

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

January 17, 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

January 17, 2008

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

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 6)

Vice President Short 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 6:10 p.m. In the absence of President Benton, Vice President Short called the meeting to order. Cordova Lane teacher Andy Kotko 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 (Benton and Shaw absent) approved the administrative appointments of Canen Peterson from teacher at Cordova Villa Elementary School to interim Principal at Natoma Station Elementary, and Jay Berns from Principal, Natoma Station Elementary, to Principal at Mitchell Middle School. He introduced Canen Peterson and his wife Amy who were in attendance.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Sharon Culbertson, Special Education Teacher (#208081), Russell Ranch Elementary School, 100% Education Leave of Absence. Effective: 02/04/08 through 03/07/08

- William Mc Garvey, Military Instructor (#205056), Mather Youth Academy, 100% Military Leave of Absence. Effective: 09/18/07 through 11/30/07

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- Bret Harnden, Teacher (#991580), Sutter Middle School, Professional Clear Single Subject Agriculture/Supplementary Authorization Biological & Geoscience/CLAD Credential; BA + 64 2/3; Class 4, Step 7. Effective: 01/11/08
- Kimberly Keck, Teacher (#208526) 50% Time, Cordova Villa Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/English Learner Credential; BA; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 11/26/07
- Trisha Leu, Teacher (#204055) 40% Time, Folsom Middle School, Single Subject Social Science/Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplemental Authorization Social Science/CLAD Credentials; BA + 43; Class 2, Step 1. Effective: 12/03/07.

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

- Linda Buettner, Teacher (#208089), Vista del Lago High School (50% Time)
- Douglas Lewin, Teacher (#208515), Vista del Lago High School (50% Time)
- Stephanie Steinhart-Salgado, Teacher (#991565), Folsom Middle School. Effective: 01/07/08 through 05/30/08.

CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT

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

- Heather Linsley, Division Leader (#201219), Sutter Middle School. Effective: 11/13/07.
- David Sewell, (*resigned*), Division Leader (#201219), Sutter Middle School. Effective: 11/12/07.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Carole Cline, Teacher (#991951), Cordova High School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 01/07/08 through 05/29/08.
- Curtis Gaesser, Teacher (#991751), Folsom High School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 01/07/08 through 05/29/08.
- Gregory Gorbach, Teacher ((208089), Vista del Lago High School. From: 100%; To: 133%. Effective: 01/07/08 through 05/29/08.
- Kristy Guarienti, Teacher (#991751), Folsom High School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 01/07/08 through 05/29/08.
- Kimberly Keck, Teacher (#990173), Cordova Villa Elementary School. From: 50% Teacher; To: 50% Teacher/50% Title 1 Teacher. Effective: 01/07/08.
- Coline McNeil, Resource Specialist (#991687, #208291), Mitchell Middle School. From: 100% Resource Specialist; To: 60% Resource Specialist/40% Teaching Vice Principal. Effective: 01/07/08.
- Perry Mansch, Teacher, Cordova High School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 01/07/08 through 05/29/08.
- Michelle Sharp, Special Education Teacher (#206018). From: 40% Folsom High School/60% Folsom Lake High School; To: 100% Folsom High School. Effective: 01/07/08.
- Cassandra Trevino, Teacher (#204055), Folsom Middle School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 01/07/08 through 05/29/08.
- Melinda Wilson, Teacher (#991751), Folsom High School. From: 100%; To: 120%. Effective: 01/07/08 through 05/29/08.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Laura Gutierrez, Teacher (#990223), Natoma Station Elementary School. From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 12/20/07.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Nancy Henkel, Teacher, 20% Time (from Leave of Absence), Blanche Sprentz Elementary School, was hired on August 23, 1994, and has been employed 12½ years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 12/19/07.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

McCORMICK/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE the following administrative appointments for Canen Peterson and Jay Berns.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton and Shaw absent)

- Canen Peterson (#990196); From: Teacher, Cordova Villa Elementary School; To: Interim Principal, Natoma Station Elementary School. Effective: 01/01/08 through 06/30/08.
- Jay Berns (#991700); From: Principal, Natoma Station Elementary School; To: Principal, Mitchell Middle School. Effective: 01/01/08.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Elizabeth Austin (new position) Behavior Support Aide (#208130), Russell Ranch Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL17/Step A. Effective: 12/17/2007
- Angela Bauerle (new position) Computer Instructional Assistant (#208327), Cordova Gardens Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 1/7/2008
- Christy Belanger (new position) Occupational Therapist (#208334) Student Support Services, 8 hours daily/11 months, Range CL57/Step E. Effective: 1/7/2008
- Sam Boger (replacement) Equipment Repair Technician (#991272), Maintenance Dept., 3.2 hours daily/12 months, Range CL28/Step B. Effective: 1/3/2008
- Sam Boger (replacement) Mechanic II (#205563), Transportation Dept., 4.8 hours daily/12 months, Range TR27/Step B. Effective: 1/3/2008
- Karina Boice (replacement) Library Clerk (#9991058), Cordova Gardens Elem., 2.55 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 12/14/2007
- Maria Diego (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#206573), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 12/17/2007
- Greg Fobbs (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208247), 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 12/13/2007
- Peter Gomez (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#200431), Oak Chan Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 1/7/2008
- Deirdre Hill (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990897), Folsom High, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 1/7/2008
- Amy Johnson (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#207052), Folsom High, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 1/14/2008
- Christina Page (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208123), Gold Ridge Elem., 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 1/7/2008
- Lilit Smbatyan (new position) STARS Team Leader (#208335), Family Support Services, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 1/7/2008
- Christopher Smith (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208582), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., 5.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/10/2007
- Oktavian Tsurkanu (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#204563), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/ 9.5 Months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 11/6/2007
- Pauline Weaver (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#202500), Natoma Station Elem., 2.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 1/1/2008
- Chris Westlake (replacement) Facilities Accounting Technician (#201360), Facilities Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL21/Step B. Effective: 1/7/2008

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Valerie Callori (reclassification) Student Support Services from Administrative Assistant III, Range CL22 to Administrative Secretary (#208599), Range CO02. Effective: 12/1/2007
- Rebecca Holsted (replacement) from IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator, Williamson Elem., 3.9 hours daily to Health Assistant (#991109), Cordova Gardens Elem., 2 hours daily. Effective: 12/12/2007
- Robert Loflin (replacement FTE/new position) Mills Middle, from Custodian, Range CL14 to Lead Night Custodian, Range CL16. Effective: 12/1/2007
- Ana Norwood (hours increase) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208325), Empire Oaks Elem., from 3.5 hours daily to 4.5 hours daily. Effective: 12/26/2007
- Jon Traud (hours increase/replacement) Bus Driver (#207581), Transportation Dept., from 6.5 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 12/6/2007

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Dianna Bowling, Computer Instructional Assistant (#207095), Carl Sundahl Elem., reason: family medical. Effective: 11/14/2007 through 1/4/2008
- Mindy Dyce, Administrative Assistant III (206662)/Help Desk Technician (#201318), ETIS Dept., reason: parental. Effective: 11/28/2007 through 1/1/2008
- Sylvia Grace, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208251), Cordova Villa, reason: family medical. Effective: 10/8/2007 through 5/28/2008
- Cindy Hilmer, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204040), Mitchell Middle, reason: parental. Effective: 1/7/2008 through 1/6/2009

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Gloria Collins, Bus Driver (#207571), Transportation Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 1/7/2008
- Linda Green, Bus Driver (#205543), Transportation Dept., reason: other employment. Effective: 1/7/2008
- Hein Le, STARS Team Leader (#207621), Family Support Services, reason: personal. Effective: 12/20/2007
- Felicia Traska, School Clerk-Secondary (#206056), Cordova High, reason: relocation. Effective: 12/19/2007
RESCINDED

TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS

- Cathy Voetsch, STARS Team Leader (#207141), Family Support Services. Effective: 1/8/2008

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

Vice President Short introduced Lead Teacher Ginny Bateman to make the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

National Board Certified Teachers – Ginny Bateman

Ms. Bateman introduced this year's National Board Certified teacher Andy Kotko from Cordova Lane Elementary School. She showed a video clip of one of Mr. Kotko's classes to show part of the process teachers are required to go through in this program. Mr. Kotko spoke about what motivated him to enter into the National Board Program. Vice President Short presented a pin of acknowledgement to Mr. Kotko.

Mr. Godwin commended Ginny Bateman on the work she does on this program.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton and Shaw absent), including Advisory

0708-129 – Public Participation

Patrick Casey – Teacher, Cordova High

- Addressed the Board on the efforts being made to improve attendance in his classroom.

Conrade Mayer, Rancho Cordova resident

- Addressed the Board on his concerns regarding Cordova High School including tardy and truant students, the 3:15 p.m. announcement every day that instructs students to leave campus, and abuse of the cell phone policy.

0708-130 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- The SAB meeting was held yesterday at Mitchell Middle School; however, because of a miscommunication about the location, half of the students went to Folsom High School. It was a short meeting because of the misunderstanding. The guest speaker from the Cordova High student union wasn't able to stay, but will reschedule. He would like to talk about the Rancho Cordova Youth Advisory Council.

- Reported on activities on secondary campuses, including an online student store at Cordova High where students can pay online for sports, clubs, books, etc.
- Students expressed an interest in knowing about the exact guidelines under the healthy food law regarding what can and can't be sold on campus. They will have a presentation at a future meeting.
- Next meeting is February 20, 2008, at Sutter Middle School.

PTA Council:

- Ms. Faust reported that the council met on Tuesday evening at Russell Ranch. They are looking for more information that they can relay to their PTAs

California School Employees Association: President Dyarl Abdo:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association: Vice President Mark Schultz

- Attended a joint meeting with labor, management, and Checker which is a health care coalition finding ways to save money and make health care more effective for their members.
- Recently, the benefits committee, through a broker, made some classes available through the Employee Assistance Program. Classes include, among other things, stress relief, diet, and a section on management.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Denise Burns:

- No report.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of Item 0708-132 A.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton and Shaw absent), including advisory

0708-131 - Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 13, 2007

0708-132 – Business Matters

A. See below.

B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification

C. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund and Other Funds

D. Approve Insurance Broker of Record Contract – District Health Insurance Brokerage Services

E. Approve 2007-08 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part II

F. Approve 2008 School Site Plans

G. Adopt Resolution No. 01-10-08-16: Approve 2007/08 Child Development Contract CIMS-7449-Instructional Materials

H. Adopt Resolution No. 01-17-08-17: Rejection of Claim for Breach of Contract filed by L.M. Combs Construction

0708-132 A – Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District

Ms. Stanley pulled this item to acknowledge cash donations to the District, in particular \$59,000 from Intel, \$1,200 from the Reinking family, and \$5,000 from James and Beth Carlsen. Wanted to acknowledge and thank these people.

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO ACCEPT donations and acknowledge receipt of donations to the District.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton and Shaw absent)

0708-133 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0708-2, 0708-26(S), 0708-27(S), 0708-28(S), 0708-29(S), and 0708-30(S)

0708-2

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to seek educational options through district of residence in San Joaquin County through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; if student establishes residency within the boundaries of FCUSD, student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or an accredited educational program outside of the district through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; upon reinstatement, if student establishes residency within the boundaries of FCUSD, student is to 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 student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-26(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or an accredited educational program outside of the district through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; upon reinstatement, student must successfully complete summer school and one trimester 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.

0708-27(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School or an accredited educational program outside of the district through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; upon reinstatement, student must successfully complete summer session and one trimester 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, anger management, and decision-making skills.

0708-28(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring 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.

0708-29(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring 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.

0708-30(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; 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 decision-making skills.

- B. Approve Master Contracts for Nonpublic School Placement and Approve Individual Service Agreements for Specific Students
- C. Approve Williams Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarterly Report
- D. Approve Memorandum of Understanding: Folsom Cordova Unified School District and Sacramento Sheriff's Department
- E. Approve Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) Participation and Selected Indicators for Walnutwood High School

0708-134 – Personnel Matters

A. Approve Revised Position Description: Grounds Maintenance Technician

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-135 – Accept 2006/2007 Annual Audit Report

Independent Auditor Lisa Bruno of Perry Smith reviewed the report provided.

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO ACCEPT the 2006/2007 Annual Audit Report, as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton and Shaw absent), including Advisory

0708-136 – Approve Revised Board Policy 5121: Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement

Assistant Superintendent Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos reviewed the changes which included elimination of the paragraph stating that students with excessive unexcused absences (six absences per grading period) might be given a failing grade and not receive credit for the class(es); addition of a paragraph stating that the teacher's grade shall not be changed except as provided by law in Ed Code 49066; and substitution of paragraph six with a more reflective paragraph which is more in line with FCUSD's elementary grading practices.

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE Revised Board Policy 5121: Grades/Evaluation of Student Achievement

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton and Shaw absent), including Advisory

0708-137 – Approve Revised Board Policy 1220 and Administrative Regulation 1220: Citizen Advisory Committees

Superintendent Godwin explained that in anticipation of FCUSD becoming its own Special Education Local Planning Agency (SELPA) beginning with the 2008/2009 school year, and with the requirement that each SELPA form a Community Advisory Committee to provide input, staff reviewed the existing policy and regulation that were adopted by the Board in 1999, and updated them to include California School Boards Association suggested verbiage as well as staff changes.

McCORMICK/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE Revised Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1220: Citizen Advisory Committees

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton and Shaw absent), including Advisory

0708-138 – Approve Revised Board Policy 5116.1: Intradistrict School Choice

Assistant Superintendent Elementary Instruction Leslie Faust explained the changes to BP 5116.1, which include removing the paragraphs referencing students residing in the American River Canyon who are in the City of Folsom and the San Juan Unified School District, and adding those paragraphs to the enrollment guidelines. Students from that area would have Carl Sundahl Elementary, Sutter Middle, and Folsom High Schools as their schools of assignment. They would continue to be required to complete an inter-district transfer application each year.

Ms. Stanley

- Expressed concern about the revised wording and removing from the policy the reference to those residents in American River Canyon.
- Seems that the removal would have the effect of putting that area in the same category as any other inter-district transfer from any other school district.
- Asked if we provided any kind of notice to residents in that area that we were contemplating this change.

Ms. Faust

- What we tried to do was to clarify a broad statement. Students' schools of assignment would be Sundahl, Sutter, and Folsom High. If those were full, we would still consider those students to be part of our district. The intent was to assure that they will get into their schools of assignment.
- This was meant to be a positive change for residents in that area.

After a great deal of discussion, Superintendent Godwin suggested the item be tabled until the next meeting which would allow staff time to work on the wording.

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO TABLE the item to be brought back at another meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton and Shaw absent)

DISCUSSION

0708-139 – Folsom Cordova Education Association 2008-2009 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education and Announcement of Public Hearing Scheduled for the February 7, 2008, Regular Board Meeting

Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Larry Brubaker reported that FCEA has proposed the following:

- Review, discuss, and amend Articles 8, 10, 11, and 16 to improve the working conditions and educational environment in the FCUSD
- Review and negotiate changes to Appendix F-1, Guidelines for Elementary Prep Time.

The public hearing will be held at the February 7, 2008, Board meeting at Folsom High School.

0708-140 – Governor’s Initial Proposal for Education Funding

Superintendent Godwin asked Ms. Bettencourt to present this item.

Ms. Bettencourt reviewed the Governor’s initial proposed budget for 2008-09:

- Expects the 08-09 state budget to be very late this year, possibly July, August, or September.
- No Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for next year.
- Base revenue limit (regular education) will be cut 2.4%, which equates to \$135.00 less per student.
- All other programs, including categoricals should expect a 6.5-7% cut.
- Total cut in revenue to FCUSD will be \$3,794,000.
- Scheduled increase in expenditures, including step and column for employees, amounts to \$5,319,150.
- Total shortfall for next year will be \$9,113,150. (This does not include salary scheduled improvements.) This total amounts to the cuts made over the last three years. And, we have not restored at least one-half of those cuts.
- Where we go from here is to communicate with District employees, parents, business partners, cities, and the press. Contact legislators, employee and parent organizations.
- In February a preliminary cut list will be presented to the Board.
- In March, the second interim report will be given to the Board along with recommended cut list and layoff notices. In the second interim report, we will probably not meet our financial minimum reserve and will become a qualified district because we would not be able to certify two years’ fiscal solvency.

Ms. Stanley

- Questioned flexibility in the budget with regard to categoricals.

Ms. Bettencourt

- There needs to be a long-term solution, and that’s in revenue. Not much flexibility in categoricals when they are being cut 6%.

Ms. Stanley

- Looking for things to make this less painful to do to maintain the integrity in our academic program. When we cut \$9 million, it will affect people, and that’s hard for the Board to do. Flexibility just shuffles money from one area to another and makes it easier to avoid layoffs.

Ms. Bettencourt

- If we eliminated Class Size Reduction in elementary, it would affect 95 teachers.

Mr. Godwin

- One of the concerns we have is that people will think flexibility will help solve the problem. It won't add a single dollar. The statewide anticipation is that if the budget doesn't change, there will be somewhere between 15 and 30 thousand teachers laid off. That's not just a direct impact. The fact is that the work will still be done with fewer teachers. There are significant indirect implications. Young teachers will begin to think that teaching is a disposable profession. That has monumental implications for the District and state. The potential silver lining is we can't believe people of good conscience intend for this kind of devastating impact on schools and the economy. Consumers will not be buying goods, cars, or houses. It will have a huge ripple effect. We must prepare to start 2008/2009 in dire straights, but many believe that the legislators and governor won't follow through with this devastating plan for schools.

Mr. Short

- Can't see how it would be possible to make \$9 million in cuts in a single year.

Mark Schultz

- Referenced the effects of Prop 13 and hopes that if it gets bad enough, they'll have to do something to bring us back up

Patrick Casey

- Asked if there was any reason why the California High School Exit Exam couldn't be incorporated with the STAR testing.

Mr. Godwin responded that was a good question; but Mr. Casey would have to ask the state.

REPORTS

0708-141 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- Asked that we all send hopeful thoughts to Roger Benton and his wife Tammy, and also to Joseph Piazza and his wife Joanne. Both wives are facing very serious conditions.
- B. Correspondence to the Board
C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0708-142 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- Congratulated Mr. Kotko on his achievements. He was a substitute in her elementary class; kids always wanted him because he was their favorite.
- Thinks it's great that the issues of attendance and tardies and absences have been brought up. It's something that could be improved. Thinks it is also good that the six absences paragraph was removed from Board Policy 5121. Shows that the main concern and focus is on the success of students and their achievements.

Ms. McCormick

- Congratulated Mr. Berns and Mr. Peterson for their appointments as principal at Mitchell and interim principal at Natoma Station.
- Thanked Ginny Bateman for the presentation on National Board certification and congratulated Mr. Kotko on his accomplishment. Enjoyed watching the video

- Attended the SAB meeting. Even with the confusion, Ms. Davis picked up the ball and conducted the meeting. Is impressed with the caliber of students. The issues they present take a lot of thought.
- Wishes the news about the budget was better; it's depressing. Appreciates people at the budget meetings who are vocal and express opinions. Urged everyone to contact everyone they can to let them know their concerns.
- Her prayers are with Mr. Benton and his wife and family.

Ms. Stanley

- Thanked Mr. Baumann and his staff for the Consolidated Application, Part II, which was on the Consent Agenda this evening. The information was laid out so nicely that even the lay person could understand.
- Congratulated Mr. Kotko. Certification is an excellent thing for any teacher to achieve.
- Congratulated Mr. Berns and Mr. Peterson.
- Attended the Governor's Budget Workshop with Ms. McCormick. Heard a lot of bad news. At the CSBA Conference in November, the person who spoke about the budget was so negative he scared people; he was actually accurate.
- Commented on what Mr. Mayer said about the attendance issues at Cordova High. It's not the first time this has come up. If this is indeed happening, we need to look at what to do about it.
- Didn't attend the Secondary Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting, but she has seen the courses they have approved. Is impressed with the courses being developed. There are a lot of physical education courses that apply to schools like Vista del Lago that have room for more elective options.
- Attended legislative receptions by Folsom and Rancho Cordova's Chambers of Commerce. They continue to promote partnerships with schools and the District.
- Prayers and love to the Benton family. They've been struggling for a very long time, and Tammy is in very serious condition. Roger will need our continued love and support.

Mr. Short

- Congratulated Andy Kotko for his efforts. Loved the video.
- Commented that the Board has heard Mr. Mayer's message. We do have policy on cell phones, so if it's an enforcement issue, we need to look into it.
- Tardiness, absenteeism, truancies – hopefully we can look closer and see what we can do about them.
- The online student store seems cool.
- It's amazing to think that once upon a time California was the destination for public education. Hopes some day it will be again.
- Thoughts and prayers to the Benton family. This is a hard one.

A. Pending Board Requests

B. District Committees

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

INFORMATION

0708-143– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0708-144 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2008, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for January 17, 2008:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:10 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board