

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

September 3, 2009

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

September 3, 2009

Board members present: Ed Short, Teresa Stanley, JoAnne Reinking, Richard Shaw, and Student Adaeze Nwakobi (Roger Benton absent)

- 5:00 p.m. – Open Session CALL TO ORDER (Held in Library)
President Short 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 6:05 p.m. President Short called the meeting to order. Folsom High School PTA President Donna Thompson 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 read short bios on Pat Peck, Folsom High School teacher, who retires with 35 years of service to the District; and Miriam Steinberg, Elementary Music teacher, who retires with 30 years of service.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

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

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

- Sandra Ahmann, Coordinator of Student Support Services, Student Support Services, Administrative Services Credential; Ph.D., of Education, University of San Francisco. Effective: September 1, 2009

ADMINISTRATIVE REASSIGNMENT

- Jeanette Neuburger (#991738); From: Vice Principal, Mills Middle School; To: Teacher, Kinney High School Effective: 2009-10 school year

CERTIFICATED EMPLOYMENT

The following employees have been *rehired* with *tenured* status for the 2009/2010 school year:

- James Bennett (#210511) Teacher, 50% Mills Middle School (1.0 FTE).
- Jeffrey Carter (#991795) Teacher, 10% Folsom High School (1.0 FTE).
- Carolee Daynes (200096) Music Teacher, District Music.
- Julie Devore (#209591) Teacher, 60 % Folsom High School.
- Carmen Farruggia (#200104) Music Teacher, 40% District Music (1.0 FTE)
- Christina Pajer (#210540) Teacher, 50% Vista del Lago High School (1.0 FTE).
- Jill Whitmire (#991954) Teacher, Cordova High School.

The following employees have been *rehired* with *probationary* status for the 2009/2010 school year:

- Robert Humphrey (#210543) Teacher, 83% Vista del Lago High School.
- Audrey Woods (#200157) Music Teacher, District Music.

The following employees have been *rehired* with *temporary* status for the 2009/2010 school year:

- Christopher Abrahamson (#210547) Teacher, Cordova Villa Elementary.
- Charles Gilmore (#210552) Teacher, 60% Cordova High School. Effective: 8/19/2009 through 12/18/2009

The following employees have been *hired* with Probationary status for the 2009/2010 school year:

- Claudia Alfaro (#990053) FLES Teacher, Cordova Lane Elementary, Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential Authorized BCLAD: Spanish, General Subjects, and a Supplementary/Subject Matter Authorization in English; BA + 34; Class 2 Step 5.
- Christian Bell (#210501) Special Education Teacher SDC/SH, Cordova High School, Level 1 Education Specialist Instruction Credential Moderate/Severe; BS + 50; Class 3 Step 1.
- Faith Caplan (#991951) Teacher, 80% Cordova High School, Preliminary Single Subject Foundational-Level Mathematics Credential; BS + 58.50; Class 3 Step 1.
- Sarah Frizzell (#210555) Teacher, Cordova High School, Preliminary Single Subject Biological Science and Geoscience Credential; BA + 59.50; Class 3 Step 2.

The following employees have been *hired* with Temporary status for the 2009/2010 school year:

- Rachel Castongia (#210556) Teacher, 40% Cordova High School, Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential Agriculture and a Supplementary/Subject Matter Authorized Subject Introductory English; BS + 46.67/MA +; Class 5 Step 5.
- Elicia Spencer (#210554) Teacher, 83% Vista del Lago High School, Preliminary Single Subject Teaching Credential Music; BoM + 33; Class 2 Step 1.

CERTIFICATED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Stephanie Bird (#991670) Teacher, Mills Middle School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 8/7/2009 to 10/6/2009
- JoAnn Yamamoto (#991623) Teacher, Sutter Middle School, 100% Parental Leave of Absence. Effective: 8/7/2009 to 10/30/2009

CERTIFICATED CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

- Michelle Cagney (#991844) Teacher, From: Folsom High School To: Folsom Middle School. Effective: 2009-10 school year.
- Suemi Oxford (#990285) Teacher, Cordova Gardens Elementary From: 80%; To: 50%. Effective: 2009-2010 school year.
- Miguel Rodriguez (#991763) Teacher, From: Folsom High School To: Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2009-10 school year.
- Heidi Roome (#992017) Nurse, From: 80% Nurse To: 100% Nurse. Effective: 2009-10 school year.
- Brian Schaubmayer (#210542) Teacher, From: 60% Folsom High School To: 83% Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2009-10 school year.
- Rennie Simpson (#991650) Counselor, From: 60% Counselor Mills Middle School To: 80% Counselor Mitchell Middle School Effective: 2009-10 school year.
- David Sewell (#991618) Teacher, From: Sutter Middle School To: Mitchell Middle School. Effective: 2009-10 school year.
- Tracy Suter (#991951) Teacher, From: 80% Cordova High School To: 100% Vista del Lago High School. Effective: 2009-10 school year.
- Lana Sullivan (#201411) Nurse, From: 40% Nurse To: 50% Nurse. Effective: 2009-10 school year.

- Nikka Vaughan (#209598) Counselor, From: 80% Counselor Cordova High School To: 100% Counselor Cordova High School. Effective: 2009-10 school year.

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Kelly Calhoun, (#990656) Director Technology Information Systems, ETIS, reason: other employment. Kelly was hired on June 29, 1998 and has been employed 11 years and 2 months with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District. Effective: 8/31/2009.

RATIFY RETIREMENT AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Stephen Gast, Teacher (#203087), Mitchell Middle School.
Stephen was hired September 6, 2002, to teach 6th grade at Mitchell Middle School. He retired from this position on June 30, 2009. Stephen was employed 7 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Patricia Peck, Teacher (#203130), Folsom High School.
Pat was hired September 1, 1973, to teach Math and Home Economics at Cordova High School. She transferred to Sunrise Vista at the beginning of the 1988/89 school year, then to the Community Education Center for the 1989/90 school year. At the beginning of the 1990/91 school year, Pat transferred to Folsom High School continuing to teach Math and became Mathematics Division Leader at the beginning of the 1995 school year. At the beginning of the 2000/01 school year, she started teaching Service Learning and R.O.P. and was the Academic Coordinator for the 2004/05 school year. She became R.O.P. Counselor at the beginning of the 2005/06 school year. Pat retired on July 31, 2009, and was employed 35 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.
- Miriam Steinberg, Teacher (#203110), Elementary Music Department.
Miriam was hired September 1, 1976, as a music teacher. She taught at Mitchell Middle School for the 1980/81 school year, and then went to Mills Middle School at the beginning of the 1983/84 school year. At the beginning of the 1984 school year, she transferred to Cordova Lane Elementary School. In 1986/87, Miriam transferred back to Mills Middle School where she remained until 1990/91, when she transferred to Carl Sundahl Elementary School. Finally, Miriam was transferred to Empire Oaks Elementary School at the beginning of the 2001/02 school year and retired from this position on May 29, 2009. Miriam was employed 30 years with the Folsom Cordova Unified School District.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

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

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYMENT

- Leanna Miller (new position) Clerk Typist II (#210283), Child Welfare & Attendance Office, 8 hours daily/11 months, Range CL011/Step B. Effective: 8/17/2009
- Maryam Naseri (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#206075), Empire Oaks Elem., 2.5 hours/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step A. Effective: 9/1/2009
- Davina Robinson (replacement) Licensed Vocational Nurse (209405), Health Programs, 6 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL25/Step D. Effective: 8/17/2009

CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT

- Jeanne Brown (Replacement) Empire Oaks Elem., from Student Care Center Assistant, 3.5 hours/9.75 months, Range CL08/Step C to Student Care Center Associate Supervisor (#991296), 5.5 hours daily/9.75 months, Range CL10/Step C. Effective: 8/24/2009
- Laura Curry (hours increase/grant funded) Clerk Typist III (#210289), Cordova High Academy Program, from 5 hours daily to 6 hours daily. Effective: 8/26/09
- Elise Doran (replacement) Student Care Center Assistant (#203104), from Peter J. Shields Elem., 1.5 hours daily to Empire Oaks Elem., 3.5 hours daily. Effective: 8/17/2009
- Daniel Ericksen (replacement) from Mechanic I, Transportation Dept. 8 hours daily, Range TR24/Step E, to Equipment Repair Technician (#205563), Maintenance Dept., 16 hours weekly, Range CL28/Step D and Mechanic II (#991272), Transportation Dept., 24 hours weekly, Range TR27/Step E. Effective: 8/24/2009
- Becky Marquez (replacement) Middle School Library Technician, Folsom Middle, 8 hours daily/10.25 months, Range CL18 to Campus Monitor (#208013), Vista del Lago High, 8 hours daily/9.5 months, Range CL09. Effective: 9/1/2009

RATIFY RESIGNATION AND FIX LAST DATE OF EMPLOYMENT

- Virginia Brown, Purchasing-Fiscal Support Manager (#200338), reason: other employment. Effective: 9/4/2009
- Beatrice House, Site Level Parent/Assistant Coordinator (#203200), Rancho Cordova Elem., reason: relocation. Effective: 8/14/2009
- Bonnie Nejeschleba, EIP Child Assistant (#990938), Williamson Elem., reason: retirement. Effective: 8/14/2009
- Terry Verkler, Licensed Vocational Nurse (#209401), Health Programs, reason: personal. Effective: 8/21/2009

TERMINATION OF PROBATIONARY STATUS

- Alex Lam, Equipment Repair Technician (#205563), Maintenance Dept., and Mechanic II (#991272), Transportation Dept.: Effective: 7/31/2009
- Christina Toruno, Bilingual Instructional Assistant (#208548), Blanche Sprentz Elem. Effective: 5/28/2009
- Darryl Villavicencia, Special Education Instructional Assistant (#209240), Cordova High. Effective: 7/6/2009
- Lisa Wattle, Licensed Vocational Nurse (#209405), Health Programs. Effective: 5/28/2009

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

President Short read a short statement regarding messages he and the Board members have received about the closing of District libraries. The Board did not lay off library staff without much thought and regret, but the alternative was to lay off counselors, eliminate middle school electives, and limit high school electives. Library services can be provided in other ways through classroom teachers, public libraries, home libraries, and the internet. The state has put us in this position by not providing adequate funding. He is hopeful that at their next meeting on September 10, the District can reach an agreement with CSEA to save jobs. If an agreement can't be reached, the District's options are limited. Volunteers are not allowed, by law, to perform services previously provided by classified employees. The members of FCEA and FCAA have agreed to three furlough days to help save teachers and programs for children. Budget Central on the District's website is a good source of information.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Recognition of Community Donors

District Public Relations Officer Stephen Nichols noted that he has been in contact with school sites to gather names of parents and community members who have donated money and/or supplies to support the students of the District. The response has been overwhelming. He is working on certificates of appreciation to be distributed to those folks. Organizations will be recognized at a later time. The Board received a list of all the names he has collected so far.

Ms. Stanley noted that the problem with lists of names is the exclusiveness. It isn't possible to count every single donation and wants everyone to know that there are people not on the list who are donating.

Ms. Reinking said this is an example of parents and community stepping up along with FCEA and FCAA to make the circle complete. Acknowledged Sutter Middle School that has raised over \$30,000. Thanked everyone. This list is just the tip of the iceberg.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton absent)

0910-047 – Public Participation

Donna Thompson

- Addressed the Board regarding the Folsom High library. If the District is going to cut something, please don't cut critical library services.

Terry Halvorsen, Vista del Lago parent

- Addressed the Board regarding closure of libraries. Libraries support academics, and academics should be number one over sports.
- Addressed the Board regarding the overcrowded classes at Vista del Lago and asked why schedule changes weren't made at the start of school instead of waiting until today to transfer students.

Ms. Stanley noted that students at Vista are more fortunate than others because their library is open during city-staffed hours.

Mr. Godwin responded that we will look into the schedule changes; that is something that was not intended.

Blaine White, District Lead Counselor

- Asked the Board to continue to look for creative ways to fund the libraries of the District.
- Shared a story about Sutter Middle School counselor Jeanine Hanrihan and a special needs child that reminded him that the reason he works in this profession is connecting with individuals, one at a time.

Mark Schultz, President FCEA

- Acknowledged the District's certificated staff and commended them for their additional efforts for students this year.
- Asked the Board for assistance in solving the problem of large classes and schedule changes at Vista del Lago.

Samantha Moody, FHS ASB President

- The student body at FHS is "clueless" about the effects of the budget cuts on Folsom High and its students. Would like information.

Ms. Stanley responded that District staff might be able to talk to the students about cuts and why they were made. She also suggested that students use Ms. Nwakobi as an avenue for information through SAB.

Dave Werra, FCEA Bargaining Chair

- Addressed the Board regarding recent STAR test scores and his surprise that they were not shared at the last Board meeting.
- Also indicated there are flaws in the scheduling of students at Vista del Lago and asked if there isn't some kind of computer software fix that might solve the problem. Would like that looked into.

Paul Hatcher, teacher, Mills Middle School

- Addressed the Board regarding staffing issues, students with numerous schedule changes, and the number of students in classes at Mills.

Kathy Brunner, teacher Mills Middle School

- Addressed the Board regarding the class sizes at Mills.

0910-048 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Adaeze Nwakobi

- The first SAB meeting is scheduled for September 15 at Vista del Lago High.
- Has been discussing with Mr. Aland the prospect of doing something with elementary schools this year. Also a district-wide service project.

PTA Council:

- Ms. Faust reported that their first meeting was held last Thursday. Mary Ann Delleney was their guest speaker. Next meeting is September 10; Matt Washburn will talk about the process of looking at school boundaries.

California School Employees Association – Acting President Rick Willis:

- Introduced himself to the Board.
- Is concerned about the libraries, but reminded everyone that the library techs represent only 20% of classified employees who have lost their jobs. All employees perform essential functions, and the library staff is only part of a team. Hopes the Board will encourage the District to bring a “meaningful offer” to the table at the next meeting.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Mark Schultz:

- Libraries are tools critical to children’s learning. Implored the District to find a solution with CSEA to get the libraries open and staffed.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Joan Jarman:

- Reported on positive ways parents, teachers, and administrators are dealing with these tough times.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton absent)

0910-049 - Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2009

0910-050– Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Application for the Barbara Bush Foundation Literacy Grant (see below)
- C. Approve Declaration of Need for Fully-Qualified Educators - Declaration Required Annually by Law

0910-051 – Instructional Matters

A. **Expulsion Recommendations:** Case Numbers: 0910-1(S) and 0910-2(S)

0910-1(S)

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student must successfully complete at least 2 trimesters at Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior decision-making skills.

0910-2(S)

Expel through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the 2nd trimester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student must successfully complete at least 2 trimesters at Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of the FCUSD; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior decision-making skills.

B. Approve Waivers Related to Passage of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

PUBLIC HEARING

0910-052 – Waiver of Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment or Educational Sign Skills Evaluation

Assistant Superintendent Marty Baumann explained the reason for the public hearing.

Public hearing opened at 6:49.

No one came forward.

Public hearing closed at 6:49.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0910-053 – Adopt Resolution No. 09-03-09-11: Request for Waiver of Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment or Educational Sign Skills Evaluation for Year 2009/10

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 09-03-09-11 requesting a waiver of Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment or Educational Sign Skills Evaluation for year 2009/10.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton absent)

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO RECONSIDER ACTION PREVIOUSLY TAKEN to approve the Consent Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton absent)

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of Item 0910-050 B – Approve Application for the Barbara Bush Foundation Literacy Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton absent)

0910-050 B – Approve Application for the Barbara Bush Foundation Literacy Grant

Ms. Stanley pulled this item to allow a member of the audience to speak.

Keely Pollock – senior at Folsom High School

- Addressed the Board regarding the literacy grant and the importance of school libraries.

STANLEY/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE the application for the Barbara Bush Foundation Literacy Grant.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (Benton absent)

DISCUSSION

0910-054 – Academic Performance Indicators

Superintendent Godwin explained the reasons he is suggesting that certain data be presented to the Board in a comprehensive, coherent way in the form of an annual report that would provide a clear overview of the District's performance on specific indicators. He asked Trustees for their input regarding the information that would be included.

Mr. Shaw

- Thinks the draft contains a good summary of what students are doing, but would like to see us track students after they graduate...where they go, how they do. Would complete the whole process.

Ms. Reinking

- Would like to see tracking of students who are struggling; those basic and below basic.
- Also is curious about 3rd grade students. Would like to follow test scores to see how they compare to past and future students.

Mr. Godwin responded that the 3rd grade testing is the most problematic. The results are so different from 2nd and 4th grades. He questions the validity of the 3rd grade testing and suggested it might not be good to include results.

Ms. Stanley

- Asked how reported grade levels were selected and what constitutes 11th grade math.
- Hopes the graduation rate that is listed is the "real" graduation rate.

- Likes Mr. Shaw's idea about post-graduate tracking.
- We can find the number of graduates entering 4-year colleges, but that number should include any kind of college, and the information we don't have is whether or not they were successful or dropped out.
- Would like to know the 9th grade transition success rate.
- Mr. Werra noted that the STAR results are out and published – wondered why the Board hasn't seen the results. She would like to hear about them before newspapers publish them and community members know about them. It would be helpful.

Mr. Godwin responded that we don't have STAR test results yet, only the California subject tests. STAR and API results will come in mid-September.

Mr. Short

- Doesn't want to inundate people with a lot of data; would like to keep it simple and easy to read and understand.
- Likes the idea of graduate tracking.

Mr. Shaw

- Regarding the test scores to which Mr. Werra referred, the day they came out in *The Bee*, the Board had quite a conversation about them. He apologized that it was not mentioned during the Board meeting.

Mr. Godwin noted that the CALPADS system that is coming online from the state will allow us to track graduates in the State of California, but won't give us information about students who enroll in out-of-state colleges.

Public comment

Gina Bamburger, District teacher

- Suggested looking at 4th grade test results because of the real writing component. It is a better indicator of the difficulties of larger class sizes in 3rd grade.
- Suggested surveying graduates to see if they feel they received a quality education from FCUSD.

0910-055 – Timeline and Criteria for Consideration of a Parcel Tax

Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt provided a brief overview of property tax, pre- and post-Prop 13. Parcel taxes have been allowed since the passing of Prop. 13 and require a 2/3 vote to pass. Staff is suggesting a survey of voters in the District to assess the likelihood that a parcel tax would be successful. Parcel tax funds cannot be used for construction and are tied to education programs.

A survey using an outside vendor could cost between \$20,000 and \$27,000. Staff is proposing using two in-house or two independent consultants that would cost less than \$10,000. Dates for the election could be March 2, 2010, May 4, 2010, June 8, 2010, or November 2, 2010. There would be minimal cost in November since it is a scheduled election. A separate election could cost between \$400,000 and \$500,000. The tax could increase each year or be a flat tax.

Mr. Shaw

- Begging parents for money to save libraries, etc., seems a bit unseemly to him. People have demonstrated to the Board that they do support our schools. Favors the survey.
- If we prefer a flat tax, we should go for more money up front. Maybe we should survey whether people want inflationary or flat tax.

Ms. Reinking

- Thinks it would be worth \$10,000 to see how the public feels.

Ms. Stanley

- Regarding the date of the election:
 - during a primary, would be less expensive
 - mail-in ballots should be less expensive
 - should not have election the week after school is out because we might miss too many people
- Questioned whether the funds could be used for modernization items such as SmartBoards. Or, books, libraries, etc. SmartBoards might be something that would encourage people to support a parcel tax.
- Thinks we should do the survey.

Ms. Bettencourt added she will have to get clarification if equipment (SmartBoards) can be included. She does not need Board action since the cost of the survey will be less than \$15,000.

Mr. Short

- Questioned how many surrounding counties/districts have been successful in passing a parcel tax.
- Inquired about the collection process.
- Asked how much political support we might expect once we have a survey and assuming it is positive.
- Asked about demographics of those to be surveyed.

0910-056 – Proposed Process and Timeline for Attendance Boundary Changes and Possible School Closures

Director of Facilities Matt Washburn explained that because of declining enrollments, the District needs to look at criteria for adjusting attendance boundaries and closing one or more schools. A timeline and process has been developed. A district advisory committee has been formed to look at all the criteria. Focus is on Rancho Cordova this year, with implementation in 2010/2011. Next year, Folsom will be reviewed with implementation in 2011/2012.

Ms. Reinking

- Questioned why we are starting with Rancho Cordova.

Mr. Washburn replied that Rancho has more declining enrollment than Folsom and some smaller schools. We hope to be able to consolidate and become more efficient.

Ms. Stanley

- Would like to be sure that the advisory committee realizes that it is just that – an advisory committee – not a decision-making body.

Mr. Short

- Assumes that we will one day revisit boundaries once additional development is completed.

Mr. Shaw

- Feels a brief, well-crafted article for *The Grapevine* and *The Telegraph* would be appropriate.

REPORTS

0910-057 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- With all the information about the things we've lost this year, it is important to remember the things we've saved. In July, we proposed to severely curtail high school electives, eliminate middle school electives, and reduce counselors. We have had to cut \$14.7 million and operate with \$20 million less than 2007/2008. We are working on an agreement with CSEA to keep the libraries open with staffing. No one here thinks these cuts are a good idea. This is a huge problem handed to us by the State of California.
- B. Correspondence to the Board
C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0910-058 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Adaeze Nwakobi

- Is getting a feel for everything and how it works. Will have more to report at future meetings.

Mr. Shaw

- When school began this year, we expected some complications. The fact that we restored counselors only a couple of weeks before school started put them in a difficult position. Appreciates the efforts of counselors in getting schools opened and kids into classes. We knew there would be adjustments. Thinks the public, in general, is understanding. Vista is impacted most because kids are taking year-long courses in one semester.
- One of the goals the Board set this year is to do all they can to support teachers and administrators to make as smooth a year as possible. We need to add students to that. They are going through it with us. Going to be a hard year for everyone. Let's support everyone.
- Trustees do not feel good about the library situation. We need to find some way to get them staffed.

Ms Stanley

- Volunteered the Trustees to meet with students at an SAB meeting to talk about budget cuts. Asked Ms. Nwakobi to see if that would work.
- Read parts of a letter she received from someone who claims to be pretty disgusted with everyone. "Using kids and programs to solve labor disputes is deplorable." Would like to see movement for the benefit of kids. Hopes all have the best interest of kids first and foremost.
- The other unions have stepped up and are sharing cuts to protect their own members and kids. Every local government organization has done the same thing. We have one of the rare units holding out and saying it's not acceptable to them. Urged CSEA to listen to the public and try to reach a consensus with the District.
- The superintendent sent out notification that came from the White House regarding a speech that is scheduled for September 8. The President intends to talk about the value and importance of staying in school. Some of the suggested activities before and after the speech have caused community uproar. The White House is de-emphasizing some of the things they were suggesting. It has raised a red flag for some people. Would like to advise any teachers who intend to present some of these exercises to be cautious with them. Be mindful of age- and subject-appropriateness.
- Is concerned about some of the things she heard this evening. Understands that there are staffing issues every year, especially with budget problems. We also don't always know how many students will take courses. Master schedules are often revised when sections are added or deleted. Kids are sometimes shifted around. Glad that we are adding new sections now, but is not so glad that some individuals have gotten lost in the process. In her opinion, there is no way that an Algebra 2

student should be shifted to media arts halfway through the term. It doesn't make sense. Also, having all core subjects in one term at Vista is not right. Hopes those are rare instances and they're being addressed.

- Reported on the Rancho Cordova and Folsom 2x2 meetings held this week.

Ms. Reinking

- Is aware of the talk about schedule changes at Vista del Lago. An extraordinarily large number of kids have been affected. Wants to turn this into a teaching moment to be avoided next year. We should not be going down this road in January either.
- Wants CSEA to know that the Board knows that what they give up will not fill the complete void and solve 100% of the problem. But there needs to be give from their end. There are no guarantees.
- You learn the most about kids by talking to kids, teachers, and community members. Connection to kids and community is the best way to stay involved.
- Thanked the counselors again for their hard work.

Mr. Short

- Back-to-school night at Mitchell was enjoyable. Got to follow his child's actual daily event and talk to every teacher. The campus looks beautiful too.
- The music boosters and athletic boosters in Rancho Cordova are being very proactive. Very positive.
- Reported on Folsom 2x2 meeting and Councilman Ernie Sheldon's four items on the agenda involving sports issues.
- Hopes CSEA will come on board with the other two labor groups.

B. Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

INFORMATION

0910-059 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2009, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for September 3, 2009:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:05 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

JoAnne Reinking, Clerk of the Board