

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

May 22, 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

May 22, 2008

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

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 6)

President Benton announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Room 6)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:07 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Students Rheana Treaster and Jennifer Kingsley 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.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

SHORT/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Richard Barboza (*revision*), Teacher (#991567), Folsom Middle School. From: 100% Teacher; To: 80% Teacher/20% VAPA Lead Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Heidi Bonnett (*revision*), Elementary Prep Teacher (#204508), Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School. From: 100% Elementary Prep; To: 80% Elementary Prep/20% VAPA Lead Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Diane Goldman (*revision*), Teacher (#991923), Cordova High School. From: 60% Teacher/40% Culinary Academy; To: 60% Teacher/40% ROP. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Barbara Brydon, Teacher (#201013), Folsom High School. From: 80% Teacher/20% FCEA; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Lori Emmington, Teacher (#991823), Vista del Lago High School. From: 67% Teacher/33% VAPA Lead Teacher; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

- Barbara Harris, Teacher (#203033), Empire Oaks Elementary School. From: 100% Teacher/20% Lead VAPA Teacher; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Kelly Hillesland, Teacher (#208501), Vista del Lago High School. From: 67% Teacher/33% Lead Teacher; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Shawn Lundberg, Teacher (#204055), Folsom Middle School. From: 40% Teacher/40% Teaching Vice Principal/20% Lead Teacher; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Coline Mc Neil, Resource Specialist (#991687), Mitchell Middle School. From: 60% Teacher/40% Teaching Vice Principal; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- David Sewell, Teacher (#991618), Sutter Middle School. From: 60% Teacher/40% Teaching Vice Principal; To: 100% Teacher. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

CERTIFICATED TEACHER ON LOAN

- Darrell Parsons, Teacher (#209502), Mather Heights Elementary School. 100% Teacher on Loan to State of California Charter Schools. Effective: 08/07/08 through 05/28/10.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

CERTIFICATED:

- James Radulovich, Teacher (#991691), Mitchell Middle School. James was hired on August 13, 2007, and has been employed 1 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/30/08.
- Steven Scott, Teacher (#208506, #208507), Vista del Lago High School. Steven was hired on August 7, 2007, and has been employed 1 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 05/30/08.

ADMINISTRATOR:

- James Hamilton, Principal (#991719), Mills Middle School. James was hired on July 1, 2007, and has been employed 1 year with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 06/30/08.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATOR:

- Dax Bryson (*revision*), Principal (#200108), Adult Education. Effective date: from 06/20/08 to 06/27/08.

CERTIFICATED SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

White Rock Elementary:

- Ken Brown
- Christina Davies
- Nichole Garcia
- Terri Guillen
- Patricia Hamilton
- Mary Hawkins
- Jennifer Jones
- Anna Karnaukh
- Tina Leiva
- Michael Lobitz
- Brandi Patterson
- Louise Peele
- Lisa Reed
- Marlene Rios
- Jana Schmitt
- Debra Stone

Mitchell Middle School:

- Narine Ayunts
- Lynn Backes
- Michelle Ceccon
- Eric Mejia
- Dale Waldo
- Karen York

Cordova High School:

- Mark Arnez
- Richard Gloeckle
- Nichole Guccini
- Paul Thrasher

SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Cordova Gardens:

- Melissa Allen
- Barbara Hailer
- Stephanie Hethcoat
- Steven James
- Helen Lucas
- Elleen Pena
- Jodi Ruh

Folsom Middle School:

- Cathleen Buonauro
- Susan Sawyer

Mitchell Middle School:

- Cassandra Reynolds
- Michelle Richards

Russell Ranch:

- Linda Calhoun
- Kirsten Comstock-Ervin
- Judith Kennedy
- Kathleen Laharty
- Stephen Nystrom
- Mary Ellen Plummer

Cordova High School:

- Michael Moss
- Martha Peterson

Vista del Lago High School:

- Ryan Carey
- Edward Hyde
- Michelle Sharp

White Rock:

- Lynsey Blake
- Lawrence Moore

CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT

- Terry Blesso, Athletic Director 50%, Mitchell Middle School. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.
- James Fanshier (*revision*) Athletic Director, Mitchell Middle School. From: 100%; To: 50%. Effective: 2007/2008 school year.

CERTIFICATED PRE-RETIREMENT

- Dolores Boughton (*revision*) is requesting her 2nd year in the pre-retirement program: Resource Specialist, Natoma Station Elementary School: Employed 08/31/95. From: 60% work assignment; To: 50% work assignment. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Kristina Nicosia, Teacher (#990481), Oak Chan Elementary School, 100% (50% Contract) Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 04/21/08 through 05/30/08.
- Wendy Perez, Teacher (#990221), Rancho Cordova Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Tracey Taylor, Resource Specialist (#990584), Williamson Elementary School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 08/07/08 through 12/19/08.

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- Flavia Barajas, Teacher (#206007), Folsom Hills Elementary School
- Melia Borruso, Teacher (#990027), Cordova Lane Elementary School
- Gloria Chicca, Teacher (#990074), Folsom Hills Elementary School
- Sarah Duenas, Teacher (#991597), Folsom Middle School
- Angelica Garcia, Teacher (#990053), Cordova Lane Elementary School
- Donita London, Teacher (#990018), Gold Ridge Elementary School (50% Time)
- Courtney Ortega, Teacher (#208109), Cordova Lane Elementary School
- Alice Phillips, Teacher (#203039), Mather Heights Elementary School (50% Time)
- Trisha Rusciollelli, Teacher (#991702), Mitchell Middle School
- Ashlee Scheuber, Teacher (#200153), Mitchell Middle School
- Jill Sieber, Teacher (#201350), Blanche Sprentz Elementary School (50% Time)

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

- Gina Co, School Nurse (#204045), Health Programs (60% Time)
- Pamela Goldman, Teacher (#991920), Cordova High School
- Janet Haynes, Special Education Teacher (#208083), Oak Chan Elementary School
- Stephanie Hethcoat, Resource Specialist (#207516), Navigator Elementary School (50% Time)/(#208505), Peter J. Shields Elementary School (50% Time)
- Kerri Kaye, School Nurse (#992020), Health Programs (60% Time)
- Kathleen Laharty, Resource Specialist (#990181), Natoma Station Elementary School (50% Time)
- Leanne Linares, Teacher (#205072), Cordova High School
- Timothy Mancini, Behaviorist (#208133), Special Education
- Ermelinda Oneto, School Nurse (#992022), Health Programs (60% Time)
- Heidi Rounds, Teacher (#991859), Cordova High School.
- Jennifer Shaffer, Resource Specialist (#203082), Folsom Middle School (60% Time)
- Kelly Supple, Special Education Teacher (#203002), Sutter Middle School

The following employee is being *rehired* as a Permanent employee for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Barbara Eklund, Counselor (#991620), Sutter Middle School

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

McCORMICK/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Christopher Hill (replacement) Building & Grounds Utilityworker (#991157), Maintenance Dept, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL18/Step D. Effective: 5/13/2008
- Gurpal Singh (replacement/rehire) Relief Bus Driver (#204563), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step D. Effective: 4/29/2008

2008 EXTENDED YEAR PROGRAM – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

- Susan Bartshe, Administrative Assistant-Elementary, Russell Ranch Elem., Range CL20/Step B. Effective: 6/9/2008 through 7/3/2008
- Wendy Bell, Administrative Assistant-Elementary, White Rock Elem., Range CL20/Step A. Effective: 6/9/2008 through 7/3/2008
- Cheryl Blower, Administrative Assistant-Comprehensive HS, Cordova High, Range CL22/Step E. Effective: 6/9/2008 through 7/18/2008
- Stephanie Price, Administrative Assistant-Elementary, Cordova Gardens Elem., Range CL20/Step E. Effective: 6/9/2008 through 7/3/2008
- Jody Rider, Administrative Assistant-Comprehensive MS, Folsom Middle, Range CL22/Step E. Effective: 6/9/2008 through 7/3/2008
- Glenda Tofsrud, Administrative Assistant-Comprehensive MS, Mitchell Middle, Range CL22/Step B. Effective: 6/9/2008 through 7/3/2008
- Susan Thomas, Administrative Assistant-Comprehensive HS, Vista del Lago High, Range CL22/Step A. Effective: 6/9/2008 through 7/18/2008

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Maria Isabel Diego (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#202534), 5.75 hours daily. Effective: 4/29/2008
- Richard Mendez (replacement) Regular Bus Driver (#202660), Transportation Dept., from 5.5 hours daily to 6.5 hours daily. Effective: 4/29/2008
- Georgette Oatmeyer (replacement) Student Care Assistant (#206646) from Folsom Hills Elem., 2.5 hours daily to Blanche Sprentz Elem., 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 3/24/2008
- Ashnil Prasad (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#207573), 6 hours daily. Effective: 4/29/2008
- Octavian Tsurkanu (replacement) Transportation Dept., from Relief Bus Driver, 4 hours daily to Regular Bus Driver (#207571), 5.5 hours daily. Effective: 4/29/2008

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Tomi Gomez, Preschool Associate Teacher (#202665), Cordova Villa Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 5/9/2008
- Regina Kawano, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204026), Russell Ranch Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 5/9/2008

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton congratulated Kelli Davis on her election as President of the District Student Advisory Board for the second year in a row. No one in the District can remember that ever happening before. Ms. Davis will serve again as the student Board member for 2008/2009. He expressed his pride in her.

Mr. Benton also asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Folsom Cordova Community Partnership and Rancho Youth Advisory Board – Paul Shane

The Partnership's Program and Collaborations Manager Nicole Jarred began the presentation by explaining their mission, family services, youth services, and the REACH Youth Development Initiative in Rancho Cordova. She introduced Jennifer Kingsley and Rheana Treaster, who are on the Executive Committee of the Youth Advisory Council. They talked about the Council including their 2007 accomplishments, goals, and recent events. Council members attended the Youth Voice Action at the State Capitol on April 30 with other students to meet with their representatives to speak out against the school budget cuts. Jennifer and Rheana presented President Benton with a jar containing \$223.48 that was collected from the students at the event to be presented, symbolically, to State Superintendent of Instruction Jack O'Connell. The Council will work with Ms. Bettencourt to determine into which District fund the money will go.

Trustees thanked Ms. Jarred and the partnership for encouraging the students in their accomplishments and for providing opportunities for students. They thanked the students for becoming involved and taking leadership positions in the community.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-254 – Public Participation

Doreen Arena

- Addressed the Board regarding the preschool food program. Is concerned with the quality and types of food being served to children now as opposed to what they were served in the past.

President Benton said they would share her concerns with the directors of preschool and food services.

Wendi Weston, Folsom High School teacher

- Reported that 25 design students from Folsom High were honored last Tuesday at the Cum Laude awards ceremony where they were presented with cords. She was very happy to be a part the ceremony and thanked the Board for their support.

Zoanne Lee, parent

- Addressed the Board on the Community Advisory Committee the District is creating as a result of becoming its own Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA). Expressed questions and concerns about the process for selection of committee members and the application for membership.

Ms. Stanley noted that the membership requirements and application process for selection were both approved by the Board at the May 8, 2008, Board meeting.

Joanne McCarthy, teacher at Natoma Station

- Addressed the Board on the Safe Routes to School grant that was awarded to Natoma Station Elementary School last year. The grant award was \$91,000. She thanked Ms. Bettencourt for getting the approval on the consent agenda so quickly.

0708-255 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- The last SAB meeting was on May 13 at Vista del Lago High School. It was the final meeting of the year. Schools reported on various end-of-the year activities, trips, ceremonies, etc.
 - Elections were held and, in addition to herself being elected president, Alexa Hess, Vista student, was elected secretary.
 - Discussed their main focus for next year which is to establish a dress code on three levels for grade schools, middle schools, and high schools.

PTA Council:

- Mr. Benton reported on the last meeting.

California School Employees Association: President Steve Hanson

- Introduced himself as the new president of CSEA.
- Thanked the Board and staff for helping to minimize the trauma of this very stressful time. Acknowledged Mr. Brubaker and his staff for helping to establish a good, positive working relationship.
- Hopefully, when times are better, some of the eliminated positions can be reinstated.

Folsom Cordova Education Association: President Mark Schultz

- Thanked Mr. Brubaker for working to make this difficult situation as smooth as possible for the members of his association.
- Is encouraged by the increase of proposed funding as indicated by the governor's May revise.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association: President Denise Burns

- Mentioned that all members of FCAA are working on end-of-the year activities and reports while planning for next year.
- In spite of the budget turmoil, members are still celebrating the successes of their students. She reviewed some of those successes.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

SHORT/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of Item 0708-258 C.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-256 - Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2008

0708-257– Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Resolutions 05-22-08-39, 05-22-08-40, and 05-22-08-41: Declaring Disposition of Surplus District Property - District Office, Granite Center, and District Warehouse, Respectively
- C. Approve the Sale of Surplus/Obsolete District Furniture and Equipment
- D. Approve Program Coordination Agreement with City of Folsom - Natoma Station Elementary Caltrans Safe Routes to School Grant
- E. Approve Change Order 20: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 1
- F. Approve Change Order 11A: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 2
- G. Approve Notice of Completion: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 1, Various Trade Contractors
- H. Approve Notice of Completion: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 2, Various Trade Contractors
- I. Approve Increase in Facility Use Fees for 2008/09
- J. Approve Lease/Leaseback Agreements: Mitchell Middle School Gymnasium
- K. Approve Position Description: Resource and Risk Management Technician

0708-258 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0708-102(S), 0708-103(S), 0708-104(S), 0708-105(S), 0708-106(S), 0708-107(S), and 0708-108(S)

0708-102(S)

Expel through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Williamson Elementary School through the end of the 1st trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-103(S)

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

0708-104(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to receive home hospital instruction for the remainder of the 3rd trimester of the 2007-2008 academic year (per recommendation of IEP team); student is to attend Cordova High School during the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills; student is to pay restitution of \$159.00 for damage done to tire of vehicle.

0708-105(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to receive independent study and take finals through Cordova High School for the remainder of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend an accredited educational program outside of the district (per parent request) during the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

0708-106(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 the 1st 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 the 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 decision-making skills.

0708-107(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; 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 the Folsom Cordova Unified School District, 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 student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0708-108(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to receive independent study and take finals through Cordova High School until completion of the spring semester of the 2007-2008 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy for the summer session and the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to 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.

B. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Jazz Band A Students to the Midwest Clinic 61st Annual Band and Orchestra Conference in Chicago, IL

C. See below.

0708-258 C - Approve New and Revised Middle and High School Course Outlines

Ms. Stanley pulled this item to question the standards for PE and asked about a Family Life component in the 7th grade science outline. Ms. DeArcos responded to her concerns and agreed to add the family life component to the outline as an appendix.

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the new and revised middle and high school course outlines.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0708-259 – Approve Naming of Facility: Joint Use Library, Vista del Lago High School
Superintendent Godwin recommended that the District provide the signage for the library.
STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO NAME the joint use library at Vista del Lago High School the
Norman R. Siefkin Public Library in honor of former FCUSD Superintendent Norman R Siefkin.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0708-260 – Approve Naming of Facility: Library, Empire Oaks Elementary School
McCORMICK/SHAW MOVED TO NAME the library at Empire Oaks Elementary School the
Sharon Heilman Library in honor of retiring Principal Heilman, the first principal of Empire Oaks.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0708-261 – Governor’s May Revise – Budget Update

Superintendent Godwin, in a PowerPoint presentation, explained how the governor plans to close the \$17.2 billion budget gap, the changes in his proposal since the first proposed budget in January, how all of this will affect education, details of the new education proposal, the proposed funding source, the problems with the new funding source, the impact all of this will have on FCUSD, and our local options.

Mr. Godwin noted:

- No improvement in per-pupil funding
- No funding for COLA
- Property tax decline reduces Prop 98 levels
- The governor:
 - Withdrew the proposal to cut 2.4% for next year enabling FCUSD to reduce cuts from \$9 million to \$6 million. District staff had anticipated this, and the current list of proposed cuts was developed with the expected \$6 million reduction.
 - Eliminated cuts to special education, but will not fund deferred maintenance to compensate
 - Will give some flexibility with reserves, but will impose a two-year limit to repay any reserves used
 - Will give some flexibility with categoricals, but with a cost
 - Proposes a bond to borrow \$5.1 billion against the lottery. If that bond fails, it will be replaced with a 1% sales tax increase.
- A joint tax committee will review the tax structure with the idea of reducing the sales tax, but applying it to services. This will not benefit FCUSD since we will have to pay taxes on services we use.
- FCUSD’s options:
 - Use the two-year relief on the reserve, but will have to identify a funding source to repay
 - Capture categorical ending balances
 - Transfer 2% of categorical revenue to the general fund
 - Eliminate the contribution to deferred maintenance for one year
 - Use unrestricted ending balance funds, but we don’t know the dollar amount at present
- No recommendations were made. Will propose at the next Board meeting that a special meeting be held on Thursday, June 26 to allow an additional week to work on this.

Ms. Stanley and Mr. Short indicated they would not be available on June 26. Mr. Godwin said he would find a day during that week that will work for the Board.

Mr. Benton indicated that a number of people wished to speak to this item, and they would be limited to a firm three minutes. He again stated that no decision would be made tonight.

Andrew Clark, senior at Folsom High School (FHS)

- Addressed the Board on proposed cuts to counselors.

Blaine White - counselor

- Acknowledged counselors in the audience. Addressed the Board on proposed reductions in counselors. Has concerns about the funding the District will receive under AB 1802 and how the money will be used.

Pat Poremba, parent

- Addressed the Board regarding proposed cuts to third grade Class Size Reduction and elementary libraries.

Donna Thompson, parent and PTSA president at FHS

- Addressed the Board on proposed cuts to counselors and career center techs.

Sarah Korn, senior at FHS

- Addressed the Board regarding cuts to counselors and career center techs.

Janine Lindsey, parent

- Addressed the Board regarding cuts to counselors.

Katie Lindsey, senior at FHS

- Addressed the Board regarding cuts to counselors and career center techs.

Mindy Gaines, senior at FHS

- Addressed the Board regarding the fashion design class at FHS that she says will be discontinued next year. Also expressed concerns about cuts to counselors and career center techs.

John Liu, senior at FHS

- Addressed the Board regarding cuts to counselors and career center techs.

Scott Shepard, senior at FHS

- Addressed the Board regarding cuts to counselors.

Ms. Stanley

- Thanked students, counselors, and other speakers.
- This is not final. We went from \$9 million in cuts in January to \$6 million. It may still get better.
- We've heard a lot about counselors, career center techs, Class Size Reduction, library services, and middle school sports. We are between a rock and a hard place. All these programs are in place because they benefit kids. No one wants to cut any of them. Can't disagree with anyone who spoke tonight. But, we have to find a way to fill the gap in funding.
- Hopes the legislature will step up where the governor hasn't and find a way to put the state in a situation where education isn't a 'cuts-only' budget.
- Is skeptical about taxing services. Not sure it would benefit us.
- Would recommend caution about the tricks the governor is proposing by moving money around. May crush some of the categorical programs.
- Need to be sure we don't take one-time dollars and put them into on-going services.
- Will have to make decisions based on District needs and priorities.

Mr. Shaw

- Thanked all the students who showed up tonight. They were very brave. Showed democracy in action.
- Attended the CSBA Delegate Assembly meeting recently with Ms. Stanley. Went to the Capitol to talk with local legislators. No one seems to be on the same page. All pointing fingers at each other. Until they change, this problem won't be solved.
- Thinks when this is done, you'll see a broadened tax base and more things taxed as opposed to raising taxes.
- Feels the lottery bond is dead in the water.
- Will do the best we can. Nothing final until the last possible minute.

Mr. Short

- Thanked Ms. Stanley and Mr. Shaw for their comments.
- Thanked the participants this evening for saying what they feel.
- Knows that teachers and counselors have impacted lives. Hates to be making decisions to make cuts to any of the programs.

Ms. McCormick

- Thanked all the speakers tonight for supporting the counselors and the important roles they play in the lives of students. It's hard to decide because all of the programs are important.

Mr. Benton

- Appreciates the students and other speakers. Knows the counselors are valuable and applauds what they are doing.
- Won't know until the last minute what's going to happen.
- Bottom line is \$6 million of something won't be here next year.

REPORTS

0708-262 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- No report.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0708-263 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- No report.

Ms. McCormick

- Thanked the speaker for the information regarding preschool nutrition.
- Congratulated Ms. Davis on her reelection.
- Heard a great speech from Mr. Godwin at the Rancho Cordova Community Council luncheon.

Ms. Stanley

- Congratulated Ms. Davis.
- Is curious about the preschool nutrition program. Is it a cost issue? A nutrition issue?
- Thanked the Board for approving the facility names tonight. Congratulated Ms. Heilman and the family of Norman Siefkin.

- One of the speakers tonight indicated that the District is a business and should be run as one. When companies cut back in costs and expenditures, they can cut their customer base. We can't. They can cut production units. We can't. We have to ethically, legally, and morally give the same or better level of services to more people, not fewer. We can't make the same kind of cuts other companies do.
- Next week starts the busy time of graduations and promotions.

Mr. Shaw

- Thinks this year and next will be critical years in terms of determining funding of education in California. Year after year, Prop 98 is assaulted. Thinks Prop 13 will be reexamined.
- The state continues to make demands of us and set levels at which we have to perform. We've worked hard to give them what they demand. We continue to up our test scores – in spite of cuts year after year. There's going to be a point where it has to break.
- California is developing a computerized system for tracking dropouts. CALPADS will go into effect by 2010. We really need an interactive database that can be queried so that we can find out what happens to kids, where they go, etc.

Mr. Short

- Congratulated Ms. Davis.
- Happy to hear about the Safe Routes to School grant. It is an important program.
- Thanked everyone who spoke tonight.

Mr. Benton

- Would like a celebration for staff who earn their doctorate degrees. Principals Richard Tapia and John Dixon have recently received theirs. We need to celebrate their accomplishments.
- Mary Ann Delleney spoke about head lice at the last PTO meeting. A parent who was upset with our policy indicated that after hearing Ms. Delleney speak, she might not agree with the policy, but at least she understands it.
- Folsom High School music students are all over the latest edition of *Downbeat Magazine*. Expressed his pride.
- Acknowledged *The Sacramento Bee* reporter Walt Yost who was in the audience.
- Wished a happy birthday to his two-year old grandson Dillon.

B. Pending Board Requests

C. District Committees

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

INFORMATION

0708-264– Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0708-265 – Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2008, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for May 22, 2008:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:07 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board