

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

May 17, 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

May 17, 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 6:02 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. The Mather Youth Academy Color Guard presented the flag. Student Russell Benson, from the Youth Opportunity Program, 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, including:

- Trustees unanimously approved two administrative appointments.
- The recommendation for termination of a classified management employee was continued until the next Board meeting.

Mr. Brubaker acknowledged two teachers who are retiring: Reg Jensen, Lead Teacher, who retires with 32 years of service; and Cordova Meadows Elementary School teacher Donald Moore, who retires with 37 years of service to the District.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Suekyung Baker, Teacher (#208090). From: 100% Cordova High School; To: 100% Vista Del Lago High School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

- Heather Bendinelli (*rescinded*), Cordova Villa Elementary School. Appointment to 100% Visiting Educator, California Department of Education to be effective for 2007/2008 school year.
- Realynn Dufford-Cordova, Special Education Teacher (#991705). From: 100% Mitchell Middle School; To: 100% Walnutwood High School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Cynthia Fryckman, Teacher (#991796). From: 100% Folsom High School; To: 100% Vista Del Lago High School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Mary Howard, Special Education Teacher (#990261). From: 100% Folsom Hills Elementary School; To: 100% Rancho Cordova Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Maritza Karp, Teacher (#990521). From: 100% Peter J. Shields Elementary School; To: 100% Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- John Lusk, Teacher (#204125). From: 100% Folsom High School; To: 100% Vista Del Lago High School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Gayle Martin, Teacher (#208024). From: 100% Folsom High School; To: 100% Vista Del Lago High School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Canen Peterson, Teacher (#990173). From: 100% Gold Ridge Elementary School; To: 100% Title 1 Cordova Villa Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Reginald Jensen, Lead Teacher (#205124), Granite. Reginald was hired on September 1, 1975, to teach Science at Cordova High School. At the beginning of the 1991/1992 school year, he transferred to Folsom High School. He was appointed .2 Lead Science Teacher on February 1, 2005, and at the beginning of the 2005/2006 year, he was appointed full-time Lead Teacher. He retires from this position on June 9, 2007. Reginald has been employed 32 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Donald Moore, Teacher (#990102), Cordova Meadows Elementary School. Donald was hired on September 1, 1970, to teach fifth grade at Cordova Meadows Elementary School. He retires from his teaching position on August 2, 2007. Donald has been employed 37 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

CERTIFICATED PRE-RETIREMENT

Secondary

- David Cardwell has (*rescinded*) his request to participate in his 1st year in the *STRS* Pre-Retirement Program for the 2007/2008 school year.

Administrator

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: 2007/2008 school year:

- Edwina Rains is requesting her 1st year in the pre-retirement program: Pre-School Coordinator, Pre-School: Employed 07/01/01, 60% work assignment.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- The following employees have been *re-hired* with Temporary status for the 2007/2008 school year.
- Barbara Eklund, Counselor (#991620), Sutter Middle School
- Penny Rome, Counselor (#991728), Kinney High School
- Heather Sandbloom, Counselor (#207527) 50% Mills Middle School/(#207117) 50% Cordova High School
- Rennie Simpson, Counselor (#208095), 100% Folsom High School
- Nikka Vaughan, Counselor (#207119), Cordova High School

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

BENTON/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the following administrative appointments.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Charles Linebarger. From: Interim Principal, Sutter Middle School; To: 50% Principal Walnutwood High School/50% Student Care Coordinator. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Cheryll Koleszar, Coordinator, Student Support Services: Effective: 06/01/07
Part of Cheryll Koleszar's background includes:

2006-Present	Coordinator, Desert Sands Unified School District.
2000-2006	Coordinator, Palm Springs Unified School District Coordinated the planning, development and implementation of 146 Special Education programs for 2300 students with mild/moderate and moderate/severe disabilities ages 3–22

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- David Constante (new position) STARS Team Advisor (#207145), Family Support Services, 8 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 5/4/07
- Bruce Jokela (replacement) Building & Grounds Utility Worker (#202058), Maintenance Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL18/Step D. Effective: 5/7/07
- Julie Schafer (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#207144), Navigator Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 4/30/07
- Jabari Sekou (new position) STARS Team Advisor (#207146), Family Support Services, 8 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 5/4/07
- Sandra Watson (new position) IASA Instructional Assistant (#207140), Family Support Services, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL04/Step A. Effective: 5/1/07

2007 Summer School Administrative Assistants

- Cheryl Blower, Cordova High, Range 22/Step E. Effective: 6/11/07 through 7/20/07
- Christine Quigley, Folsom High, Range 22/Step E. Effective: 6/11/07 through 7/20/07
- Cathi Cassidy, Mather Youth Academy, Range 21/Step B. Effective: 6/11/07 through 7/6/07
- Robyn Lane, Mills Middle, Range CL 22/Step C. Effective: 6/11/07 through 7/6/07
- Jody Rider, Folsom Middle, Range CL22/Step E. Effective: 6/11/07 through 7/6/07
- Susan Bartshe, Oak Chan Elem., Range CL 20/Step B. Effective: 6/11/07 through 7/6/07
- Tanya Larson, Cordova Lane Elem., Range CL 20/Step B. Effective: 6/11/07 through 7/6/07
- Shirley Watkins, Cordova Meadows Elem., Range CL20/Step E. Effective: 6/11/07 through 7/6/07

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Jon Ellis (replacement FTE) Bus Driver (202532), Transportation Dept., from 7.25 hours daily to 7.75 hours daily. Effective: 5/7/07
- Annette Pugh (replacement) from Relief Bus Driver, Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#206595), 5.75 hours daily. Effective: 5/8/07
- Terri Smith (replacement FTE) Bus Driver (#202531), Transportation Dept., from 7 hours daily to 7.75 hours daily. Effective: 4/26/07

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Teresa McLaughlin, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206614), Gold Ridge Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 5/31/07
- Louie Valdez, Campus Monitor (#200313), Sutter Middle, reason: personal. Effective: 5/11/07
- Robin Vierra, Library Clerk (#202014), Empire Oaks Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 5/31/07

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Janet Goldstein, Building & Grounds Utility Worker (#991154), Maintenance Department. Effective: 9/6/06
Janet was hired as a bus driver on September 28, 1983. She resigned in August of 1992. She was rehired as a Groundswoker in August of 1994. She was reclassified to Building & Grounds Utilityworker in December of 1998. Janet retired with twenty-one years of service to the District.
- Linda Houck, Elementary Intervention Program Child Assistant (#991007), White Rock Elementary. Effective: 5/25/07
Linda was hired to work in the Elementary Intervention Program on September 14, 1992. She was first assigned to Rancho Cordova Elementary. She has worked at Cordova Meadows and Riverview and retires from White Rock Elementary. Linda will retire with fourteen years of service to the District.
- Cecil Minge, Custodian (#991206), Folsom Middle School. Effective: 5/30/07
Cecil was hired as a Custodian at Folsom Middle on January 3, 1994. He retires with thirteen years of service to the District.
- Freda Rivera, Support Specialist I, Education Technology & Information Systems Department. Effective: 6/15/07 (*revised date*)
- Leah Harnois, Preschool Teacher (#990990), Rancho Cordova Elementary. Effective: 6/7/07 (*revised date*)
- Lucy Lamb, Student Care Center Assistant (#991317), Cordova Lane Elementary. Effective: 6/1/07 (*revised date*)

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mather Youth Academy Update – Rolando Rosas

Principal Rolando Rosas updated Trustees on the Mather Youth Academy and Youth Opportunity Programs, and the \$500,000 School Violence and Prevention grant from the Department of Justice that will benefit all the students at Kitty Hawk, not just those at MYA.

Mr. Rosas introduced his staff in attendance: Sgt. Johnson, Sgt. Sims, Sgt. Jones, Mr. Olsen, Mr. Hyde, and Mr. Dean. He also introduced the members of the Color Guard who were in attendance: Denysa Frazier, Hieu LePhung, Daniel Pritchard, and De Ante Whitaker.

Trustees thanked Mr. Rosas and his staff for their very valuable work with students at MYA.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

0607-225 - Public Participation

Donna Burnett – Counselor

- Reported on the District counselors' meeting held this morning, the AB1802 conference that several of the counselors attended recently, and the impact it had on those who attended.

0607-226 - REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board – Kendra Stanley

- SAB held their last meeting of the year on May 16. All schools were present. Students talked about this year's accomplishments, including senior project and the cell phone policy. They feel it is very rewarding to see that their suggestions were implemented, and they made a difference.
- Because of Mr. Jarman's absence, not all the applications were received, so a student Board representative for next year has not been chosen. It was discussed that they might choose two students who would serve as alternates. It will be decided in August.
- The luncheon was great.

PTA/PTO Council:

- Mr. Benton reported that they are in the process of putting together a board. The sole purpose of this group is to make things better for students.

California School Employees Association – President Dyarl Abdo:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon:

Jean Schumpeldt spoke for Ms. Brydon.

- Teachers are voting this week to ratify the contract.
- Addressed the Board on adequate staffing at school sites.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Eddi Rains:

- Announced new officers for next year.
- Reported on District administrators who will be pursuing professional development opportunities over the summer.
- Thanked the Board for their support this year.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

SHAW/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

Mr. Shaw thanked the group who put together the Early Mental Health Initiative (EMHI) grant application. It is a big task.

0607-227- Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes - May 3, 2007

0607-228 - Business Matters

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

B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification

C. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund and Other Funds

D. Approve Operational Guidelines for Measure N Citizens Oversight Committee

E. Authorization to Proceed: Mills Middle School Exterior Painting Project

F. Adopt Emergency Resolution 05-17-07-35: Installation of Field Lights at Vista del Lago High School

G. Adopt Emergency Resolution 05-17-07-36: Asbestos Abatement and Moisture Penetration Remediation – Mitchell Middle School Modernization

0607-229 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0607-63(S), 0607-64(S), 0607-65(S), 0607-66(S), 0607-67(S), and 0607-68(S)

0607-63(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Lake High School for the remainder of the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year and the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student may attend summer session at Folsom High School (per parent request); individual student counseling to address decision-making skills.

0607-64(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Lake High School through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills.

0607-65(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 is to attend summer session at the Mather Youth Academy following the end of the spring semester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student must 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 decision-making skills.

0607-66(S)

Expel through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to receive independent study through Mitchell Middle School for the remainder of the 3rd trimester of the 2006-2007 academic year; student is to attend Mills Middle School during the 1st trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-67(S)

Expel through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Cordova Lane Opportunity Program through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0607-68(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 (per parent request) or she may attend 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 decision-making skills.

- B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- C. Authorize Submittal of Application for Mentoring Grant
- D. Approve Application for Early Mental Health Initiative (EMHI) Grant
- E. Approve Walnutwood Independent Study Summer School Program
- F. Approve Waiver of the Successful Passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)
- G. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High Cheerleaders to CSU–Monterey Bay Cheer Camp in Seaside, California

BOARD PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT

No statement.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0607-230 – Change Regular Board Meeting Dates: July 5, 2007, and June 21, 2007

Superintendent Godwin explained that the July 5 meeting date presented some problems because of the July 4th holiday and conflicts for the Deputy Superintendent and him. The request to change the June 21 date was to allow staff more time to complete the proposed budget for 2007-2008.

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE changing the June 21, 2007, regular Board meeting to June 28, 2007, and the July 5, 2007, regular Board meeting to July 12, 2007.

Ms. Stanley indicated that moving the June 21 meeting would create a hardship for her.

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES and 1 NO (Stanley), including Preferential

0607-231 – Approve Tentative Agreement with Folsom Cordova Education Association for 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

President Stanley announced that since the contract has not yet been ratified by FCEA, this item is being tabled until a later date.

0607-232 – Approve Foreign Language Elementary School (FLES) Program at Cordova Lane Elementary School

Assistant Superintendent Elementary Instruction Leslie Faust explained that the District-wide FLES program at Folsom Hills has been very successful, and with continued interest of parents, students, and staff, and space now available in the Rancho Cordova area of the District, staff is now proposing a FLES program at Cordova Lane Elementary School for 2007/2008, beginning with Kindergarten through third grades. She hopes to see a Russian program opened next.

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the opening of a FLES program at Cordova Lane Elementary School for the 2007-2008 school year, beginning with grades Kindergarten through third.

Guy Graening, parent

- Spoke of his daughter's excitement regarding the program at Folsom Hills and how wonderful the opportunity is for students.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Preferential

DISCUSSION

0607-233 – Potential Focus Points for 2007-2008 School Year

Superintendent Godwin explained that each year the Board approves focus points to guide the improvement efforts of the District. This process begins with a folder kept in his office with ideas gathered during the year. The management team adds their thoughts to the list, and FCEA and CSEA presidents are also invited to give input. This item is agendaized tonight to enable Trustees to give their suggestions.

Mr. Benton

- Need to focus on the things that will give students the opportunity to go to college or trade school or enter the workforce. We need to provide kids the options to go where they want to go.
- Also need to show them how technology ties in with their plans.
- Students need a basic understanding of business. We need to provide that.

Ms. McCormick

- Would like to make sure we include language pertaining to our wellness policy and how it affects physical education at the elementary level. Keeps hearing concerns from parents about the amount of time spent in structured physical education in elementary schools. Maybe we could develop some kind of curriculum to work with physical education at the elementary level that goes along with our wellness policy.

Mr. Shaw

- We need a bullet that talks about continuing to enhance student success on standardized testing.
- It was mentioned in the presentation on MYA that we don't have a good vehicle for longitudinally tracking student success over time. Need a discreet student number on a state-wide basis that allows us to track students state-wide.

Mr. Short

- Need a bullet point on how we measure student success.
- Continue to build career paths with the help of organizations such as LEED, the Folsom and Rancho Cordova Chambers of Commerce, etc.
- Excited to see Project Lead the Way; we need to embellish and expand that program.

Ms. Stanley

- Last year we had a bullet on transitions and the achievement gap. Doesn't see that this year; maybe it's included in one of the other points.
- Would like to see focus on staff development and how to use instructional methods to handle the implementation of the three R's (rigor, relevance, and relationships).
- Would like to add 'and training' to the bullet on implementing technology tools for management applications.
- Would like to see the bullet on enhancing the alternative programs for students expanded. Can't tell by looking at it what the focus actually is. Does it include GATE, CTE, AP, ACE, online courses?
- Asked Mr. Shaw to clarify what he meant when he talked about student success on standardized testing. Her concern is that people might get the impression we're teaching to the test.

Mr. Shaw

- Feels it's pretty clear that factors that cause student success in standardized testing are not necessarily teaching to the test.

Ms. Stanley

- Would not disagree, but is concerned that other people might read it that way.

Mr. Godwin

- Appreciates comments. The focus points are not everything that is important to the District; they are only the things we feel we need to give special attention. Will find a way to include Trustees' comments in the list.

REPORTS

0607-234 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- Appreciated Trustees' comments regarding the focus points.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0607-235 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Kendra Stanley

- It's exciting that we have the elementary Spanish program. Very interesting.

Mr. Benton

- Attended the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce Leadership graduation. Some of the graduates have close ties to this District.
- Staff Appreciation Day is May 23.
- The article in *Downbeat* magazine is amazing. The jazz bands and choir from Folsom received awards. They were mentioned multiple times in the magazine. Very nice.
- Attended the SAB luncheon; it was great.
- Condolences to Ms. Bettencourt and her family over the loss of her grandmother.

Mr. Short

- Thanked Mr. Rosas for the presentation on MYA. Excited to see the changes and direction we're heading. The grant is also exciting.
- The elementary magnet program is wonderful. Good to hear from the parent about how enthused his child is.
- The employee recognition ceremony last week was a great event. Amazed to see the commitment and service to the District. One retiree had 41 years of service.
- Congratulated the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce Leadership graduates.

Ms. McCormick

- Congratulated the retirees and the administrative appointees.
- Employee recognition ceremony was nice. It's so special when everyone is together in one room.
- Attended the School Health Advisory Committee meeting. So many people are involved from many different organizations, the community, and school sites. They are to be commended for all they're doing on the issue of wellness and to motivate kids to live healthy lifestyles.
- Attended the scholastic awards night at Cordova High. Was happy to see a lot more students taking advantage of the opportunity for scholarships and awards.

Mr. Shaw

- Attended the SMUD board meeting with Mike Hammond. FCUSD and Mike received awards for participating in SMUD's energy saving programs.
- Also attended the Cordova High awards night. Was pleased with all the awards, in particular, for one student who was at Mitchell Middle School when he was principal. That student is Cordova High's valedictorian this year. Also noted the majority of students receiving awards were female. Disappointed that more boys weren't interested, or applying.

Ms. Stanley

- Thanked MYA for coming tonight and sharing their program. Mr. Rosas gave a lot of credit to District staff; she would like to especially thank Mark Rickabaugh who deserves a lot of credit.
- Special thanks to Mr. Shaw. Sometimes she challenges him more than other Board members. Appreciates his point of view.
- Thanked Mr. Benton for bringing candy and water to every Board meeting.
- Attended a breakfast seminar sponsored by Valley Vision. The panel included representatives from HP, Intel, BofA, and VSP, among others. Discussion was about corporate social responsibility, volunteerism, and giving back to the community. Made her think of promoting opportunities for our own staff to volunteer in any way they can. We don't always have to be the takers; we can also be givers.
- CSBA Legislative Action is this week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

INFORMATION

0607-236– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0607-237 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2007, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for May 17, 2007:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:02 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board