

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

November 20, 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

November 20, 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. Outgoing Board member Mary McCormick 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.

Superintendent Godwin took the opportunity to introduce Stephen Nichols, the District's new Public Information Officer.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

SHAW/McCORMICK MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- Rebecca Osgood (#990455), 40% Oak Chan Elementary, Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential; BA; Class 3 Step 2.
- Kimberly Trigueiro (#990060), Gold Ridge Elementary, Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential; BA; Class 3 Step 3.

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

- Hugh Allen Sims (#203124), Military Instructor, Mather Youth Academy, Special Subject Teaching Credential ROTC; Class 2 Step 1.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

McCORMICK/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Eulises Ceballos (new position) IASA Instructional Assistant Level II (#209453), STARS Program, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 10/30/2008
- Joseph Michael Douglas (new position) Locksmith (#209459), Maintenance Dept., 16 hours weekly/12 months, Range CL28/Step C. Effective: 11/3/2008
- Marine Hambarzumyan (new position) IASA Instructional Assistant Level II (#209454), STARS Program, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step B. Effective: 11/4/2008
- Ruth McLemore (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#206573), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step B. Effective: 11/3/2008
- Stephen Nichols (replacement) Public Relations Assistant (#209542), Superintendent's Office, 32 hours weekly/12 months, Range CO15/Step A. Effective: 11/7/2008

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Brenda Archer (replacement) Navigator Elem., from Student Care Center Assistant, 3.9 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step D to Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208247), 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step D. Effective: 11/6/2008
- Oleg Arnaut (replacement) Bus Driver (#206598), Transportation Dept., from 5.75 hours daily to 6.5 hours daily. Effective: 10/27/2008
- Beatriz House (replacement) Rancho Cordova Elem., from Bilingual Instructional Assistant, 3.5 hours daily to IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator, 3.9 hours daily. Effective: 11/3/2008
- Kimberly Jimenez (new position) Custodian (#209458), Folsom Lake High, from 3.9 hours daily to 4 hours daily. Effective: 11/3/2008

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Hugh Allen Sims, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208126), Youth Opportunity Program, reason: teaching assignment. Effective: 10/17/2008

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton announced that this meeting was the last for outgoing Board Clerk Mary McCormick. He thanked her for her dedication and service to the students and staff of Folsom Cordova, and presented her with a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Rancho Cordova and a gift from the Board and District. He also announced a short recess for a reception in honor of Ms. McCormick.

Meeting recessed for reception at 6:04 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 6:14 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-090 – Public Participation

Bob Hess, Chair of the SELPA Community Advisory Committee

- Thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the newly organized committee, and thanked Ms. McCormick for her part in forming the committee
- They have recently approved bylaws and will be establishing objectives, the main of which is enhancing communications between District, Board, and parents.

Joe Scales, Folsom High School head counselor

- With money donated by the Folsom High PTSA, posters were purchased showing high school graduation requirements and college entrance requirements. They have enough posters for every

classroom at Folsom High and hope that they will be beneficial to students and perhaps help to increase graduation rates.

Blaine White, District head counselor

- Updated the Board on activities involving District counselors, including:
 - Assisting with a bullying prevention lesson at Mitchell Middle School
 - A College Information Night at Cordova High
 - Continuing, weekly college application workshops at Folsom High
- On behalf of District counselors, bid a “warm farewell” to Ms. McCormick and a welcome to Ms. Reinking.

President Benton welcomed Cordova High School student government students in the audience.

0809-091 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- The next SAB meeting will be on December 2 in the Cordova High School library.

PTA Council:

Mary Ann Delleney reported:

- The council met Tuesday night at Empire Oaks Elementary School. The Wellness Committee made a presentation. Topics of interest were head lice and a possible 4x4 schedule at Cordova High.

California School Employees Association – President Steve Hanson:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – Vice President Steven James:

- Congratulated Ms. Stanley and Ms. Reinking for their recent victories.
- FCEA is endeavoring to work together with the Board to make Folsom Cordova a more parent-, teacher-, administrator-, Board-, and superintendent-friendly district.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Mike Shepherd:

- No report. Mr. Shepherd was ill.

Mr. Benton said he has received many emails about a 4x4 schedule at Cordova High. He doesn't know where the rumor started, but a 4x4 schedule has not been recommended at Cordova High.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of Item 0809-093 D.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-092 - Administrative Matters

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

0809-093– Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification
- C. Accept Sacramento County Office of Education Williams Review Annual Report
- D. See below.

- E. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Douplik Manufacturing, Inc. – Kindergarten Building – Cordova Villa Elementary School
- F. Approve Change Order 23: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 1
- G. Approve Change Order 14A: Vista del Lago High School, Phase 2
- H. Approve Notice of Completion: Vista del Lago High School Phase 1, Various Contractors
- I. Approve Notice of Completion: Vista del Lago High School Phase 2, Various Contractors

0809-093 D – Approve Use of Designated Balance in Fund 40 – Special Reserve for Capital Outlay Projects

Ms. Stanley pulled this item because she thought it worthy of discussion. It is a big-ticket item and a major change from what has been done in the past. She thinks it's a good move for the District to make.

Mr. Shaw expressed his concerns about using Fund 40 money that he feels should not be redirected from its original purpose until we know more about looming mid-year budget cuts.

After some discussion,

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the use of Designated Balance in Fund 40 as recommended by staff to be used for advanced-funding of three phases of work for the expanded bleachers at Vista del Lago High School.

Mr. Shaw indicated he would prefer to see the item tabled until February after we see how the budget will be affected over the next couple of months. He did not make a motion.

MOTION CARRIED 4 AYES, 1 ABSTENTION (Shaw)

0809-094 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Panel Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0809-19(S), 0809-20(S), and 0809-21(S)

0809-19(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to remain at White Rock Elementary School through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0809-20(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School 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 be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a "clean" drug test upon her request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.

0809-21(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through of the 3rd trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; 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 substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a "clean" drug test upon her request for readmission to the comprehensive program of the District.

B. Approve Teaching Assignments Under Ed Code 44865

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0809-095 – Approve Date of Annual Organizational Meeting: Annual Organizational Meeting of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District Board of Trustees is set for Thursday, December 11, 2008, 6:00 p.m., Folsom High School, Folsom, California

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the date of the annual organizational meeting as December 11, 2008, 6:00 p.m., at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-096 – 2009 California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly Nominations

President Benton opened nominations.

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO NOMINATE Richard Shaw.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

No further nominations were made.

President Benton closed the nominations.

DISCUSSION

0809-097 – Proposed Dates, Times, and Places of Regular Board Meetings for January 2009 – December 2009

Superintendent Godwin presented for Board discussion the proposed calendar for regular Board meetings for the year January 2009 through December 2009. The calendar, with any modifications Trustees might suggest, will be brought back for approval at the meeting on December 11. No changes were discussed.

0809-098 – 2008/09 Budget Update

Superintendent Godwin placed this item on the agenda in the off chance there might be some progress on the state's budget deliberations. There is still nothing formal at this time.

REPORTS

0809-099 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- Nothing new to report this evening.
- B. Correspondence to the Board
- C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0809-100 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- Once again thanked Ms. McCormick on behalf of all FCUSD students for her commitment and service to them. She has shown a sincere concern for students, and she is an inspiration to her. She also thanked Ms. McCormick for coming to all of the SAB meetings.

Ms. Stanley

- Complimented Natoma Station Elementary on their newsletter that she thinks is “very cool.”
- Mentioned an article she read in the *Business Journal* about lower numbers of high school graduates. She hopes techniques like the one being used at Folsom High will boost the numbers.
- Thanked Ms. McCormick and said that four years ago she came to us as an unknown but, in those four years, we have come to know her as a caring and principled person who has made a commitment to students and an impression on students and peers. She appreciates her service and commitment.

Mr. Shaw

- Thanked Ms. McCormick for her service and welcomed JoAnne Reinking.
- Also welcomed the students from Cordova High in the audience. Nice to have them here.
- Reported that a judge recently ruled that only school nurses could administer insulin injections to students. This could be a problem for districts that have eliminated nurses.

Mr. Godwin noted that our Board had the foresight to keep some nurses (on a limited basis) and also has allowed for the training of students to self inject.

Mr. Short

- Thanked Ms. McCormick and wished her all the best.
- He and Mr. Shaw were invited to a California Teachers Association board dinner. Representatives from districts all over California were in attendance. The message from the president was that in these dire times, we all have the same goal...to work together for the best interest of kids.

Mr. Shaw added that they spent quite a bit of time talking about the Brown Act. He feels Board members need to understand the constraints of the law regarding how they can act and react.

Ms. McCormick

- Thanked everyone for the cards, gifts, and good wishes. One in particular from Ms. Davis. It has been a joy for her to witness young people in action. She appreciates the opportunity so much.

Ms. McCormick's farewell address is attached and made a part of these minutes.

Mr. Benton

- The Rancho Cordova Community Council will be hosting a "Let it Snow" event on November 30 in the new section of Rancho Cordova. It will include lighting of a Christmas tree.
- The Optimists Club of Rancho Cordova has donated \$1,100 worth of school supplies to nine of our schools.
- Regarding Ms. McCormick's election to the Board four years ago, he said that after the election, he was not a big fan of hers since she took his seat. Over those four years, however, she has shown him that you don't have to be from here to care about kids. Ms. McCormick is an amazing person and has been great for this district and, on a personal level, an amazing friend to his family. She is not a politician; she is a public servant and serves children. If he had to be defeated four years ago, he's glad it was by her.

Mr. Godwin announced that he was just notified that the California League of High Schools at a ceremony this evening selected Cordova High School teacher Erva Watts as their Educator of the Year.

B. Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

INFORMATION

0809-101 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0809-102 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2008, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for November 20, 2008:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Clerk of the Board

Ms. McCormick's farewell:

A little over four years ago, I was encouraged by friends to run for a seat on the Folsom Cordova School Board. After thoughtful consideration, I accepted the challenge. I viewed this as an opportunity to perform a civic duty and make a contribution to my community. Hence, I began my journey.

During the campaign process, I was labeled by some as the “newcomer,” the “Carpetbagger,” the “Union Darling,” and as a “single-issue” candidate. I’m not sure which was of greater concern; that I was new to the community or that I had been endorsed by the California School Employees Association.

Needless to say, my election was a surprise to many...including myself.

Norm Siefkin was superintendent when I came into office. I will always remember his most gracious and warm welcome into the Folsom Cordova family. I regard him with great fondness and appreciation for his dedication to our schools and community.

Within the first few months on the Board, we began the search for a new superintendent. I will always be proud of the Board’s choice. From the beginning, I was impressed with Patrick Godwin’s educational leadership. He expects and supports high academic standards for all students, but also understands that making good citizens and successful human beings goes beyond test scores, and that success may be measured differently for each child. I believe his collaborative approach in dealing with new ideas or problem-solving has opened a much needed line of communication with parents, staff, and community agencies.

I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their support and guidance over the last four years. I congratulate you on your continued service and commitment to the students and communities of Folsom and Rancho Cordova. And, again, I would like to congratulate JoAnne Reinking on her election to the Board.

The success and achievements of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District are well known and held in high regard, but this success was not by chance. Setting goals and good policy is only part of achieving a successful academic program. It takes a community, a family of dedicated, talented people who work each day with the task of determining how best to implement services and achieve success.

I am grateful to all of you for your time and indulgence and constant support these past four years. To an outstanding team of leaders, Debbie Bettencourt, Leslie Faust, Janie DeArcos, Marty Baumann, Mark Rickabaugh, and Maureen Burness...thank you. And, of course, thank you Renae Radovich for always being there when I needed help.

To Mary Ann Delleney, Linda Burkholder, and Lea Rathbun, thank you for understanding my concerns for the whole child and for your commitment to finding healthy, safe solutions for students and their families.

Last, but not least, thanks to all of those who supported and encouraged me to run for the Folsom Cordova School board. It’s been an incredible and rewarding experience. Although I was not able to run for a second term, this is not farewell. I hope to be involved as a volunteer in Folsom Cordova schools and in San Juan schools, where my grandsons attend.

Until we meet again...thank you.