

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

December 11, 2008

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Edward Short, President
Teresa A. Stanley, Vice President
JoAnne Reinking, Clerk
Roger Benton, Member
Richard Shaw, Member
Kelli Davis, Student Board Member

December 11, 2008

Board members present: Ed Short, Teresa Stanley, JoAnne Reinking, Roger Benton, Richard Shaw, and Student Member Kelli Davis

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)

President Benton announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Library)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Library)

Meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. Cordova High School Principal Jackie Levy led the flag salute.

CLOSED SESSION

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

He also read short bios on the following retirees: Joyce Baker, Folsom Middle School teacher, who retires with 22 years and 5 months of service to the District; John Wolfe, Folsom High School teacher, who retires with 19 years and 3 months; and Gary Richardson, Bus Driver, who has served the District for 10 years.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

The following employee is being *rehired* with *temporary* status for the 2008/2009 school year.

- Rennie Simpson, Counselor (#991650), Mills Middle School, Clear Pupil Personnel Services Credential; BA+75; Class 5 Step 2.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Donna Taylor, Nurse (#992017), Health Services From: 100% To: 80%. Effective: 11/17/2008.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Heidi Nelson, Vision Specialist (#992006), Student Support Services From: 80% To: 100%. Effective: 10/1/2008.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

CERTIFICATED:

- Andrea McGehee, Speech Pathologist (#991993), 100% Student Support Services, reason: relocation. Andrea was hired on January 3, 2005 and has been employed 3 years and 11 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 1/30/2009.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

CERTIFICATED:

- Joyce Baker, Teacher (#208524), 100% Folsom Middle School. Joyce was hired on January 7, 1986 and has been employed 22 years and 5 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 6/1/2008.
- John Wolfe, Teacher (#991844), 100% Folsom High School. John was hired on September 20, 1989 and has been employed 19 years and 3 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 12/31/2008.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Shahla Alimoradpur (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209313), Empire Oaks Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/1/2008
- Marlene Castiaux (replacement) School Clerk-Secondary (#200252), Folsom Middle, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step C. Effective: 11/17/2008
- David Einhorn (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209241), Cordova High, 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 12/2/2008
- Lindsay Emery (replacement) EIP Child Assistant (#206648), Rancho Cordova Elem., 3 hours daily/9.0 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 12/1/2008
- Eyanna Harrison (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209562), Russell Ranch Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 12/8/2008
- Tamara Kacevas (replacement) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#205130), Theodore Judah Elem., 9.45 hours weekly/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step B. Effective: 12/3/2008
- Diane King (new position) Signing Instructional Assistant (#209248), Riverview Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 12/5/2008
- Cindy Knoble (new position) Library Clerk (#209436) Natoma Station Elem., 3.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 11/18/2008
- Anu Kumar (new position) Health Assistant (#209300), Rancho Cordova Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/1/2008
- Jessica Miller (replacement) EIP Child Assistant (#206571), White Rock Elem., 3 hours daily/9.0 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 11/17/2008
- Earlyn Robinson (replacement) Campus Monitor (#200149), Vista Del Lago High, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 11/17/2008
- Karin Sangermano (replacement) Health Assistant (#991117), Williamson Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/1/2008
- Laura Sims (new position) Library Clerk (#209423), Cordova Gardens Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 12/9/2008
- Patricia Tipton (replacement) IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990750), Cordova Lane Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/1/2008
- Christina Toruno (replacement) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#208548), Blanche Sprentz Elem., 9.45 hours per week/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step C. Effective: 12/1/2008
- Maria Velazco (new position/rehire) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#209396), Family Support Services, 3.9 hours daily/12 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 11/26/2008
- Lynette Yoes (replacement) Health Assistant (#991109), Cordova Gardens Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/1/2008

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Kathy Crockett (replacement) Account Clerk II, Vista del Lago High, 8 hours daily/10.5 months to Fiscal Services (#207143), 4 hours daily/12 months and Accounts Payable Dept., (#991226), 4 hours daily/12 months. Effective: 11/24/2008
- Jessica Ernandes (hours increase) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#208581), Youth Opportunity, from 5.75 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 9/10/2008
- Jocelyn Hammerstrom (replacement) Sutter Middle, from IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range 10/Step E to School Clerk-Secondary (# 209550), 6 hours daily/10 months, Range 12/Step E. Effective: 11/1/2008
- Susan Ishimaru (hours increase) Staff Support Specialist (209543), Elementary Intervention Program, from 8 hours weekly to 16 hours weekly. Effective: 10/20/2008
- Hai Tran (hours increase) Food Service Worker I (#206642), White Rock Elem., from 6 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 12/1/2008
- June Wallace (hours increase) IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#209318), Riverview Elem., from 10 hours weekly to 12 hours weekly. Effective: 1/1/2009
- Cathy Webster (hours increase) Food Service Worker I (#206642), White Rock Elem., from 6 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 12/1/2008
- Elaine Wilcoxon (replacement) Sutter Middle, from In-School Suspension Assistant, 3.5 hours per day/9 months to IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990748), 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months. Effective: 12/1/2008

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Mitch Kimball, Custodian (#991195), Folsom High, reason: medical. Effective: 12/1/2008 through 4/1/2009

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Brenda Archer, Student Care Center Assistant (#208247), Navigator Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 11/5/2008
- Christopher Hill, Building & Grounds Utilityworker (#991157), Maintenance Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 11/21/2008
- Allison Kielty, Student Care Center Assistant (#209254), Russell Ranch Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 12/19/2008
- Shelley Notareus, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#206583), Folsom Middle, reason: personal. Effective: 11/21/2008
- Trevor Quinn, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209215), Russell Ranch Elem., reason: education. Effective: 11/21/2008
- JoAnne Reinking, IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990755), Oak Chan Elem., reason: elected to the Board of Trustees. Effective: 12/1/2008.
- Shawn Sloan, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209241), Cordova High, reason: personal. Effective: 10/28/2008
- Jenna Staley, IASA Instructional Assistant (#208300), STARS Program, reason: education. Effective: 12/19/2008

CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT

- Gary Richardson, Bus Driver (#207594), Transportation Department. Effective: 12/1/2008
Gary was hired as a Bus Driver for the Transportation Department on October 8, 1998. He retires from the District with ten years of service to the District.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton noted that Mr. Shaw had an announcement to make. Mr. Shaw said he had just returned from the California School Boards Association (CSBA) annual conference where Cordova High School was awarded the prestigious Golden Bell Award for their CTE Academy. Principal Levy, teacher Chris Almeida, Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos, and Ms. Stanley were in attendance as well. Mr. Shaw brought back the award and presented it to Ms. Levy along with congratulations.

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS (0809-103)

A. Certificate of Facts – Election Results

The Certificate of Facts of the November 4, 2008, election was reviewed by Superintendent Godwin and verified for accuracy.

B. Certificate of Election and Oath of Office

Superintendent Godwin administered the Oath of Office to Teresa Stanley and JoAnne Reinking and presented each with a Certificate of Election. Each was instructed to sign their Oath of Office card and return it to the Board Secretary to ensure filing with the Sacramento County Clerk.

C. Election of Officers for 2009

President Benton explained that Vice President Short would open the nominations for President of the Board.

Vice President Short opened nominations for President of the Board.

Ms. Stanley nominated Mr. Short

No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed.

Ed Short was elected President of the Board by a unanimous vote.

President Short opened nominations for Vice President of the Board.

Mr. Benton nominated Ms. Stanley.

No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed.

Teresa Stanley was elected Vice President of the Board by a unanimous vote.

President Short opened nominations for Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Benton nominated Ms. Reinking.

No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed.

JoAnne Reinking was elected Clerk of the Board by a unanimous vote.

President Short opened nominations for Board Representative to the Sacramento County Board of Education.

Mr. Benton nominated Mr. Shaw.

No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed.

Richard Shaw was elected Board representative to the Sacramento County Board of Education by a unanimous vote.

D. Dates, Times, and Places of Regular Board Meetings for January 2009 – December 2009

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO ADOPT the proposed calendar of Board Meetings for January 2009 – December 2009

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Volunteers for Committees

Staff Committees

Elementary Curriculum Advisory Committee: Benton/Reinking

Secondary Curriculum Advisory Committee: Shaw/Stanley

Fiscal Advisory Committee: Shaw

Audit Committee: Reinking/Short

Education Specs Committee, Rancho: Shaw/Short

Parent District Advisory Committee: Reinking/Shaw

Student Advisory Board: Reinking/Shaw

School Health Advisory Committee: Benton/Reinking

Community Committees

Folsom Cordova Community Partnership: This committee will be removed from the list.

Ms. Stanley noted that the bylaws of this committee were changed, and they no longer require a District Board member as one of their own board members. She is resigning her position.

Ms. Reinking will think about applying for the FCCP board.

Cordova Parks & Recreation District: Short

Folsom Parks & Recreation District: Shaw

Cordova Community Council: Benton/Reinking

District Healthy Start Community Collaborative Committee: Shaw

PTA Council: Reinking/Short

Liaison to City of Folsom Joint Coordination: Short/Stanley (Shaw alternate)

Liaison to City of Rancho Cordova Joint Coordination: Short/Stanley (Shaw alternate)

Liaison to City of Folsom Planning Commission: Reinking/Stanley

Liaison to Rancho Cordova Planning Commission: Short

Liaison to Folsom Chamber: To be determined by the Chamber:

Liaison to Rancho Cordova Chamber: To be determined by the Chamber

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

National Board Certification Program – Ginny Bateman

Superintendent Godwin introduced Ginny Bateman. Ms. Bateman introduced the eleven teachers who have recently completed the National Board Certification Program.

President Short assisted Ms. Bateman in presenting pins of acknowledgement to Deborah Rasmussen, Dena Reeve, Kelly Hillesland, Jamie Emerick, Mary Golden, Sara Reagan, Cristy Wilkerson, Vickie Morgan, Lori Emmington, and Kristen Quinton. Kim Moore was not present. Also introduced was National Board Outreach Coordinator Kay Garcia who praised the teachers and noted that Folsom Cordova was lucky, indeed, to have Ginny Bateman in charge of this program. Sara Reagan and Jamie Emerick very briefly addressed the Board.

Trustees expressed their pride in these teachers, congratulated them for their accomplishments, and commended Ms. Bateman for her tireless work on the program. Ms. Reinking said she hopes that at some point in time, National Board Certified teachers might be recognized on the pay scale.

Meeting recessed at 6:34 p.m. for a reception for newly elected Board members, officers, and the National Board Certified teachers.

Meeting reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

BENTON/STANLEY MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0809-104)

Kathryn Allaman, Principal, Folsom High School

- Introduced Donna Thompson, Folsom High PTSA President. They recognized a \$30,000 donation to Folsom High by the Dyer Family Foundation. The family requested that the funds be used for a new computer lab for the Folsom High digital arts program.

Blaine White, District counselor

- Welcomed Ms. Reinking and congratulated new Board officers.
- Expressed appreciation for the Board's commitment to supporting a comprehensive counseling program for students and families and asked that they look for ways to continue funding the counseling program.

Donna Burnett – Counselor, Vista del Lago

- Updated the Board on the 4x4 schedule at Vista del Lago High School and shared some of their students' successes.

Janet Huddle – Rancho Cordova resident

- Addressed the Board on the possible 4x4 schedule for Cordova High School and offered some suggestions that could also be used along with the 4x4 schedule to improve student success at Cordova High.
- Cautioned the Board about adverse consequences for students who take too many Accelerated College Entrance (ACE) courses.
- Asked the Board to be open to suggestions from all interested parties as they review the 4x4 plan.

Pat Poremba, Folsom resident

- Shared with the Board her perception of the relationship between the Board and its constituents, which she believes is very poor.
- Parents feel left out of the process. Some of her concerns were that parents don't know about agenda items until just before Board meetings when the agenda is published, the District website is not up-to-date, and parents don't have an opportunity to talk with the Board about critical issues.
- Offered suggestions for improving the Board-community relationship, including newsletters and interactive forums.

President Short took this opportunity to present Mr. Benton with a plaque in appreciation of his "kindness, big heart, compassion, enthusiasm, humor, commitment, and efforts for the students, parents, and staff of the Folsom Cordova Unified School District."

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0809-105)

Student Advisory Board – Kelli Davis Student Board Member, reported on the following:

- The last meeting was held on December 2 at Cordova High School. It was a short meeting since December tends to be a slow month on campuses. Lea Rathbun was their guest speaker. The next meeting is on January 13, 2009.

PTA Council:

- Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos reported that at their last meeting, they discussed nominations for board members for next year, Ms. Levy offered Cordova High highlights, and they held their Christmas Social.

California School Employees Association – President Steve Hanson:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Mark Schultz:

- Thanked Mr. Shaw and Mr. Short for coming to their annual school board/teacher association dinner in November.
- His goal is to create an informal meeting format in which teachers and Board members can get together on a somewhat regular basis to talk about issues and get to know each other.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Mike Shepherd:

- Highlighted some recent activities for professional development, including a grant for which Mather Heights Elementary is applying, through the University of Oregon, for the “Systematic Supervision for Elementary Schools.”

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

BENTON/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-106 – Administrative Matters

A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2008

0809-107 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund and Other Funds
- C. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification
- D. Approve Memorandum of Understanding: County of Sacramento (Mental Health) and Folsom Cordova Unified School District Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)
- E. Adopt Resolution No. 12-11-08-14: Bus Replacement through the Clean Bus Program
- F. Adopt Resolution No. 12-11-08-15: Approve 2008/09 Child Development Contract CIMS-8451 – Instructional Materials

0809-108 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Recommendation: Case Number: 0809-22(S)

0809-22(S)

Expel through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Community Charter School (per parent request) through the end of the 3rd trimester of the 2008-2009 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

B. Approve Waiver of the Successful Passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

C. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom and Sutter Middle School Jazz Band to the Reno Jazz Festival in Reno, Nevada

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0809-109 – Approve 2008/2009 First Interim Financial Report, Period Ending October 31, 2008

Superintendent Godwin introduced Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt. Ms. Bettencourt talked about the state’s budget crisis and how it affects Folsom Cordova. Things are at an impasse, and we still don’t know what mid-year cuts will have to be made. She explained the purpose of interim financial reports and offered four scenarios for the general fund’s multi-year projection. She noted that for the first time in FCUSD history, special education’s encroachment on the general fund for 2008/09 has declined. She congratulated Maureen Burness and her staff for their part in this.

Multi-year projection assumptions and scenarios:

Assumptions for all scenarios

- No enrollment growth
- 20 retirements with replacements
- No new positions
- Step and column costs for all employees in both years (\$1.5 million cost each yr)
- 5% increase in benefit costs
- Goal to maintain 3% required reserve

Scenario A

- No enrollment growth
- No COLA 2009/10
- No State cuts to education
- 3.5% COLA 2010/11; no negotiated raises
- Use all “swept” amounts
- Use \$1.4 m (IOU) of site/grant carryover amounts in 2009/10
- Use remaining \$1.7 m (IOU \$3.1m) of site/grant carryover amount in 2010/11
- Still need to cut \$2.5 million in 2010/11

Scenario B

- No enrollment growth
- No COLA 2009/10
- No State cuts to education
- 3.5% COLA 2010/11; 2.0% negotiated raises
- Use all “swept” amounts
- Use \$1.4 m (IOU) of site/grant carryover amounts in 2009/10
- Use remaining \$1.7 m (IOU \$3.1m total) of site/grant carryover amount in 2010/11
- Need to cut \$4.5 million in 2010/11

Scenario C

- No enrollment growth
- No COLA 2009/10
- No State cuts to education
- No State COLA; no negotiated raises
- Use all “swept” amounts
- Use \$1.4 m (IOU) of site/grant carryover amounts in 2009/10
- Use remaining \$1.7 m (IOU \$3.1m total) of site/grant carryover amount in 2010/11
- Need to cut \$6.2 million in 2010/11

Scenario D

- No enrollment growth
- No COLA 2009/10
- 2.0% State Cut to Base Revenue Limit
- No State COLAs; no negotiated raises
- Use all “swept” amounts
- Use ALL site/grant carryover amounts in 2009/10 (IOU \$3.1 million)
- Need to cut \$10.5 million in 2010/11

Ms. Bettencourt said the Board had to make a decision tonight to:

- certify that the District is solvent for this year and the next two years, with cuts effective July 1, 2010, based on Scenario A,
- go qualified, which means we may have a problem in one or more years, or
- have a negative filing, which means we won't be able to meet this year's or one of the next two years' obligations.

Ms. Reinking asked Ms. Bettencourt to explain what ‘qualified’ and ‘negative’ means for the District.

Ms. Stanley said a lot of districts are going qualified because they believe it might send a message to the state that further cuts to education are going to cause some to drop to negative or worse. She asked if there would be a benefit for us to do that.

Ms. Bettencourt said it is the Board's prerogative to do that, but she doesn't recommend it because we don't have enough facts to make that determination yet.

Mr. Shaw thought staff's recommendation was appropriate.

Mr. Benton offered that we have to hope for the best, but expect the worse. Kids are the reason we exist.

BENTON/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the 2008/2009 First Interim Financial Report certifying that Folsom Cordova Unified School District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the 2008/2009 fiscal year and two subsequent years with budget cuts effective July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010.

Ms. Stanley asked what will happen if the state runs out of cash.

Ms. Bettencourt responded that, for cash flow, we are already starting to tighten our belt. We are fortunate to be able to do some temporary internal borrowing for a short period from bond funds and Fund 40. If the state truly runs out of money, it's not just a cash flow issue; all districts will be in trouble.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0809-110 – 2008/09 Budget Update

No new information to present.

Ms. Stanley offered that CSBA and the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) have approved a lawsuit against the state to obtain adequate funding for schools. She's not sure when it will be filed. The coalition has decided to continue their "no cuts" theme. Additionally, they are talking about not offering any solutions to the state's problem...they're leaving it to the state to figure out.

Regular Board Meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.

I. Call to Order

President Short called to order the annual meeting of the Folsom Cordova Schools Financing Corporation at 7:50 p.m.

II. Approve Minutes of the December 13, 2007, Meeting

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the minutes of the December 13, 2007, meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Status Reports of Projects

Superintendent Godwin reported: No new status reports.

IV. Public Comments

No one came forward.

V. Corporation Officers

President Short stated that the bylaws provide that the officers remain the same as the Board of Education, and let the record reflect the following officers are:

President: Ed Short
Vice President: Teresa Stanley
Clerk: JoAnne Reinking
Member: Roger Benton
Member: Richard Shaw

VI. Other Business

No new business.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 7:52 p.m.

0809-111 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin reported.

- Welcomed Ms. Reinking and welcomed back Ms. Stanley.
- Ran across a record of a 1992/1993 study by the California Department of Education that showed California 39th out 50 states in education funding and only \$989 below the national average. The problem has existed for two decades.
- At the December 6, 2008, Delta College Jazz Festival, the Folsom High jazz kids had a great showing with their A, B, and D bands taking 1st places and their C band taking 2nd place. The middle school band (Folsom and Sutter) took first place in their division. Congratulated all.
- Happy Holidays, and store up some good will...we'll need it when we come back.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0809-112 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Kelli Davis

- Thanked the District and the Board for the opportunity to attend the CSBA conference again this year. She will share with SAB the ideas and things she learned.

Mr. Shaw

- Congratulated new officers.
- Noted that since the last Board meeting, \$71,000 has been donated to the District by various individuals and corporations. Intel, alone, has donated \$24,000 in the last month. Really amazing.
- This year's CSBA conference had a somber tone to it. Substantially less attendees. A lot of talk about money.
- CSBA and ACSA are filing suit against California for not adequately funding education. Realizes this is basically to make a statement. They don't expect a financial reward, but want to make it known that education is hurting badly.
- Had to brag once more about the Golden Bell Award. Districts compete very hard for that award, and when other districts win, we can say, almost to a district, that we do the same thing. Our Golden Bell awards have been for truly innovative programs.

Ms. Reinking

- Thanked everyone – parents, teachers, staff – for allowing her to serve on the Board.
- Regarding Ms. Poremba’s address about district and board transparency...she heard that repeatedly in her campaign. It is her priority to improve it.
- Attended Folsom Middle School’s site council meeting. Was impressed with the presentation Karen Knight made regarding their attempts to find where their achievement gaps are.
- Plans to visit schools regularly. Her first visit was to Mitchell Middle School. Principal Berns was accommodating, and his energy is amazing.
- Heard that if you buy a Christmas tree on Sutter Street, \$10 will go toward funding the bleachers at Vista del Lago High.

Ms. Stanley

- Reported on two of the sessions she attended at the CSBA conference – one on researched-based education and one on closing the achievement gap.
- The Golden Bell Award was fabulous. She’s glad Cordova High people could be there. It is an honor.
- Attended the National Board Certified teacher dinner. Very enjoyable.
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Mr. Benton

- Great to hear about the Golden Bell award. Congratulated Cordova High.
- It’s phenomenal to have such great teachers in this district who go above and beyond. Congratulated the National Board Certified teachers.
- While he was still president, he thought it would be a good idea to divide all the schools and district sites up among the Trustees so that they might visit their assigned sites maybe once a month or so. He hopes that can be implemented.
- Congratulated Ms. Reinking and Ms. Stanley on their elections.
- Thanked everyone for their support and friendship during this past, very trying year. Said folks helped more than they could ever know.
- Wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Mr. Short

- Congratulated Ms. Reinking, Ms. Stanley, the new officers.
- Recently attended LEED’s Convergence event. It was about global education and 21st Century skills. Speakers were very interesting.
- Very proud of the Golden Bell Award.
- National Board teachers are really something great – and we have 39 of them.
- Noted Ms. Reinking’s comments about Board transparency. There is room for improvement, and it is important.
- Recapped the 2x2 meetings with Folsom and Rancho Cordova:
 - Folsom
 - Rezoning of current district office site.
 - Location for Folsom Lake High School
 - Vista del Lago pool – city might move aquatic programs there. Partnership?
 - Rancho Cordova
 - Debbie Bettencourt will serve on the Rancho Chamber Board.
 - CHS 4x4
- Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

INFORMATION

0809-113 - Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2009, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for December 11, 2008.

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:00 p.m.
Recessed Meeting for Reception	6:34 p.m.
Reconvened	6:48 p.m.
Recessed for Financing Corporation	
Annual Meeting	7:50 p.m.
Reconvened	7:52 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

JoAnne Reinking, Clerk of the Board