

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

August 16, 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

August 16, 2007

Board members present: Teresa Stanley, Ed Short, Mary McCormick, and Richard Shaw (Roger Benton absent)

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 6:06 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Student Henry Andrus led the flag salute.

President Stanley asked for a moment of silence in memory of Bob Jarman, long-time Folsom High School teacher and activities director who passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

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 introduced newly-appointed Mills Middle School Principal James Hamilton and Vice Principal Kristie Perkins.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

SHAW/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (BENTON absent)

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

The following employees have been *rehired* with Temporary status for the 2007/2008 school year:

- Melissa Groshong, Teacher (#990119), Cordova Villa Elementary School
- Debra Kile, Teacher (#991823) (33% Time), Vista Del Lago High School

The following employees have been *hired* with Temporary status for the 2007/2008 school year:

- Cole Cooper, Teacher (#200164), Cordova High School, Preliminary Single Subject Social Science/English Learner Credential; BA + 30; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Thomas Edwards, Teacher (#208125, #200157), 60% Itinerant Music/20% Elementary Prep, Professional Clear Single Subject Music Credential; BA + 59; Class 3, Step 5. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Guendalina Faust, Counselor (#207118, #207121), 50% Folsom Middle School/50% Sutter Middle School, Clear Pupil Personnel School Counseling Credential; BS + 65/MA; Class 5, Step 1. Effective: 08/06/07.
- Kari Frazier, Title 1 Teacher (#206510), Cordova Villa Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credential; BS; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- David Gray, Teacher (#204068, #207093), Sutter Middle School, Professional Clear Single Subject Social Science/Supplementary Authorization English; BA + 75/MA + 31; Class 5, Step 10. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Jeanine Holton, Teacher (#991632), Mills Middle School, Professional Clear Single Subject English/CLAD Credential; BA + 70 1/3/MA; Class 5, Step 8. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Terri Kimball-Hall, Speech Pathologist (#208124), Speech Services, Clear Clinical Rehabilitative Services Language, Speech & Hearing/Special Class Authorization Credential; BA + 60/MA; Class 5, Step 9. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Melissa LoMenzo, Psychologist (#991977, #991974, #203158), Psychological Services, Clear Pupil Personnel Services Psychology Credential; BA + 60/ME; Class 5 Step 2. Effective: 08/06/07.
- Jessica Mann, Teacher (#991788), Folsom High School Preliminary Single Subject English/Emergency CLAD Credential; BA + 8; Class 2, Step 4. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Bonita Novota, Teacher (#991634, #991636, #202642, #991631), Mills Middle School, Preliminary Single Subject Music/English Learners Credential; BA + 49; Class 3, Step 2. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Brandi Patterson, Teacher (#990112), Cordova Villa Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credential; BA + 36; Class 2, Step 2. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- James Tan, Teacher (#200092), Mather Youth Academy, Project Pipeline Single Subject English Credential/English Learner Credential; BA; Class 1, Step 1. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Deborah Van Breemen, Teacher (#202523) (50% Time), Empire Oaks Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/CLAD Credential; BA + 51; Class 3, Step 4. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Marsha Wollenberg, Teacher (#202521, #990224), Mills Middle School, Clear Single Subject Art/Foundational-Level Mathematics Credential; BA + 20; Class 2, Step 4. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Jennifer Charles, Resource Specialist (#991720), Mills Middle School. From: 80% RSP/20% Transitions; To: 100% RSP. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Christopher Devine, Teacher (#990052). From: 100% White Rock Elementary School; To: 100% Cordova Lane Elementary School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Patti Morton, School Nurse (#207513), Health Programs. From: 60%; To: 80%. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Janet Okimura, School Nurse (#207513). From: 40%; To: 70%. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Canen Peterson (#990173, #990088), Cordova Villa Elementary School. From: 100% Title 1 Teacher; To: 50% Title 1 Teacher/50% Teacher. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Alice Phillips, Teacher (#203039), Mather Heights Elementary School. From: 50%; To: 100%. Effective: 08/09/07 through 11/16/07. From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 11/17/07.
- Thu Yee, School Nurse (#992017), Health Programs. From: 40%; To: 50%. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Donald Brennan, Teacher (#204097), Mather Youth Academy. Donald was hired on August 19, 2003, and has been employed 4 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 08/12/07.
- Cynthia Dounce, Teacher (#990052), Cordova Lane Elementary School. Cynthia was hired on August 20, 2002, and has been employed 5 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 07/20/07.
- Stacey Morse, School Nurse (#207513). Stacey was hired on February 28, 2006, and has been employed 1½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 07/27/07.
- Amanda Withers, Teacher (#990408) (50% Time), White Rock Elementary School. Amanda was hired on August 24, 1999, and has been employed 8 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 07/30/07.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Jennifer Fagan (*revision*), Teacher (#202523), Empire Oaks Elementary School. From: 50% Parental Leave of Absence; To: 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

McCORMICK/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (BENTON absent)

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- April Balaria (replacement) Preschool Instructional Assistant (#207600), Williamson Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Jeanne Brown (new position) Student Care Center Assistant (#208194), Empire Oaks Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 8/10/2007
- Jeannie Greenebaum (replacement/second position) Food Service Worker I (#206644), Folsom Middle, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Patricia Jackson (replacement) Administrative Assistant II (#205570), Staff Development Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL21/Step D. Effective: 8/6/2007
- Therese Keller (replacement) Research Assistant II (#990667), Testing & Assessment Dept., 6 hours daily/11 months, Range CL21/Step B. Effective: 8/10/2007
- Jeffrey Kramer (new position), Behavior Analyst (#208134), Student Support Services, 8 hours daily/11 months, Range MG33/Step D. Effective: 8/9/2007
- Josefina Morgia (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#202569), Cordova High, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Lori Ogden (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#206644), Folsom Middle, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Elizabeth Paige (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#991338), Rancho Cordova Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Venito Perez (new position) Campus Monitor (#208103) Vista del Lago, 8 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Jennifer Rodacker (replacement) Health Assistant (#205133), Rancho Cordova Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Susanne Sahagun (new position) Snack Bar Worker (#208189), Vista del Lago, 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Teresa Sandoval (replacement) Health Assistant (#991174), Williamson Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step D. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Margaret Schmidt (replacement FTE) Preschool Teacher (#208520), Sierra Madre Preschool, 4 hours daily/10 months, Column 1/Step 1. Effective: 8/1/2007
- Kimberly Tank (replacement) Library Clerk (#991093), Sutter Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step B. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Debra Vanberg (replacement/second position) Health Assistant (#991119), 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step E. Effective: 8/13/2007
- William Wagaman (replacement) Head Custodian I (#200371), Mather Heights/Mather Youth Academy, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL20/Step A. Effective: 8/20/2007
- Sabrina Ynostroza-Barger (replacement FTE) Preschool Teacher (#208520), Sierra Madre Preschool, 4 hours daiy/10 months, Column 1/Step 1. Effective: 8/1/2007

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Felicia Traska (new/hours increase) School Clerk-Secondary (#208183), Cordova High, from 4 hours daily to 5 hours daily. Effective: 8/6/2007.

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Lidia Gutierrez, Food Service Worker I (#207557), Folsom High, reason: parental. Effective: 8/13/2007 through 1/8/2008

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Favia Arata, Adolescent Parent Program Assistant (#990921), Walnutwood High, reason: relocation. Effective: 8/2/2007
- David Constante, STARS Program Team Advisor (#207154), Family Support Services, reason: personal. Effective: 7/30/2007
- Cynthia Carpenter, Library Clerk (#207047), Navigator Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 7/27/2007
- Catherine Randel, Special Projects Coordinator (#205564), Student Support Services, reason: personal. Effective: 8/17/2007

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Larry Boon, Account Clerk II (#991129), Maintenance Department. Effective: 8/27/2007
Larry was hired as a Relief Bus Driver on October 5, 1995, and became a Regular Bus Driver in October of 1996. On July 1, 1998, he reduced his driving duties to work as the Transportation Department's Transportation Technician. He moved to Maintenance in September of 2000 as the Account Clerk II. Larry will retire with twelve years of service to the District.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Stanley asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

School Readiness Project – Linda Burkholder

Superintendent Godwin asked Director of Family Support Services Linda Burkholder to talk about the School Readiness Project. Ms. Burkholder introduced Denise Thomson, Special Project Coordinator for the District's School Readiness Project.

Ms. Thomson explained how participating schools were chosen, the goals of the program, and summarized each of the five components of the program. She acknowledged two project parents who were in the audience, Isabel Aguirre and Viktoriya Tarasyuk, and introduced parents Xochitil Orozco and Louise Arias who spoke about their experiences and what the program means to them.

Trustees thanked Ms. Burkholder and Ms. Thomson for preparing children for school, helping parents to motivate their children to learn, and fostering in children a love for learning.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (BENTON absent)

0708-029 – Public Participation

Blaine White – District counselor

- Counselors report that school openings were very smooth this year.
- Reported on opening of school activities.
- Said it is sad to say goodbye to Bob Jarman, Mr. Folsom High School, and he is proud to join in honoring him tomorrow at his memorial service.

0708-030 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board

- No report.

PTA/PTO Council: President Conrade Mayer

- Introduced himself as the PTA/PTO President this year.
- Their first meeting will be on August 21, in the library at Cordova Lane Elementary.
- Got to know Bob Jarman while helping to judge senior projects with him. He was great for kids.

California School Employees Association – President Dyarl Abdo:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Barbara Brydon:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Denise Burns:

- Reported on the excitement and smooth starts for District schools.
- It was nice to see District office team members visiting schools on opening day. Invited the Board to take some time to visit all of the schools this year.
- District vice principals will meet monthly this year to do job alike sharing and staff development in conjunction with secondary principals and District office personnel. Cordova High Vice Principal Dana Carrigan is instrumental in this effort, and she will ask Dana to speak to the Board about this later in the year.
- Thanked Trustees for the leadership they provide.

Superintendent Godwin reported that Student Advisory Board elections will be held on September 20. Schools are currently selecting SAB members and candidates. Advisor Bill Maffei will turn over the SAB advisor duties to Folsom Middle School Vice Principal Steve Howe and Vista del Lago High School Vice Principal Chris Aland.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of Item 0708-031 A.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (BENTON absent)

0708-031- Administrative Matters

- A. See below.
- B. SECOND READING and Adoption: Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.7 – Sun Safety
- C. SECOND READING and Adoption: Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5141.33 – Head Lice

0708-031 A – Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2007

Ms. Stanley pulled this item to make the following corrections:

- Under Special Presentation, add:
 - Trustees expressed an interest in getting other schools in the District involved in such a program, whether program-based or infrastructure-based.
- Under Item 0708-019 – Approve 2007-2008 Bell Schedules, to the sentence that says, “Disagrees with the start time for high schools and the Wednesday collaboration days for Vista del Lago High School.” add: because
 - Substantial research supports later start times for adolescents; early start times are not good for kids.
 - Concerned that parents had not been given an opportunity to object to Wednesday early release times at Vista del Lago.
 - Concerned that Friday has always been the early release day and continues to be for all other secondary institutions in Folsom.
 - Does not feel that the goal of keeping teachers on campus is a compelling reason to make this change since teachers are under contract to remain on site no matter which day is an early release day for the students.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of August 2, 2007, as amended above.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (BENTON absent)

0708-032 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification

- C. Approve Change Order No. 1: Mills Middle School Exterior Painting
- D. Approve Notice of Completion: Mills Middle School Exterior Painting
- E. Approve Change Order No. 1: Mather Youth Academy Asphalt Repairs
- F. Approve the Redistribution of Student Body Funds
- G. Approve Change Order No. 2A: Peter J. Shields Interior Modernization

0708-033 – Instructional Matters

This number not used.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-034 – Approve District Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) and Physical Education (PE) Plans

Superintendent Godwin reminded Trustees that the District has received a one-time grant for \$1,453,959, through AB1802, for art, music, and physical education, and an on-going grant of \$309,348, through the Budget Act of 2006, for visual and performing arts. He asked Elementary Prep and Music Coordinator Mike Shepherd to present this item. Mr. Shepherd introduced Mills Middle School art teacher Mindi Andrus who helped him review the three-year plan for using the grant monies.

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the District Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) and Physical Education (PE) plans

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (BENTON absent)

0708-035 – Report on Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED) and Recommendation to Continue Membership

Superintendent Godwin explained the goals of LEED, recapped their accomplishments over the last year, and discussed their plans for the future.

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the expenditure of \$5,000 for the 2007-2008 school year to continue support of the efforts of Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED).

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (BENTON absent)

DISCUSSION

0708-036 – 2007 District-Wide STAR Report

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Educational Options and Accountability Mark Rickabaugh to introduce this item. Mr. Rickabaugh introduced Testing and Interventions Coordinator David Knight.

Mr. Knight explained which tests are given to students in which grade levels and summarized the results of the 2006-2007 STAR tests. He reminded the Board that the California Alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA) test results (for students with significant cognitive disabilities whose disabilities prevent them from taking the CST and the CAT/6) are included in our report for both state and federal accountability. Approximately .085 of our students participated in CAPA this year.

Mr. Short

- Commended Mr. Knight on an excellent job presenting this information. Is happy to see performance going up as we increase enrollment. Overall, compared to state averages, we are doing very well. Hopefully this will continue.

Ms. Stanley

- Asked if when we get the percentages for proficient or above, will we compare that to how far along we are on the correct track for No Child Left Behind?

Mr. Knight

- Said we are looking at the most at-risk schools and calculating whether or not they're going to make adequate yearly progress. Arcane rules come into play in this, so it's early to make a positive prediction about making adequate yearly progress. The state will release that information the last week in August.

Ms. McCormick

- Thanked Mr. Knight for making this information so easy to understand. Very well done.

Mr. Knight

- Acknowledged the assistance he received from Effie Rea and Joy Cleaver.

REPORTS

0708-037 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- Has heard from a number of people that the year is off to a great start. We do have some challenges, mainly facility challenges, which we can not control.
- Mentioned the incredible work the facilities and maintenance departments have done on the modernization projects.
- Gave special thanks to Dr. Calhoun and her ETIS staff. They had an impossible task this summer with all the technology projects in the District, and they met the challenge. Their great work and incredible efforts are appreciated.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0708-038 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Mr. Short

- Extended his condolences to the Jarman family. Bob was a person who dedicated his life to public education and kids.
- Congratulated James Hamilton and Kristie Perkins on their new positions at Mills Middle School.
- Back-to-school night at Mather Heights was exciting.
- Great things are happening with Project Lead the Way and other programs in the District. Very positive.

Ms. McCormick

- Welcomed everyone back. Is glad to hear that everything is going so well. Everyone thinks we close down for the summer, but so much work goes on then.
- Very impressed with the new Adult Education course brochure. There's something for everyone. Thanked Principal Dax Bryson and Vice Principal Joseph Piazza.
- One of the first people she met as a new Board member was Bob Jarman. It was a pleasure to know him; he was an inspiration. His enthusiasm and courage inspired students and staff. Her prayers go out to his family.

Mr. Shaw

- Extended his condolences to the Jarman family. He knew Bob as a person dedicated to Folsom High School and educating children. We will all miss him.

- An article he read stated that a grant for advanced education in the amount of \$50,000 was awarded to Folsom High, and one for \$125,000 to Cordova High. Would be interested in hearing more about that.
- A student from Folsom Middle School won a state science contest and presented his project to the California Department of Energy. He was the youngest ever presenter to the Department of Energy. Would like to see that student share his project at a future Board meeting.
- Would like an update on the Smart Boards and how they're working.

Kelly Calhoun responded that she will be doing a special presentation to the Board on Smart Boards at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Stanley

- Bob Jarman was the heart of Folsom High School. She's sure he touched the lives of and connected with every one of the 2900 students there. He was important to students and will be sorely missed. Extended condolences to Joan Jarman and the family.
- Thanked Ms. Burkholder for her contributions to the School Readiness Project and for what she does at Family Support Services.
- It was so nice to see the level of excitement of staff and students at Vista del Lago High School where her daughter is attending this year. Her daughter was very excited for school to start this year.
- Appreciates the Adult Ed catalog and the commercial they had on TV.
- Questioned her fellow Trustees on their approval, at the August 2, 2007, Board meeting, of the 2007-2008 bell schedules. All the research going on shows that what we do is not good for kids. Doesn't like the Board just "rubber stamping" these decisions. Hopes that in the future the rest of the Board will take this issue more seriously or think about the fact that we really should be doing the best thing for kids, and we're not when we approve a bell schedule that starts at 8:00 a.m.
- Was very impressed with Dr. Mel Levine. Would have liked to have heard about the learning issues kids might have, particularly how to identify them and learn about them. Hopefully, the teachers who attended his lecture got a lot out of it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

INFORMATION

0708-039– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0708-040 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2007, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for August 16, 2007:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:06 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board