

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

April 10, 2008

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

April 10, 2008

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

- 5:00 p.m. – Open Session CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)
President Benton 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 6:00 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Kelli Davis led the flag salute.

REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

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

He also announced the appointment of Andy Smith from 100% Principal of Riverview Elementary School to Principal, Riverview/Coordinator, Student Care for 2008/2009; and Curtis Wilson from teacher at Russell Ranch Elementary to Principal at Gold Ridge Elementary School for 2008/2009. He acknowledged Mr. Wilson and his wife who were in attendance.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Bernadette Hendrickson, Teacher (#203170) 40% Time, Mills Middle School, Professional Clear Single Subject Physical Education Credential; BS + 93 1/3; Class 5, Step 7. Effective: 03/25/08.
- Diane Stepnitz, Special Education Teacher (#208308), Folsom Middle School, Professional Clear Education Specialist Severely Handicapped/Learning Handicapped/Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credentials; BA + 89 1/3; Class 5, Step 10. Effective: 03/24/08.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Abigail Anderson, Special Education Teacher (#208080), Russell Ranch Elementary School. Abigail was hired on August 7, 2007, and has been employed 1 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/30/08.
- Laura Navarre, Teacher (#203039) (from Leave of Absence), Mather Heights Elementary School. Laura was hired on August 20, 2002, and has been employed 6 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/30/08.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

CERTIFICATED:

- Sidney Bazett, Psychologist (#202087), Psychological Services. From: 70%; To: 80%. Effective: 07/25/07.

ADMINISTRATOR

- Andrew Smith, (#990394, #208504); From: 100% Principal, Riverview Elementary School; To: Principal, Riverview Elementary School/Coordinator Student Care. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Curtis Wilson (#990006); From: Teacher, Russell Ranch Elementary School; To: Principal, Gold Ridge Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Stephanie Ellis, Speech Pathologist (#991987), Speech Services. Stephanie Ellis was hired on September 1, 1973, as a Speech Therapist for the District. She retires from this position on May 30, 2008. Stephanie has been employed 35 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Susan Smith, Teacher (#990506), White Rock Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 03/24/08 through 05/30/08.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Maria Barragan (new position) IASA Instructional Assistant (#208301), STARS Program, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL04/Step A. Effective: 3/26/2008
- Yevgeniy Beler (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#206650), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 3/27/2008
- Makrukh Maftoon (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#207561), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 3/26/2008
- Ashnil Prasad (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#205560), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 3/27/2008
- Viktor Romanyuk (replacement) Custodian (#208552), Cordova High, 4 hours daily/12 months, Range CL16/ Step A. Effective: 3/31/2008
- Elyse Vanberg (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208368) Oak Chan Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 4/1/2008
- Ryan Welch (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#207615), Mitchell Middle, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 3/25/2008

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Maria Suarez, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#991556), White Rock Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 4/14/2008 through 5/29/2008

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Christina Garcia, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208119), Navigator Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 3/24/2008
- Sandra Gonzales, IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990756), Cordova Meadows Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 4/8/2008
- Kristina Johnson, Preschool Assistant (#202640), Riverview Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 4/1/2008
- Margaret Schmidt, Temporary Preschool Teacher (#201317), Sierra Madre Preschool, reason: relocation. Effective: 4/9/08

- Oxana Sova, Student Care Center Assistant (#208218), Navigator Elem., reason: medical. Effective: 3/27/2008

TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS

- Daniel Metheny, Custodian (#991178), Folsom Middle. Effective: 3/28/2008

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Linda Williams, Custodian (#991183), Carl Sundahl Elem. Effective: 3/18/2008
- Linda was hired as a custodian at Carl Sundahl Elementary on May 3, 1999. She retires with seven years of service to the District.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

6-12 English/Language Arts – Kelly Hillesland, Sara Reagan, Ann terHaar

Superintendent Godwin introduced English/Language Arts (ELA) Lead Teacher Sara Reagan. Ms. Reagan began by explaining what the middle school coaches have been involved in this year, including an Accelerated Reading program at Mills Middle School called “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” The program encourages students to read a million words.

Lead Teacher Ann terHaar explained the intervention outreach program at Folsom Lake High School, Mitchell and Mills Middle Schools, and Mather Youth Academy. She also talked about middle school and high school articulation.

Lead Teacher Kelly Hillesland explained the ELA intervention professional development goals for 2008/2009. She also talked about a grammar program by Michael Clay Thompson called “Magic Lens” and tested the Board and superintendent on their knowledge of sentence structure.

Trustees were impressed with the enthusiasm of the presenters and made comments about how exciting it is to hear of the programs that engage students and make learning fun. They thanked Ms. Reagan, Ms. terHaar, and Ms. Hillesland for the great presentation, their dedication to students, and getting kids excited about reading.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0708-213)

Blaine White, District counselor

- Reported on results of the California High School Exit Exams for Vista del Lago, Walnutwood, and Cordova High Schools. All three schools had great results.
- Announced District counselor support of classified employees.
- Stressed the importance of fully-functioning career centers for high school students.

Linda Rodriguez, Library Technician at Folsom High School

- Addressed the Board on the importance of keeping District libraries open for students and teachers.

Krista Ruesel, student at Sutter Middle School

- Addressed the Board on the importance of keeping District libraries open for students and teachers.

Becky Marquez, Library Technician at Sutter Middle School

- Addressed the Board on the importance of keeping District libraries open for students and teachers.

Jill Marchuk, Transportation Employee

- Addressed the Board on proposed reductions in classified employees, in particular, bus drivers.

Wendi Weston, Teacher Folsom High School

- Invited the Board to a students' fashion show on April 22, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Folsom High School multipurpose room. There is no charge.

Barbara Brydon, President Folsom Cordova Education Association

- Addressed the Board on concerns regarding the list of proposed budget cuts, in particular the library technicians.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0708-214)

Student Advisory Board – Kelli Davis Student Board Member, reported on the following:

- Yesterday's SAB meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be on May 22, 2008, at Vista del Lago High School. They will approve bylaws, hold elections, and have a SMART Board presentation

PTA Council:

- Mr. Benton announced that the next meeting will be on April 15, 2008.

California School Employees Association – President, Daryl Abdo:
Past President Pat Wilhoyte spoke for Mr. Abdo.

- Spoke to the Board regarding proposed classified layoffs.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – Barbara Byrdon, President:
Treasurer Michael Itkoff spoke for Ms. Brydon.

- Spoke to the importance of classified personnel.
- Is grateful we are where we are because many districts are in far worse shape.
- Urged the Board to make every effort to keep third grade class size reduction.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – Denise Burns, President:

- Announced that the following administrators will receive an ACSA Silver Star Award at the awards dinner to be held on Wednesday, May 7, at the Sacramento Hilton Hotel:
Sharon Heilman, Paul Richards, Tony Peterson, Dana Carrigan, Dan Anklam, Jim Huber, Larry Brubaker, and Kelly Calhoun.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

SHORT/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

Ms. Stanley noted that she had requested a minor correction to the minutes of March 27, 2008. She asked that "She volunteered." be removed from her statement under Item 0708-210 – Board Business.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-215 – Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes - March 27, 2008

0708-216 – 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. Adopt Resolution No. 04-10-08-35: Approving Existence of an Auxiliary Organization and Extension of Certain Insurance Coverage Rights - Mitchell Middle School Athletic Booster Club
- E. Approve Lease-Leaseback Agreements: Williamson and Cordova Meadows Elementary Schools
- F. Approve State Inspector Contract for: Cordova Meadows Elementary, Williamson Elementary, Rancho Cordova Elementary and Mitchell Middle Schools

0708-217 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0708-78(S), 0708-79(S), 0708-80(S), 0708-81(S), 0708-82(S), 0708-83(S), and 0708-84(S)

0708-78(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to seek educational options through district of residence (Grant Joint Union High School District) through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; if student establishes residency in FCUSD, student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; if student establishes residency in FCUSD, student must successfully complete at least one trimester and summer session at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the district; individual counseling to address fire safety and decision-making skills.

0708-79(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the ED program at Sutter Middle School through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; I.E.P. team to determine placement for the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

0708-80(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Middle School through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year and transfer to Folsom High School for the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

0708-81(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend an accredited educational program outside of the district or the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 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.

0708-82(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend an accredited educational program outside of the district or the Adult Education Program through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is not to return to a regular comprehensive program with FCUSD to complete his graduation requirements; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for a review of his case.

0708-83(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend an accredited educational program outside of the district through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; the pupil is to submit a “clean” drug test upon her request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

0708-84(S)

Expel through the end of the first trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the first trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend summer session at the Mather Youth Academy; student must successfully complete at least two trimesters and summer school at the Mather Youth Middle 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 Williams Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarterly Report

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-218 – Approve School Facilities Needs Analysis

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the School Facilities Needs Analysis
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

0708-219 – Authorization of the Alternative Section 65995.5 School Facilities Fee and Provisional Approval of the Alternative Section 65995.7 School Facilities Fee

President Benton opened the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

No one came forward.

President Benton closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-220 – Adopt Resolution 04-10-08-36: Establish Alternative Section 65995.5 Fee and Alternative Section 65995.7 Fee

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 04-10-08-36 to establish an Alternative Section 65995.5 Fee and Alternative Section 65995.7 Fee

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-221 – Change May 8, 2008, Regular Board Meeting Date

Superintendent Godwin explained that this item was originally placed on the agenda because he believed the governor's May budget revise was to be released on May 9. Moving the Board meeting date would have allowed staff to prepare any appropriate revisions to lay-off notices and/or other budget adjustments based on the revised proposals before the meeting. The May revise has been moved and now won't occur until May 15. Therefore, the superintendent's recommendation is to table this item.

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO TABLE Item 0708-221 requesting to change the May 8, 2008, regular Board meeting date.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-222 – Approve New and Revised High School Physical Education Course Outlines

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos to present this item. Ms. DeArcos indicated that the State of California has published model content standards for K-12 physical education courses, and some of the 9-12 outlines presented were rewritten to incorporate those standards. Others are new courses including Fitness 1 (individual and dual sports) and Fitness 2 (team sports). Fitness 1 and 2 provide the foundation for high school instruction. Courses 3 and 4 are electives that provide students with the opportunity to explore a variety of physical activities. The authors of the thirteen, 9-12 PE course outlines were Erva Watts, Lisa Johnson, and Jim Noble.

Ms. DeArcos noted that the new fitness gram standards require that a student pass five of six "tests" in the healthy zone in grade 9 in order to defer PE in grade 10. Students who fail more than one "test" are required to take PE in grade 10.

Ms. Stanley and Mr. Shaw suggested that the authors, over time, look at including the PE Course 2 (Fitness 2) standards into PE elective classes.

Ms. DeArcos also mentioned that Ms. Stanley had notified her earlier that the Yoga outline did not include a writing component, and she assured her that one would be included for all courses.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the 13 new and revised high school Physical Education course outlines.

President Benton asked for audience comments.

Blaine White

- Noticed that all of the course outlines except for Fitness 1, Fitness 2, and Yoga indicate a subject area of “Elective.” Yoga is listed as “PE and Health.” Questioned if that was correct.

Ms. DeArcos responded that Yoga should also have a subject area of “elective.”

Ms. Stanley

- Wanted to make it clear that her motion included adding a writing component to the Yoga outline and changing the subject area to “elective.” Mr. Short concurred.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-223 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin reported.

- Reported that the latest iteration of potential general fund budget reductions had been distributed to Trustees and would be made available to everyone tomorrow.
 - Important to understand that this is simply the latest version. He is not making recommendations at this point.
 - Will make changes to the list as we move through the process; hopes the changes will be to remove items from the list.
 - The current version will be used to begin the process of drafting our budget, but doesn’t mean it won’t change.
 - Wants to make our process as transparent as possible. Is trying to let everyone know what we’re thinking and give them a chance to respond.
 - Will continue to work with legislators and other decision-makers of the community and state.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0708-224 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Kelli Davis

- Again, wanted to thank the Board and staff and said she does not underestimate the difficulty of the position they are in regarding budget cuts. She can tell that students are at the heart of their discussions. She is doing the best she can to spread the word to the student body that the District is putting education first.

Mr. Shaw

- Attended the Partnership Breakfast this morning. The program was great, and there were a couple of outstanding teachers, Chris Almeida and Eric Wright, who showed the business community what good things are happening in the classroom. The group was impressed.
- Read an article in the paper about area cities delaying fees for developers. It quoted Folsom as saying they are considering delaying fees for two years.

Ms. Bettencourt replied that the City of Folsom did adopt that resolution which is good for one year through June 2009, at which time they will review it. We're in a different point in our economic condition in that we need any developer fees available to us to help with outstanding debt of our Certificates of Participation. If we do it for Folsom, we should consider it for Rancho Cordova, and she doesn't want to be the first district to do it.

- Read the Committee report on Measure B. Craig Osborne did a great job; we were lucky to have great leadership on that committee.
- Nothing on the cut list is okay with him, and the whole Board feels the same way. No one wants to lay off anyone. But, the budget is 85% salaries and benefits. To get to the size of cuts we must make, salaries and benefits have to be involved. It's tempting to talk about using the 3% reserve, but the problem is we have to maintain it and pay it back. That doesn't make sense, and he urged maintaining the reserve.

Ms. McCormick

- Appreciates all of the people who spoke tonight and expressed their concerns. The list is tentative. This affects so many lives of people who touch students. She hopes for better news.
- Congratulated Curtis Wilson on his appointment to principal.
- Glad to hear about the CAHSEE test results.
- Enjoyed the ELA presentation. The excitement of the teachers is obvious, and the kids can't help but be excited.
- Sorry she had to miss the Cordova High School Culinary Academy Café grand opening. It was her anniversary, and she had other plans.

Ms. Stanley

- Welcomed the participation of CSEA this evening. A lot of people have things to say about the list before them. Hopes they and anyone else who comes forward to give suggestions understands that the Board has the ultimate responsibility and authority to make cuts, but can't counter that with increased revenues. Mr. Godwin said there's something on this list for everyone to hate. She disagrees – everything on this list is pretty hateful. Anytime we take away something that is a benefit to kids, it's something to hate.
- Congratulated Curtis Wilson.
- Congratulated Ms. McCormick and Mr. Benton on their recent anniversaries.
- Asked about the PE standards and if they went to the elementary level. (Ms. DeArcos answered that they did.) Feels we need to look at the approach we're taking to have the appropriate level of PE activity which she feels is even more important than what we do with the nutrition side.
- Attended the last Folsom 2x2 meeting. One of the topics was deferring developer fees. We are in a different position than the City in that if we defer fees until an occupancy permit, that's the point at which kids will be there. It would mean we wouldn't have facilities before students. It's hard to play catch up. Suggested caution about what we do with that.
 - Also discussed potential property acquisitions still being considered by the city from the District.
 - Talked a little about the Vista del Lago pool and possible use of solar heating. The City might be interested in finding ways to help us do that, if possible.

Mr. Short

- There was an article in *The Bee* about the many ways to use green construction that result in big paybacks. There are a lot of potential ways for schools to use solar.
- Congratulated Mr. Wilson.
- Enjoyed the ELA presentation.

- Thanked everyone for speaking tonight about the budget. It's very frustrating. Every single program is essential to classrooms, and it's hard to prioritize. Seems we've been doing this for years.
- Glad to see the results of the CAHSEE and how great the kids are doing. He's excited about that; we are doing great things.
- Thanked everyone for doing hard work in tough times. Wants to stay focused on the positives.

Mr. Benton

- Cordova High School is having their academic awards ceremony on May 8. It's always an amazing event.
- Said we are all working together, so if there are issues you think we're not covering, let us know. Cuts need to be made, and he'll take a \$6 million reduction over a \$9 million reduction any day. Hopes things get better, but we have to plan for the worst.
- Cordova High Culinary Academy Café had their grand opening last Friday. It was great! Amazing what the students are doing. They were actually running a restaurant. He made a donation to the academy on behalf of the Board to purchase cook books.
- Acknowledged several Vista del Lago student government students in the audience. They confirmed the excitement students have over the ELA program talked about this evening by Ms. Reagan, Ms. Hillesland, and Ms. terHaar.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

INFORMATION

0708-225 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0708-226 - Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2008, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for April 10, 2008:

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| Open Session | 5:00 p.m. |
| Closed Session | 5:05 p.m. |
| Open Session | 6:00 p.m. |
| Meeting adjourned at | 8:07 p.m. |

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board