

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

May 3, 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

May 3, 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 6:06 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Mather Heights Principal Alan Withers 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 recognized those certificated employees who are retiring this year, including two administrators, White Rock Principal Fay Kerekes and Director State and Federal Programs Judy Lewis.

Mr. Brubaker also read a short bio on Leah Harnois, preschool teacher, who retires with 41 years of service to the District.

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

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

CERTIFICATED:

- Sheila Abel, Teacher (#990455), Oak Chan Elementary School. Sheila was hired on September 1, 1988, to teach sixth grade at White Rock Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1989/1990 school year, she transferred to Oak Chan Elementary School. She retires on June 2, 2007, from her teaching position after participating 1 year in the STRS Pre-Retirement Program. Sheila has been employed 19 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Dale Bernard, Teacher (#991863, #200008), Cordova High School. Dale was hired on January 24, 1985, to teach English at Cordova High School. She also served as Division Leader beginning with the 2002/2003 school year through the end of the 2006/2007 school year. She retires from her teaching position on June 8, 2007. Dale has been employed 21½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Janet Boomer, Teacher (#990535), Peter J. Shields Elementary School. Janet was hired on August 31, 1998, to teach first grade at Peter J. Shields Elementary School. She was hired in November 1988 as a Classified Computer Lab Teachers Aide at Peter J. Shields Elementary School. She retires from her teaching position on June 2, 2007. Janet has been employed 9 years (a total of 19 years) as a certificated employee with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Linda Brown, Resource Specialist (#990367), Theodore Judah Elementary School. Linda was hired on September 1, 1969, to teach the Emotionally Handicapped at Peter J. Shields Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1977/1978 school year, she transferred to Mather Heights Elementary School. In 1981/1982 she taught at both Mather Heights Elementary School and Kitty Hawk Elementary School. In 1989/1990 she returned full-time to Mather Heights Elementary School. Linda transferred to Theodore Judah Elementary School at the start of the 1993/1994 school year. She retires on June 2, 2007. Linda has been employed 38 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Ann Docken, Psychologist (#203158), Psychological Services. Ann was hired on August 11, 1986, as a Psychologist for Pupil Personnel Services. She retires from this position on June 30, 2007. Ann has been employed 20 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Patricia Faires, Teacher (#990189), Natoma Station Elementary School. Patricia was hired on October 15, 1980, to teach fourth grade at Cordova Villa Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1987/1988 school year, she transferred to Cordova Lane Elementary School and in 1988 to Carl Sundahl Elementary School. Patricia transferred to Natoma Station Elementary School at the beginning of the 1996/1997 school year. She retires from her teaching position on June 2, 2007. Patricia has been employed 37 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Gregory King, Teacher (#991828, #207031, #200027), Folsom High School. Gregory was hired on January 23, 1995, to teach mathematics at Folsom High School. He also served as Division Leader beginning with the 2004/2005 school year. He retires from his teaching position on June 2, 2007. Gregory has been employed 12½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Connie Mahoney, Teacher (#990201), Natoma Station Elementary School. Connie was hired on March 12, 1984, to teach second grade at Cordova Gardens Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1995/1996 school year, she transferred to Natoma Station Elementary School. She retires from her teaching position on July 1, 2007. Connie has been employed 23 years, 4 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Richard Sabin, Teacher (#990023), Gold Ridge Elementary School. Richard was hired on September 1, 1970, to teach fifth grade at Peter J. Shields Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1981/1982 school year, he was appointed Department Chair. Richard was appointed Teaching Vice Principal at the beginning of the 1984/1985 school year and remained in this position until his transfer to Gold Ridge Elementary School at the beginning of the 1998/1999 school year. He was also appointed Teaching Vice Principal at Gold Ridge Elementary School.

In 2002, he was appointed Department Chair and held this position until June 2003. He retires from his teaching position on June 2, 2007. Richard has been employed 37 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

- Linda Swan, Teacher (#990316), 60% Cordova Gardens Elementary School. Linda was hired on September 22, 1975, to teach fourth/fifth grades at Cordova Villa Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1982/1983 school year, she transferred to Cordova Gardens Elementary School and returned to Cordova Villa in 1988. She also served as Department Chair during the 1990/1991 school year. Linda transferred to Folsom Hills Elementary school at the beginning of the 1991/1992 school year. She transferred to Theodore Judah Elementary School for the 1998/1999 school year and then to Cordova Gardens at the beginning of the 2002/2003 school year. She retires on July 1, 2007, from her teaching position after participating 2 years in the STRS Pre-Retirement Program. Linda has been employed 32 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

#### ADMINISTRATORS:

- Fay Kerekes, Principal (#990548), White Rock Elementary School.  
Fay was hired on September 1, 1970, to teach second grade at Rancho Cordova Elementary School. She transferred to Mather Heights Elementary School at the beginning of the 1977/1978 school year and to Walnutwood Elementary School at the beginning of the 1978/1979 school year. Fay was appointed LES/NES Facilitator at the start of the 1979/1980 school year. In July 1981, she was appointed Teaching/Vice Principal at Walnutwood Elementary School. Fay was appointed Interim Principal at Rancho Cordova Elementary School on August 21, 1984, and then she became Principal of Rancho Cordova Elementary School on July 1, 1985. She was appointed Principal of White Rock Elementary School on July 1, 1997. She retires from this position on June 13, 2007. Fay has been employed 37 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Judith Lewis, Director of State & Federal Programs (#201320).  
Judith was hired on January 29, 1973, to teach third grade at Rancho Cordova Elementary School. She transferred to Williamson Elementary School at the beginning of the 1973/1974 school year. In 1980, she was appointed LES/NES Facilitator and she also served as Department Chair beginning with the 1986 school year for the Transitional English Program. Judith was appointed Coordinator ESEA/ECIA/School Based Coordinator & Transitional English on October 21, 1992. On July 1, 1998, she became Coordinator IASA/SIP & Transitional English and on July 1, 2000, she was appointed Director of State & Federal Programs. She retires from this position on July 1, 2007. Judith has been employed 33½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

#### CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Theresa Bacha, Teacher (#991774, #991751, #991810), Folsom High School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Laura Gutierrez, Teacher (#990223), Natoma Station Elementary School, 50% Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/09/07 through 12/19/07.
- Gail Phinney, Psychologist (#990680), Psychological Services, 100% (50% Contract) Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 07/26/07 through 12/19/07.

#### CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Andrea Allen Krebs, Teacher (#990114). From: 100% Cordova Villa Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Alexandra Botos, Teacher (#203034). From: 50% Folsom Hills Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

- Carrie Chaney, Teacher (#208028). From: 100% Rancho Cordova Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Dawn Critchfield, Teacher (#990541). From: 100% Cordova Villa Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Mary Golden, Teacher (#990032). From: 100% Cordova Lane Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Cynthia Gray, Special Education Teacher (#201335). From: 100% Empire Oaks Elementary School; To: 100% Navigator Elementary School. Effective: 04/30/07.
- Adrienne Mc Manus, Teacher (#208029). From: 50% Rancho Cordova Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Troy Martinez, Teacher (#208031). From: 100% Cordova Meadows Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Jenny Matheu, Teacher (#208026). From: 100% White Rock Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Kimberly Moore, Teacher (#208020). From: 100% Folsom High School; To: 100% Vista Del Lago High School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Paul Schiele, Teacher (#208027). From: 100% White Rock Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Erin Tipton, Teacher (#990115). From: 100% Williamson Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Curtis Wilson, Teacher (#208030). From: 100% Empire Oaks Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

#### CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Deborah Rasmussen, Teacher (#207019), Empire Oaks Elementary School. From: 60%; To: 50%. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Suzanne Solorzano, Teacher (#203031), Empire Oaks Elementary School. From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

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

- Julie Dunn, Teacher (#990072), Folsom Hills Elementary School. Julie was hired on August 12, 1997, and has been employed 10 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/01/07.
- Michael Gordon, Teacher (#991597), Folsom Middle School. Michael was hired on August 21, 2001, and has been employed 6 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/01/07.
- Kay Mills, School Nurse (#992017), Health Programs. Kay was hired on September 21, 2001, and has been employed 6 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/01/07.

#### CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

#### CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Shin Baran (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#204563), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 4/17/07
- Richard Mendez (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#206656), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 4/18/07

- Visanthi Murulidhar (replacement) Computer Instructional Assistant (#991015), Theodore Judah Elem., 11 hours weekly/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 4/24/07
- Myong Ramirez (replacement) IASA Instructional Assistant (#4/23/07), White Rock Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL04/Step A. Effective: 4/23/07
- Catherine Voetsch (new position) STARS Team Leader (#207141), Family Support Services, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 4/20/07

#### CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Tracy Baker (replacement) Bus Driver (#991447), Transportation Dept., from 4 hours daily to 4.75 hours daily. Effective: 4/17/07
- Linda Green (replacement) Bus Driver (#205543), Transportation Dept., from 6 hours daily to 5.5 hours daily. Effective: 4/17/07
- Laura Hartle (replacement) Bus Driver (#207576), Transportation Dept., from 4.75 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 4/17/07
- Brent Jones (replacement) from Custodian, Folsom Middle, Range CL14/Step E to Building & Grounds Utilityworker (#991154), Maintenance Dept., Range CL18/Step E. Effective: 4/16/2007
- Pamela Parsons (hours increase/new FTE) Administrative Assistant II (#207139), Business Services Dept., From 4 hours daily to 5 hours daily. Effective: 4/16/07
- Thea Riley (hours decrease) Special Project Coordinator (#206652), Family Support Services, from 6 hours daily to 2 hours daily. Effective: 5/1/07
- Lisa Skaarup (reclassification) Family Support Services, from Special Project Lead (#203054), Range CL25/Step E to Special Project Manager (#207142), Range MG14/ Step A. Effective: 1/1/07

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

- Maria Abdallah, Food Service Worker I (#202545), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 4/30/07
- LaDonna Alexander, Middle School Library Technician (#990625), Mitchell Middle, reason: relocation. Effective: 6/14/07
- Heather Atwood, Preschool Assistant (#207083), Cordova Villa Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 4/28/07
- Lindsey Caven, Preschool Assistant (#207600), Williamson Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 5/31/07
- Salakchit Palavivatana, Bus Driver (#207592), Transportation Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 4/30/07
- Thea Riley, Special Project Coordinator (#206652), Family Support Services, reason: personal. Effective: 6/18/07

#### TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY EMPLOYMENT

- Small, Cathy, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#207533), Mitchell Middle. Effective: 3/19/07

#### CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Lana Corkin, School Clerk-Secondary (#990690), Kinney High, Effective: 6/1/07  
Lana started with the District as an In-School Suspension Aide at Mills Middle on January 7, 1988. In September of that year, she became a Clerk Typist I at that school. In February of 1992, she became the Parent Coordinator at Mills Middle. She became a Clerk Typist II at Cordova High in June of 1994. She moved to Kinney High/Sunrise Vista in May of 1995. Lana will retire as a School Clerk-Secondary with nineteen years of service to the District.

- Leah Harnois, Preschool Teacher (#990990), Rancho Cordova Elem., Effective: 6/1/07  
Lea was hired as a Rancho Cordova Preschool Teacher's Aide on September 12, 1966. On August 27, 1973, she became the Preschool Teacher. Leah will retire this June with nearly forty-one years of service to the District.
- Jan Hollman, Research Assistant II (#206645), Professional Development, Research & Testing Dept., Effective: 6/29/07  
Jan was hired as a Special Education Teacher Aide on September 3, 1991. In October of 1992, she was assigned to Williamson Elementary. She took on added responsibilities as an ESEA Teacher Aide in August of 1993. On September 9, 1996, she became the Library Clerk at that school. She became the Research Assistant I in the Research & Evaluation Department on May I, 2000. Jan retires as Research Assistant II with nearly sixteen years of service to the District.
- Freda Rivera, Support Specialist I, Education Technology & Information Systems Dept., Effective: 9/28/07  
Freda Came to the District as the Computer Aide at Folsom Hills Elementary on October 24, 1995. On August 17, 1998, she became Support Specialist for the Information Systems Department. Freda will retire with nearly twelve years of service to the District.

### **BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT**

President Stanley asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

#### **Air Quality Forecast Flags – Mary Ann Delleney**

Mr. Godwin introduced Mary Ann Delleney. Ms. Delleney announced that Blanche Sprentz and Mather Heights Elementary Schools are piloting an Air Quality Index Flag Raising Program. The schools will fly a colored flag indicating air quality for each day. FCUSD is partnering with Breathe California of Sacramento-Emigrant Trails and Blue Cross of California in this program. Health Promotions Specialist Kerry Brown from Breathe California and Communications Director Kori Titus from Blue Cross spoke about the program. Mather Heights Principal Alan Withers also addressed the Board.

Trustees thanked everyone involved for their contributions to this very important new program.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

SHAW/BENTON MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0607-214)**

No one came forward.

### **REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0607-215)**

#### **Student Advisory Board – Kendra Stanley**

- Last SAB meeting is May 16 at the Folsom Community Center.

#### **PTA/PTO Council – President Laura Ruby:**

- PTA/PTO Vice Principal Alan Withers spoke of upcoming activities.

#### **California School Employees Association – President Dyrall Abdo:**

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon:

- Extended regards from about 300 people who are meeting in the multipurpose room to get information about the tentative agreement that was reached yesterday between FCUSD and FCEA. She is optimistic that the membership will ratify the agreement.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Eddi Rains:

- Reported on the ACSA Annual North State Conference held last weekend in Reno, Nevada.

### **AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS**

SHORT/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items, with the exception of 0607-218 C, 0607-218 D, and 0607-218 F.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### **0607-216 – Administrative Matters**

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes - April 19, 2007
- B. Approve Revised Board Policy 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures

#### **0607-217 – Business Matters**

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 05-03-07-34: Identification of District Employees, by Title, Who May Have Access to National School Lunch Program (N.S.L.P.) Information for Use in Preparing STAR Test Pre-identification Files or Coding Student Answer Documents
- C. Approve 2006-07 Site Block Grant Expenditures: Navigator, Cordova Gardens, Cordova Lane, Cordova Villa, Rancho Cordova, and White Rock Elementary Schools, Mitchell Middle School, and Folsom Lake High School
- D. Approve Change Order No. 11: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 1
- E. Approve Change Order No. 3A: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 2
- F. Approve Change Order No. 5: Russell Ranch Elementary School
- G. Award Bid: Cordova Gardens, Rancho Cordova, and P.J. Shields Modernization Projects

#### **0607-218 – Instructional Matters**

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: Case Numbers: 0607-57(S), 0607-58(S), 0607-59(S), 0607-60(S), 0607-61(S), and 0607-62(S)

##### 0607-57(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 decision-making skills; student is to pay restitution charges for damage done to school bus or do some form of community service.

##### 0607-58(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or an accredited educational program outside of the District through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; upon reinstatement into 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 anger management and decision-making skills.

##### 0607-59(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 alcohol abuse and decision-making skills.

0607-60(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.

0607-61(S)

Expel through the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least two trimesters at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in the District; individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-62(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2006-2007 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of summer session following the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one trimester and summer session at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in the District; individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

- B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- C. See below.
- D. See below.
- E. Approve Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application Form, Fiscal Year 2007-2008
- F. See below.

0607-218 C, D and F were pulled for discussion. Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos to explain the three items. All of the items are related to funding Career Technical Education in the District.

0607-218 C – Approve Application for 2006/2007 AB1802 Career Technical Education Program Allocation

SHORT/SHAW MOVED To APPROVE the Application for 2006/2007 AB1802 Career Technical Education Program Allocation

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0607-218 D – Approve Application for 2007-2008 Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant

SHORT/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the application for the 2007-2008 Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0607-218 F – Approve Funding Request to Implement Project Lead the Way, GenCorp Foundation  
SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the Funding Request to Implement Project Lead the Way, GenCorp Foundation  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**0607-219 – Adopt Board Policy 5131.10:** Possession and Use of Cellular Phones and Other Electronic Signaling Devices  
Superintendent Godwin asked Janie DeArcos to introduce this item.

Ms. DeArcos explained that previous cell phone and personal electronic signaling device regulations were addressed in the District’s Student Conduct Code, but Trustees had requested a Board Policy be written. A draft policy is presented for Board approval. She noted that Assistant Superintendent Elementary Instruction Leslie Faust requested that ‘recess’ be included in the times when devices would be permitted since students in elementary schools are also carrying cell phones.

Kendra Stanley

- This was discussed at length at the SAB meetings, and everyone agreed that use of cell phones should be allowed during lunch, but no one suggested their use during passing periods.
- Definitely thinks a Board policy is necessary so that there is consistency at school sites.
- Doesn’t like the paragraph about principals having the right to be more restrictive to resolve problems unique to their school sites. Feels it defeats the purpose of a policy. Most issues talked about at SAB involve the inconsistencies in consequences between different schools and teachers.
- Thinks when a device is confiscated, it should go immediately to the office so the chance of it being stolen from the teacher’s desk, or damaged, is avoided. Also, thinks confiscated devices should be returned at the end of the day and not kept longer. If a student’s device is taken more than a couple of times, the parent should be required to retrieve it.

Mr. Shaw

- Requested two additions to the policy.
  - Add “or creates a safety risk” to the first sentence.
  - Include a disclaimer that the District is not responsible for the loss or damage to confiscated devices.
- Thinks we need a general policy that applies to all, but is specific enough to get what we want and general enough for skilled employees to solve problems at their specific school sites.

Mr. Short

- Wondered why principals would be opposed to cell phone use during lunch break.

Mr. Godwin

- Feels there are a number of circumstances in which a principal might disallow the use during lunch time. For instance, if tardies start to increase after lunch, restricting use during lunch for a designated time might mitigate the problem. He hopes principals wouldn’t say ‘no’ to use during lunch unless there is a problem.

Ms. DeArcos

- There is also a concern that with some students at lunch while others are in class, there is an opportunity for cheating because kids are so adept at text messaging.

Mr. Benton

- Agrees with Kendra about the issue of inconsistency if some sites allow use during lunch and some don't. This might cause people to become resentful.

Ms. Stanley

- Supports Mr. Shaw's two suggested additions.
- Doesn't like the last paragraph about principals having the right to be more restrictive. Would like to see that removed.
- Regarding confiscation, understands wanting to give teachers leeway and feels the word 'may' is good. But, as an attorney, cautioned that the definition of theft is to deprive someone of personal property without their consent. If we take away a device for a length of time, we may get into trouble with the law. Also, if a device is damaged or stolen after it's been confiscated, it might mean we'd have to pay. Should just say it will be confiscated and must be picked up by a parent.

Ms. McCormick

- While she would like to see cell phones banned from schools completely, she understands that in this day and age, people are tied to their cell phones. She would personally like to see lunch time added to the restricted times.

Ms. DeArcos

- An Administrative Regulation could take care of confiscations and how they would be handled.

SHAW/BENTON MOVED TO ADOPT Board Policy 5131.10 with the following changes: Add "or creates a safety risk" to the first sentence, and include a disclaimer that the District is not responsible for the loss or damage to confiscated devices.

Kendra Stanley

- She and most people she knows will use their phones responsibly and for good reasons. Doesn't think use at lunch will be a problem. Would rather not have the 'restrictive clause' in the policy, and be able to add it in later if there is a problem.
- She hears so much about cheating; adults seem to think it's really an issue. It would be very hard to do, and taking pictures of tests is not possible. People who would cheat are doing it already.

AMENDED MOTION:

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO ADOPT Board Policy 5131.10: Possession and Use of Cellular Phones and Other Personal Electronic Signaling Devices with the following amendments:

- Add "or creates a safety risk" to the first sentence.
- Include a disclaimer that the District is not responsible for the loss or damage to confiscated devices.
- Remove the last paragraph regarding principals' rights to be more restrictive.
- Address other circumstances in an Administrative Regulation.

Ms. DeArcos

- Just for clarification. When the Board approved this for the Student Conduct Code, confiscation was approved. She doesn't want to go down this road without the Board knowing that confiscation of disruptive or unsafe objects, such as skateboards, has been a practice we've been following a long time.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

## **DISCUSSION**

### **0607-220 – Project Lead the Way Program**

Superintendent Godwin introduced Lead Teacher Reg Jensen. In a PowerPoint presentation, Mr Jensen gave an overview of what PLTW is, how it works, and attributes of the curriculum. The program right now focuses on careers in engineering.

Mr. Short

- Being an engineer, he is excited by this program. He'd like to talk with kids who are involved after the program is up and running.

Mr. Jensen

- Is retiring this year, but wanted to say that he has worked in this district for 32 years and has had a great career. It's a wonderful place to work and live. He appreciates the District and what it's done for him over the years. He will miss it.

Mr. Godwin

- Wanted to point out that a couple of the teachers identified for this program – one at a high school and one at a middle school – are females. This is a great opportunity to attract young ladies into careers in science, technology, engineering, and math.

Ms. DeArcos

- We want to address academic excellence as well as adequacy. With hands-on projects like this and academics, we will really be able to prepare students for post-secondary education in fields that require the ability to problem-solve, be innovative, and be able to think creatively. Sees this as a model program that she would like to move into other CTE areas.
- Thanked Reg Jensen for all he has done for us. He has had a stellar career with this District as a teacher, mentor teacher, and as a lead teacher in developing this program. He's been a wonderful colleague.

Ms. Stanley

- It's important for us to allow students the opportunity for career and technical education. The Project Lead the Way program is a good addition to CTE.
- Also thanked Mr. Jensen for his contributions.

## **REPORTS**

### **0607-221 – Reports to the Board of Education**

#### **A. Superintendent Godwin**

- Is happy that we have reached a tentative agreement with the teachers and thanked everyone who worked on negotiations. The most important part is that we have an agreement to work cooperatively and collaboratively in the future to hopefully avoid the things we've been through this year.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **0607-222 – Board Business**

#### **A. Board Communication**

Kendra Stanley

- Everyone at Folsom High who is taking physics this year misses Mr. Jensen.
- Senior project has been a topic at SAB this year. Kids came up with a lot of suggestions that were given to Ms. DeArcos. The Senior Project Coordinators implemented most of their suggestions. One big thing was to eliminate some of the paperwork. Also, during the junior year, there will be an informational meeting for students and parents. This will give students more time to plan their project with less stress.

Ms. McCormick

- Congratulated all the retirees.
- Thanked Ms. Dellaney for initiating the air quality flag program. Appreciates her efforts in looking toward student safety and motivating administrators.
- Is very happy with the tentative agreement with FCEA. Thanked Mr. Brubaker and his staff for their hard work...Mr. Godwin, as well.
- Attended a Youth Development Institute and hopes there'll be a presentation to the Board at a later date. It's a great program for building relationships and leadership skills for students.

Mr. Benton

- It seemed like the negotiations over the teachers' contract took forever. It's done now, and we're the happiest people in the world. Great job to everyone who worked on this. We came together and showed we can be a team and work out what's best for everyone.
- Staff appreciation day is coming up. Enjoys it because he gets to see a lot of staff that he doesn't always get to see.
- Is looking forward to the SAB luncheon on May 16.
- Missed the Rancho Cordova 2x2 meeting yesterday because he was watching his grandson. After six hours, he had to say that there is no truer joy than seeing love in the eyes of your own child.

Mr. Short

- Congratulated all the retirees. Appreciates all their years of service.
- Glad about the tentative agreement and very happy to hear that the teachers feel it's win-win. Thanked staff and everyone involved.
- With all the talk now about safety, would like to see on a future agenda our safety plans and what money is involved.

Mr. Shaw

- Congratulated the retirees.
- Read an article about science instruction in schools. Part of it focused on staff development. He believes it takes a great deal of staff development and training of science teachers to develop students strong in that area. Background knowledge is essential. We need to grow our people, and he knows it will take a great deal of funding.
- Would like to see a presentation to the Board on our crisis emergency plans.

Ms. Stanley

- Congratulated retirees. Acknowledged Judy Lewis, present, who attends all the Board meetings. Will miss her greatly.
- The Relay for Life last weekend was encouraging. Seven Folsom High teams raised a lot of money for the American Cancer Society. Bob Jarman was there for the survivors' lap and then later for the luminaria ceremony.

- Out of the Consent Agenda, she noted that in the nonpublic schools update, between July 2006 and today, we've decreased our nonpublic school placements by 17 students. Worthy of note. Thanked Assistant Superintendent Maureen Burness for her efforts in this.
- Read an article about the West Contra Costa School District going green in their new buildings. Ms. Bettencourt said we are using green techniques in our school buildings now.
- Congratulated Mr. Brubaker, Ms. Bettencourt, and everyone who had anything to do with the negotiations with FCEA. Hopes that the level of animosity didn't reach a point where it will take a long time to heal. Hopes we can return to the familial feeling we had in this district.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

**0607-223 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom**

**0607-224** – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2007, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Record of meeting schedule for May 3, 2007:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:06 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:35 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