

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

October 16, 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

October 16, 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 3)

President Benton announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Room 3)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh led the flag salute.

REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Assistant Superintendent Martin Baumann reported out on routine action taken in closed session regarding certificated and classified personnel.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

The following employee is being *hired* with *Temporary* status for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Susan Nason, Special Education Teacher, (#203082), 60% Folsom Middle School, Education Specialist Credential; BA+63/MA+38.67; Class 5 Step 10.

The following employee is being *hired* with Probationary status for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Jerilynn Merritt, 80% School Nurse (#992022), Health Programs, Preliminary Health Services Credential; BA+90; Class 5 Step 10.

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

- Kimberly Keck, 50% Title I (#206040), Cordova Villa Elementary, Multiple Subject Credential; BA; Class 2 Step 1.
- Joan Trotta, 30% Psychologist (#206535), Student Support Services, Life Pupil Personnel Services Credential; BA+16/MA+39; Class 5 Step 11.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Tiressa Briggs, Career Technician (#209402), Adult Education, From: 75% Community Based Facilitator (classified) To: 75% Community Based Facilitator (classified)/25% Adult Ed Teacher (certificated) Effective: 9/8/2008.
- Robert Humphrey, Teacher (#209604, #209351), Vista del Lago High School, From: 33% Vista del Lago High School To: 33% Vista del Lago High school/40% Folsom Middle School. Effective: 9/22/2008.

CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT

The following employee has been appointed Elementary Department Chair for the 2008/2009 school year:

- Jill Sedar, (#606824), Theodore Judah Elementary School.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Erica Davis, Teacher (#991918), Cordova High School, 100% parental leave of absence. Effective: 10/13/08 through 5/29/09.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

CERTIFICATED:

- Jennifer Shaffer, Special Education Teacher (#203082), 60% Folsom Middle School. Jennifer was hired on August 7, 2007, and has been employed 11 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 10/7/2008.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

McCORMICK/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Stuart Bell (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209251), Peter J. Shields Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 9/26/2008
- Jacqueline Brooks (replacement) Licensed Vocational Nurse (#207004), Health Programs, 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL25/Step A. Effective: 9/29/2008
- Stephen Cleveland (new position) Resource & Risk Management Technician (#209261), Maintenance Dept., 4 hours daily/12 months, Range CL32/Step E. Effective 10/1/2008
- Julie Corley (replacement) Licensed Vocational Nurse (#207003), Health Programs, 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL25/Step E. Effective: 10/6/2008
- Susan Kindelt (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209549), Folsom High, 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step D. Effective: 10/6/2008
- Jennifer Lim (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206582), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/29/2008
- John Macys (new position) Resource & Risk Management Technician (#209261), Maintenance Dept., 4 hours daily/12 months, Range CL32/Step E. Effective 10/1/2008
- Monica Richards (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201449), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/29/2008
- Janice Simonovich (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#202545), Oak Chan Elem., 2.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 10/1/2008
- Lindy Willeford (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202590), Mills Middle, 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 9/26/2008

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Cathi Cassidy (replacement) Folsom Middle, School Clerk Secondary (#209559), from 6 hours daily to 8 hours daily. Effective: 9/26/2008
- Stephen Cleveland (hours reduction) Maintenance Dept., HVAC Technician (#991261), from 8 hours daily to 4 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/2008
- Margaret Gilpin (hours decrease) School Clerk Secondary (#209550), from Folsom Middle, 8 hours daily to Sutter Middle, 6 hours daily. Effective: 9/29/2008
- Paula Jensen (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#991426), from Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., 2.5 hours daily to Sutter Middle, 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/2008
- John Macys (hours reduction) Maintenance Dept., HVAC Technician (#991262), from 8 hours daily to 4 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/2008
- Mary Ramirez (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#991346), Mills Middle, from 3.5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 10/1/2008

- Becky Thill (replacement) Snack Bar Worker, Mills Middle, 3 hours daily to Food Service Worker I (#991361), Peter J. Shields Elem., 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 10/13/2008

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Shannon Deveraux, Personnel Technician (#209508), Personnel Dept., reason: other employment. Effective: 9/30/2008
- Lynnette Schetselaar, IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990756), Cordova Meadows Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 10/31/2008

TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS

- Kristine Herrick, IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#203200), Rancho Cordova Elem. Effective: 9/30/2008
- Theresa McDonald, Health Assistant (#990712), Williamson Elem. Effective: 9/30/2008

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- John Sheppard, Custodian (#990712), Oak Chan Elementary. Effective: 10/10/2008
John was hired as the Custodian at Riverview Elementary on August 27, 1986. In December of 1998, he worked at Riverview and Williamson. He then worked at Mitchell and Williamson starting in January of 1993. He moved to Mills in 1993 and finally to Oak Chan in July of 2003. John retires this month with twenty-two years of service to the District.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton asked Superintendent Godwin to introduce the special presentation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Threshold Vocabulary – Sina Chau-Pech

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Elementary Instruction Leslie Faust to introduce elementary newcomer teacher Sina Chau-Pech.

Mr. Chau-Pech updated the Board on the Threshold Vocabulary program that is in its third year in Folsom Cordova. The program introduces English learners and children from limited-language homes to 1,000 words from the General Service List that students of all ages should recognize. Each week, teachers work 28 of the words into discussion and interaction in the classroom. The program has been very successful. Mr. Chau-Pech suggested it could be beneficial to parents as well.

Trustees thanked Mr. Chau-Pech and commented that the program is impressive and that it is interesting how the words were chosen and reduced to just 1,000.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-069 – Public Participation

Blaine White, District head counselor

- Updated the Board on counseling activities at Folsom and Cordova High Schools, including attendance at the annual UC and CSU conferences.

Conrade Mayer, Rancho Cordova resident

- Voiced his displeasure with the gang graffiti at Cordova High School and the way he feels it was handled by administration. Also unhappy that the students who helped clean up and the painters who quickly responded were not recognized. He was told that of the surveillance cameras in that area, one was stolen, two were inoperative, and images on the rest were too dark to see. Students were scared, and no one was on campus to comfort them and assure them that things were okay.

Ms. Stanley said that she doesn't like it when statistics are just thrown out there and left hanging. She asked Ms. Bettencourt to comment on Mr. Mayer's remarks about the cameras.

Ms. Bettencourt clarified that to her knowledge, none of the cameras were stolen, she was not aware of any that were nonfunctional, and views were good on some and not good on others; the perpetrators hid their faces.

Peter Maroon, Principal Mills Middle School

- Acknowledged some outstanding students from Mills and shared with the Board some of the amazing things they've done. He introduced each student, read a short paragraph on their accomplishments, and presented each with a certificate. Certificates were awarded by the Prudential Partnership for Character Development Program and Project Wisdom on Character Development. Students were:
 - Daizja Poole, who received a 'Golden Rule Award';
 - Maria Perez, Jose Rivas, Henry Andrus, and Matthew Tran, who each received a 'Certificate of Merit'; and
 - Quintin Gilmore and William Butler, who each received a 'Certificate of Achievement'.
- These students will also be recognized by the Optimists Club of Rancho Cordova.

0809-070 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- The last SAB meeting was held Tuesday at Kinney High School:
 - Secondary schools reported on field trips, rallies, athletics, red ribbon spirit week activities, fundraisers, and homecomings. Folsom High has implemented a Student Senate.
 - Talked about how students can address concerns to the SAB.
 - Discussed other potential topics for next year.
- Appreciated how quickly the graffiti was cleaned up at Cordova High.
- Next SAB meeting will be on November 4 at Sutter Middle School.

PTA Council:

Mr. Benton reported:

- The council has sponsored two really great debates for Board candidates.
- Administrators' dinner will be on October 21.

California School Employees Association - President Steve Hanson:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association - President Mark Schultz:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association - President Mike Shepherd:

- Updated the Board on attendees of ACSA symposiums.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

SHORT/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of 0809-072 A.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-071 - Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2008

0809-072– Business Matters

- A. See below.
- B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification
- C. This number not used.
- D. Approve the Sale of Surplus/Obsolete District Furniture, Equipment and Portable Classrooms
- E. Approve Notice of Completion: Gary Douplik Manufacturing, Inc. - Preschool Building - Cordova Meadows Elementary School
- F. Approve Notice of Completion: Gary Douplik Manufacturing, Inc. - Student Care Building - Natoma Station Elementary School

0809-071 A – Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District

Ms. Stanley pulled this item to recognize the donation from Rainforth Grau Architects and asked Ms. Bettencourt about it. Ms. Bettencourt said the donation was actually architecture fees that were not collected by Rainforth Grau after one of their projects was finished.

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-073 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0809-5(S), 0809-6(S), 0809-10(S), and 0809-11(S)

0809-5(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end the spring 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 assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0809-6(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Walnutwood High School through the end of the fall semester of the 2008-2009 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.

0809-10(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring 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 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.

0809-11(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end the spring 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 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.

- B. Approve Appointment of Team Physicians for 2008-2009: Cordova, Folsom, and Vista del Lago High Schools
- C. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Jazz Band and Jazz Choir to the North Texas Jazz Festival in Addison, Texas

0809-074 – Personnel Matters

- A. Approve Classified Position Descriptions: Speech and Language Pathology Assistant, Instructional Signing Assistant, Educational Sign Language Interpreter for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Physical Therapist

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0809-075 – Approve Naming of Facility: Football Stadium at Cordova High School
SHAW/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE the naming of the football stadium at Cordova High School “Lancer Stadium” and direct staff to incorporate a “Wall of Honor” into the plans for the future field house to be built adjacent to the stadium.

Conrade Mayer

- Thanked the Board for making this decision. Suggested that since Coach Max Miller was a champion of the future field house at Cordova High, it might be named after him.

There was some discussion about the wall of honor and whether it might be built sooner than the field house.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORTS

0809-076 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- No comments.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0809-077 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- No comments.

Ms. McCormick

- Thanked Mr. Maroon for bringing the Mills students here this evening. Feels it’s important to recognize student accomplishments in a public way. These students have made a personal commitment to be good citizens, and that’s very important.

Mr. Short

- It was amazing to see the kids being recognized tonight. They are exemplary examples of leadership.
- Impressed with the Threshold Vocabulary program. Thinks it’s a good idea to offer it to parents.

Mr. Shaw

- Always great when kids come to the meetings and show off things they’re doing in school. Thanked Mr. Maroon for bringing them tonight.

Ms. Stanley

- Reported on the recent Folsom 2x2 meeting:
 - Discussed issues at Oak Chan involving neighborhood kids throwing rocks off of the Oak Chan campus. City has asked us to remove some of the rocks.
 - The City is working with the District to find a permanent place for Folsom Lake High School.
 - Discussed the difficulty in finding resource officers in Folsom. Perhaps a retired officer or citizen volunteers trained by the police department could be used.
 - Discussed issues regarding the street above Vista del Lago High School. Residents are complaining about kids and adults parking on the street to watch ball games.

- Appreciated Mr. Maroon bringing the kids tonight. With several months of bad news and budget cuts, it's nice to hear something positive.

Mr. Benton

- The Folsom Cordova PTA and League of Women Voters candidate forums were very impressive in the way they were conducted.
- Happy to hear Ms. Stanley's mother is getting better.

B. Pending Board Requests

C. District Committees

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

INFORMATION

0809-078 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0809-079 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2008, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for October 16, 2008:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board