

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

June 5, 2008

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

June 5, 2008

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

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)

President Benton announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Library)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Library)

Meeting convened at 6:03 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. The Gatorobytes Robotics Team 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 recognized retirees Amy Hiramoto, Administrative Assistant, who retires with 32 years of service to the District, and Daryl Abdo, Plumber/Welder, who retires with 14 years of service.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Angelica Garcia, Teacher (#990053), Cordova Lane Elementary School. Angelica was hired on August 7, 2007, and has been employed 1 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/30/08.
- Katherine Turner, Teacher (#204068), Sutter Middle School. Katherine was hired on August 19, 2003, and has been employed 5 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/30/08.

CERTIFICATED SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Cordova Gardens:

- Rick Berry
- Peter Chilcutt (*rescinded*)

Russell Ranch Elementary School

- Elaine Aber
- Robert Fergusson
- Nicki Freitas
- Adrienne McManus
- Aaron MacDonald
- Michelle MacDonald
- Troy Martinez
- Paul Schiele
- Erin Tipton

Folsom Middle School

- Katherine Turner

Mitchell Middle School

- Ellen Burton
- Matthew Chan
- Casey Dobson

Cordova High School

- Jessica Atwood
- Kellie Cox
- Bryan Irwin

Vista del Lago High School

- Robert Humphrey

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Russell Ranch:

- Charles Angelopoulos
- Romel Billeci
- Stefanie Callori
- Janet Haynes
- Cynthia Velasco
- Susan Woodman

Cordova Gardens:

- Johanna Harder

Folsom Middle School:

- Diane Stepnitz

Mitchell Middle School:

- Diane Maldonado

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Debra Olivarria-Matson, Elementary Prep Teacher (#990580, #201478). From: 40% Williamson Elementary School/10% Peter J. Shields Elementary School/10% Title 1 Teacher; To: 40% Williamson Elementary School/10% Peter J. Shields Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT

The following employee has been appointed Athletic Director for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Terry Blesso, Mitchell Middle School

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Jeanine Hanrihan, Counselor (#991572), Sutter Middle School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/01/08 through 11/21/08.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Ivan Gontsa (replacement) Bus Driver (#206591), Transportation Dept., from 6.75 hours daily to 8 hours daily. Effective: 5/12/2008
- Joanna Keener (reclassification) Preschool Office, from Administrative Assistant I, Range CL18 to Administrative Assistant II (#209505), Range CL21. Effective: 7/1/2008.
- Georgette Oatmeyer (replacement) Student Care Assistant (#206646), Blanche Sprentz Elem., from 2.5 hours daily to 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 3/24/2008
- Pamela Parsons (replacement) from Administrative Assistant II (#207540), Business Services, 5 hours daily/12 months, Range CL21/Step E to Administrative Assistant-Elementary, Rancho Cordova Elem., 8 hours daily/10.5 months, Range CL20/Step E. Effective: 7/1/2008
- Christine Pierman (reclassification) District Music Dept., from Administrative Assistant I, Range CL18 to Administrative Assistant II (#209506), Range CL21. Effective: 7/1/2008
- Cynthia Scobee (replacement) Attendance & Due Process Office, from Administrative Assistant II, 10.25 months, Range CL21/Step E to Due Process Technician (#990644), 10.50 months, Range CL25/Step E. Effective: 8/1/2008

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Joan Grootveld, IASA Instructional Assistant, Level II (#990774), White Rock Elem., reason: education. Effective: 8/11/2008 through 5/28/2009

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Karina Boice, Library Clerk (#991050), Cordova Gardens Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 5/23/2008
- Constance Cowley, Library Clerk (#204022), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 5/29/2008
- Laura Hartle, Bus Driver (#207606), Transportation Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 5/19/2008
- Cynthia Rodrigue, Preschool Teacher (#990992), Riverview Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 6/6/2008
- Haley Williams, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202123), Sutter Middle, reason: internship. Effective: 7/3/2008

TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS

- Doreena Criddle, Food Service Worker I (#201208), Cordova Gardens Elem. Effective: 5/27/2008

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Dyarl Abdo, Plumber/Welder (#991258), Maintenance Department. Effective: 4/30/2008
Dyarl Was hired as the Plumber/Welder in the Maintenance Department on October 6, 1993. He retired with fourteen years of service to the District.
- Amy Hiramoto, Administrative Assistant II (#206641), Family Support Services. Effective: 9/19/2008
Amy was hired as a teacher aide on September 20, 1976, at Cordova Meadows Elementary. In August of 1997, she became a Clerk Typist III at Mills Family Center. She became the Administrative Assistant I at that Center in September of 1999 and then the Administrative Assistant II for Family Support Services in 2001. Amy will retire in September with thirty-two years of service to the District.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Folsom Gatorobytes: First Lego League Robotics Team – Rathish Jayabharathi

Superintendent Godwin introduced Gatorobytes Coach Rathish Jayabharathi who acknowledged Coach Charles Smothers, also present. Mr. Jayabharathi talked about the team purpose and explained that this program is a way to teach science and engineering in a fun way. He introduced students from the team who each talked about different aspects of the program.

Sujay Senrayan discussed the First Lego League (FLL) and the different levels of competition.

Akshay Rathish explained the FLL challenge 2007-2008.

Anusha Deshpande discussed the robot game and the research project that are part of the FLL challenge.

Sruti Modekurty talked about what the team did throughout the season.

Saiyesh Rathish explained the FLL World Festival that was held in Atlanta. The team took first place in innovative robot design.

Austin Smothers described what the photos in the PowerPoint presentation were about.

Trustees asked many questions and expressed their amazement and excitement at the program and what the students had achieved. They also thanked Coaches Jayabharathi and Smothers for their dedication and time spent helping the students.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/McCORMICK MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0708-266)

Blaine White – counselor

- Thanked the Board for their support and guidance throughout the past year.

- Updated the Board on counselor activities since school ended.
- Expressed hope that the state will bring forward better budget news in the coming weeks.

Lori Rianda – parent

- Addressed the Board on Expulsion Case 0708-4. Appealed the expulsion panel recommendation to the Board.

Anniece Karr – parent

- Addressed the Board on changing the home school boundary of “The Preserves” development from Theodore Judah to Natoma Station.

Sue O’Connor – Rancho Cordova resident

- Addressed the Board on the possible relocation of Kinney High School to the Walnutwood campus and how it will impact the community.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0708-267)

Student Advisory Board – Kelli Davis Student Board Member

- Ms. Davis was absent.

PTA Council:

- Mr. Benton reported no more meetings for this year. Most members are on vacation.

California School Employees Association – President Steve Hanson:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Mark Schultz:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Michael Shepherd:

- No report.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of Item 0708-268 A, Item 0708-269 D, and Item 0708-269 E.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-268 – Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 22, 2008

Ms. Stanley pulled this item to amend the minutes as follows:

Item 0708-259 – Approve Naming of Facility: Joint Use Library, Vista del Lago High School. Add that Superintendent Godwin recommended that the District provide signage for the library.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE regular Board meeting minutes as amended above.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-269 – Business Matters

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

B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification

C. Rescind Resolution No. 06-23-05-40: Approving Existence of Auxiliary Organization and Fiscal Agent Status for the Folsom Cordova Community Partnership (formerly Folsom Cordova Schools Foundation)

- D. See below.
- E. See below.

0708-269 D – Adopt Resolution No. 06-05-08-42: Resolution to Change the Financial Banking Institution for District and Various School Site Accounts
STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 06-05-08-42.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-269 E – Approve Relocatable Building Buyout: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. – Classroom at Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School
Ms. Stanley pulled this item to question the enrollment numbers at Sandra Gallardo Elementary. Ms. Bettencourt responded.
SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the relocatable building buyout: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - classroom at Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School and authorize staff to execute the necessary documents.
MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES, 1 NO (Stanley)

0708-270 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0708-4, 0708-109(S), 0708-110(S), 0708-112(S), 0708-113(S), 0708-115(S), 0708-116(S), and 0708-117(S)

0708-4

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

0708-109(S)

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend summer session at the Mather Youth Middle Academy; 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.

0708-110(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 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 fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; upon his reinstatement, student must successfully complete at least 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.

0708-112(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to remain at the Mather Youth Academy 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; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon his request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.

0708-113(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy during summer session following the 3rd trimester 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 one semester at the Mather Youth Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in the District; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

0708-115(S)

Expel through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Cordova Meadows Elementary School through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend summer school at Cordova Gardens Elementary School following the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-116(S)

Expel through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of 1st trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy for summer session; student is to successfully complete summer session and one trimester at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to the comprehensive programs in the District; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon his request for readmission to the District.

0708-117(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 (San Juan Unified School District) through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; if student re-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 decision-making skills.

B. Approve Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarterly Report

C. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Cheerleaders to the UCA Cheer Camp, Monterey Bay, Seaside, CA

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-271 – Approve Modification to Graduation Requirements: Beginning with Class of 2009

Assistant Superintendent Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos explained the reasons for staff’s recommendation to eliminate Senior Project as a graduation requirement. One reason is that the Senior Project Coordinators are on the superintendent’s suggested list of budget cuts. She also explained that each high school would offer Senior Project as a one-semester elective course that juniors and seniors would be able to take. Continuation high schools would continue to embed Senior Project in their English 4 classes, and the comprehensive schools would modify the English 4 sequence to include a semester of composition.

Trustees expressed questions, concerns, and suggestions, including:

- If Senior Project is eliminated, there is a fear it will never be able to be brought back again.
- Has the Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC) had a chance to review this suggestion?
- Unless it is mandated, many students will not take advantage of the opportunity (if it becomes an elective).
- It may be premature to assume that coordinators will have to be cut. The budget may improve.
- Are there creative ways to administer it that might not be as costly as coordinators?
- Senior Project started out as a great thing, but the quality of the projects is now sometimes questionable.
- It is a good plan, but we never put enough resources into it to make it the project it should be.
- It is important for students to learn presentation skills.

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO SUSPEND Senior Project as a graduation requirement for one year (the Class of 2009). During that year, staff is instructed to develop a plan, with the CAC and other committees, to improve Senior Project and bring the plan to the Board in time to determine whether to implement it in the 2009-2010 school year.

Ms. McCormick questioned if it would be offered as an elective in 2008/2009.

Mr. Godwin responded that it is too late for that since students have already enrolled in their classes for next year. He also affirmed that no one should think that we aren’t interested in developing students’ presentation skills. They are included in many courses that students take.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-272 – Approve Special Board Meeting on June 30, 2008, and Cancel Regular Board Meeting on July 3, 2008

Mr. Godwin explained that a special meeting on June 30 is proposed to allow maximum time to prepare the 2008/2009 budget for Board approval. With a June 30 meeting, there would appear to be little reason to hold a meeting three days later on July 3. Recommendation is to approve the June 30 meeting and cancel the July 3 meeting. He also suggested the June 30 meeting be held at Folsom High School at 5:00 p.m. rather than 4:30 p.m. as suggested in the item.

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE a Special Board Meeting on June 30 at 5:00 p.m. at Folsom High School and cancel the regularly-scheduled Board meeting on July 3, 2008.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0708-273 – 2008/09 Budget Update

Superintendent Godwin had prepared a PowerPoint presentation for this evening, but in lieu of that he stated that very little has changed since the last meeting when he conducted a presentation. We still have to cut \$6 million from our budget. There has been talk that the Assembly Democrats have proposed fully funding categorical and giving a 1.6% COLA. To best that, the Senate Democrats have suggested fully funding categorical and giving a 3.6% COLA. There is no information that there would be hope of passing that kind of budget. No one knows where the money would come from, and there is no reason to believe the conservatives would support either idea.

0708-274 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin

- Graduation ceremonies are bitter sweet. It is always wonderful to celebrate student accomplishments, but they also signify the end of the year and goodbyes to wonderful students and staff. We have accomplished much to feel good about.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0708-275 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- Absent.

Ms. McCormick

- Enjoyed the graduations and promotions she attended.
- Congratulated the retirees, especially Amy Hiramoto.
- Amazed by the Lego team and enjoyed their presentation. Thanked the coaches and students.

Mr. Short

- Thanked the Lego Team. Is sure those kids will make great engineers some day. Fascinated by the level of presentation skills and logical thinking they exhibited.

Mr. Shaw

- Thanked the Gatorbyte students and adults that work with them. A tremendous number of hours on their part.

- Also enjoyed the graduations. The Valedictorian speeches at both Folsom and Cordova High were great. Was especially impressed with one of the Valedictorians at Cordova High who had only been at the school for a couple of years. In his speech, he indicated that most kids don't realize what a beautiful campus it is and how dedicated the staff is.

Ms. Stanley

- Thanked the Gatorbytes team again. Mentioned that is great to see a couple of girls on the team. We fail sometimes to get females interested in engineering pathways, so this is great.
- Also agreed that the graduation ceremonies were very nice.

Mr. Benton

- Appreciated the Lego Team being here tonight. He also appreciates what the Lego Company is doing. They now are promoting that kids make their own Lego design, and they'll send the Legos to complete it.
- Graduations went well.

B. Pending Board Requests

C. District Committees

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

INFORMATION

0708-276 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0708-277 - Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2008, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for June 5, 2008:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:03 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board