

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

September 20, 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  
Kelli Davis, Student Board Member

September 20, 2007

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

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 6)

President Stanley announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Room 6)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:03 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. New Student Board Member Kelli Davis led the flag salute.

President Stanley asked for a moment of silence in honor of Norm Siefkin, former superintendent and long time employee of the District who passed away last night after a courageous battle with melanoma. His passing has left a hole in our hearts.

**REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS**

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

Mr. Brubaker also read a short bio on retirees Irene Montoya, Food Service Worker from Mather Heights Elementary, who retires with 20 years of service to the District; and Catherine Randel, Special Project Coordinator with Student Support Services, who retires with 14 years of service.

Mr. Brubaker reported that the Board accepted the recommendation for discipline, suspension without pay, of a classified employee.

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

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

### CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Susan Bertram, Teacher (#991701), Mitchell Middle School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/13/07 through 05/29/08.
- James Fanshier, Teacher (#991701), Mitchell Middle School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/13/07 through 05/29/08.
- Heather Herkins, Resource Specialist (#204500, #205124), Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School. From: 100% Resource Specialist; To: 100% Resource Specialist/20% Lead Teacher. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Diana Hinkle, Teacher (#991701), Mitchell Middle School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/13/07 through 05/29/08.
- Nancy Lee, Teacher (#991701), Mitchell Middle School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/13/07 through 05/29/08.
- Patti Morton (*rescinded*), School Nurse (#207513), Health Programs. From: 60%; To: 80%.
- Grace Sternad, Teacher (#202038), Sutter Middle School. From: 80%; To: 100%. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Dale Waldo, Teacher (#991701), Mitchell Middle School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 08/13/07 through 05/29/08.

### CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- Heather Cox, Teacher (#202578) (40% Time), Mitchell Middle School, Preliminary Single Subject Physical Education/English Learner/Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects Credentials; BA + 50 1/3; Class 3, Step 10. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- Rebecca Osgood, Teacher (#208138), Navigator Elementary School, Professional Clear Multiple Subject/General Subjects/CLAD Credential; BA + 44; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 08/09/07.
- Tara Runnels, Teacher (#208136), Theodore Judah Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credential; BA; Class 2, Step 1.
- Lauri Trabish, Teacher (#208137), Russell Ranch Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credential; BA + 16 2/3; Class 2, Step 3. Effective: 8/09/07.
- Brigitte Valenzuela Keilig (*rescinded*), Teacher (#202578) (40% Time), Mitchell Middle School. Effective: 08/24/07.

### CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT

The following employees have been appointed Division Leaders for the 2007/2008 school year:

- Cathleen Buonauro, (#200016), Vista del Lago High School, 50% Time
- Donna Burnett, (#200016), Vista del Lago High School, 50% Time

### RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- April Langley, Special Education Teacher (#990544), Peter J. Shields Elementary School. April was hired on August 7, 2007, and has been employed 2 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 09/30/07.
- Karen Logan, Teacher (#991697), Mitchell Middle School (From Leave of Absence). Karen was hired on August 31, 1998, and has been employed 9 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/01/07.

### CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF STATUS

In accordance with the District Policy 4116.1 and the California Education Code 44919, certificated employees may be designated temporary, among other reasons, if they are replacements for probationary or tenured employees on leave of absence or who have been furloughed into categorical programs.

The employees listed are in excess of the number of employees needed as replacements for probationary or tenured employees and are recommended to be reclassified as probationary employees effective for the date specified below in accordance with legal provisions:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PROBATIONARY DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>
Leah Allen	08/10/06	Williamson Elementary
Mary Anderson	08/09/07	Gold Ridge Elementary
Deborah Andrus	08/08/06	Mills Middle School
Tara Appleby	08/02/07	Speech Services

Tiffany Atwood	09/06/06	Navigator Elementary
Narine Ayunts	08/10/06	Mills Middle School
Kimberly Babwin	07/25/07	Psychological Services
Beverly Bair	08/09/07	White Rock Elementary
Flavia Barajas	08/07/07	Folsom Hills Elementary
Lynsey Blake	08/10/06	Riverview Elementary
Kimberly Blattman	08/10/06	Navigator/Riverview Elementary
Christy Boggs	08/08/06	Williamson Elementary
Stephanie Bruins	08/08/06	Folsom Middle School
Rhianna Brunolli	08/07/07	Navigator Elementary
Janet Bunje	08/03/06	Folsom Hills Elementary
Kristin Burpo	08/07/07	Peter J. Shields Elementary
Kimberly Cain	08/08/06	Navigator Elementary
Ryan Carey	08/10/06	Folsom High School
Jeffrey Carter	08/09/07	Folsom High School
Tracy Carter	08/08/06	Sutter Middle School
Peter Chilcutt	08/08/06	Riverview Elementary
Brian Cooling	08/02/07	Psychological Services
Susan Cross	08/02/07	Speech Services
Brittany Cufau	08/07/07	Cordova High School
Sharon Culbertson	08/09/07	Russell Ranch Elementary
Erica Davis	08/08/06	Cordova High School
Tamara Davis	08/08/06	Rancho Cordova Elementary
Kendra Duncan	09/11/06	Folsom Middle School
Barbara Eklund	08/03/06	Sutter Middle School
Donna Evans	08/08/06	Riverview Elementary
Jennifer Feiner	08/08/06	Mather Heights Elementary
Terese Fields	08/10/06	Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary
Gail Ford	08/07/07	Peter J. Shields Elementary
Jennifer Galvin	08/21/06	Empire Oaks Elementary
Stephanie Gayman	08/07/07	Cordova Gardens Elementary
Lynette Greco	08/08/06	Oak Chan Elementary
Melissa Groshong	08/10/06	Cordova Villa Elementary
Carol Hannagan	08/08/06	Folsom High School
Ivy Hill	08/09/07	Theodore Judah Elementary
Benjamin Hillel	08/08/06	Williamson Elementary
Jeanine Holton	08/07/07	Mills Middle School
Edward Hyde	08/10/06	Mather Youth Academy
Tracy Idrogo	08/14/06	Mills Middle School
Bryan Irwin	08/10/06	Cordova High School
Arturo Jones, Jr.	08/02/07	Mather Youth Academy
Kerri Kaye	08/23/07	Health Programs
Nicole Keyfel	08/08/06	Kinney High School
Debra Kile	08/08/06	Vista del Lago High School
Terri Kimball-Hall	08/02/07	Speech Services
Kimberly Knecht	08/08/06	White Rock Elementary
Catherine Lamb	08/31/06	Gold Ridge Elementary
Nancy Lee	08/10/06	Mitchell Middle School
Leanne Linares	08/07/07	Cordova High School
Robert Lobese	08/28/06	Mather Heights/Riverview
Stephanie Lockhart	08/08/06	Mather Heights Elementary
Fragee Lofton	08/07/07	Mather Youth Opportunity
Melissa Lo Menzo	08/06/07	Psychological Services
Donita London	09/08/06	Gold Ridge Elementary
Melissa Lawson	08/08/06	Folsom Middle School
Michelle Mac Donald	08/08/06	Russell Ranch Elementary
Kari Mac Taggart	08/08/06	Empire Oaks Elementary
Timothy Mancini	08/02/07	Psychological Services
Michelle Matsamura	08/09/07	Mather Youth Academy
Jessica Mayhugh	08/08/06	Empire Oaks Elementary
Sally Melton	08/02/07	Speech Services

Bonita Novota	08/07/07	Mills Middle School
Kristin O'Rourke	08/10/06	Folsom Cordova K-8 Charter
Janet Okimura	08/08/06	Health Programs
Debra Olivarria-Matson	08/08/06	Williamson/Peter J. Shields
Ola Oliynyk	08/14/06	Walnutwood High School
Martin Olson	08/16/06	Mather Youth Academy
Christina Pajer	08/09/07	Folsom Middle School
Alison Parsons	08/07/07	Mitchell Middle School
Stephanie Perlstein	08/08/06	Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary
Alice Phillips	09/12/06	Mather Heights Elementary
Michelle Phillips	08/09/07	Cordova Villa Elementary
Heather Quintrall	08/10/06	Navigator Elementary
Eric Renner	08/09/07	Folsom Middle School
Cassandra Reynolds	08/07/07	Mitchell Middle School
Michele Richards	08/09/07	Mitchell Middle School
Penny Rome	10/11/06	Kinney High School
Shoshannah Rutberg	07/25/07	Psychological Services
Ann Sandner	08/03/06	Mills Middle School
Scott Seffens	08/08/06	Folsom High School
Elizabeth Shepherd	11/27/06	Gold Ridge Elementary
Jill Sieber	08/10/06	Blanche Sprentz Elementary
Rennie Simpson	08/02/07	Folsom High School
Joanna Slaughter	08/09/07	Rancho Cordova Elementary
Juliene Smith	08/08/06	Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary
Jennifer Smith	08/09/07	Navigator Elementary
Zrinka Smith	08/07/07	Vista del Lago High School
Lana Sullivan	08/07/07	District Music
Julie Taylor	08/08/06	Folsom High School
Nicole Thompson	08/08/06	Folsom High School
Lisa Trenary	08/10/06	Mitchell Middle School
Carmen Triviso	08/08/06	Folsom Hills Elementary
Angela Turner	08/10/06	Mitchell Middle School
Jennifer Tyo	08/07/07	Navigator Elementary
Nikka Vaughan	08/02/07	Cordova High School
Elise Wallace	08/07/07	Folsom Middle School
Adele Young	08/08/06	Mills Middle School
Kristen Yule	07/25/07	Psychological Services

### **CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

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

### **CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT**

- Juanita Alejandro (new position) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#208226), Riverview Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 9/4/2007
- Juan Avila Barron (new position) IASA Instructional Assistant (#208221), STARS Program, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 8/31/2007
- Gladys Bell (replacement) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#207066), Cordova High, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 9/4/2007
- Norman Briggs (replacement) Custodian (#991169), Williamson Elem., 5.5 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 9/10/2007
- Eleanor Cheng (replacement) Campus Monitor (#206071), Sutter Middle, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 9/4/2007
- Jennifer Cunha (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206574), Gold Ridge Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 9/15/2007
- Nadia Elias (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#200212) Sutter Middle, 6 hours daily/9.5 month, Range CL10/Step D. Effective: 9/17/2007
- Keith Elliott (new position) Custodian (#208015), Vista del Lago High, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step B. Effective: 8/31/2007

- Christina Garcia (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208119), Navigator Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 9/11/2007
- Summer Gonzales (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206515), Oak Chan Elem., 5.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 8/26/2007
- Cesar Grimaldo (new position) IASA Instructional Assistant (#208234), STARS Program, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 9/7/2007
- Jennifer Johnson (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208113), Peter J. Shields Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 8/26/2007
- Joanne Johnson (replacement) Campus Monitor (#200313), Sutter Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 9/4/2007
- Eva Kelly (replacement) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#205579), Cordova High, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 9/5/2007
- Sylvia Miller-Davenport (replacement) In School Suspension Assistant (#990913), Mills Middle, 3.9 hours daily/9 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 8/29/2007
- Mary Ann Nobes (new position) Bus Attendant (#208233), Williamson Elem., 1 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step C. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Sarah Petlowany (replacement) STARS Program Team Leader (#203105), Family Support Services, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/5/2007
- Beverly Rush (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#200431), Oak Chan Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A.. Effective: 9/6/2007
- Oxana Sova (new position) Student Care Center Assistant (#208218), Navigator Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 9/4/2007

#### CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Bernice Anisodon (reclassification) Transportation Technician, Range TR18 to Administration Assistant II (#3208571), Range CL21. Effective: 9/1/2007
- Karol Castillo (hours increase) School Clerk Elementary (#208222), Navigator Elem., from 1 hour daily to 2 hours daily. Effective: 9/1/2007
- Layla Chapman (hours increase) Food Service Worker I (#208220), Cordova Lane Elem., from 4 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 9/4/2007
- Irene Embry (hours increase) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#200422), Oak Chan Elem., from 5.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 8/26/2007
- Marie Hitchcock (hours increase) Occupational Therapist (#208223), Student Support Services, from 2.4 hours daily to 4.8 hours daily. Effective: 8/26/2007
- Christine Moreno (hours increase) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#203007) Gold Ridge Elem., from 5.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 8/13/2007
- Christy Knowles (hours increase) Special Education Instructional Assistant (208535), from Gold Ridge Elem., 5.5 hours daily to Russell Ranch Elem., 6 hours daily. Effective: 9/10/2007
- Grace Rich (hours increase) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206614), Gold Ridge Elem., From 2.2 hours daily to 5.5 hours daily. Effective: 8/26/2007
- Misty Spaeth (hours increase) Student Care Center Assistant (#200143), Cordova Meadows Elem., from 3 hours daily to 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 9/1/2007
- Carol Uden (hours increase) Food Service Worker II (#208219), Navigator Elem., from 4 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 9/4/2007

#### CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Cindy Hilmer, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204040), Mitchell Middle, reason: personal. Effective: 8/13/2007 through 5/29/2007

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

- Lauren Fuchslin, Preschool Instructional Assistant (#207085), Williamson Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 9/14/2007
- Eugene Larson, Head Mechanic (#991440), Transportation Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 9/7/1007
- Laura Norris, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#205065), reason: personal. Effective: 9/7/2007

#### TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS

- Lori Parker, Health Assistant (#203122), Mitchell Middle. Effective: 8/31/2007

## CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Irene Montoya, Food Service Worker I (#991401), Mather Heights Elem. Effective: 10/12/2007  
Irene was hired at Peter J. Shields Elementary as a Food Service Worker I on November 10, 1986. She moved to Rancho Cordova Elementary in 1994 and then to Cordova Gardens in 1995. In July of 2004, she moved to Mather Heights Elementary. Irene retires with twenty years of service to the District.
- Catherine Randel, Special Project Coordinator (#205564), Student Support Services Effective: 8/18/2007  
Catherine was hired as a Special Education Instructional Assistant at Mills & Mitchell Middle Schools on August 30, 1993. She became the Transition Assistant for the Special Education Department at Cordova High on November 1, 1997. She was reclassified to Special Project Coordinator on February 1, 2005. Catherine retires with fourteen years of service to the District.

## BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Stanley asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**Appreciation Award:** In Recognition of GenCorp's Support of Project Lead the Way  
Superintendent Godwin spoke of the many contributions GenCorp and Aerojet have made to the students of our District. GenCorp has become a monumental partner for us in the development of Project Lead the Way, a program for students interested in science and technical careers, as witnessed by their most generous donation to the program of \$150,000.

President Stanley presented Juanita Garcia and Linda Cutler of GenCorp with a plaque in appreciation of GenCorp's support in launching Project Lead the Way and helping our students to reach the stars.

## INSTALLATION OF STUDENT BOARD MEMBER

President Stanley issued the Oath of Office to Kelli Davis, junior at Cordova High School.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

## 0708-054 – Public Participation

Blaine White – District counselor

- This morning, District counselors held their first meeting of the school year.
- Counselors are attending UC and CSU conferences.
- Reported on what is happening on secondary campuses in the month of September.

Patricia Poremba – Folsom Hills Elementary Coordinator

- Introduced herself and explained her position at Folsom Hills as a liaison between the Board and the Folsom Hills PTA Board.
- Thanked the Trustees and staff for the great schools in the District

Danette Cherry, Cordova High School student

- Questioned why Cordova High won't allow cheerleaders to wear their uniform skirts to school on game days.

Ms. DeArcos indicated she would look into this matter.

## **0708-055 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS**

### Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- The first SAB meeting was held on September 19, 2007, and all schools were well represented. The Student Board Member, Kelli, and Secretary, Marlene Paradise, were elected. They discussed topics that might be of interest in the future.

### PTA/PTO Council: Secretary Liane Sousa:

- Reminded the Board of the Admin Social that is planned for October 16, 2007, at the Folsom Community Center. Dinner is at 6:30, and awards begin at 7:00 p.m.
- Encouraged everyone to join one of the PTAs and support them.

### 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:

- Kelly Calhoun reported for Ms. Burns that this evening's report was postponed in honor of Mr. Siefkin.

## **AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS**

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of 0708-058E

– Approve 2007-08 Curricular Offerings and Textbook Report

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including advisory

### **0708-056- Administrative Matters**

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 6, 2007

### **0708-057 – Business Matters**

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

B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification

C. Approve Agreement between Kitty Hawk School and the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA)

D. Approve Change Order 14: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 1

E. Approve Change Order 6A: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 2

F. Approve Notice of Completion: Vista del Lago Phase 1, Various Trade Contractors

G. Approve Notice of Completion: Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc., Russell Ranch Student Care

H. Approve Change Order No. 1: Folsom High School Re-roofing

### **0708-058 – Instructional Matters**

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0708-4(S), 0708-5(S), and 0708-8(S)  
0708-4(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 Opportunity Program at Cordova Lane Elementary School through the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-5(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 Opportunity Program at Cordova Lane Elementary School through the end of

the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-8(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 counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

- B. Approve Appointment of Team Physicians for 2007-2008: Cordova, Folsom, and Vista del Lago High Schools
- C. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom Middle School Sixth Graders to Alliance Redwoods, Occidental, California
- D. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Varsity Basketball Team to Orange County Clash Tournament in Anaheim, California
- E. See below.

0708-058 E - Approve 2007-08 Curricular Offerings and Textbook Report

Mr. Short pulled this item for a question regarding coordination between RSP curriculum and core curriculum.

Ms. Stanley noted that Mather Youth Academy is not listed in the table of contents and is listed under Kitty Hawk. She also questioned the supplemental reading list for Vista del Lago pointing out that it contains a book that has been controversial in the past.

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the 2007-2008 Curricular Offerings and Textbook Report

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**0708-059 – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials & Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act**

President Stanley asked Mr. Godwin to explain the public hearing.

President Stanley opened the public hearing at 6:33

No one came forward.

Public hearing closed at 6:33

**DISCUSSION/ACTION**

**0708-060 – Adopt Resolution No. 09-20-07-09: Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials & Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act**

SHAW/McCORMICK MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 09-20-07-09 regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act ensuring that sufficient textbooks and instructional materials were provided to each student, including English learners, in mathematics, science, history-social science, English/language arts, foreign language, and health classes, and also ensuring that sufficient laboratory science equipment was provided for science laboratory classes offered in grades 9-12.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

**0708-061 – Approve Folsom Cordova Unified School District/Sacramento County Special Education Local Plan Area Mitigation Agreement**

Superintendent Godwin explained that FCUSD has filed notice to form an independent SELPA to gain greater control over programs we offer and the kinds of fiscal resources available to our students. A commissioned report indicates FCUSD would receive \$1 million to \$1.75 million

additional dollars as an independent SELPA compared to what we receive now as a member of the Sacramento County SELPA. Because of a concern about how this would affect the other districts in the SELPA, a mitigation agreement was proposed. Assuming our Board and all the other superintendents in the SELPA approve, FCUSD would become an independent SELPA in the 2008/09 school year. FCUSD would receive about \$1.5 million in revenues, and in that first year, 2008/2009, would return approximately \$800,000 to the Sacramento SELPA. In 2009/2010, FCUSD would return about \$700,000. In 2010/2011, the mitigation agreement would end, and FCUSD would gain control of all the finances and resources.

Mr. Godwin answered questions from the Trustees and Stefalin Cherry, parent of a District RSP student, regarding the agreement.

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the Folsom Cordova Unified School District/Sacramento County Special Education Local Plan Area Mitigation Agreement  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

## **DISCUSSION**

### **0708-062 – School Services Report on Transfer of Sunrise-Douglas Territory**

Superintendent Godwin acknowledged Elk Grove Superintendent Dr. Steve Ladd, Rancho Cordova Mayor David Sander, Rancho Cordova City Council Member Ken Cooley, and Shelly Blanchard from the Third Estate. He noted that the analysis, in its entirety, is submitted to the Board as the final report. The complete analysis will become a part of the official record for this item.

Mr. Godwin summarized the conclusions and recommendations of the report prepared by School Services of California and dated August 20, 2007. He also presented his observations from the September 18, 2007, meeting of the Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) Board of Education. It was his perception from that meeting that the Elk Grove Board sees the transfer as no benefit to EGUSD, and they are essentially “done” with this issue. It is up to FCUSD to resolve all the problems and present a cost neutral plan if they want the issue reconsidered.

Dr. Ladd concurred with Mr. Godwin’s observations.

Mayor David Sander

- Indicated the position of the City of Rancho Cordova has not changed. They want to continue to pursue this issue. Requested the Board ask staff to continue to work with City staff in examining the issues raised in the report.

Mr. Short

- Encouraged the Board to direct staff to continue to look at areas other than the fiscal issues. Feels if we can make those whole and we can come to resolutions and continue to look at those outside of the box, he would encourage that we continue the dialogue.

Mr. Ken Cooley

- Feels the transfer would prove valuable over time in that you would have a community with a stronger voice in local government and local school affairs. Feels the fiscal issues can be worked on and has a sense that there is political support for solutions.

Ms. Poremba

- Asked what Mr. Godwin sees as a negative impact to the District as a whole and also the Folsom area schools.

Mr. Godwin

- Doesn't see a downside to Folsom as a community. Is concerned about resources spent on what he sees as a protracted legal argument, and the time and energy that will be expended by staff. Does understand the sense of community issue.

Mr. Shaw

- This is a bigger issue than just Sunrise-Douglas. Land within Rancho Cordova boundaries is in Elk Grove, Sac City, and San Juan School Districts, and a portion of Folsom is in San Juan.
- Believes it would be better for the City if the area were in FCUSD, but this Board's responsibility to both cities is to keep our school district solvent and to serve the educational needs of children within the District. With the California economy as it is, sees large budget cuts in the next three years.
- Feels this will take a grass roots movement by the residents of the Sunrise-Douglas area who might petition the county and state for a transfer. The City now has to take the lead and generate support within Sunrise-Douglas that would cause them to petition the county and state to make the movement happen.

Mr. Benton

- Believes the whole issue is about what's best educationally for students, and doesn't know if we can give students a better education than Elk Grove. They are doing a great job.
- Believes community identity is important.
- Doesn't want to be done with this. Doesn't believe it's our task to take the ball and run with it, but believes in partnering with the city of Rancho Cordova, supporting the City council.

Ms. McCormick

- Her only concern is for the students. If the City of Rancho Cordova can study and resolve the financial issues/impacts to both districts, she thinks that she'd be willing to look at that. However, she believes our position right now should be the education of our students, and we don't have the resources to spend with the recommendation to be prudent in our budget.
- Understands and likes the connection of governance between community and students and the civic activity responsibility it would generate with the community. Agrees at this point it should be up to the City of Rancho Cordova to pursue that.

Ms. Davis

- Has personally known about this issue for a while. Wishes that area could be part of the District. From a student's standpoint, when you're part of the same district, you're unified.
- This shouldn't be dropped.

Ms. Stanley

- Sees value in the statements about localized government and having more direct connection with governance. Believes localized government equates to improved involvement which equates to academic benefits.
- Transfer of the property is fiscally neutral for us, but there are negatives for EGUSD.
- One thing that might not be able to be mitigated is how the CFD transfer would work.
- We have to be concerned about the time and resources we put into asking staff to continue discussion on this. According to Mr. Godwin's presentation, Elk Grove won't consider this unless FCUSD can present a cost neutral plan.
- If the City of Rancho Cordova wants to insert themselves in place of FCUSD and come up with that cost neutral plan, then we wouldn't be chasing something that seems like almost a lost cause.

- Doesn't get the sense that it would be beneficial for FCUSD to actively chase this down any further at this time. To the extent that we can be helpful if the City wants to continue to look at a cost neutral plan that Elk Grove will find acceptable, we'd all want to have cooperation.

## **REPORTS**

### **0708-063 – Reports to the Board of Education**

#### A. Superintendent Godwin:

- Reported on the “light show” at Vista del Lago High School. Ms. Stanley, Mr. Washburn, Folsom Mayor Morin, and several homeowners visited Vista to see the stadium lights at night. Thirty-five to forty-five homeowners mostly said they were not as bad as they thought they would be. However, some slight light spillage might be mitigated by positioning the lights differently. The majority of citizens were concerned about bleachers and a press box and were relieved to hear that they would be about four feet below the lowest level of the fence. There were also some concerns about landscaping.

#### B. Correspondence to the Board

#### C. District Committees

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **0708-064 – Board Business**

#### A. Board Communication

#### Ms. Davis

- Expressed her excitement and honor at being selected as the student member of the Board. She will strive to live up to the expectations and responsibilities regarding her position.

#### Mr. Benton

- Thanked Dr. Ladd, Dr. Sander, and Mr. Cooley for taking time to be here tonight.
- Education is what we do. Truly believes if we keep that in mind, we're doing right by the kids.
- Loves his wife, and what she's going through right now is not fun. Every time she goes through a painful thing, she's concerned about how everyone around her is doing. That's why she means the world to him.
- Has known a small few, truly great men in his life and believes without a doubt that we are all today what we are because of Norm Siefkin. Norm started out as a teacher to him, became a friend, and turned into family. What he and his family went through, no one should ever have to go through. Loved him immensely, and his family is in his prayers.

#### Mr. Short

- He, too, feels the loss of Norm Siefkin. He was a mentor and teacher who came to be a friend. His prayers are with his family.
- Thanked GenCorp for Project Lead the Way. The money they've donated is great. Is excited to see that program coming to fruition.
- Welcomed Kelli Davis. She is very eloquent; excited to see that.
- Happy to see the SELPA move forward. It's a major breakthrough. A lot of hard work by Maureen Burness and her staff.
- Is looking forward to attending Perspectives 2007 tomorrow.

#### Ms. McCormick

- This was a difficult meeting for everyone. What struck her first about Norm was the warmth and grace with which he treated everyone. He was a special person.
- Thanked Blaine White for his counselor reports. She really enjoys listening to them.

- Appreciated the discussion on the Sunrise-Douglas transfer. It's difficult because of dealing with a lot of emotion and trying to separate that from what we're really supposed to be doing, which is dealing with the education of our students.
- Thanked Folsom High School teacher Julie Taylor for inviting her to take part in the mock interview process in her On Your Own class. The preparation students go through for the interviews is interesting to watch. A wonderful program.
- Thanked Patricia Poremba for her report tonight. It's wonderful to have a liaison to parents to report back and encourage participation between the PTA and school district.

Mr. Shaw

- Welcomed Kelli to the Board. For someone with no previous coaching, she did extremely well.
- Has talked with parents and students of Vista del Lago and, to a person, they rave about the 4x4 schedule. We need to go slowly, but feels if this is working for Vista, it may be good for Cordova and Folsom High Schools as well.
- Congratulated the Folsom High school football team on the victory over Oak Ridge after 10 years of losing to them.
- Excited about the CASASTART<sup>SM</sup> program at Kitty Hawk. This is a program conducted by Columbia University and is funded by our \$500,000 grant that we received for violence prevention.
- Added his condolences to Norm's family. He was a great superintendent and a good friend to all of us. His impression of Norm was that he didn't strive to climb the ladder; he just dug in and did a good job. He was always called upon to serve. Applauds the legacy that Norm left with this District. We all miss him.

Ms. Stanley

- Received a letter from the California Art Education Association congratulating Mills Middle School teacher Mindy Andrus for being selected by the California Art Education Association to receive the Outstanding Middle Level Visual Art Educator for 2007. Will be presented with her award November 18, 2007, at the Hilton Hotel.
- Received a letter from Folsom High student Chad Sellers who expressed his happiness with his experience at Folsom High. He praised the teachers and staff, and noted how much he enjoys the well-kept campus. Thanked the Board for taking their time to make our school district so successful.
- Welcomed Ms. Davis; she's off to a great start. Offered her support and that of the other Board members.
- Also thanked Mr. White for his counselor reports.
- Regarding the lights at Vista del Lago, the people she spoke with directly didn't have a complaint about the lights, but were supporting what their neighbors wanted. Thinks the field is beautiful with the lights on at night. The neighbors seem to be shifting their focus to the landscaping and what they think will happen when kids start loitering up there to watch games, bringing profanity and trash.
- Questioned Ms. Bettencourt about the intent to poll Folsom residents for another bond measure. Wondering if Ms. Bettencourt knew the optimal amount at this time.

Ms. Bettencourt said we are gathering a list of needs in Folsom, and we'll put a price tag on those. When we survey, we'll have questions on the incremental amount they'd be willing to pay.

- Is hearing a lot from families in American River Canyon who are in the San Juan School District. Wondered if, when looking at bond needs, we could take a look at including extra facilities at Carl Sundahl that would allow us to accommodate the students from the San Juan area. If we

look into that issue, doesn't feel San Juan would have a problem with giving up that area. Would also like to see if that's feasible.

- Norm has an impressive resume, but his most impressive resume is all the things he did for this District that were out of a true love of this District. He would have done anything to better the District and benefit children here. This was truly a part of his family. He was a mentor and a friend to her. Mentioned Norm's wife Carol and how she has been so stoic throughout Norm's and his daughter Erika's illnesses. She also had the privilege of meeting Norm's son Greg and his brother Alan. She hopes the family will find the reserve to move on.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

**0708-065– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova**

**0708-066 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2007, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.**

Record of meeting schedule for September 20, 2007:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:03 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:12 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