

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

June 19, 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 Member

June 19, 2008

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

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. Director of State and Federal Programs Marty Baumann 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 (4 ayes, 1 absent) approved the appointment of Folsom High School Vice Principal Peter Maroon as Principal of Mills Middle School.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (McCormick absent)

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

- Amorina Edwards, Teacher (#204097), Mather Youth Academy, Professional Clear Single Subject Science: Biological Sciences/Introductory Mathematics/English Learners Credential; BA + 47 2/3; Class 3, Step 5. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

The following employees have been *rehired* with Temporary status for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Jeffrey Pieczynski, Teacher (#991639), Mills Middle School
- Frank Richmond, Teacher (#991756), Folsom High School

The following employees have been *rehired* with Probationary status for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Mary Anderson, Special Education Teacher (#204025), Gold Ridge Elementary School
- Deborah Andrus, Teacher (#202521), Mills Middle School

The following employees have been *rehired* with Probationary status for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Tara Appleby, Speech Pathologist (#207017), Speech Services
- Kimberly Babwin, Psychologist (#990680), Psychological Services
- Stephanie Bird, Teacher (#991670), Mills Middle School
- Linda Buettner, Teacher (#208089), Vista del Lago High School
- Kristin Burpo, Special Education Teacher (#990547), Peter J. Shields Elementary School
- Stefanie Callori, Resource Specialist (#204554), Mills Middle School
- Brian Cooling, Speech Pathologist (#207134), Speech Services
- Susan Cross, Speech Pathologist (#207537), Speech Services
- Brittany Cufaude, Teacher (#991942), Cordova High School
- Lori Downey, Special Education Teacher (#200173), (40% Time), Folsom Lake High School
- Gail Ford, Special Education Teacher (#208077), Peter J. Shields Elementary School
- Stephanie Gayman, Special Education Teacher (#990327), Cordova Gardens Elementary School
- Ivy Hill, Special Education Teacher (#990174), Theodore Judah Elementary School
- Benjamin Hillel, Teacher (#207613), Williamson Elementary School
- Jeanine Holton, Teacher (#991632, #992030), Mills Middle School
- Douglas Lewin, Teacher (#991794), Vista del Lago High School
- Fragee Lofton, Special Education Teacher (#991798), Mather Youth Opportunity
- Melissa LoMenzo, Psychologist (#207002), Psychological Services
- Jessica Mann, Teacher (#991788), Vista del Lago High School
- Michele Matsumura, Special Education Teacher (#201143), Mather Youth Academy
- Sally Melton, Speech Pathologist (#200176), (90% Time), Speech Services
- Christina Pajer, Teacher (#208025), Folsom Middle School
- Kristin O'Rourke, Teacher (#206084), (60% Time), Folsom Cordova Charter School K – 8
- Eric Renner, Resource Specialist (#991594), Folsom Middle School
- Sally Reed, Special Education Teacher (#202028), Empire Oaks Elementary School
- Cassandra Reynolds, Special Education Teacher (#201351), Mitchell Middle School
- Tara Runnels, Teacher (#991691), Mitchell Middle School
- Patrick Sanders, Teacher (#208093), Vista del Lago High School
- Elizabeth Schopfer, Teacher (#203064, #203064), Mills Middle School
- Joseph Shimmin, Military Instructor (#200115), Mather Youth Academy
- Diane Stepnitz, Special Education Teacher (#208308), Folsom Middle School
- Lana Sullivan, School Nurse (#201411), Health Programs
- Robert Tippett, Teacher (#200092), Mather Youth Academy
- Elise Wallace, Teacher (#207037), Folsom Middle School
- Jill Whitmire, Teacher (#206096), (40% Time), Cordova High School
- Kristen Yule, Psychologist (#208076), Psychological Services

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Thomas Almeida, Teacher (#991853, #200424, #206030), Cordova High School. From: 80% Teacher/20% Partnership Academy; To: 60% Teacher/20% Partnership Academy/20% ROP. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Milynda Andrus, Teacher (#991660, #208139), Mills Middle School. From: 100% Teacher; To: 100% Teacher/20% Lead VAPA Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Eric Anson, Teacher (#990102). From: Cordova Gardens Elementary School; To: Cordova Meadows Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Elisa Avila, Teacher (#990363). From: Peter J. Shields Elementary School; To: Theodore Judah Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Lynn Backes, Teacher (#991952). From: Mills Middle School; To: Cordova High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Pamela Ball, Teacher (#205099). From: Mather Heights Elementary School; To: Rancho Cordova Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Kelly Baquero, Teacher (#206013). From: 80% Sutter Middle School; To: 100% Vista del Lago High. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

- Amy Bergsten, Teacher (#991677). From: Rancho Cordova Elementary School; To: Mitchell Middle School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Alison Bowles, Teacher (#990123). From: Gold Ridge Elementary School; To: Cordova Villa Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Starlene Burgett, Teacher (#209501, #209504). From: 80% Teacher, Folsom High School; To: 80% Teacher, Folsom High School/10% On-Line Geometry, Folsom High School/10% On-Line Geometry, Folsom Middle School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Peter Chilcutt, Teacher (#991568). From: Riverview Elementary School; To: Folsom Middle School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Marianne Dana, Teacher (#207032). From: Folsom Middle School; To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Christopher Devine, Teacher (#990119). From: Cordova Lane Elementary School; To: Cordova Villa Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Lori Emmington, Teacher (#991823, #208140), Vista del Lago High School. From: 100% Teacher; To: 67% Teacher/33% Lead VAPA Teacher. Effective: Fall Semester Only. From: 67% Teacher/33% Lead VAPA Teacher; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 12/20/08.
- Joyce Enrado, Teacher (#990049). From: Cordova Gardens Elementary School; To: Navigator Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Michelle Favro, Teacher (#990125). From: Cordova Gardens Elementary School; To: Cordova Villa Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Julie Keeton, Teacher (#990432). From: Folsom Hills Elementary School; To: Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Sarah Kirby, Teacher (#990280). From: Cordova Gardens Elementary School; To: Navigator Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Andrew Kotko, Teacher (#990592). From: Cordova Lane Elementary School; To: Navigator Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Eric Lancaster, Teacher (#991831). From: Cordova High School; To: Vista del Lago High School Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Constance Lemon, Teacher (#206012). From: Mitchell Middle School; To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Yvette Loya, Teacher (#991827). From: Folsom High School; To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Shawn Lundberg, Teacher (#204055, #203099), Folsom Middle School. From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% Lead Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Larry Mahoney, Teacher (#208030). From: Cordova Lane Elementary School; To: Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Patrick Mahoney, Teacher (#207060). From: Natoma Station Elementary School; To: Navigator Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Jessica Mann, Teacher (#991789). From: Folsom High School; To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Mya Martin, Teacher (#202054). From: Peter J. Shields Elementary School; To: Mitchell Middle School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Laura Mencarelli, Teacher (#207067). From: Natoma Station Elementary School; To: Navigator Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Michael Mosier, Teacher (#991815). From: Folsom High School; To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Michael Moss, Resource Specialist (#209509), Cordova High School. From: 100% Resource Specialist; To: 60% Resource Specialist/40% Athletic Director. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Kristina Nicosia, Teacher (#208137) 50% Time. From: Oak Chan Elementary School; To: Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Carol Peterson, Teacher (#990112). From: Folsom Hills Elementary School; To: Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Susan Sawyer, Special Education Teacher (#200401). From: Sutter Middle School; To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Mark Schultz, Teacher (#203073). From: 50% Teacher/50% FCEA; To: 100% FCEA. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Lisa Schumacher, Teacher (#208138). From: Natoma Station Elementary School; To: Navigator Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

- Scott Seffens, Teacher (#200201). From: Folsom High School; To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Sham Sidhu, Teacher (#991811). From: Folsom High School; To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Susan Steubing, Teacher (#201424). From: Folsom Hills Elementary School; To: Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Tracy Suter, Teacher (#991823). From: 80% Cordova High School; To: 80% Cordova High School/33% Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 01/05/09 through 05/29/09.
- Kristine Taylor-Miramontes, Teacher (#206079). From: Cordova Gardens Elementary School; To: Cordova Villa Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Lindsay Wilson, Teacher (#208137) 50% Time. From: Oak Chan Elementary School; To: Russell Ranch Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

CERTIFICATED SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Mitchell Middle School

- Tara Antonetti
- Glenn Clinton
- David Gray
- Natalie Marhauer
- Angela Turner

Cordova High

- Mark Gribskov
- Arlene Schulte
- David Silver

Vista del Lago High School

- Trisha Leu
- Windigo Swift
- Christopher Testerman

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Starlene Burgett (*rescind*), Teacher, Folsom High School, 20% Personal Leave of Absence. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Dona Navarro, Special Education Teacher (#208107), Russell Ranch Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/11/08 through 09/28/08.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Russell Jones, Teacher (#991781), Folsom High School. Russell was hired on September 1, 1973 to teach Business at Folsom High School. He retires from this position on May 31, 2008. Russell has been employed 35 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Arturo Jones, Military Instructor (#203124), Mather Youth Academy. Arturo was hired on August 3, 2006, and has been employed 2 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/27/08.
- Ermelinda Oneto, School Nurse (#992022), Health Programs. Ermelinda was hired on August 7, 2007, and has been employed 1 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/30/08.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Gina Co, School Nurse (#204045), Health Programs. From: 60%; To: 40%. Effective: 2008/2009 school year
- Lana Sullivan, School Nurse (#201411), Health Programs. From: 100%; To: 40%. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Tracy Suter (*rescind*), Teacher, Cordova High School. 20% Voluntary Reduction in Assignment effective 12/20/08.

CERTIFICATED 39 MONTH REEMPLOYMENT

- Shelley Ettlin, Teacher (#990055), Cordova Lane Elementary School. Effective: 08/07/08.

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the following administrative appointment, 2008-2009.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (McCormick absent)

- Peter Maroon (#991719); From: 100% Vice Principal, Folsom High School; To: 100% Principal, Mills Middle School.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Heather Campbell (replacement) Bus Attendant (#203137), Transportation Dept., 6.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR10/Step A. Effective: 6/9/2008

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Eileen Kvasager, Adolescent Parent Program Assistant (#990924), Walnutwood High, reason: parental. Effective: 1/7/2008 through 5/30/2008

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Secondary Career Technical Education (CTE) Overview – Janie DeArcos and Chris Almeida
Assistant Superintendent Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos introduced co-presenters Chris Almeida and Linda Goldman who are both CTE teachers at Cordova High School. Ms DeArcos explained the career pathways that are available to students at three of our high schools. Those pathways include Education, Child Development, and Family Services; Engineering Design; Fashion and Interior Design; Health and Fitness; Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation; and Information Technology. In a PowerPoint presentation, she and Mr. Almeida described some of the courses students can take in each pathway. He also talked about Project Lead The Way and acknowledged and thanked many of the District's very important business partners. Trustees were invited to visit CTE classrooms to see the many things students are doing to connect science, math, and language arts to technology. Ms. Goldman demonstrated some of the projects students have built, including a Lego robot.

Trustees thanked Mr. Almeida and Ms. Goldman for their work and obvious enthusiasm about the programs.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/STANLEY MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (McCormick absent)

0708-278 – Public Participation

Cameron Billeci, Cordova High School summer school principal

- Addressed the Board on some of the projects the CHS summer school students have been working on and completed.

0708-279 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- Absent.

PTA Council:

- Mr. Benton reported that they are gearing up for next year.

California School Employees Association - President Steve Hanson:

- Announced that CSEA Representative Dianna Criddle's mother had passed away, so Ms. Criddle was unable to be here. In her place, he said that CSEA is opposed to the reclassification of two administrative assistants and elimination of transportation routes. CSEA is also opposed to the layoff of the District's only locksmith.
- He also made a suggestion for saving substantial money by connecting the interior campus irrigation systems to the water pump at Cordova High.

Folsom Cordova Education Association - President Mark Schultz:

- Urged the Board to reconsider the elimination of 3rd grade Class Size Reduction (CSR). Distributed printouts of layoff statistics from surrounding districts and asked why several could balance their budgets without eliminating CSR. Gave Elk Grove USD as an example.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association - President Mike Shepherd:

- No report.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (McCormick absent)

0708-280 - Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2008

0708-281– Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve 2008-09 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part I
- C. Approve Five-Year Deferred Maintenance Plan
- D. Approve Change Order 21: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 1
- E. Approve Change Order 12A: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 2

0708-282 – Instructional Matters

A. **Expulsion Panel Recommendations:** Case Numbers: 0708-111(S), 0708-114(S), 0708-118(S), 0708-119(S), and 0708-120(S)

0708-111(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to seek educational options through district of residence (Elk Grove Unified School District) through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; if student establishes residency in FCUSD, 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 District; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills.

0708-114(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year (includes summer session); student must successfully complete at least summer session and one semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in the District; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-118(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School during summer session and the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; upon reinstatement into district, IEP team will determine educational placement for the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-119(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; IEP team has authorized student to receive independent study through an accredited educational program outside of the District or attend the Sacramento County Community School (Palmiter) through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; upon reinstatement into the district, IEP team will determine educational placement for the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-120(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy for summer session following the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy during the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student must successfully complete at least summer session and 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 decision-making skills.

B. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom Middle School Sixth Graders to Alliance Redwoods, Occidental, CA

C. Approve CIF Designees for 2008-2009

PUBLIC HEARING

0708-283 – 2008-2009 Proposed Budget

President Benton opened the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Superintendent Godwin, in a PowerPoint presentation, explained how and why the District arrived at the list of suggested cuts that amount to \$5,648,500. Those in attendance were given a copy of the list. He explained the changes that have been made to the list since the last Board meeting. They include:

- Elementary libraries to be assisted by hourly employees.
- Restoration of some conferences that may be required.
- Budgeting for five additional teaching positions that are not yet designated. (Students don't arrive in "neat packages of 20 or 30," so some teachers may have to be hired in the fall. Also to prevent combination classes.)
- Restoration of one counselor to assist with a Program Improvement School.
- Restoration of one psychologist position.
- Authorization of \$5,000 per middle school to implement a comprehensive intramural program.
- Addition of one teacher to adjust the prep time for 3rd grade teachers.

President Benton announced that speakers would be limited to three minutes each.

Sam Spiegel, Folsom Chief of Police

- Addressed the Board on the reduction of school police officers in Folsom. Requested that when funding improves, they be at the top of the list of restorations.

Steve Hanson, President CSEA

- Questioned the Board about eliminating library staff at elementary schools. The negotiating team was explicit about reduction of hours – "if you're going to lay off, lay off." Concerned about proposal to hire back on an hourly basis.
- Also, reduction of special ed aides by 5% - the list provided at the last negotiations didn't include any special ed aides. This is news to him.

Mr. Godwin responded:

- The District doesn't intend to hire anybody back. This would provide hourly time to existing CSEA employees working part time at the school to do those services.
- Regarding the special education aides – although laying off positions, because of attrition, we didn't have to lay off any actual human beings.

The following people addressed the Board regarding the proposed elimination of 3rd grade Class Size Reduction:

Kent Fisher, Folsom resident

Juli Thompson, Natoma Station Teacher

- Why 32 students in a classroom? Why not 25 instead? Could the public donate to the general fund to fund CSR?

Dori Moorehead, Folsom resident

Annie Spradley, parent

Diane Knirk, parent

Craig Covello, parent and President of Folsom Music Boosters

- Addressed the Board on the music program in Folsom and how it will be affected by the elimination of Jazz Band C at Folsom High and reduction of music stipends.

David Mitchell, FCUSD maintenance employee

- Addressed the Board on the proposed elimination of the locksmith position.

Jill Marchuk, FCUSD transportation department

- Addressed the Board on proposed elimination of high school transportation. Suggested that to save money, instead of buses leaving from Rancho Cordova, they could be kept in Folsom. Would save fuel costs.
- Urged the Board to consider the safety of children walking to school.

Larry Clark, maintenance employee

- Addressed the Board on the proposed elimination of the locksmith position.

Rick Gonzales, District locksmith

- Addressed the Board on the proposed elimination of his position.

Tracy Tocher, Folsom resident

- Addressed the Board on eliminating high school bus routes and 3rd grade CSR.

Zoann Lee, parent of special needs student

- Addressed the Board regarding elimination of 3rd grade class size reduction.
- Wants the word “encroachment” removed from the budget document and elsewhere. Sets a negative tone. The correct term should be “local support” or “local contribution.”

Christina Alverado, parent

- Addressed the Board on the proposed elimination of 3rd grade CSR. Increase to 25, not 32.

President Benton closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m. He announced that the budget would be an action item at the June 30 Special Board Meeting.

Ms. Stanley

- Would like someone to answer the following questions posed by the public:
 - Why not increase classrooms to 25 instead of 32?
 - Could the public donate to the general fund for Class Size Reduction?
 - What are we doing differently than Elk Grove USD?
 - Why can't we locate Folsom buses in Folsom to save gas and travel time?
- She asked about the possibility of allowing high school students to ride middle school or elementary buses to get closer to their high school or a city bus stop.

- Tonight, without considering the other contacts from the public through phone calls and emails, speakers have asked to restore over \$1.3 million of the proposed reductions. All of the pieces add up.
- Appreciates the suggested solutions from speakers.

Mr. Godwin

- To increase class size to 25 instead of 32 would require 12 to 14 teachers at \$60,000 each. This is almost the same amount needed to maintain 20-to-1 because of the way funding comes from the state.
- In terms of the donations, we could look at establishing a foundation. We would have to address some concerns. Would we do it school-by-school which would create disparity because some schools could fund it and others couldn't? Would we spread the money throughout the District? Certainly can look at it if someone wants to talk with us about a foundation.
- Regarding why we are doing things differently than Elk Grove – they have consciously decided to take a two-year risk and dip into their reserves. Going to have to pay this back at some point in time. They also didn't grant as significant a salary increase as we did. It's hard to compare district-to-district.
- If we park the Folsom buses in Folsom, we have to find a secure place to house them. Also, the fueling station is in Rancho Cordova, so they'd still have to go there once in a while. Something we can look at.

Ms. Bettencourt

- We have done that before and ran into communication issues as well as security issues. So buses were moved back to Rancho Cordova.
- Elk Grove is 3.5 times larger than we are so they have a different economy of scale.

Mr. Godwin

- Regarding high school students riding middle school buses – we try to make sure our buses are full now, so we wouldn't be able to do that.
- Still trying to look for ways to provide high school transportation.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-284 – Approve Appointments to the FCUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the appointments to the FCUSD SELPA Community Advisory Committee as recommended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (McCormick absent)

Mr. Benton asked a couple of the new committee members to explain to the Board why they wanted to serve on this particular committee.

Dean Marshall

- Serving as a person with a disability. Feels certain groups of students in the District are underrepresented and will bring his own experiences and knowledge to recommend improvements.

Penni Warford

- Serving as a parent of a child with a disability representing Folsom preschool. Advocating for her child. Feels this is the best way to ensure the best education process for special needs students.

DISCUSSION

0708-285 – Board of Education 2008-2009 Proposed Contract Openers to the California School Employees Association and Announcement of Public Hearing Scheduled for the June 30, 2008, Special Board Meeting

Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Larry Brubaker reviewed the proposed items for negotiations with CSEA:

- Article X - Compensation
 - Fringe Benefits
- Article XI – Hours of Employment
 - Bidding

The Public Hearing will be held during the Special Board Meeting on June 30, 2008, at Folsom High School, 5:00 p.m.

REPORTS

0708-286 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- There isn't anything on the list of reductions that any of us wants to do.
- Addressed Mr. Schultz regarding his statement that other districts are not laying off. Some have basically dumped 100 temporary employees and claim no layoffs. Next year, all of the districts around us will be operating with fewer employees in their classrooms than in 2007/2008. To say that they don't have layoffs may be nice for their public relations, but it's not an honest statement.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0708-287 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- Absent.

Mr. Shaw

- The task of this Board at the end of the month is to create a budget we can submit to the county that is legal and balanced. We will do that. Discussions over the summer will be on how to identify new or additional monies and prioritize restoring things that are on the cut list. Fears that the legislature won't pass the state budget until after school starts which will put us in a difficult position. Won't be able to make adjustments before school starts; won't be good for anyone.

Ms. Stanley

- The committee that has been working for about the last four years on CTE and PLTW needs to be applauded. It has been a lot of work, and they maintain their enthusiasm. These programs are relevant in that they will enable kids to learn academic skills they need to go to middle and high school and give them a pathway to either college or work upon graduation.
- Read a Fordham study that says in light of the No Child Left Behind requirements, one of the things they see happening is that most advanced students are flattening out in performance because the focus is on lower-achieving students. Our task is to make sure all kids continue to get opportunities they need, whether high, low, or middle-achieving. Our district does a better job than most.
- Staff is working hard on reviewing and updating all of the Board policies.

Mr. Short

- Congratulated Peter Maroon on his appointment as principal of Mills Middle School.
- Amazed by the enthusiasm he saw tonight from those involved in the Project Lead The Way program.
- From what we heard tonight, everyone wants something removed from the cut list. We can't do that. Have to make hard decisions. \$6 million is a monumental cut. Impacts to the classrooms will have to be made.

Mr. Benton

- Thanked Mr. Billeci for what he's done with the students this summer.
- Commended Chris Almeida for the job he has done with CTE.
- Rancho Cordova is hosting a luncheon for their sister city in Costa Rica.
- Yesterday, through a County program called "Star King," his grandson was fitted with braces for his feet. It was amazing to watch what they're doing with students in that program.
- Thanked Chief Spiegel for his comments tonight.

B. Pending Board Requests

C. District Committees

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

INFORMATION

0708-288– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0708-289 – Special Board Meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2008, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for June 19, 2008:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:06 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board