

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

January 15, 2009

MINUTES

Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
Mills Middle School
Cafetorium
10439 Coloma Road
Rancho Cordova, California 95670

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

January 15, 2009

Board members present: Ed Short, Teresa Stanley, JoAnne Reinking, Roger Benton (absent for Closed Session), Richard Shaw, and Student Kelli Davis

5:00 p.m. – Open Session CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 3)
President Short 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 6:08 p.m. President Short called the meeting to order. Leroy Tripette 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. Dismissal of certificated employee tabled until the next meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton absent)

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

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

- Patricia Hamilton, Teacher (#990072), Folsom Hills Elementary, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/Supplementary Authorization Business/English Learner Credential; BS + 62/MA; Class 5, Step 2. Effective: 01/07/2009.
- Bret Harnden, Teacher (#991580), Sutter Middle School, Professional Clear Single Subject Agriculture/Supplementary Authorization Biological & Geoscience/CLAD Credential; BS + 64 2/3; Class 4, Step 7. Effective: 01/05/2009.
- Jennifer Sandfort, Teacher (#990013), Gold Ridge Elementary, Preliminary Multiple Subject/General Subjects/CLAD Credential; BA + 33/MA + 21; Class 5, Step 7. Effective: 12/12/2008.

CERTIFICATED VOLUNTARY REDUCTION IN ASSIGNMENT

- Katherine Tuscano, Nurse (#992019), Health Services From: 80% To: 60%. Effective: 12/1/2008.

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Patti Morton, Nurse (#992021), Health Services From: 60% To: 80%. Effective: 8/1/2008.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Paula Alexander, Teacher (#990013), Gold Ridge Elementary, 100% Medical Leave of Absence. Effective: 11/17/2008 through 5/31/2009.
- Nicole Thompson, Teacher (#201340), Folsom High School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 1/5/2009 through 5/29/2009.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATED:

- Tiressa Briggs, Adult Education Teacher (#209402), 25% Adult Education, reason: personal. Tiressa was hired on January 16, 2004, and has been employed 5 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 1/30/2009.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton absent)

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Janet Arnold (new position) Library Clerk (#209426), Williamson Elem., 2.4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Marco Bolanos (replacement) Custodian (#991205), Folsom High, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 12/8/2008
- Denise Bonal (replacement) IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#209614), Blanche Sprentz Elem., 1.40 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step C. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Denise Bonal (replacement) School Clerk-Elementary (#204103), Blanche Sprentz Elem., 2.5 hours daily/10 months, Range CL12/Step C. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Luis Camacho (replacement) Building & Grounds Utility Worker (#991157), Maintenance Dept., 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL18/Step D. Effective: 12/22/2008
- Yolanda Goff (replacement) IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#990755), Oak Chan Elem., 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/9/2008
- Michael Harding (replacement) Building & Grounds Utility Worker (#209577), Folsom High, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL18/Step A. Effective: 12/22/2008
- Angela Juline (new position) Library Clerk (#209428), Sandra J. Gallardo Elem., 4.25 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 12/8/2008
- Larisa Levko (new position) Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#209396), Family Support Services, 3.9 hours daily/12 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 12/29/2008
- Dawn Morley (replacement) Administrative Assistant I (#201469), Adult Education, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL18/Step A. Effective: 12/29/2008
- Mohammad Namee (replacement) Relief Bus Driver (#206656), Transportation Dept., 4 hours daily/9.5 months, Range TR16/Step A. Effective: 12/10/2008
- Lesle O'Connor (replacement) Food Service Worker I (#991391), Cordova Gardens Elem., 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL05/Step A. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Jean Peterson (replacement) APP Instructional Assistant (#209341), Adolescent Parent Program, Walnutwood High, 3.9 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Janelle Pfeister (replacement) In-School Suspension Assistant (#990912), Sutter Middle, 3.5 hours/9 months, Range CL09/Step A. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Juan Romero (replacement), Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#991551), Rancho Cordova Elem., 3.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL11/Step A. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Suzanne Rush (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209215), Russell Ranch Elem., 5.75 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 12/9/2009
- Linda Sharkey (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209338), Folsom Hills Elem., 2.5 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step A. Effective: 12/8/2008
- Ayn Topaz (replacement) Computer Instructional Assistant (#208326), Cordova Gardens Elem., 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL12/Step A. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Joshua Townsend (replacement) Custodian (#991181), Sutter Middle, 8 hours daily/12 months, Range CL14/Step A. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Mattie Wilkins (replacement) Transition Assistant (#208576), Student Support Services, 3 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL14/Step B. Effective: 12/11/2008

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Yevgeniy Belev (replacement) Transportation Dept., Relief Bus Driver , 4 hours daily to Bus Driver (#208575), 6.45 hours daily. Effective: 12/10/2008
- Susie Brown (new position) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209249) from Carl Sundahl Elem., 6 hours daily to Oak Chan Elem., 5.75 hours daily. Effective: 1/5/2009
- Debora Evans (replacement) Bus Driver (#206600), Transportation Dept., from 6.45 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 12/10/2008
- Jeff Ferland (replacement) Bus Driver (#207594), Transportation Dept., from 7.45 hours daily to 7 hours daily. Effective: 12/10/2008
- Brenda Hallenbeck (replacement) from Administrative Assistant-Elementary, Theodore Judah Elem., Range CL20 to Account Clerk II (#208010), Vista del Lago High, Range CL18. Effective: 12/15/2008
- Vera Knight (replacement) Bus Driver (#202531), Transportation Dept., from 7 hours daily to 7.45 hours daily. Effective: 12/10/2008
- Mary Roy (replacement) from Blanche Sprentz Elem., School Clerk-Elementary, 2.5 hours daily/10 months, Range CL12/Step E and IASA Parent/Assistant Coordinator, 2 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL10/Step E to Administrative Assistant-Elem. (#990982), Theodore Judah Elem., 8 hours daily/10.5 months, Range CL20/Step B. Effective: 12/15/2008
- Melanie Tesch (replacement) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#204040), Mitchell Middle, from 5.75 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 9/1/2008
- Daile Varney (new FTE) Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209342), Mather Heights Elem., from 3.5 hours daily to 5.75 hours daily. Effective: 1/5/2008

CLASSIFIED UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Stephina Fear, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202592), Kinney High, reason: parental. Effective: 10/23/2008 through 1/2/2009
- Lina Washabaugh, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202644), Mather Youth Opportunity, reason: parental. Effective: 1/8/2008 through 5/28/2008.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Tiressa Briggs, Community Based Facilitator (#209252), Adult Education Dept., reason: personal. Effective: 1/30/2009
- Nkebre Edet, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#201371), Mitchell Middle, reason: other employment. Effective: 1/2/2009
- Jody Huffine, EIP Child Assistant (#207126), Elementary Intervention Program, reason: relocation. Effective: 1/16/2009
- Dean Marshall, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#202645), Mather Youth Opportunity, reason: Pre-theologate program. Effective: 1/16/2008

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Short took a moment to talk about the dire times facing the country and state. These are challenging times, and the future is unknown. We'll have hard decisions to make. Tough times don't last, but tough people do. We are fortunate to have a great team with a commitment to kids. This is the time to come together. He is proud of this district and thanked everyone for what they do.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Intel Matching Grant – Leroy Tripette

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos to introduce the special presentation. Ms. DeArcos introduced Leroy Tripette, Education Manager for Intel.

Mr. Tripette reviewed the volunteer grant program that allows Intel employees to invest in volunteering in the community. For every 20 hours volunteers spend in classrooms or on projects, Intel matches that time with \$200. This last year was Intel's 40th anniversary, and they committed to one million hours of volunteer time. In the Sacramento region, their goal was 80,000 hours. That number was reached and surpassed for a total of 110,000 hours.

In this depressed economy, Intel shrunk its workforce by 500 employees and still surpassed their goal. He said this was a testament to the commitment of their employees. Of almost \$700,000 given to area schools through the matching grant program, FCUSD took almost one-third of the money. He presented a check to President Short representing an amount of \$220,900.

Mr. Short and fellow Trustees thanked Mr. Tripette and all of the volunteers, not only for the money which is greatly appreciated, but for their commitment to kids and the wonderful programs they have brought to our schools.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-114 – Public Participation

Linda Burkholder , Director of Family Support Services for the District

- Ms. Burkholder explained a little about the Volunteers in Service To America (VISTA) program. New VISTAs Stacey Droll, Stacey Kingsley, and Erin Swavel introduced themselves and talked about what they would be doing in the program.

Xochitl Rodriguez and Nancy Vasquez, Cordova Villa Elementary parents

- Addressed the Board regarding Cordova Villa students not having enough time to eat lunch or breakfast. Also concerned about a long-term sub that their kindergartners will have because a teacher is on an extended maternity leave.

Mr. Short asked them to speak with Assistant Superintendent Leslie Faust.

Janice Shippy, District Counselor, Mills Middle School

- On March 18, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., speakers will be at Mills to talk to students about expanding their horizons regarding careers. They are looking at tying speakers' presentations to topics to make what they say relevant to what students are learning in the classroom. She invited Trustees to attend, and speak, if desired.

Rennie Simpson – District Counselor, Mills

- Shared, with the Board, a program she has designed and is implementing at Mills. It is to help academically at-risk 8th graders to successfully transition into high school.

0809-115 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Kelli Davis

- The last meeting was on Tuesday at Folsom High School.
 - Activities at the secondary schools included winter balls, food drives, Pennies for Patients, and a pajama drive for needy kids.
 - Jeff Parrish was a guest speaker who spoke about ways to recognize drug and other addictions and ways to help teens avoid addiction.
- The next meeting will be on February 3, 2009, at Folsom Lake High School.

PTA Council:

- Assistant Superintendent Leslie Faust reported that the next meeting will be next Tuesday at Theodore Judah Elementary.

California School Employees Association – President Steve Hanson:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – Vice President Steve James:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Mike Shepherd:

- Reported on recent activities of FCAA members.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-116 - Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2008

0809-117– Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification
C. Adopt Resolution No. 01-15-09-16: Authorizing the Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer to Enter Into Contracts on Behalf of the District
D. Approve Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarterly Report
E. Adopt Resolution No. 01-15-09-17: Community Care License
F. Approve 2008-09 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part II
G. Approve 2009 School Site Plans
H. Adopt Resolution No. 01-15-09-18: Special Education Behavioral Intervention Plans (Hughes Bill) Mandated Cost Claim Settlement
I. Approve Memorandum of Understanding: FCUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) and Alta California Regional Center
J. Approve Piggyback Bid: Gary Doupnik Manufacturing, Inc. - Classroom Building - Cordova Villa Elementary School
K. Approve Notice of Completion: Rancho Cordova Elementary School Small Group Instruction Building Replacement
L. Approve Contract: Colbi Technologies, Inc. Program Management Software and Related Services

0809-118 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0809-2, 0809-3, 0809-23(S), 0809-24(S), 0809-25(S), 0809-26(S), and 0809-27(S)

0809-2

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 summer session following the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one semester and summer session 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.

0809-3

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 summer session following the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to successfully complete at least one semester and summer session 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.

0809-23(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 decision-making skills.

0809-24(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to seek educational options outside of the District (per parent request); student must successfully complete at least one semester at Mather Youth Academy in order to return to the comprehensive program of the District; individual student counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0809-25(S)

Expel through the end of the summer session following the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the summer session following the spring semester of the 2008-2009 academic year; student must successfully complete at least the summer session and 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 assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0809-26(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 be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

0809-27(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.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0809-119 – Accept 2007/2008 Annual Audit Report

Independent Auditor Steve Wescoatt of Perry-Smith reviewed the report provided.

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO ACCEPT the 2007/2008 Annual Audit Report, as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0809-120 – Approve Elimination of 4-Week Kindergarten through 6th Grade Summer School and Approve Increased School-Year Intervention Services

Superintendent Godwin asked Assistant Superintendent Leslie Faust to introduce this item. Ms. Faust talked about the four sources of funding for before- and after-school interventions and summer school. Summer school programs have been reduced over the past few years to adjust to limited funding. During these years, schools have increased the number and quality of interventions provided during the school year. The work all schools have done with Response to Instruction is an example. Increased school-year interventions would be more effective in moving student performance as they are more easily tied to the current classroom instruction, and eliminating elementary summer school would provide savings from less use of facilities, personnel, transportation, etc. Secondary summer school would remain the same, but middle school students would be housed on high school campuses. We would continue to have an extended-year program for special needs students.

Mr. Shaw

- He is bothered by the long gap between June and August when students would have no instruction. Wondered if we might do some kind of comparison over time as to student retention of subject content.

Ms. Faust said we do a pre- and post-assessment for summer school, and we might be able to do an assessment at the beginning of the year to compare with end-of-the year assessments.

Ms. Stanley

- Asked if we were shifting funds from summer school into existing programs.
- Would we still have language programs during summer?
- Could elementary students be placed on middle school campuses during the summer?

Ms. Faust

- No, the funds are the same for interventions and summer school.
- EIA funds have been the primary source for ELL summer school. Director of State and Federal Programs Jon Wallace is carefully looking at those funds.
- We did something like that one year, and it was a challenge, especially with transportation and scheduling.

Mr. Benton asked how many students would be affected.

Ms. Faust said several hundred, but those students would be targeted now, not during the summer.

Mr. Godwin noted, for clarification, that students who need those services will get more interventions in the spring than the summer. Students will benefit in terms of instructional time.

Ms. Reinking

- Would tend to believe interventions held during the school year are more effective.

Mr. Short thought tracking results would be great.

STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE elimination of the 4-week kindergarten through 6th grade summer school program and approve increased school-year intervention services
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0809-121 – 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 Budget Update

Superintendent Godwin asked Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt to give an overview of where we are today. Ms. Bettencourt:

- California's budget deficit has grown from \$14 billion to \$41 billion. A two-to-three year recovery for housing is predicted.
- Explained the governor's proposal in which education takes a 16% hit.
- Explained the state's cash crisis and how it affects FCUSD.
- A parcel tax is one option for us, but it requires a two-thirds vote.
- Under the governor's proposal, we would expect to have to cut \$5.2 million from this year's budget and \$2.78 million for 2009/10.
- That \$7.98 million reduction in funding and \$2.778 million in ongoing obligations/increases, such as step/column salary costs, health benefits increases, utilities, fuel, STRS, PERS, and unemployment benefits would amount to a \$10.758 million budget shortfall in the coming 18 months.
- Options for FCUSD include:
 - Redirect categoricals
 - Spending freeze
 - Hiring freeze
 - Use of reserves
 - Layoffs
 - School year reduction (negotiable)

- Furlough days and/or salary reductions (negotiable)
- Hold on deferred maintenance fund match

Superintendent Godwin asked Ms. Bettencourt to talk about the state running out of money and how that might impact District employees as far as IOU's are concerned.

Ms. Bettencourt said school districts have first draw on cash. If the state runs out, they could issue IOU's to districts. FCUSD would not issue IOU's to employees. We would borrow from our own funds and on the open market. We are trying to manage our cash flow now by limiting expenditures. We have a few months time before this becomes a problem for us.

Ms. Bettencourt

- State is recommending suspension of 38 of 40 mandated programs. California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and interdistrict transfers would remain, as well as collective bargaining.
- With a 16.16% deficit factor, we would have to operate on 84 cents on the dollar.
- By the Second Interim Financial Report in March, we should have a good idea of what available options we have to meet our shortfall.

Mr. Godwin noted some things we have already done to prepare:

- Hiring and spending chills (not freezes)
- Doing our best to keep everyone informed and the process transparent. Please see Budget Central on our website: www.fcusd.org.
- Asking people to take part in the survey that is on Budget Central and weigh in with their thoughts and priorities. He did note that results of the survey would be considered, but would not drive our decisions. We must make the best decisions, not just the popular ones.
- Trying to gather every idea we can. Encouraged everyone to send in ideas. Will look through them all.
- We are looking at other districts as well. What are they doing?
- Preparing for the possibility of layoffs. Looking at 250 layoff notices to certificated staff. Doesn't mean 250 people will be laid off, but we need the flexibility. Valuable programs and staff members who are here now might not be here next year. Very depressing.
- Two community forums are planned. February 10, 6:00 p.m., at Mills Middle School, in the cafetorium, and February 12, 6:00 p.m., at Folsom High School, in the multipurpose room.
- Will add a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section on Budget Central.

It is amazing that education will take the largest cut when we are already \$650 per student below the national average. When this is done, we'll be \$1000 per student below the national average.

Public Comments:

Blaine White – District Counselor

- Asked the Board to keep in mind how essential counseling services are to the smooth operation of our schools and the success of our students.

Craig Cavallo, President of the Folsom Music Boosters

- Thanked the Board for what they are doing; their efforts are not going unnoticed.
- Great job with Budget Central. Suggested bullets and talking points that people can grasp more easily.
- With regard to California being ranked almost last in educational funding, could it be because the state over-funds other social programs more than other states?

Mr. Godwin

- It is a combination of both. California has some strange priorities. For example, prison medical facilities are intended to serve prisoners with serious health problems. We receive about \$8,000 per year per student; the projected cost per inmate is \$210,000 to \$235,000 per year.
- California has significantly under funded education for over two decades, beginning with the passage of Prop. 13.

Mr. Benton

- The \$10.7 million in projected cuts doesn't take into account any increases in salaries, etc.
- Amazed at the amount we're looking at cutting.
- Any help you can give will be appreciated.
- As a member of the prison system, has to say that they are looking at cuts as well.

Ms. Stanley

- Doesn't think the offer of flexibility will do anything for us. Taking from one fund and giving to another might help a little, but won't cover all we need.
- Results of the survey show some parents offering to give \$500 to the District. A parcel tax might operate in the same manner.
- If we don't suspend mandates, we won't be paid anyway. Doesn't feel we should do that.
- Would much rather see savings through negotiations with bargaining units rather than layoffs. People can tighten belts a little more than they can handle losing a job. Keeping staff benefits kids.
- The UC System just voted to decrease the number of admittees to schools at the same time that we're talking about targeting electives; things that set kids apart and get them admitted. Doesn't want to harm kids' chances of getting into college after working so hard.
- Need to come up with philosophies about how to approach this.

Mr. Shaw

- Have to return to the critical question, "What is the best thing we can do for the education of kids?" Is it okay to have 40-50 kids in a class, no counselors, no music? Our budget is 85% salaries and benefits. Double digit cuts can't be taken out of the remaining 15%. We have to step up and say this is a unique situation. Have to talk about long-term solutions. Put our own personal agendas aside and ask what we need to do to create a quality education for kids.

Ms. Reinking

- Agrees with Ms. Stanley and Mr. Shaw. Need to save as many jobs as possible. Will take a community effort; all organizations need to come up with ideas and solutions.
- Firmly believes we'll get through this. It's very hard, but we need to keep our focus on what's best for kids.

Mr. Short

- Great comments tonight. These tough times will pass. We have no crystal ball, but we will make it through this one way or another.

0809-122 – Truancy Court Pilot Program

Superintendent Godwin gave a brief overview of the program and introduced Principal of Adult Education Joseph Piazza to talk about the pilot program and answer questions of the Board. He thanked Mr. Piazza for the long hours and commitment he has given to get this program started.

Mr. Piazza introduced Jane Claar, Child Welfare and Attendance Officer with Twin Rivers District (also resident and former Folsom parent). Ms. Claar is also a member of the Truancy Court Planning Committee and is implementing a pilot program in her district as well.

Discussion was held regarding the fact that the SARB system has needed teeth, and this establishes consequences for actions; our truancy rates; some type of benchmark to show if the program actually works; the number of truanancies warranting this action; and the fact that truanancies are the gateway to other types of problems for kids.

Mr. Shaw gave credit to the site attendance clerks who call every home of every kid who is absent every day. They do the groundwork.

REPORTS

0809-123 – Reports to the Board of Education

- A. Superintendent Godwin:
- No report.
- B. Correspondence to the Board
- C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0809-124 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Davis

- No report.

Mr. Shaw

- Condolences to Mary McCormick and her family on the recent loss of her husband Hal.
- Feels that when the states gave up control of education to the Federal Government, they gave up a lot.

Ms. Reinking

- Continues to feel overwhelmed as she learns more about this job every meeting.
- Has visited Mills Middle, Russell Ranch, Carl Sundahl, Oak Chan, and a middle school PTO meeting. Enjoys getting out to the sites and learning about the wonderful and unique things they do.
- Again, we need to come together as a community to find solutions to our budget problems.

Mr. Benton

- It is amazing to see what schools are doing. Just think, that classroom we visit may not be there next year. Tears him apart to think of it.
- On a personal note...his son will be home for a visit at the end of the month, and for good at the end of May. And, his daughter is expecting again.

Ms. Stanley

- Her son and his wife are also expecting.
- Expressed condolences to Ms. McCormick and her family.
- Nice to meet the new VISTAs. Amazing commitment.
- The CEO of the Grace Foundation (rescues abused and neglected horses and teams them up with abused and neglected children), commended our District for its participation and contributions to their organization.
- Thanked Mr. Short for the Board President's statement tonight. Opened the meeting in a positive way.
- Happy New Year to everyone.

Mr. Short

- Intel is amazing. Even though they've downsized, \$220,000 is unbelievable!
- Condolences to Ms. McCormick and her family.

B. Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

INFORMATION

0809-125 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0809-126 – Special Board Meeting - January 22, 2009: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent

0809-127 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2009, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for January 15, 2009:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:08 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

JoAnne Reinking, Clerk of the Board