

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

March 27, 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

March 27, 2008

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

5:30 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 6)

President Benton announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:35 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Room 6)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:09 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 appointment of Leane Linson from Vice Principal of Kinney High School to Interim Principal of Folsom Lake High School for 2008/2009, and Michael Shepherd from Coordinator Elementary Prep and Music to Interim Vice Principal of Kinney High School for 2008/2009. The Board also approved a change of assignment for Sara Reagan from teacher at Mills Middle School to English Language Arts Lead Teacher, 6-8.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED PRE-RETIREMENT

The following employees meet the criteria established by *STRS* and *FCUSD Policy* 4118.01 pertaining to the Pre-Retirement Employment Program and are requesting to participate in the program. Effective: 2008/2009 school year:

- Vicky Barthel is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Independent Study Teacher, Walnutwood High School: Employed 08/25/93, 50% work assignment.
- Donna Becker is requesting her 1st year in the pre-retirement program: Resource Specialist, Gold Ridge Elementary School: Employed 08/27/91, 80% work assignment.
- Dolores Boughton is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Resource Specialist, Natoma Station Elementary School: Employed 08/31/95, 60% work assignment.
- Jean Browne is requesting her 3rd year in the pre-retirement program: Second Grade Teacher, Folsom Hills Elementary School: Employed 09/03/91, 50% work assignment.
- Erle Culpepper is requesting his 4th year in the pre-retirement program: Psychologist, Psychological Services: Employed 09/01/80, 50% work assignment.
- Kathryn Gaffaney is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Psychologist, Psychological Services: Employed 02/25/80, 80% work assignment.
- Linda Hewitt is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Science Teacher, Sutter Middle School: Employed 08/21/96, 50% work assignment will work Fall Only.
- Jody Hohman is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Kindergarten Teacher, Blanche Sprentz Elementary School: Employed 09/11/87, 50% work assignment.
- Kristine Mayr is requesting her 3rd year in the pre-retirement program: English Teacher, Cordova High School: Employed 09/01/73, 80% work assignment.
- Kathleen Renner is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Fifth Grade Teacher, Cordova Gardens Elementary School: Employed 08/30/85, 60% work assignment.
- Edwina Rains is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Pre-School Coordinator, Pre-School: Employed 07/01/01, 60% work assignment.
- Laurel Storrs is requesting her 3rd year in the pre-retirement program: Physical Education Teacher, Mitchell Middle School: Employed 09/01/73, 60% work assignment.
- Nancy Vester is requesting her 3rd year in the pre-retirement program: Deaf & Hard of Hearing Teacher, Peter J. Shields Elementary School: Employed 09/01/92, 50% work assignment.
- Jill Wolfe is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Psychologist, Psychological Services: Employed 09/01/79, 60% work assignment.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Anne King, Teacher (#204081), Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School (from Leave of Absence). Anne was hired on August 31, 1998, and has been employed 9 years 8 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 03/05/08.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Julie Galliano, Teacher (#990232), Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 04/28/08 through 05/30/08.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

SECONDARY:

- Sara Reagan (#990678); From: 60% Teacher, Mills Middle School/40% Lead Teacher; To: 100% English Language Arts Lead Teacher 6-8. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

ADMINISTRATORS:

- Leane Linson (#991848); From: Vice Principal, Kinney High School; To: Principal, Interim Folsom Lake High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Michael Shepherd (#991742); From: Coordinator Elementary Prep & Music; To: Interim Vice Principal, Kinney High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

SHAW/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- James Broussard (new position funded from deferred maintenance) Maintenance Painter (#208351), 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL28/Step D. Effective: 3/16/2008
- Douglas Pieper (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#990812), Gold Ridge Elem., 5.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 3/24/2008

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Maria Arias (replacement) Bus Driver (#207586), Transportation Dept., from 5.75 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 3/12/2008
- Diana Dzhulay (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#206601), 6 hours daily. Effective: 3/12/2008
- Hyechong Kuntz (replacement) Cordova Meadows Elem., from Food Service Worker I, Range CL05 to Food Service Worker II (#204532), Range CL09. Effective: 7/1/2008
- Leann Mendez (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#201401) from Oak Chan Elem., 2.5 hours daily to Sutter Middle School, 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 4/1/2008
- Douglas Pieper (voluntary reduction) Student Care Center Assistant (#206075), Oak Chan Elem., from 3.5 hours daily to 2.5 hours daily. Effective: 3/24/2008
- Joni Smith (replacement) Sutter Middle, from School Clerk-Secondary, Range CL12/Step C to Clerk Typist III, Range CL14/Step D. Effective: 3/10/2008
- Susan Thomas (replacement) School Clerk-Secondary (#990726) from Folsom Middle, 5 hours daily/9.5 months to Sutter Middle, 8 hours daily/10.75 months. Effective: 3/31/2008

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Patricia Badilla, EIP Child Assistant (#206663), Blanche Sprentz Elem., reason: parental. Effective: 1/7/2008 through 5/23/2008

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Kimberly Tank, Library Clerk (#991083), Sutter Middle, reason: parental. Effective: 3/31/2008

TRANSFER TO THIRTY-NINE REEMPLOYMENT LIST RESCINDED

TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS

- Ryan Harris, Custodian (#991222), Folsom High. Effective: 3/7/2008

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Cordova High School Three-Year WASC Review – Jackie Levy

Superintendent Godwin introduced Cordova High School Principal Jackie Levy. Ms. Levy explained that in 2005, Cordova High School received a six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), with a three-year review. She wanted to take this opportunity to update the Board on what Cordova High has accomplished over the last three years in meeting the recommendations of the WASC committee. She reviewed the committee commendations and recommendations and summarized the three WASC goals and what Cordova High has done to accomplish those goals. Ms. Levy also talked about future plans which include adding a fourth academy (Public/Emergency Services) and consideration of a 4x4 block schedule for the 2009/2010 school year.

Trustees thanked Ms. Levy and the Cordova High staff for their efforts and accomplishments. Mr. Benton noted that the Board knows how difficult it is and what a process it is to get a six-year accreditation, and congratulated Ms. Levy.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Superintendent Godwin asked that Item 0708-208, State of Special Education, be placed before Item 0708-207 because some of the Special Ed staff in attendance had another commitment and needed to leave as soon as possible.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-198 – Public Participation

Blaine White, District counselor

- Updated the Board on counselor activities on secondary campuses.
- Reported on an innovative student support program being offered at Walnutwood High School this year called the Middle School Success Program (MSSP). It targets students who are having a difficult time fitting in with peers at school and/or those who feel alienated in some way.

Debbie Bettencourt, Deputy Superintendent

- Announced that the District had received a 2008 Distinguished Project Award from the Western Council of Construction Consumers for the Vista del Lago project. She presented the award to Director of Facilities Matt Washburn.

President Benton announced that at an awards breakfast this morning, Deputy Superintendent/CFO Debbie Bettencourt was presented with the public agency CFO of the Year Award by the *Sacramento Business Journal*. He is extremely excited and pleased for her and said it was a much-deserved award.

0708-199 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- The last SAB meeting was held yesterday at Mills Middle School.
 - Mary Ann Delleney, Coordinator of Health Programs, was their guest speaker. She explained the wellness policy and answered questions about nutritional guidelines and what can and can't be sold on campus.
 - Reviewed the SAB bylaws which will be discussed at the next meeting to be held on April 9, 2008, at Folsom High School.

PTA Council:

- Mr. Benton reported that at the Council's last meeting, the Reflections awards were announced. The kids were so excited. It's amazing what talented students we have.

California School Employees Association: President Dyarl Abdo:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – Vice President Mark Schultz

- Addressed the Board on his personal experiences regarding the substitute teacher shortages and how they affect students in the classroom.
- Addressed the Board on the concerns of FCEA members regarding their jobs. Members are also concerned about the timing of the hearings and hope to minimize the number of days they are out of the classroom to attend hearings.

Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos explained that on the Friday before spring break, 60 teachers were at a math adoption inservice which exacerbated the substitute shortage. She indicated that in the future, these types of inservices would be scheduled more carefully.

Superintendent Godwin mentioned that a vacation is not an allowable use of sick leave, but some employees think it is. We have some work to do on that together.

Ms. Stanley asked for clarification about the concerns members have over the timing of hearings.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Denise Burns:

- Reported on leadership activities in the District.
- Several District administrators were nominated for Silver Stars for Region III in the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). Results will be announced.
- Names of FCAA scholarship candidates will soon be received from our high school principals.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

BENTON/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of 0707-202 C.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-200 - Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2008

0708-201– Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Change Order 18: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 1
- C. Approve Change Order 8: Mitchell Middle School Modernization
- D. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Douppnik Manufacturing, Inc. – Student Care Relocatable – Natoma Station Elementary School
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 03-27-08-34: Authorization to Continue to Maintain Stockmans Bank Credit Card

0708-202 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0708-68(S), 0708-69(S), 0708-70(S), 0708-71(S), 0708-72(S), 0708-73(S), 0708-74(S), 0708-75(S), 0708-76(S), and 0708-77(S)

0708-68(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the 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 return to a comprehensive program in the district; 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.

0708-69(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; 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 return to a comprehensive program in the district; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills.

0708-70(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student must successfully complete at least one trimester and summer session at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-71(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to remain at Cordova Gardens Elementary School through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; individual counseling to address fire safety and decision-making skills.

0708-72(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 return to a comprehensive program in the district; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-73(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to remain at Folsom Lake High School through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend Vista del Lago High School for summer school; 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.

0708-74(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to seek educational options through district of residence (Sacramento City Unified School District), or student may attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy; if student attends the Mather Youth Middle Academy, student must successfully complete at least one trimester and summer session in order to return to a comprehensive program in the district; individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-75(S)

Expel through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to remain at the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student must successfully complete at least two trimesters and summer session at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in the district; 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.

0708-76(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.

0708-77(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; suspend expulsion order; 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; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

B. Approve Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program Application Form, Fiscal Year 2007-2008

C. See below.

0708-202 C – Approve Modified Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Home Economic Students to FHA-HERO State Leadership Meeting, Riverside, California

Mr. Benton pulled this item to clarify that it was approved at the last Board meeting and had been modified. Ms. DeArcos explained the modifications.

BENTON/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE the modified extended field trip request.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-203 – Approve Bi-Annual Developer Fee Justification Study

SHORT/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the bi-annual developer fee justification study.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC HEARING

0708-204 – Authorization of the Statutory School Facilities Fees per Government Code Section 65995 and Education Code Section 17620

President Benton opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

No one came forward.

President Benton closed the Public Hearing at 7:14 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-205 – Adopt Resolution 03-27-08-32: Increase the Statutory School Facilities Fees per Government Code Section 65995

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 03-27-08-32 to increase the statutory school facilities fees per Government Code Section 65995.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-206 – Adopt Urgency Resolution 03-27-08-33: Immediately Implement the Statutory School Facility Fees per Education Code Section 17620
STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Urgency Resolution No. 03-27-08-33 to immediately implement the statutory school facility fees per Education Code, Section 17620.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0708-208 – State of Special Education

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Maureen Burness to present this item.

Ms. Burness explained the Board had many times asked questions about Special Education, and she wanted to take this opportunity to update them on the state of Special Ed in FCUSD. She acknowledged two of her staff who were in attendance, Kathleen Ayre and Cher Kolezar. Ms. Burness explained the condition of the program when she joined the District in July 2006. She talked about the history of special education in the state and country. Legislation, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, has made a dramatic impact on Special Ed. Ms. Burness explained changes in FCUSD that have been implemented since 2006 that have resulted in improved procedures and compliance and services to students. Non-public school placements have also been reduced. She discussed the rise in enrollment of children with autism.

Trustees asked questions about the increase in autism, why our numbers appear to be higher than the state average, and the difficulty in finding speech and language therapists. They commended Ms. Burness for an eloquent presentation and noted that in addition to direct savings for fewer NPS placements, there are indirect savings with transportation, etc.

Mr. Godwin commented that we are working with local legislators to help them understand the incredible costs associated with serving these students.

0708-207 – Discussion of Policy for Naming District Facilities

Superintendent Godwin said he has received a formal request from a Parent/Teacher Association to name a building after a retiring administrator. He felt this was a good time for the Board to review the policy (BP 7310) regarding naming of District facilities and the document containing names that were suggested in the past. Trustees may want to suggest revisions to the policy and add or change names.

Mr. Short

- Wondered what other districts do. He knows that Elk Grove names facilities after regions and subdivisions, not people.

Mr. Godwin

- Thinks ten different districts would probably have ten different processes. The FCUSD existing policy gives the Board leeway to do just about whatever it wants.

Mr. Shaw

- Under Memorials in BP 7310, it states that, “Upon request, the Board shall consider naming buildings, parts of buildings, athletic fields...” He gets calls from people adamant about naming a facility after a certain person. He thinks requests should be made by a group of people rather than just one individual. Might want to clarify that in the policy.

Ms. Stanley

- Suggested changing the word “shall” to “may” in the paragraph under Memorials.

Mr. Benton

- Has no objection to naming facilities after people. Thinks the flexibility the Board has is nice.
- Thinks the first sentence of BP 7310 could be changed from, “The Board **shall** name schools or individual buildings in recognition of:...” to “The Board **may** name schools or individual.....”

Ms. McCormick

- Thinks the list of names is helpful. Asked about public input after the Board chooses a name.

Mr. Benton

- The list of names is just a guideline. For instance, Vista del Lago was not on the list, but it was suggested, and everyone agreed to it.

Ms. Stanley

- Over the years, the Board has encouraged community participation; advisory committees have been created for certain schools.
- We’ve had the discussion on ‘living’ versus ‘deceased’ before. There’s always a risk naming something after a living person. You never know what path their lives may take.
- We do have some requests for a couple of names for rooms or parts of buildings. Asked when the Board might address those, if at all.

Mr. Godwin

- Has one request in writing and has been in discussion with that person who represents the PTA at that site. He will contact her after tonight’s meeting, and it may come to the Board some time in May. This is the one to name a building after a retiring principal.

Ms. Stanley

- Is personally considering that the joint-use library at Vista del Lago High School be named after former Superintendent Norman Siefkin.

Mr. Benton

- Asked if we have an additional policy or administrative regulation that addresses requests for naming facilities and how those requests should be handled.

Mr. Godwin responded that at present, we do not.

Ms. Stanley

- With the lack of such a policy, feels the procedure would be the same as with any other agenda request. Board members can make a request to place something on the agenda, the Board president takes it up with the superintendent, and it goes to the Board on a timeline that works for the District. The public must submit a request in writing.
- Asked that her request regarding the library at Vista del Lago be considered a ‘formal’ request.

REPORTS

0708-209 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- Trustees have received an invitation from the National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents to serve on a panel of school board members to share information on how districts are engaging “Families,

Schools, and Communities to Work Together...Bridging the Gap to Make a Difference in No Child Left Behind.”

- B. Correspondence to the Board
- C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0708-210 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- No report.

Ms. McCormick

- Congratulated Ms. Bettencourt on her award.
- Congratulated Leane Linson and Mike Shepherd on their administrative appointments.
- Thanked Maureen Burness for the Special Education presentation. It’s amazing what has been done in such a short period of time.

Mr. Shaw

- Congratulated Ms. Bettencourt. Said it is a pretty amazing award when you consider all of the people who were nominated. Very well-deserved.
- Thanked Mr. Schultz for bringing up the issue of teacher substitutes. The big issues are professionalism and collegial respect. He is happy that dialogue has started because this issue needs to be addressed.

Ms. Stanley

- The invitation from ESEA that the superintendent talked about indicates only one Board member is invited to serve on the panel. Trustees should decide who has the time and energy to do it.
- Congratulated Leane Linson, Mike Shepherd, and Debbie Bettencourt.

Mr. Short

- Congratulated Matt Washburn. An excellent job; hopefully, there will be more awards in the future.
- FCUSD is very lucky to have Ms. Bettencourt. This morning’s award presentation was an exciting moment. Thanked her for all the work she does.

Mr. Benton

- Announced that the Cordova High School Culinary Academy is having the grand opening of their café on Friday, April 4. The kids are great, and they turn out amazing food!
- Congratulated Debbie Bettencourt on a great job!
- Also congratulated Mike Shepherd for stepping up; he appreciates it.

B. Pending Board Requests

C. District Committees

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

INFORMATION

0708-211– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0708-212 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2008, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for March 27, 2008:

Open Session	5:30 p.m.
Closed Session	5:35 p.m.
Open Session	6:09 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board