

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

September 4, 2008

MINUTES

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

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

September 4, 2008

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

5:30 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)

President Short announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:35 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Library)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in Library)

Meeting convened at 6:01 p.m. President Benton called the meeting to order. District Public Information Officer Heather McGowan 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.

He also announced that the Board approved the administrative appointment of Principal Jon Wallace to Director of State and Federal Programs.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- Casey Dobson, Teacher (#991644), Mills Middle School, Internship Credential (Project Pipeline) Mathematics; BA; Class 1 Step 1.
- Melissa Marcucci, Teacher (#209588), Cordova High School, Preliminary Single Subject Science Physics/Biological Sciences, Supplementary Authorization Physical Education; BS/MA +4; Class 3 Step 2.
- Tina Magorian, Special Education Teacher (#202003), Sutter Middle School, Internship Education Specialist Credential; BA; Class 1 Step 1.

- Carol Robbins Goray, Special Education Teacher (#206062), Cordova High School, Clear Education Specialist Credential, CLAD; BA+44.89/MS+26; Class 5 Step 10.
- Linda Smith, Special Education Teacher (#209204), Cordova High School, Clear Education Specialist Credential; BA+31/MS +31.25; Class 5 Step 10.
- Heather Strobel, Special Education Teacher (#990301), Cordova Gardens Elementary School, Internship Education Specialist Credential; BA+87; Class 1 Step 2.
- Nikka Vaughn, Counselor (#991650, #208514), 60% Mills Middle School/20% Cordova High School, Clear Pupil Personnel Services Credential; BA+51/MS; Class 3 Step2.

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

- Robert Humphrey, Teacher (#209351), 33% Vista del Lago High School; Single Subject English Credential; BA+30/MA; Class 3 Step 1.

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

- Melissa Groshong, Teacher (#202523), 50% Empire Oaks Elementary School, Clear Multiple Subject Credential, CLAD; BA+45.66; Class 3 Step 3.
- Kimberly Knecht, Teacher (#990123), White Rock Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject Credential; BA+54; Class 4 Step 3.
- Catherine Lamb, Teacher (#209585), Sutter Middle School, Clear Multiple Subject Credential; BA+62/ME; Class 5 Step 3.
- Stephanie Perlstein, Teacher (#209580), Cordova Villa Elementary School, Clear Multiple Subject Credential; BA+60; Class 4 Step 8.
- Heather Quintrall, Teacher (#209325), Mather Heights Elementary School, Preliminary Multiple Subject Credential; BA+45; Class 4 Step 3.
- Brian Schaubmayer, Teacher (#209591), 60% Folsom High School, Preliminary Single Subject Art Credential; BA+64; Class 4 Step 2.
- Kelly Weske, Teacher (#209326), Rancho Cordova Elementary School, Clear Multiple Subject Credential; BA+73; Class 4 Step 4.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- John Bliss, Vice Principal (#209288), From: 100% Teacher, Cordova High School To: 100% Vice Principal, Folsom High School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Alison Bowles, Teacher (#990123), From: White Rock Elementary School To: Gold Ridge Elementary School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Rogeen Cortrite, Counselor (#207105, #207121) From: 80% Mather Youth Academy/20% Kinney High School. To: 80% Mather Youth Academy/20% Sutter Middle School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.
- Nancy McDonald, Counselor (#991650, #991689, #209594), From: 100% Mills Middle School To: 60% Mitchell Middle School/40% Mills Middle School. Effective: 2008/2009 school year.

CERTIFICATED APPOINTMENT

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

- Glenda Hartman, (#201326), Carl Sundahl Elementary School

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the following administrative appointment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Jon Wallace, (#201320). From: Principal, Folsom Hills Elementary School; To: Director of State & Federal Programs, Granite. Effective: TBD

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Michael Adelson (new position) Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (#209280), Student Support Services, 5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL24/Step D. Effective: 8/21/2008
- Madonna Beattie (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201368), Russell Ranch Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step B. Effective: 9/2/2008

- Laura Curry (replacement) School Clerk-Secondary (#206056, #208183), Cordova High, 5 hours daily/10 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 8/26/2008
- Erika Garcia (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209210), Cordova High, 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 8/28/2008
- Courtney Harrison (replacement) Computer Instructional Assistant (#205097), Empire Oaks Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step B. Effective: 8/18/2008
- Lauren Johnson (replacement) Preschool Instructional Assistant (#990903), Rancho Cordova Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 8/18/2008
- Janice Lopes (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#203060), Cordova Meadows Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/18/2008
- Nancy McCain (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209218), Folsom Hills Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step E. Effective: 8/15/2008
- Karen McCrory (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209205), Natoma Station Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 8/11/2008
- Tracy McKnight (replacement/second position) IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990744), Peter J. Shields Elem., 8 hours weekly/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step B. Effective: 8/21/2008
- Linzy Mica (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#991405), Cordova Lane Elem., 2.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/19/2008
- Karen Passerino (new position) Physical Therapist (#209223), Student Support Services, 8 hours daily/11 months, Range CL57/Step E. Effective: 9/8/2008
- Trevor Quinn (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204026), Russell Ranch Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 8/11/2008
- Holly Renshaw (replacement) Administrative Assistant I (#209574), Family Support Services, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL18/Step A. Effective: 9/20/2008
- James Shumway (replacement) Custodian (#991181), Sutter Middle, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 8/25/2008
- Kristen Smith (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209257), Folsom Hills Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 8/14/2008
- Douglas Weill (replacement/temporary) Computer Instructional Assistant (#207095), Carl Sundahl Elem., 15 hours weekly, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 9/27/2008 through 5/28/2009
- Leticia Williams (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201311), Mills Middle, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step C. Effective: 8/11/2008
- Florence Woolford (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#208565), Cordova High, 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 8/11/2008

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Kelly Blessen (hours decrease) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209570), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., from 4.5 hours daily to 4 hours daily. Effective: 8/25/2008
- Cathi Cassidy (replacement) from Administrative Assistant-Comprehensive MS, Mitchell Middle, 8 hours daily/11 months, Range CL22/Step E to School Clerk-Secondary (#200252), Folsom Middle, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step E. Effective: 7/1/2008
- Judith Ceja (hours reduction) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209571), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., From 4.5 hours daily to 4 hours daily. Effective: 8/25/2008
- Primi Chagolla (new position) from Folsom High, Custodian, 4 hours daily, Range CL14/Step D and Grounds-worker, 4 hours daily/Range CL16/Step D to Vista del Lago, Building & Grounds Utility-worker (#209258), 8 hours daily, Range CL18/Step D. Effective: 8/25/2008
- Sherrie Chretien (replacement) from In School Suspension Assistant, Cordova High, 3.9 hours daily/9 months, Range CL09/Step A to Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202123), Sutter Middle, 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 9/1/2008
- Keith Elliott (replacement) from Custodian, Vista del Lago, Range CL14/Step C to Head Custodian I (#991238), Gold Ridge Elem., Range CL20/Step D. Effective: 8/18/2008
- John Gallagher (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#203181), Carl Sundahl Elem., from 3 hours daily to 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 9/1/2008
- Jo Anne Graham (replacement) Adult Education Dept., from Administrative Assistant I, Range CL18 to Administrative Assistant II (#206654), Range CL21. Effective: 9/30/2008
- Naira Grigoryan (hours decrease) Computer Instructional Assistant (#209572), Peter J. Shields Elem., from 12.5 hours weekly to 10 hours weekly. Effective: 9/2/2008
- Cindy Hilmer (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#205090), from Mitchell Middle, 6 hours daily to Rancho Cordova Elem., 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 8/11/2008

- Sara Johnson (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209212), from Cordova Meadows Elem., 5.5 hours daily, Range CL10 to Peter J. Shields Elem., 5.75 hours daily, Range CL12. Effective: 8/11/2008
- Doris Korman (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209235), from Rancho Cordova Elem., 3.5 hours daily to Vista del Lago, 5.75 hours daily. Effective: 8/11/2008
- Diana Lambert (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209208), from Blanche Sprentz Elem., 6.5 hours daily, Range CL10 to Peter J. Shields, 6 hours daily, Range CL12. Effective: 8/13/2008
- Pamela Moore (hours increase/replacement FTE) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#205066) Folsom Hills Elem., from 4.5 hours daily to 5.5 hours daily. Effective: 8/11/2008
- Madhavi Tangella (hours increase/replacement FTE) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#207605), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., from 5.5 hours to 5.75 hours. Effective: 8/11/2008

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Sam Borger, Mechanic II (#205563), Transportation and Equipment Repair Technician (#991272), Maintenance, reason: personal. Effective: 8/26/2008
- Sean Hook, Student Care Center Assistant (#206074), Carl Sundahl Elem., reason: personal. Effective: 8/10/2008
- Eva Kelley, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#205579), Cordova High, reason: relocation. Effective: 8/22/2008
- Dara Kirby, School Clerk-Secondary (#990701), Folsom Middle, reason: personal. Effective: 8/1/2008
- Kathy O'Brien, Food Service Worker I (#202545), Oak Chan Elem., reason: other employment. Effective: 8/29/2008

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Benton recognized three individuals in the audience who are candidates for the two Board seats in the upcoming election. He asked them to introduce themselves. Present were Dyarl Abdo, Joanne Reinking, and Kumar Kalagara. He also recognized Trustee Teresa Stanley who is running for reelection.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (0809-031)

Dave Werra, District teacher and lead negotiator for FCEA

- Looks forward to working with Marty Baumann on negotiations this year.
- Regarding the current teacher shortage due to the state's budget: Some teachers have a student load of 175. Is worried that next year, and in the future, that number will become the goal rather than the maximum.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS (0809-032)

Student Advisory Board – Kelli Davis, Student Board Member

- The calendar of SAB meetings has been distributed. Meeting days were changed from Wednesdays to Tuesdays so that management can attend if they want. The first meeting will be on September 16, at 9:30 a.m., at Folsom Middle School. Approval of bylaws is on the agenda.

PTA Council:

- Mr. Benton reported on the membership drive.

California School Employees Association – President Steve Hanson:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Mark Schultz:

- Thanked Superintendent Godwin for meeting with him last week to discuss some issues regarding his organization.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Michael Shepherd:

- Highlighted some recent activities of FCAA members.
- Congratulated Jon Wallace on her appointment.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-033 – Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 21, 2008
- B. Change the Number of Resolution No. 08-21-08-05 to 08-21-08-08

0809-034 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Adopt Resolution No. 09-04-08-09: GANN Limit

0809-035 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Recommendation: Case Number: 0809-1(S)

0809-1(S)

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

- B. Approve Interagency Agreement between: Sacramento Employment and Training Agency, Head Start, and the Five Sacramento County Special Education Local Plan Areas
- C. Approve SELPA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between: Alta California Regional Center, Elk Grove Unified School District SELPA, Folsom Cordova Unified School District SELPA, Sacramento City Unified School District SELPA, Sacramento County SELPA, San Juan Unified School District SELPA, and Warmline Family Resource Center for Part C of IDEA
- D. Approve Administrative Panel Participants for Student Expulsion Hearings
- E. Approve New Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee Member

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0809-036 – Approve 2007/08 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report: Actual Revenues and Expenditures Reported on the Annual State Budget Form, Form 01, and Other Funds for the State of California

Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt:

- Reviewed the items the state requires of all districts.
- Noted that transportation costs include \$723 per regular education student and \$4,622 per special education student. Of the \$8,500 we receive for each special education student, half of that goes to transport each special education student.
- For the first time since 2003/2004, the District deficit spent last year. The amount was \$781,000.
- Expects revenues to be down 2.9% from last year and may deficit spend \$2.5 million in 2008/2009.
- Reviewed department 2007/2008 revenues, expenses, reserves, and ending balances. Expects ending balances for 2008/2009 to decrease.

Mr. Shaw

- Asked about federal reimbursement for special education transportation and what the District was doing proactively to cut down on utility expenses.

Mr. Short

- Asked for clarification regarding other local revenues.

Ms. Stanley

- From the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) numbers, it looks like we are a declining enrollment district.
- Asked about special education encroachment on the general fund even after we've become our own SELPA.
- Asked about the District's funding of retiree benefits and if that was mandated by law.

Ms. Bettencourt responded:

- No, we do not get federal reimbursement for special education transportation.
- We are hiring someone to help with energy conservation programs. Any money schools save through conservation will go back to the schools.
- Expects District enrollment to be flat.
- Becoming our own SELPA was a great financial benefit to the District and a benefit to students. Thanked Ms. Burness.
- Funding retiree benefits is not required by law; however, not having a plan to fund benefits can affect bond ratings. The Board chose to be proactive and implemented the Retiree Benefit Trust Fund and the 1% surcharge on all payrolls. To fully fund retiree benefits, the District will have to contribute over 2% on all payrolls.

SHORT/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE the 2007/08 unaudited actuals financial report as submitted.

Public Comment:

Mark Schultz

- Questioned why cell tower revenues don't go into the general fund.

Ms. Bettencourt responded that it was decided long ago that designated cell tower revenues would go to replace synthetic turf at school sites. The Board at that time took another proactive approach, knowing that turf would need to be replaced and that we wouldn't receive revenues for that. Folsom High will be due for turf replacement in about five years, and it generally costs about \$2 million.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Godwin stated we are very fortunate to have Debbie Bettencourt and her staff. These financial reports are very complicated, and they are presented in a very clear way that is easy to understand.

DISCUSSION

0809-037 – 2008 Summer School Report

Assistant Superintendent Secondary Instruction Janie DeArcos and Assistant Superintendent Elementary Instruction Leslie Faust offered answers to any questions the Board might have regarding summer school.

Ms. Stanley

- Noted that most of summer school this year was for the purpose of intervention of some sort. Asked if it is known how successful it was.

Ms. Faust replied that they did a pre-assessment last spring and an assessment at the end of the summer school session. Summer school was a targeted instructional plan, and assessments were done just on the targets of math and reading fluency/comprehension. They didn't show a lot of change, but at least didn't go backwards. Showed positive results in almost all cases.

Mr. Short

- Under the secondary principals' comments, it looks like the suggestion is for the 9th grade transition to Algebra class, which was piloted this year, to be repeated and expanded next year. What would that look like?

Ms. DeArcos responded that the Cordova High School math teachers opted to pilot a bridge program that would prepare pre-algebra students for 9th grade Algebra 1. Students will be tracked this school year to see if the bridge program was effective. Ms. DeArcos said they would add another section next year and maybe bring the class to Folsom as well.

REPORTS

0809-038 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- Mr. Godwin jokingly said he would take a vow of silence until the state passes a budget.

B. Correspondence to the Board - None

C. District Committees - None

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0809-039 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

- Ms. Davis – no report.

Ms. McCormick

- Congratulated Ms. Wallace on her appointment and said she will be terrific.
- Enjoyed the Teacher of the Year program last night.
- Glad to see Ms. Davis feeling well after her surgery.

Mr. Short

- Reported on the Folsom and Rancho Cordova 2x2 meetings:
Folsom discussions included:
 - Bleachers at Vista del Lago;
 - Elementary school libraries;
 - Stage 2 water alert to take effect tomorrow, September 5, 2008; and
 - Plan to park District buses in Folsom and erect a fence around a portion of the District office parking lot to safely accommodate them.
 - Mr. Godwin noted that the fence has been postponed for now because of the \$15,000 cost and the unsightliness of it. We will try parking buses on the lot and see what happens.

Rancho Cordova discussions included:

- A proposed teen center;
- Follow up on school bond construction oversight;
- Management of feral cat overpopulation; and

- Local comments regarding a 4x4 schedule that is being considered for Cordova High School. There will soon be a public forum in Rancho Cordova to address that issue.

Mr. Shaw

- Thanked Ms. Bettencourt for the presentation tonight.
- Even though there are a lot of students in classes, and teachers are working hard, it seems to be working because everything was out in the open and everyone knows that we're in a mess that we didn't create. People seem to understand. He's not hearing a lot of complaints.
- Congratulated our District's Teacher of the Year Mary Jo Novak. Enjoyed the event last night.

Ms. Stanley

- Congratulated Ms. Wallace and conveyed her best wishes.
- Has observed that the teachers at Vista del Lago High are a very positive bunch. All are responsive to parents and helpful about offering solutions to issues. They seem genuinely happy to be there. Great to see.

Mr. Benton

- Thanked Ms. Bettencourt for her amazing presentation.
- Good to see Kelli feeling better.
- Nice to see the Board candidates at the meeting and thanked them for coming.
- Announced he won't be at the next Board meeting. He has to attend a job-related convention.
- Congratulated Heather McGowan and wished her good luck on her new job.

Superintendent Godwin announced that API scores were released from embargo today, and there will be a report at the next Board meeting.

B. Pending Board Requests

C. District Committees

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

INFORMATION

0809-040 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Folsom

0809-041 - Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2008, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for September 4, 2008:

Open Session	5:30 p.m.
Closed Session	5:35 p.m.
Open Session	6:01 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

Mary McCormick, Clerk of the Board