

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

February 21, 2008

MINUTES

Board of Education  
Regular Board Meeting  
Mills Middle School  
Cafetorium  
10439 Coloma Road  
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

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

February 21, 2008

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

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 6)

President Benton 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 6:06 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 that the Board unanimously approved the retirement of teachers David Cardwell, Thomas Carpenter, Don Kleid, Michael Rasler, and Bud Schaffer. They also approved the retirement of Empire Oaks Principal Sharon Heilman.

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

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

**CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT**

- Diane Maldonado, Resource Specialist (#991687, #208106), Mitchell Middle School, Short Term Staff Permit Education Specialist Mild/Moderate; BA + 28; Class 1, Step 1. Effective: 02/19/08.

**RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF RETIREMENT**

**CERTIFICATED:**

- David Cardwell, Teacher (#991753), Folsom High School. David was hired on October 17, 1973, to teach Science at

Cordova High School. At the beginning of the 1993/1994 school year, he transferred to Folsom High School. He retires from this position on May 31, 2008. David has been employed 35 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

- Thomas Carpenter, Special Education Teacher (#991874), Cordova High School. Thomas was hired on August 25, 1993, to teach Special Day Class Learning Handicapped. He retires from this position on June 1, 2008. Thomas has been employed 15 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Donald Kleid, Teacher (#991789), Folsom High School. Donald was hired on August 31, 1983, to teach Mathematics half-time at Folsom High School. He became full-time at the beginning of the 1984/1985 school year. He retires from this position on June 1, 2008. Donald has been employed 25 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Michael Rasler, Teacher (#991908), Cordova High School. Michael was hired on September 1, 1970, to teach Health, Safety and Family Life at Cordova High School. He retires from this position on May 31, 2008. Michael has been employed 38 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Henry Schaffer, Teacher (#991827), Folsom High School. Henry was hired on August 27, 1991, to teach sixth grade at Cordova Lane Elementary School. He transferred to Folsom High School at the beginning of the 1995/1996 school year. Henry served as Division Leader for the 1999/2000 school year. He retires from his teaching position on June 2, 2008. Henry has been employed 17 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

#### RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF RETIREMENT

##### ADMINISTRATOR:

- Sharon Heilman, Principal (#202010), Empire Oaks Elementary School. Sharon was hired on August 29, 1986, to teach a second/third grade combination class at Theodore Judah Elementary School. At the beginning of the 1987/1988 school year, she transferred to Carl Sundahl Elementary School to teach fifth grade. Sharon transferred to Folsom Hills Elementary School where she also served as Department Chair. She transferred to Cordova Lane Elementary School at the start of the 1994/1995 school year where she served as fifth grade Lead Teacher. She was appointed Elementary Principal at Theodore Judah Elementary School for the 1996/1997 school year. On July 1, 2001, she was named Principal of the new Empire Oaks Elementary School which was named a California Distinguished School in 2006 and a National Blue Ribbon School in 2007. She retires on June 18, 2008. Sharon has been employed 22 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

#### CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Sharon Culbertson (*rescinded*), Special Education Teacher (#208081), Russell Ranch Elementary School, Educational Leave of Absence effective 02/04/08 through 03/07/08.

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

- Theresa Bacha, Teacher (#207528, #207535, #207536) (From Leave of Absence), Folsom High School. Theresa was hired on August 9, 2005 and has been employed 3 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/30/08.
- Kristine Neimann, Teacher (#207019), (50% Time), Empire Oaks Elementary School. Kristine was hired on August 20, 2002, and has been employed 6 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 02/08/08.

#### CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Lisa Hall, Speech Services (#208528, #208529). From: 100% Pre-School Language Development Specialist; To: 100% Speech Pathologist. Effective: 02/12/08.
- Deborah Rasmussen, Teacher (#207019), Empire Oaks Elementary School. From: 50%; To: 100%. Effective: 02/12/08.

#### CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

SHAW/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Wendy Bell (replacement) Health Assistant (#203122), Mitchell Middle, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 2/12/08
- Robert Carpenter (replacement) Building & Grounds Utilityworker (#991163), Maintenance Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL18/Step C. Effective: 1/14/08
- Dorena Criddle (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#203060), 2.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 2/12/08

- Edward Igoe (replacement) Campus Monitor (#200149), 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 2/12/08
- Lynette Schetselaar (replacement) IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990753), Cordova Gardens Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 2/4/08

#### CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Debra Hanson (replacement FTE) Transition Assistant (#208582), Folsom High, from 6 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 2/1/08
- Robyn Lane (replacement) Cordova High, from School Clerk-Secondary, 11 months, Range CL12/Step E to Registrar-Comprehensive High School (#991035), 12 months, Range CL19/Step C. Effective: 2/4/08
- Virginia Shendrya (replacement FTE) Bus Driver (#991457), Transportation Dept., from 6.25 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 1/28/08
- Silva Kazaryan (replacement) STARS Program, from IASA Instructional Assistant, 3.9 hours daily, Range CL04 to STARS Program Team Leader (#207141), 6 hours daily, Range CL10. Effective: 2/4/08
- Derek Le (replacement FTE) STARS Program Team Leader (#207621), STARS Program, from 3.9 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 2/4/08
- Sean Mosier (replacement) Maintenance Dept., from Building & Grounds Utilityworker, Range CL18/Step E to Grounds Maintenance Technician, Range CL28/Step C. Effective: 2/7/08
- Terri Smith (replacement FTE) Bus Driver (#202531), Transportation Dept., from 6.25 hours daily to 7.5 hours daily. Effective: 1/28/08

#### CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Flora Guillen, Food Service Worker I (#207630), Cordova High, reason: parental. Effective: 3/3/08 to 5/29/08

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

- Amanda Del Soldato, Student Care Assistant (#203181), Blanche Sprentz Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 2/22/08
- Jane Nielson, Clerk Typist III (#990635), Folsom High, reason: relocation. Effective: 2/15/08
- Gurpal Singh, Bus Driver (#207586), Transportation Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 2/15/08
- Joanne Williams, In-School Suspension Assistant (#990920), Cordova High, reason: personal. Effective: 2/6/08

#### BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton announced that in addition to the agendaized special presentation, there would be another short presentation. He introduced Jerry Johnson, Chair, and Linda Smith, Co-chair, of Weed and Seed. Mr. Johnson presented a check in the amount of \$4,000 to White Rock Principal Elena Cabrera. The money is to be used to ensure that all White Rock 6<sup>th</sup> graders are able to attend the Sly Park Environmental Education Center this year.

Ms. Cabrera thanked them and said that she had just talked with a student who could be helped with the funds from Weed and Seed. Trustees expressed their appreciation.

#### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

##### **Program Improvement at Mills Middle School – James Hamilton**

Superintendent Godwin introduced Mills Principal James Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton highlighted the steps the Mills faculty and staff are involved in during Program Improvement. He introduced Lynn Backes, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, who explained the process involved in teaching literacy. Teachers are excited and on-board. Ms. Backes then introduced Linda Dickenson, who teaches Newcomers at Mills. Ms. Dickenson explained the instruction English Language Learners (ELL) are involved in and how their program works. Mr. Hamilton returned to talk about future plans, including a possible switch to a block schedule.

Trustees expressed appreciation for the work being done and future plans. They were impressed with the collaboration in finding ways to meet the needs of kids. Mr. Shaw advised that in examining a new schedule, art and music play a large part in the success of ELL students. Cautioned about not sacrificing that benefit just for the basics.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

SHAW/STANLEY MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

## **0708-164 – Public Participation**

Gordon Cambridge, Member of Measure N Oversight Committee and Rancho Cordova resident

- Addressed the Board regarding his proposal to use bond funds to build one very large performing arts center rather than two smaller ones; one at Cordova High and one at the yet-to-be-built Mather High. Money saved could be used to expand the tech and career academies at Cordova High.
- Also addressed the Board on his plan to fund and implement an ongoing program of good citizenship for Cordova High, Kinney High, Mitchell Middle, and Mills Middle School students. Proposed that the Board have a written policy to continually project to administrators the Board's total commitment to student responsibility and respect for others and their property, K-12.

Blaine White, District counselor

- In deference to time, asked that his report be postponed to the next meeting.

## **0708-165 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS**

Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- The last SAB meeting was held yesterday at Sutter Middle School.
  - Guest speakers included Ms. Bettencourt who explained the budget proposal and what it means to kids and the District. Some rumors were cleared up. Their second guest speaker was Brandon from the Cordova High Student Union who spoke about the Rancho Cordova Community Advisory Council.
  - Students expressed an ongoing concern about the dress code. They feel there is no consistency. Their idea is that there might be a district-wide dress code, on different levels – one for high school and one for middle school.
  - Also continued the ongoing discussion regarding senior project. At the next meeting, they will take a look at surveys already completed.
  - Reported on activities on secondary campuses.
- Next SAB meeting is March 26 at Mills Middle School.

PTA Council:

Ms. Stanley reported:

- Ms. Bettencourt spoke at their last meeting and presented a list of possible reductions. They were asked to rank in order things they'd like to keep. She thought this was very enlightening for a lot of people.
- Also discussed fundraisers.

California School Employees Association: President Dyarl Abdo:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association: Vice President Mark Schultz

- With regard to the proposed and recommended budget cuts, is amazed at how much things can change in one year.
- Also, thinks the special Board meeting that is proposed to allow people affected by layoff a chance to address the Board is a great thing to do.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Denise Burns:

President-Elect Mike Shepard addressed the Board.

- Gave each Board member an “around to it” chip. These are being circulated at FCAA meetings this year. People are writing “thank you’s” to each other to foster appreciation of one another. The thank you’s are then incorporated into a PowerPoint presentation that is played at each meeting.

**AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS**

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including advisory

**0708-166 - Administrative Matters**

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2008

**0708-167– 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. Receive and File – Sacramento County Annual Investment Policy of the Pooled Investment Fund, Calendar Year 2008
- E. Approve Change Order No. 2: Cordova High School Cafeteria Chiller Replacement
- F. Approve Notice of Completion: Cordova High School Cafeteria Chiller Replacement
- G. Approve Change Order No. 7: Mitchell Middle School Modernization
- H. Approve Change Order No. 2: Folsom High School Re-roofing
- I. Approve Notice of Completion: Folsom High School Re-roof

**0708-168 – Instructional Matters**

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0708-49(S), 0708-50(S), 0708-51(S), 0708-52(S), 0708-53(S), 0708-54(S), 0708-55(S), and 0708-56(S)

0708-49(S)

Expel through the end of the 3<sup>rd</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 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-50(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend an accredited educational program outside of the district through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; the pupil 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.

0708-51(S)

Expel through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to seek educational options through district of residence (Sacramento City Unified School District) through the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; upon reinstatement, if student re-establishes residency in FCUSD; student must successfully complete at least two trimesters 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.

0708-52(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend an accredited educational program outside of the district through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in FCUSD; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

0708-53(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2007-2008 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 counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-54(S)

Expel through the end of summer school following the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of summer school following the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to 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 in FCUSD; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-55(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2007-2008 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 counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-56(S)

Expel through the end of summer school following the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to remain at the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of summer school following the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student must successfully complete at least two trimesters and summer school at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in FCUSD; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a "clean" drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the district.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### **0708-169 – Approve Measure N Facilities Plan**

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the Measure N Facilities Plan

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **0708-170 – California School Employees Association 2008-2009 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education**

President Benton opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

No one came forward.

President Benton closed the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### **0708-171 – Adopt California School Employees Association 2008-2009 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education**

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the initial proposal and authorize its chief negotiator to enter into bargaining with the California School Employees Association, Chapter 528.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **0708-172 – Board of Education 2008-2009 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association**

President Benton opened the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

No one came forward.

President Benton closed the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### **0708-173 – Adopt Board of Education 2008-2009 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association**

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the initial proposal and authorize its chief negotiator to enter into bargaining with the Folsom Cordova Education Association.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

**0708-174 – Adopt Resolution No. 02-21-08-22:** In Opposition to the Governor’s Budget Proposal and Plans to Decimate Prop. 98

McCORMICK/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 02-21-08-22 in opposition to the governor’s budget proposal and plans to decimate Prop. 98.

AMENDMENT

Ms. Stanley requested an amendment to the resolution by changing the paragraph which begins, “NOW, THEREFORE,” to include reference to adjusting expenditures as well as finding new revenue sources. She suggested the following, “...to solve the budget crisis including reprioritization of expenditures and/or new revenue sources.”

McCORMICK/SHORT accepted the amendment.

AMENDMENT

Mr. Shaw did not like the word “Decimate” in the title and asked for a word that didn’t indicate the governor wants to destroy Prop. 98. After some discussion, it was determined that the word “decimate” should be replaced with “reduce.”

Ms. McCormick said she was fine with the word “decimate,” but would agree to the change.

McCORMICK/SHORT accepted the amendment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

**0708-175 – Adopt Resolution No. 02-21-08-23:** Specifications of the Board Election Order and Consolidation with the November 4, 2008, General Election

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 02-21-08-23: Specifications of the Board Election Order and Consolidation with the November 4, 2008, General Election.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

**0708-176 – 2008 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election**

SHAW/McCORMICK MOVED TO VOTE for the following three candidates for the 2008 CSBA Delegate Assembly: Ron Dwyer-Voss, Janice Green, and Teresa Stanley.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

Ms. Stanley reminded everyone that Mr. Shaw and Mr. Short had been nominated as well. They did not file paperwork, so were not on the ballot. She indicated that another position has become available, and Mr. Shaw has been asked to accept that position.

**0708-177 – Approve Revisions to Student Conduct Code for 2008-2009 School Year**

Superintendent Godwin reminded the Board that they had discussed changes to the Conduct Code at the February 7, 2008, Board meeting and recommended staff reconsider some of those changes. The item is being brought back with recommended revisions for Board approval.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE revisions to the Student Conduct Code for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mr. Shaw questioned Item 12 on Page 20. Suggested the maximum consequence include transfer to another site.

Director of Attendance and Due Process Steve Muzinich responded that transfer to another school is implied between the five-day suspension and recommendation for expulsion. He has the option of imposing that consequence.

Ms. Stanley suggested that some kind of points system might be devised for students with a certain number of offenses so that consequences could be more consistent.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

**0708-178 – Set Date for Special Board Meeting: March 5, 2008**

Superintendent Godwin explained that the governor's current budget proposal will require the District to issue lay-off notices to certain employees for the 2008-09 school year. In order to do this, the District must, prior to March 15, adopt a resolution calling for lay-offs and notify affected employees. A special Board meeting on March 5 will give the District the time needed to prepare the notices as well as allow affected employees the opportunity to hear reasons for lay-offs and timelines and processes the District will use to consider re-employment.

He noted that the item requests a meeting start time of 4:00 p.m., but would like to change that to 5:00 p.m., to accommodate some of the Trustee's schedules.

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the setting of a Special Board Meeting for Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., location to be determined.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

Ms. Stanley requested, if possible, that the meeting be held in Folsom to ensure she is able to arrive on time. She has a commitment in Folsom that afternoon.

**DISCUSSION**

**0708-179 – Potential Budget Reductions**

Superintendent Godwin explained that, while we anticipate that Governor Schwarzenegger's current budget proposal will be significantly altered before it is finalized, the District must prepare for the possibility that we will have to reduce expenditures next year by \$9.1 million. The Board was given a first draft of potential budget reductions. This list has been shared with the management team. Ideas, suggestions, and concerns will be solicited from other groups including the Parent Teacher Association, Student Advisory Board, Folsom Cordova Education Association, California School Employees Association, and Folsom Cordova Administrators Association. A District website devoted to budget issues will give community members the opportunity for input as well. This item was agendaized to allow Trustees the opportunity to ask questions and submit ideas. They will continue to have opportunities for input before adopting a budget in June.

He cautioned that it is important not to overreact at this time. Believes we need to move as slowly as possible to give us as much opportunity as possible to learn and gather information and opinions of others in order to make good decisions. He stressed that the list the Board was reviewing is the superintendent's recommendations. His intention is to listen to staff, but ultimately it will be his decision and, of course, the final decision will be the Board's.

This list is intended to start dialogue. Once the Board has given input, the list will be widely distributed through the District's website, community forums, etc.

Mr. Short

- Asked about the possibility of a "golden handshake" to encourage retirement.

- Questioned volunteer furloughs.
- Recommended not putting Class Size Reduction on the list of things still being considered because of the effect it might have on the public.

Mr. Godwin stated that the “golden handshake” was considered, but deemed not cost effective.

Ms. McCormick

- Questioned how flexible we are with reducing Special Education staff and programs in light of IEP’s.
- Asked what our options might be regarding transportation.
- Also mentioned the possibility of increasing facility fees.

Assistant Superintendent Student Support Services Maureen Burness responded that some of the special ed aides are associated with programs, rather than IEP’s. We could look at both.

Mr. Shaw

- We’re in a bad position where we must submit our budget by the end of June, and the state can take their sweet time. Causes us to create a lot of angst too early.
- Would like to do the things we’re legally required to do, but would like to delay the conversation about specific items until we can come up with as good a number as possible.

President Benton asked for questions/comments from the audience.

Blaine White

- Asked for clarification about the line item on counseling services, supplemental state funds.

Mark Schultz

- Noted that he hasn’t heard any talk about the District’s reserves.

Ms. Bettencourt responded:

- Re transportation: We increase our fees each year based on the COLA. Right now, we’re charging more than \$1.00 per trip. We would lose ridership if fees increase, but we would also reduce expenditures. We could establish a minimum number of students at stops in order to keep routes.
- Re facilities fees: Could increase them by 5 to 10%.
- Re supplemental counseling: If the new counselors are eliminated, existing counselors would pick up required duties.
- Re reserves: At this point the state has not changed the requirement of having a minimum 3% reserve. When the state did give us an option, our Board took the stance not to reduce the reserve. She has not heard, as yet, about any flexibility for next year.

Ms. Stanley

- Understands that to the extent we notice employees, we are going to cause some level of panic and stress. On the other hand, she is concerned that when being told to cut \$9 million, we have a list tonight that only recommends \$3 million. Thinks we need to prepare for the worst.
- Unless they can agree as a Board that there are sacred cows that they’re not going to touch, we need to do noticing to get to \$9 million.
- Would ask that we look at the Class Size Reduction encroachment on the general fund. Break it down and see what effect it would make if we only look at eliminating third grade CSR.
- Another concern is that some of the things on the “likely to recommend” list are things that sometimes don’t really come back and give the savings we thought they would.

- Way back on the “not currently being considered” list is school closures. Have talked about this in the past, but knows that it takes lead time we don’t have. Maybe we still ought to be taking a look at it.
- Need to be clear with the public that Measure N building funds can’t be used.

Mr. Godwin

- One thing that is not clear in this document is that in schools with small enrollments, principals will be asked to take on additional duties. Some of these will be at the District level.

Ms. Davis

- From looking at this list, it’s obvious that the education of students in the classroom is being protected as much as possible. Thinks that’s great.

Mr. Benton

- This isn’t fun. Doesn’t like having to do this and upset people. Doesn’t want our employees to think that they have to go out and find another job tomorrow. Some folks will be laid off, but we will be working with everyone all through this. There won’t be surprises.
- We are doing everything we can to protect education in the classroom.
- Wants to take this very slowly and get everyone involved – PTA, parents, bargaining units – everyone. Need to ask “how can you help us, and how can we help you?”

## **REPORTS**

### **0708-180 – Reports to the Board of Education**

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- The Sweetheart Ball was a great success. A first-class event to raise a lot of money for the Helping Hand Fund. Acknowledged Linda Burkholder and Heather McGowan for their work on organizing the event.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **0708-181 – Board Business**

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- No comment.

Ms. Stanley

- The *Sacramento Business Journal* is holding an event to honor CFO’s of the year. Ms. Bettencourt is a finalist under the public agency category. The event will be held March 27, at 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency, Sacramento.
- The Sweetheart Ball was a nice event. The Cordova High School Culinary Academy supplied the desserts. The lines were very, very long.
- Adding to her discussion on the budget – when looking at CSR, if we reduced at the third grade level, would it be possible to select schools that we think really benefit from CSR, rather than ones we think will benefit anecdotally. Would be nice to do our own prioritization.

Mr. Shaw

- Announced that Cordova High football coach Max Miller was named model coach of the year by CIF, Sac-Joaquin Division.

- Both Cordova High and Folsom High are in the basketball playoffs. Also, Folsom High wrestlers qualified 12 for the Masters Tournament at University of the Pacific.
- With the costs of health care rising, thinks we should look at health savings accounts; they are a great deal.

Ms. McCormick

- Reiterated the importance of everyone knowing how seriously the Board takes the budget crisis. Hopes there will be a lot of people who participate at the next meeting. The more input we have, the better able we are to represent the concerns of those stakeholders and be able to effect cuts that will affect the least number of people. This is the first time she's been involved in budget cuts – it is very difficult.
- Thanked everyone involved in the presentation of the Measure N plan.
- Congratulated Ms. Bettencourt on her nomination. Well deserved.

Mr. Short

- Congratulated the retirees. All their years of service should not go unnoticed.
- Thanked the folks at Weed and Seed. Every bit counts. Especially for Sly Park for kids who don't have the money. It's an important program.
- Is interested in the citizenship program Mr. Cambridge was talking about during public participation.
- These are hard, very painful times. Not only the state, but there is a national economic downturn. Wants to make sure that we take it very slowly when making decisions about cuts.

Mr. Benton

- Mr. Rasler taught his son at Cordova High. He thanked him for his years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.
- We're doing budget cuts, but need to protect students' education. Need help from everyone.
- Reminded Trustees to submit their Form 700 to Renae.
- His family and he still continue to appreciate the help, cards, meals, and financial assistance from everyone. It's appreciated more than you know.

B. Pending Board Requests

C. District Committees

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

**0708-182– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova**

**0708-183** – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2008, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for February 21, 2008:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:06 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:59 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