: 3/1/07

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Julie Bruce (replacement) Sutter Middle, from School Clerk Secondary, Range CL12/Step E to Clerk Typist III (#991045), Range CL14/Step E. Effective: 1/16/07
- Layla Chapman (replacement) Food Service Worker I, from 3 hours daily, Cordova Gardens to 4 hours daily (#204564), Peter J. Shields Elem. Effective: 1/16/07
- Stevi Cook (replacement) Sutter Middle, Food Service Worker I, from 3.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily (#991426, #203165). Effective: 1/19/07

- Keely Flores (replacement) Mitchell Middle, Child Nutrition Technician, from 6 hours daily to 8 hours daily (#9913333, #203024). Effective: 6/1/07
- Taleen Gurs (replacement FTE) Theodore Judah Elem., Food Service Worker I, from 3 hours daily to 3.5 hours daily (#207617). Effective: 2/1/07
- Susan Wilson (replacement) Food Service Worker I, from 3 hours daily, Cordova Gardens Elem., to 4 hours daily (#206680), Folsom Middle. Effective: 1/22/07

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Lidia Gutierrez, Food Service Worker I (#207557), Folsom High, reason: parental. Effective: 1/8/07 through 5/31/07

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Eri Beauchamp, Computer Instructional Assistant (#991015), Theodore Judah Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 1/31/07
- Robin Jones, Food Service Supervisor (#200146), Food Service Dept., reason: other employment. Effective: 1/30/07

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

No statement.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Folsom Middle School Student Performance – *Guys and Dolls*

Folsom Middle School Principal Karen Knight introduced Folsom Middle School art teacher Marianne Dana, who was the assistant director for the production. Students Joey Saffren, Kenneth Wang, Amanda Wood, Kiley Tansey, Erika Smith, Nicole Bruns, Scarlet Tweed, Nico Guidino, Mady Smith, Patrick Nast, Tayler White, Hannah Safford, Jessica Kirsch, Tyler Gallegos, and Shandy Nanomantube performed several tunes from the musical.

Trustees thanked the students and everyone involved in the show.

Folsom High School Academic Decathlon Team – Melinda Wilson

Folsom High School teacher and Academic Decathlon Coach Melinda Wilson announced that this year's Super Quiz will be held Saturday, February 3, at Valley High School in Elk Grove. Students have been working very hard, practicing every night and weekends, and she and they feel this is the year they will take first place.

She introduced student Courtney Wang who introduced the students on the teams. First team members in attendance were Alan Rosenfeld, Tyler Knight, Morgan Steele, Jim Cai, Brendan Samuel, Victoria Struth, John Liu, and Andrew Clarke. Team Two members who are competing, but not for team score, were Rachel Smith, Yvonne Lin, Joe Spear, Michelle Tseng, and Angela Believeau. Members of this year's winning team will receive a \$400 scholarship.

Trustees thanked Ms. Wilson and students for all their hard work and wished them good luck.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0607-143)

Leticia Shen, District parent

Spoke of her concern about the teachers' salaries. Referred to the bargaining update sent out in January by Superintendent Godwin. On the page featuring the table on historical perspective that shows the table of cuts, would like to see a similar table that shows the amounts of increases and the percentages.

Tony Peterson, Principal, Cordova Meadows Elementary

- Thanked the Board for putting their trust in him to open the new elementary school.
- Cordova Meadows was a part of the healthy schools alliance which got them involved in a grant from the nonprofit organization, KaBOOM!. They received the grant in the amount of \$50,000 for a new community playground to be built on their campus. Students will design their dream playground, and it will be built on March 30. They need 150 volunteers to help construct the playground. Trustees were invited to join in.

Donna Burnett, District Counselor

- Reported on current activities in which high school counselors are involved, including helping students with financial aid for college.
- Summer school plans are underway, and registration for next year is beginning soon.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0607-144)

Student Advisory Board – Kendra Stanley

- SAB hasn't met since her last report, but students from the high schools have been planning to meet in small groups to discuss issues like cell phones and senior project.

PTA/PTO Council – President Laura Ruby:

- No report.

California School Employees Association – President Dyrall Abdo:

- Reported that nothing was resolved when the organization and District met with the state mediator on January 22. Another meeting is planned for February 22. He hopes the outcome will be different.
- Has received many calls and emails from members regarding the bargaining update from the Superintendent. Most were questions about the 8.62% COLA, and blended COLA of 7.1%. Urged the Board to give the District team some latitude in negotiating.
- From the 2002 school year to present, classified folks have shared the burden of balancing the budget through layoffs. Most of those positions have not been restored, and they are needed to keep the schools looking good.
- Let's get closer to the blended COLA. Be fair to the people who do the jobs.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon:

- She was elected to serve the certificated staff of this District, and they have put their trust in her to speak for them. The Board is elected to serve the communities of Rancho Cordova and Folsom. There is an overlap in the people we serve because many who teach here also live here. Our responsibility is to act for the good of all those we serve. Recruiting and retaining good educators serves the most good for all concerned. She fears a diffusion of good people from this area to places with better total compensation. She sees a slow, subtle degradation of services we're able to offer here as the quality of people we're able to attract and keep falls apart. Urged

the Board to reconsider and make sure that the managers of this District act in the best interest of the whole community.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Eddi Rains:

- Reported on the success of the ACSA 10-12 Every Student Counts Symposium held in January; the adoption of the framework for Career Technical Education by the State Board of Education; and a new process from the State Board of Education that will allow secondary teachers of two or more subjects as the “teacher of Record” to become Highly Qualified in all subjects taught, which will allow eligible teachers in secondary special education, alternative programs, and small rural school achievement schools to become No Child Left Behind compliant.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items, including an amendment to the January 18 minutes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

0607-145 – Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2007
- B. Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2007

0607-146 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund and Other Funds
- C. Approve 2006-07 Discretionary Site Block Grant Expenditures: Folsom Middle School
- D. Approve Substitution of Subcontractor: Vista del Lago High School Phase 2 Toilet Accessories and Partitions

0607-147 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: Case Numbers: 0607-27(S), 0607-28(S), 0607-29(S), 0607-30(S), 0607-31(S), 0607-32(S), and 0607-33(S)

0607-27(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to be provided independent study through Cordova High School for the last two weeks of the fall semester then transfer to the Adult Education Program for the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-28(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or an accredited educational program outside of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District through the end of 3rd trimester of the 2006-2007 academic year; upon reinstatement into the District, 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 assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-29(S)

Expel through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; upon reinstatement into the district, student must successfully complete at least one trimester 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 assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-30(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring 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 assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-31(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Lake High School through the end of the spring semester of the 2006-2007 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.

0607-32(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2006-2007 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2006-2007 academic year; individual student counseling to address sexual harassment and decision-making skills.

0607-33(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Lake High School through the end of the spring semester of the 2006-2007 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.

B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students

C. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic Agency Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students

DISCUSSION

0607-148 – Update on Strategies to Improve the Performance of English Language Learners

Director of State and Federal Programs Judy Lewis introduced Lead Teacher, ELA, Suzie Schaffer and Lead Teacher, Elementary ELD, Sina Chau-Pech, who helped her with the presentation.

- 2,000 English language learners in the District; 85% are in Rancho Cordova schools; 65 languages are spoken, and 75% speak Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, or Armenian.
- English learners have met federal and state targets.
- Main academic needs for these students are understanding what is read (vocabulary) and grammar.
- “Threshold” vocabulary is the central piece in improving the program.
- Trying to find ways to infuse more vocabulary into the instruction already going on.
- Introduced the General Services Vocabulary list to reading coaches last spring. The first 1000 words in this list are about 75% of any text. The second 1000 adds another 5-10%.
- Students will have 28 new words a week to learn.
- Ways to incorporate vocabulary words into the classroom include flash cards, sentences and riddles, morning messages, read alouds, and Threshold Vocabulary pictures which help students to see the words.

Mr. Short

- You mentioned there are no assessments right now, just implementation. Will there come a time when we do have assessments?
- Concerned that students will fall behind in other subject areas.

Ms. Lewis

- Next year should show a rise in the vocabulary sub-strand on the CSTs. Subgroups, including English learners, reclassified fluent, and, hopefully, the socio-economically disadvantaged will show an uptick on that strand. If that comes true, we're done. If it doesn't, we may want to look at before and after type comparisons.
- Would be surprised if the vocabulary takes more than five minutes a day. The words are used daily in other subjects; the program should not take away from other subjects.

Ms. McCormick

- Was curious about assessment, as well. The engagement of everyone is exciting to her.

Mr. Benton

- At Cordova High's graduation last year, nine of the best students had only been in this country for a few years. It's amazing what we're doing with these students.

Mr. Shaw

- Read an article about how valuable bilingual people are in the workplace now. Japanese, Chinese, and Mandarin are growing fast. Need to look at those as offerings in schools.

Ms. Stanley

- If English Language Learners learn 2,000 words and know them, will they be able to assess at proficient?

Ms. Lewis

- Certainly much better chance than if they don't.

REPORTS

0607-149 – Reports to the Board of Education

Superintendent Godwin

- As a group, we nominated *Sacramento Bee* reporter Walt Yost for ACSA's award for Partners in Educational Excellence in Media, and he won. The ACSA Awards Dinner will be held on February 22.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0607-150 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Kendra Stanley

- This morning, attended the Coordinated School Health Leadership Institute booster session. Was interesting to hear what they've been doing. Will take the information to SAB and see what committees they can put together at different schools.

- It has been suggested by a student that the District website might include a section where students could find answers to frequently asked questions. For example, students have been hearing about the teachers' contract issue. Also the cell phone policy is being talked about. A lot of inaccuracies are spread around. The website could have accurate information for students to access.
- Would like to attend the Academic Decathlon Super Quiz this weekend. Kids have been working so hard. Wished them good luck.

Mr. Short

- Congratulated Tony Peterson on his appointment and also on the exciting playground grant for students and the community.
- Loved *Guys and Dolls*. Those kids are future superstars.
- The commitment of the students on the Acadeca team is amazing. Wished them the best on Saturday.

Ms. McCormick

- Also congratulated Tony Peterson. Cordova Meadows will miss him.
- The Academic Decathlon is exciting, and she hopes to attend the competition.
- Thanked Judy Lewis for the update on the ELL program. She can relate because she was an English language learner herself, and in the old days, you were put into a classroom and had to sink or swim. This program is wonderful. Would be great to be able to encourage students to speak English, but retain their home language as well.
- Special thoughts for Folsom Middle School teacher Joyce Baker and her family for the difficulties they've been through lately.

Mr. Benton

- Congratulated Tony Peterson and said that every school has multiple principals, but only one first principal. It's a great honor to open a new school, and the community needs to hear about that. We'll sit down in the near future to pen something.
- Congratulated Walt Yost. He writes with his heart and head and isn't after the quick story.
- Appreciated Ms. Brydon and Mr. Abdo speaking tonight. Their comments about fairness for everyone...we want the same thing.
- It is truly amazing to see what our students are doing today. So much has changed since he was in high school. Applauded our students and programs.

Mr. Shaw

- Met with representatives from Kaiser, the District School Health Advisory Council, and Sac City Unified School District to team up on efforts to put into life our wellness policies and partner with Kaiser in those efforts. Kaiser is happy with what they've seen here, and wants to build upon that for use in Sac City, based on our model. Our model is pretty much being used throughout the state.
- Reviewed some of the things Kaiser has done to help our district, including Get Fit in Folsom, \$135,000 to our HEAL walking clubs, and the purchase of automatic external defibrillators for our high schools and shade structures for elementary schools, to name just a few. They are a great partner.
- Schools all over the nation are taking a look at the use of cell phones in schools. Some have banned cell phones on campus altogether. He is not advocating this, but thinks we need to be clear about where and how they can be used.

Ms. Stanley

- Wished the Acadeca team good luck.
- Thanked Folsom Middle School students and staff for the *Guys and Dolls* performance.
- Congratulated Tony Peterson.
- Thanked Vista del Lago Principal John Dixon and Administrative Assistant Rochelle Dagnall for sending out the information on how their program will operate, and for the FAQ's. Very informative.
- Empire Oaks Elementary is ready to submit their application for National Blue Ribbon School Certification.
- The Board has been receiving emails and calls from people asking simple questions about negotiations, like "is your staff telling you what's going on with negotiations?" We are aware of the status of the bargaining, and the Board supports the direction staff is taking in negotiations. We are doing what is best for the most in the District. That's not only employees, but our main clients, the students.
- Will make a presentation with Ann Knickelbein on our wellness plan at the National School Boards Association in April. If interested, you can see a preview at a meeting of the Region 6 delegates on February 10, 10:00 a.m., at Sacramento County Office of Education. Any Board member in the region can attend. Members in our region are looking to us for guidance.
- Attended the Rancho Cordova 2x2 meeting this morning. Discussed seeking Measure N Bond Oversight Committee members. Need parents, someone from a taxpayer organization, a senior citizen, and business people to apply. Applications are available on our Facilities website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

INFORMATION

0607-151 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0607-152 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2007, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Record of meeting schedule for February 1, 2007:

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| Open Session | 5:00 p.m. |
| Closed Session | 5:05 p.m. |
| Open Session | 6:04 p.m. |
| Meeting adjourned at | 8:02 p.m. |

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board