

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

October 1, 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

October 1, 2009

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

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 6:01 p.m. President Short called the meeting to order. David Knight 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.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

BENTON/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved a change of assignment for eleven.
- Approved a leave of absence for two.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

SHAW/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved employment of four.
- Approved reassignment of one.
- Approved unpaid leave of absence for one.
- Ratified the resignations and fixed the last date of employment for two.
- Approved the retirement of one.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Natoma Station Elementary School Safe Routes to School Program – JoAnne McCarthy
Superintendent Godwin introduced teacher JoAnne McCarthy who talked about the methods used at Natoma Station to get students to school in a safe manner. Teacher Gina Bamberger talked about the curriculum, and Rick Berry, who runs the school’s video club, explained their Healthy Video Broadcast Cart and showed three videos featuring safety tips for walking and biking to school and a video on “going green.”

Trustees thanked the students and staff of Natoma Station for their efforts in the Safe Routes to School program.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

0910-078 – Public Participation

Blaine White, District Lead Counselor

- Reported on counselor and student activities at Cordova High School and Sutter Middle School.

0910-079 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Adaeze Nwakobi

- The next SAB meeting is scheduled for October 20.

PTA Council:

- No report.

California School Employees Association – Acting President Rick Willis:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Mark Schultz:

- Treasurer Michael Itkoff had no report.

Folsom Cordova Administrators Association – President Joan Jarman:

- Highlighted comments from classified management and confidential employees regarding their jobs.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

SHAW/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0910-080 - Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2009

0910-081– Business Matters

A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District

B. Approve Appointment to the FCUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee

- C. Receive and File – Amended Sacramento County Annual Investment Policy of the Pooled Investment Fund, Calendar Year 2009
- D. Approve CTE Grant Application for the Culinary Arts Pathway at Cordova High School
- E. Approve Notice of Completion: Kitty Hawk School Site (Mather YA/YO)

0910-082 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0910-5(S), 0910-6(S), 0910-7(S), and 0910-8(S)
 - 0910-5(S)
Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student is to attend an accredited educational program outside of FCUSD through the end of the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; upon reinstatement, educational placement would be determined by the District Hearing Officer; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills.
 - 0910-6(S)
Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student is to attend any accredited educational option outside of the FCUSD through the end of the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; upon reinstatement, educational placement will be determined by the District Hearing Officer; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.
 - 0910-7(S)
Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student is to attend any accredited educational program outside of the FCUSD; upon reinstatement, educational placement will be determined by the District Hearing Officer; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.
 - 0910-8(S)
Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student is to attend Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; the pupil is not to return to a regular comprehensive program with FCUSD to complete his graduation requirements. He may attend the Adult Education Program; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.
- B. Approve Williams and Valenzuela Uniform Complaint Process (UCP) Quarterly Report
- C. Approve Administrative Panel Participants for Student Expulsion Hearings
- D. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Vista del Lago High School’s Science Club to California Forestry Challenge at Leoni Meadows, Grizzly Flats, California
- E. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School’s Basketball Team to Max Preps Classic Basketball Tournament at Torrey Pines, California

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0910-083 – Report on Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED) and Recommendation to Continue Membership

Superintendent Godwin reported on the benefits FCUSD receives from its support of LEED. STANLEY/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the expenditure of \$5,000 for the 2009-2010 school year to continue supporting the efforts of Linking Education and Economic Development (LEED). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DISCUSSION

0910-084 – 2009 District-Wide STAR Report and Overview of API & AYP

Testing and Interventions Coordinator David Knight reviewed the STAR and accountability programs in which the District participates. In a PowerPoint presentation, he reviewed the District scores in English language arts, math courses, science courses, and social science courses. The District’s API grew seven points to 817 last year. FCUSD is the third highest district in the four-county area. Overall, the District’s schools are showing a positive trend in API, and sixteen District schools have school-wide API scores above the 800 target.

Ms. Stanley inquired about 3rd grade improvements in light of larger class sizes. Mr. Knight responded that 3rd graders improved in both English language arts and math.

Public comment:

David Werra

- Commented on the test scores at Vista del Lago and their possible relationship to the 4x4 schedule.

Joan Jarman

- It's also important to look at similar school rankings.

Trustees thanked Mr. Knight for the detailed report and suggested there is “much to celebrate and also a lot to keep their eyes on.”

0910-085 – Annual Evaluation of Effectiveness of Categorical Programs

Assistant Superintendent Leslie Faust reported on the categorical programs in the District and how they are faring. Discussion included the Title 1 program, programs for English learners, and Family Support Services programs. Trustees asked about the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Grant and the impact of our Threshold Vocabulary program.

0910-086 – Draft Handbook: Board of Education Governance Roles and Responsibilities

Superintendent Godwin explained that school districts often develop a governance handbook to help new board members and provide information to prospective board candidates about the roles and responsibilities of a board and its individual members. He started putting the draft handbook together in 2008, and it is based on information from CSBA and samples from other districts. He asked Trustees for their thoughts and suggestions.

Mr. Shaw

- Suggested a couple of Trustees should review the handbook and, when it is finished, it should be put on the District website for the public to see.

Mr. Benton

- This should have been done years ago. A lot of people in the community have asked what to do if they're interested in running for a position on the Board. Will be very helpful.

Ms. Reinking

- Would be happy to work on it. It would be helpful to have more information about the District...the Data Dashboard (Academic Performance Indicators presented at the September 3, 2009, meeting) would be nice.

Ms. Stanley

- Thinks it is a great idea that would be very useful. Include new governance standards. Would be a good process to reconfirm standards and principles.

Ms. Nwakobi

- Thinks a section on student board members and what is expected of them would be helpful.

Mr. Short

- A board calendar might be useful.

Several Trustees indicated they would like to be involved in working on the handbook. Since only two can meet without it being a Board meeting, it was decided that Mr. Short would determine who will serve.

Public comment:

Conrade Mayer

- Would have been helpful when he was running for a seat on the Board.

Melinda Wilson

- Suggested a newer Board member and one who has been on the Board a long time would be a good idea. Perspective from both.

REPORTS

0910-087 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Godwin:

- Thanked Mr. Knight for his analysis of the testing data, and all the members of FCUSD for the incredible effort it takes for us to be a high-performing district. He takes great pride in where we are and the amazing staff we have.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0910-088 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Stanley

- The University of New Hampshire did a study and found that the effect of parental effort in middle schools can be equivalent to spending more than \$1,000 per pupil. It would be worth reviewing.

Mr. Benton

- No comment.

Mr. Shaw

- Wanted everyone to know that the Board recognizes that they have created a difficult set of circumstances with the budget, but they didn't have a choice. Trustees appreciate the professional nature and attitude of everyone in this District. Increased API scores are testimony to the hard work people are doing.

Ms. Reinking

- Happy to hear about the University of New Hampshire report regarding parent involvement. That is a resource we need to use this year more than ever.
- Thanked Principal Rolando Rosas at Kitty Hawk Elementary. She had a nice visit there this afternoon.
- Thanked Ms. Bettencourt for speaking at the recent Parent District Advisory Committee meeting.

Ms. Nwakobi

- No comment.

Mr. Short

- Thanked everyone for the great job they're doing. This District can't be compared to other districts. Values everyone for what they're doing.

B. Pending Board Requests

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

INFORMATION

0910-089 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2009, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova CA, 95670.

Record of meeting schedule for October 1, 2009:

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:01 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

JoAnne Reinking, Clerk of the Board