

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

January 28, 2010

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

January 28, 2010

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

Superintendent Godwin was absent for this meeting to attend a superintendents' conference. Deputy Superintendent Debbie Bettencourt assumed his place.

- 5:00 p.m. – Open Session CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 3)
President Stanley 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 6:03 p.m. President Stanley called the meeting to order. Sheila Holcomb 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.

Mr. Baumann also announced that the Board unanimously approved the reassignment of the following administrators for the 2010/2011 school year:

- Oak Chan Principal Jim Cagney to Principal of Blanche Sprentz Elementary
- Cordova Gardens Principal Patricia Carbone to Director of Preschool and After School Programs
- Williamson Principal Linda Liebert to Principal of Oak Chan Elementary
- Riverview Principal and Coordinator of Student Care Andrew Smith to 100% Principal of Williamson Elementary
- Cordova Lane Principal Richard Tapia to Principal of Cordova Gardens Elementary

He also noted that Trustees approved the retirement of eight teachers with a combined 205 years of teaching experience in the FCUSD.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved the administrative reassignment of 5.
- Rehired 1 with temporary status.
- Hired 1 with temporary status.
- Ratified the resignation and fixed the last date of employment for 1 certificated administrator.
- Ratified the retirement and fixed the last date of employment for 1 certificated administrator.
- Ratified the retirement and fixed the last date of employment for 8 certificated employees.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved classified employment of 1.
- Approved reassignment of 2.
- Approved the unpaid leave of absence for 1.
- Ratified the resignation and fixed the last date of employment for 3.
- Approved the termination of probationary status for 1.

SHORT-TERM EMPLOYEES

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE short-term employment.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved the short-term employment of 26 secondary coaches and 1 cheer advisor.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Mather Youth Academy's Student Opportunity to Achieve Relationships & Safety (SOARS) Grant – Rolando Rosas

Ms. Bettencourt asked Principal Rosas to introduce this presentation. Mr. Rosas gave a brief background of the grant that is in its third year. He said it has been a joy working through this process and seeing the growth at the Kitty Hawk site. He introduced Delaire Doyle who oversees the program. Mr. Doyle then introduced Kevin Smith who talked about how the program operates at Mather Youth Academy's Middle and High Schools and the opportunity campus. Mr. Rosas then recognized the staff at Kitty Hawk, indicating that they all contribute to the success of the SOARS program.

Trustee Shaw acknowledged Mary Ann Delleney, Ann Knickelbein, Rogene Cortrite, and Linda Burkholder who wrote the SOARS grant.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/SHAW MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory.

0910-164 – Public Participation

Blaine White, District Lead Counselor

- Updated the Board on counselor and site activities in the District, focusing on Mitchell Middle School, Walnutwood High School, and Cordova High School.

Jane Gebhart, District parent and teacher

- Addressed the Board on activities at Cordova Gardens Elementary School, including a student fundraising project, “Money for Haiti.”

Stephen Nichols, PIO

- Addressed the Board on a parent involvement campaign being encouraged by the District. Part of the campaign is a Parent Night at Cordova High School to discuss the desired qualities and characteristics of a new principal. The event will be held on February 4, at 6:00 p.m., in the Cordova High multipurpose room. Trustees were invited to attend.

0910-165 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board: Adaeze Nwakobi

- The last SAB meeting was on Tuesday, January 26. Ms. Bettencourt reported on the budget crisis and answered questions and concerns from the students. She encouraged the students to write letters to their legislators. Members are starting a letter-writing campaign similar to the one conducted last year. Leah Rathbun also spoke at the meeting. The next meeting is February 23, at Cordova High School.

PTA Council:

- No report.

California School Employees Association – Acting President Rick Willis:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Mark Schultz:

- Thanked the folks from Cordova Gardens for coming out tonight. He appreciates their hard work and the report from Ms. Gebhart.

Folsom Cordova Leadership Association – President Joan Jarman:

- On behalf of the organization, congratulated Debbie Bettencourt on her appointment to superintendent and looks forward to working with her.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

REINKING/ BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items with the exception of Item 0910-167 F.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0910-166 - Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes: January 7, 2010
- B. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2010
- C. SECOND READING and Adoption of Revisions to Board Policies, Administrative Regulations and Exhibits: 1000 Series (Community Relations)

0910-167– Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund and other Funds
- C. Receive and File - Sacramento County Annual Investment Policy of the Pooled Investment Fund, Calendar Year 2010
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 01-28-10-22: Approve 2009/10 Child Development Contract CIMS - 9455 – Instructional Materials

- E. Receive Notification of Proposed Expansion of the District's After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program Grant
- F. See below.
- G. Approve 2009-10 Consolidated Application (ConApp) for Funding Categorical Aid Programs, Part II
- H. Approve 2010/2011 Budget Planning Calendar: Calendar of Timelines for the Development of the District Budget
- I. Approve Openings and Appointments to the FCUSD Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee

0910-167 F – Approve 2010 School Site Plans

Ms. Reinking pulled this item to acknowledge Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh's staff and all the hard work that goes into the preparation of the site plans. She noted Renee Garber, Doretta Petlowany, and Joy Cleaver.

REINKING/BENTON MOVED TO APPROVE the 2010 School Site Plans.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

0910-168 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Recommendations: Case Numbers: 0910-39(S), 0910-40(S), 0910-41(S), 0910-42(S), and 0910-43(S)

0910-39(S)

Expel through the end of spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student is to attend an accredited educational program outside FCUSD through the end of the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; 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 FCUSD.

0910-40(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Walnutwood High School through the end of the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a "clean" drug test upon his request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.

0910-41(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Walnutwood High School or any accredited educational program outside of the FCUSD ; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a "clean" drug test upon his request for readmission to the comprehensive programs of the District.

0910-42(S)

Expel through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of summer session following the 3rd trimester of the 2009-2010 academic year; student must successfully complete at least 2 trimesters and summer session at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to return to a comprehensive program in the District; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

0910-43(S)

Expel through the end of the summer session following the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the summer session following the spring semester of the 2009-2010 academic year; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills.

- B. Accept 2009/10 Nonpublic Schools Update, School Year to Date

PUBLIC HEARING

0910-169 – Board of Education 2009-2010 Proposed Contract Openers to the California School Employees Association

President Stanley opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

No one came forward.

Public hearing closed at 6:31 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0910-170 – Adopt Board of Education 2009-2010 Proposed Contract Openers to the California School Employees Association

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the Board of Education’s 2009-2010 proposed contract openers to the California School Employees Association and authorize its chief negotiator to enter into bargaining with the CSEA Comprehensive Unit and the Transportation Unit.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

0910-171 – Accept 2008/2009 Annual Audit Report

Independent Auditor Steve Wescoatt of Perry-Smith reviewed the report provided. Mr. Smith noted an audit adjustment at the end of 2008/09 that was the result of “manipulations by the state.”

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO ACCEPT the 2008/2009 Annual Audit Report, as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

0910-172 – This number not used.

PUBLIC HEARING

0910-173 – Folsom Cordova Education Association 2010-2011 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education

President Stanley opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

No one came forward.

Public hearing closed at 6:51 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0910-174 – Adopt Folsom Cordova Education Association 2010-2011 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education

BENTON/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the Folsom Cordova Education Association’s 2010-2011 proposed contract openers to the Board of Education and authorize its chief negotiator to enter into bargaining with the Folsom Cordova Education Association.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

PUBLIC HEARING

0910-175 – Board of Education 2010-2011 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association

President Stanley opened the public hearing at 6:53 p.m.

No one came forward.

Public hearing closed at 6:53 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

0910-176 – Adopt Board of Education 2010-2011 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association

REINKING/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the Board of Education’s 2010-2011 proposed contract openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association and authorize its chief negotiator to enter into bargaining with the Folsom Cordova Education Association.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

DISCUSSION

0910-177 – Approve Revision to Board Policy 6146.1 Graduation Requirements: Physical Education

This item was not an action item even though the title indicates it was. It was for discussion only.

Ms. Bettencourt asked Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos to introduce this item. Ms. DeArcos reviewed the background information on the item and referred Trustees to the appendix which delineated the content standards for physical education and music. Ms. DeArcos then asked Physical Education Lead Teacher Rich Barboza to continue.

Mr. Barboza indicated that, over the years, some parents have asked if Physical Education (PE) graduation credits could be awarded through other courses such as marching band, or a sport such as football. PE teachers have met with Ms. DeArcos to discuss reasons why they don't approve of the change. He explained the differences between PE and physical activity, the PE content standards that must be taught, and responses from coaches who don't feel able to teach, or don't have the time to teach the standards while coaching (especially non-credentialed coaches).

The following District PE teachers spoke against the proposed changes to BP 6146.1, indicating that PE now encompasses so much more than just sports, emphasizing personal fitness, health, healthy eating, etc.:

- Lisa Johnson, Vista del Lago High School
- Lisa Finley, Folsom High School
- Erva Watts, Cordova High School
- Heidi Bonnett, Elementary PE Lead Teacher
- Andi Agles, Folsom Middle School
- Jessica Atwood, Cordova High School

Deborah Borrell, parent

- Is in favor of changing the policy. Her daughter is in marching band and would like options for completing PE credits other than PE classes, and doesn't have time in her schedule.

Blaine White

- Fitting in PE classes is a challenge for students with schedules with only six classes.
- Is extremely respectful of the credentials PE teachers hold and the state standards required in PE classes, and doesn't see how other courses can meet them. However, would love to see some flexibility for students, but has many concerns about posting PE credit for sports or other activities.

Trustees asked questions and expressed concerns including:

- What is driving this discussion and why it was brought forward.
- Whether other districts are doing this and if they are successful at it.
- Whether or not team sports and dual sports might be more likely to qualify for PE credit.
- How independent study PE might be restructured to allow some level of flexibility so kids could have options that fit the state's requirements.

Mr. Barboza and Ms. DeArcos responded to the Board's concerns and questions. Ms. DeArcos asked for direction on whether or not to pursue a change in BP 6146.1.

Mr. Benton does not favor changing the policy. Skills taught in PE are not taught in sports. It would also be unfair to some kids if their football coach was not credentialed. Those kids would not receive PE credit.

Mr. Shaw indicated this isn't a problem with courses; it's a problem of schedules and time. Suggested looking at what classes we offer, and which of those might be taught online, freeing up schedules for PE classes.

Ms. Reinking suggested not eliminating classes, but tweaking schedules instead. Skills learned in PE are used throughout a lifetime. She is glad we had this discussion and hopes it will be put to rest.

Mr. Short concurs with what his fellow Trustees said and thinks options are what we need to be looking at.

Ms. Stanley felt she sensed some defensiveness tonight on behalf of the teachers. She wanted them to know their program was not being attacked. The intent tonight was to try to explore ways to provide opportunities for kids that need them, and there are a substantial number of kids who need options. Perhaps changes to the independent PE study program? Would like to see us look at ways to provide flexibility without mass exodus from PE programs or making coaches add state standards to their coaching duties.

Ms. Bettencourt summarized: Option 3 in the agenda item should be modified for second year PE only. And, independent study must meet all standards, and on a case by case basis.

Ms. Stanley indicated that it should not be necessary in all cases to make Fitness 1 mandatory in 9th grade without having the potential for the superintendent or his/her designee to release a student from that requirement.

Mr. Barboza said the reason for holding on to Fitness 1 in the 9th grade is that the state mandates the FitnessGram test in 7th and 9th grades, and that it be administered by someone with training.

Ms. Stanley responded that her daughter took the test while in independent study PE.

Ms. DeArcos said that she had the direction she needed and will work with staff to revise the Administrative Regulations to provide increased flexibility for students.

0910-178 – 2010-2011 Budget Update

Ms Bettencourt reported that one budget public forum had been held in Folsom, and another forum is scheduled for February 2, in Rancho Cordova. There was nothing to update on the budget tonight.

REPORTS

0910-179 – Reports to the Board of Education

- Assistant Superintendent Leslie Faust reported on the elementary school transition team.
 - Deputy Superintendent Bettencourt reported that she received notice that Sandra J. Gallardo Elementary School's application for California Distinguished School had passed the first round.
- B. Correspondence to the Board
C. District Committees

BOARD OF EDUCATION

0910-180 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Ms. Nwakobi

- No report.

Mr. Benton

- No report.

Mr. Short

- No report.

Ms. Reinking

- No report.

Mr. Shaw

- Read an article in the paper that caused him to think about why districts close schools. The ideal situation is to close schools for educational reasons rather than economical reasons. We need to look at that when we study school closure in Folsom next year.

Ms. Stanley

- Received the quarterly report regarding Williams complaints. Nothing to report this quarter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

INFORMATION

0910-181 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update – Rancho Cordova

0910-182 – Elementary School Closure Transition Team Report

0910-183 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2010, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, CA 95630.

Record of meeting schedule for January 28, 2010

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:03 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Godwin, Executive Secretary to the Board

JoAnne Reinking, Clerk of the Board