

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

January 19, 2012

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

JoAnne Reinking, President
Ed Short, Vice President
Zak Ford, Clerk
Richard Shaw, Member
Teresa A. Stanley, Member
Mark Sohl, Student Member

January 19, 2012

Board members present: JoAnne Reinking, Ed Short, Zak Ford, Richard Shaw, Teresa Stanley and Student Mark Sohl

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in Room 7)

President Reinking announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in Room 7)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in the Cafetorium)

Meeting convened at 6:01 p.m. President Reinking called the meeting to order. Student Board Member Mark Sohl led the flag salute.

REPORTING OUT CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Assistant Superintendent Cathy Runnels reported out on routine action taken in closed session regarding certificated and classified personnel. She congratulated Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh on his upcoming June retirement after 23 years of service.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

SHORT/SHAW MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved the employment with temporary status of eight.
- Approved the change in assignment of thirteen.
- Approved the change of status of one.
- Approved the leave of absence of three.
- Ratified resignation and fixed the last date of employment of one.
- Ratified retirement and fixed the last date of employment of five.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved the employment of twenty-three.
- Approved the reassignment of six.

- Approved the leave of absence of one.
- Ratified and fixed the last date of employment for five.
- Approved the transfer to the thirty nine month reemployment list of one.

SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT

SHAW/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the short-term employment.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved the short-term employment of twenty-three.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Elementary Intervention Program (EIP) – Arthur Singer

Superintendent Bettencourt introduced District Psychologist Arthur Singer. Dr. Singer thanked the Board for the continued support of the program which has been in the District for twenty years. The Elementary Intervention Program (or Special Friends) is designed as a prevention/intervention program to help primary grade children grow socially and emotionally so they are more effective learners and get along more successfully with their peers in school. Funding is supported by grants from the Early Mental Health Initiative. Dr. Singer introduced Psychologist Suzanne Holt who spoke regarding the positive actions lessons, and Psychologist Ellie Evans and Child Assistants Laura Landsittel and Amita Khare.

Trustees thanked Mr. Singer and Special Friends staff for the support provided to District students.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/STANLEY MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

1112-134– Public Participation

None

1112-135 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board – Mark Sohl:

- The second eligibility period of the FCUSD attendance campaign ended January 14. Looking forward to seeing the data and reporting results back to the Board.
- The next SAB meeting is January 24 at Folsom High School and members will be bringing feedback from other students on the graduation requirements.

Folsom Cordova Education Foundation – Heather McGowan:

- Invited Trustees to attend the Foundation’s *Friendraiser* event on January 27. Since the first event in September, twenty-four corporate partners have signed on to support the Foundation. Excited about the momentum being gained and thanked the Board for their support.
- Currently moving forward and developing internship and classroom support programs.
- Recently awarded \$17,000 in scholarships to students.

PTA Council – Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos:

- At Tuesday’s meeting, Mike Shepherd provided the district report, Denise Burns provided a school report, and the main discussions were on the PTA sponsored Reflections project.

California School Employees Association

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Michael Itkoff:

- Congratulated Mr. Rickabaugh on his retirement.
- Last week staff received Interest Based Bargaining (IBB) training. It is a positive step and looking forward to putting in practice.
- Participates on the District's Benefits Committee. Staff has seen significant rate increases and the committee is looking at what can be done. It may come down to a bargaining issue.
- The Budget Communication Committee is meeting next week.
- Reminded Trustees of the Diane Ravitch event tomorrow.
- Thanked staff who provided prayers and encouraging support during his wife's recovery.

Folsom Cordova Leadership Association – President Richard Tapia:

- Looking forward to another great year. The new year allows for renewed goal setting, reflections, and opportunities.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

SHORT/STANLEY MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

1112-136 – Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2011
- B. Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes – January 7, 2012

1112-137 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Warrants and Payroll: Monthly Ratification
- C. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund and Other Funds
- D. Adopt Resolution No. 01-19-12-15: Authorize District Employee to Certify Various Reports to the Sacramento County Office of Education on Behalf of the Superintendent
- E. Approve Renewal: To Participate in the Nor-Cal Schools Joint Powers Association for Purchasing Supplies and Equipment
- F. Approve Piggyback Bid: To Purchase Supplies through Glendale Unified School District Purchasing Agreement
- G. Approve Bid Renewal: To Purchase Science and Math Instructional Materials through the Carolina Biological Supply Company Purchasing Agreement
- H. Approve Piggyback Bid: To Purchase Supplies and Equipment through The Cooperative Purchasing Network Agreement
- I. Receive and File - Sacramento County Annual Investment Policy of the Pooled Investment Fund, Calendar Year 2012

1112-138 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Recommendations: Case Numbers: 1112-32(S), 1112-33(S), 1112-34(S), 1112-35(S), 1112-36(S), 1112-37(S), 1112-38(S), 1112-39(S), 1112-40(S), 1112-41(S), 1112-42(S), and 1112-43(S)

1112-32(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student must successfully complete at least one semester at Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to the comprehensive programs of FCUSD; 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 FCUSD.

1112-33(S)

Expel through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Mather Youth Opportunity Program through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

1112-34(S)

Expel through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Cordova Gardens Opportunity Program through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

1112-35(S)

Expel through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to remain at Cordova Villa on Independent Study pending Special Education Testing; suspended expulsion order is through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; individual student counseling to address decision-making skills.

1112-36(S)

Expel through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Mather Youth Opportunity Program through the end of the third trimester of the 2011- 2012 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

1112-37(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student must successfully complete at least one semester at Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to the comprehensive programs of FCUSD; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

1112-38(S)

Expel through the end of third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student must successfully complete at least two trimesters at the Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to a comprehensive program of FCUSD; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

1112-39(S)

Expel through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student must successfully complete at least two trimesters at Mather Youth Middle Academy in order to be considered for return to the comprehensive programs of FCUSD; 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 FCUSD.

1112-40(S)

Expel through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Gold Ridge Elementary through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

1112-41(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Academy through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student must successfully complete at least one semester at Mather Youth Academy in order to be considered for return to the comprehensive programs of FCUSD; 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 FCUSD.

1112-42(S)

Expel through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Mather Youth Opportunity through the end of the third trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

1112-43(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend Sacramento County Community School through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; if student returns to FCUSD for the fall semester she may only attend the Adult Education Program; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

1112-139 – Personnel Matters

- A. Approve Job Descriptions: Director of Categorical Programs/Grants and Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Instruction
- B. Approve Revised Administrative Salary Schedule for Two Positions: Assistant Director of Special Education and Director of Categorical Programs/Grants

PUBLIC HEARING

1112-140 - Board of Education 2012-2013 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association

President Reinking opened the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.

No one came forward.

Public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1112-141 – Adopt Board of Education 2012-2013 Proposed Contract Openers to the Folsom Cordova Education Association

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the Board of Education 2012-2013 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

1112-142 – Board of Education 2012-2013 Proposed Contract Openers to the California School Employees Association and Announcement of Public Hearing Scheduled for the February 2, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Assistant Superintendent Cathy Runnels reviewed the Board of Education’s proposed items for negotiations with CSEA Comprehensive and Transportation Units:

- Article 9 - Transfers
- Article 12 – Leaves
- Article 10 – Compensation

The Public Hearing will be held during the regular Board Meeting on February 2, 2012, at Folsom High School, 6:00 p.m. (Open Session).

1112-143 – California School Employees Association 2012-2013 Proposed Contract Openers to the Board of Education and Announcement of Public Hearing Scheduled for the February 2, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Assistant Superintendent Cathy Runnels reported that CSEA has chosen to open the following articles for the Comprehensive Unit for the 2012-2013 school year:

Article 11 – Terms and Conditions of Employment

Article 10 – Compensation

CSEA has also chosen to open the following articles for the Transportation Unit for the 2012-2013 school year.

Article 10 – Compensation

The public hearing will be held at the February 2, 2012, Board meeting.

1112-144 – Budget Update: The Impact of the Governor’s Proposed Budget for 2012-13

Chief Financial Officer/CBO Rhonda Crawford explained the impact of the Governor’s proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year. While the Governor has proposed increases to education funding, they are contingent on the passage of a November 2012 tax initiative. If the tax initiative fails, the budget contains mid-year trigger cuts effective January 1, 2013, of \$370 per student or \$6.6 million for FCUSD. The trigger reduction for K-12 education is equivalent to three less weeks of instruction in the 2012-13 school year.

Additional changes in the Governor's plan include no cost of living (COLA) increase, the elimination of transportation funding, weighted student funding for categorical programs not mandated by the federal government, and no funding for transitional kindergarten.

The District is required to plan for two scenarios at second interim, based on the tax initiative passing or failing, and submit recommendations to the County Office of Education. The best case is a \$250,000 budget surplus, and worst case is a \$6,350,000 budget shortfall. However, the county is requiring districts to submit a balanced budget for 2012-13 with revenue reductions based on the worst case scenario.

Mr. Shaw

- Questioned if we receive federal funds for special education transportation since it is a federal program and specified in IEP.
- If facing mid-year triggers next January and we need to sweep reserves, will the District be financially solvent?

Ms. Crawford

- We are mandated to provide special education transportation, but no funds are provided.
- Reserves should be used for unforeseen circumstances, not for things that can be planned for.

Ms. Bettencourt

- The District has cut \$21 million from the education budget in the past two years. The state is holding our kids hostage until November with cuts in January if the tax initiative fails. The county requires us to pass a budget on worst case scenario, which for FCUSD means more cuts.
- There is nothing left to cut; only little pieces here and there. Thankful all employees have helped by taking furlough days. Doesn't want to issue layoff notices, thereby reducing critical services to students and putting staff members through uncertainty, but must submit a viable budget plan by June 30. May have to sweep or eliminate categorical Tier 3 programs to meet fiscal obligations.
- There will be some layoffs related to program needs and changes in operations of the District, but instead of issuing mass layoffs notices this spring, would like to work with employee groups on contingency language of furlough days, with implementation only if the November tax initiative fails.
- If an agreement is not reached and layoffs not implemented, the county will change the District's fiscal rating from qualified to negative.
- Hopes to have productive dialogue in the next couple of months with employee groups to determine if this is possible, as a budget plan has to be in place by second interim.

Public Comment

Michael Itkoff, FCEA President

- Questioned the impact of this year's trigger cuts by the state.

Ms. Crawford

- Effective January 1, 2012, FCUSD received a \$470,000 cut from transportation revenue and \$13.03 per student from revenue limit funding, totaling about \$1 million.

Joe Scales, Folsom High School counselor

- If there are no counselors, does the state still give the counseling categorical funds to the District? (Ms. Crawford confirmed that we would still receive about \$500,000.)

1112-145 – FIRST READING: Revisions to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

6162.8 to 6173.1 of the 6000 Series (Instruction)

Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh presented the recommended revisions to this portion of the 6000 series to the Board for comment. He asked Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos to address policy 6164.2, Guidance/Counseling Services. Dr. DeArcos explained the policy refers to the supplemental school counseling program for students and this funding is no longer provided by the state. She apologized to the counselors for only being able to review today.

Trustees asked clarifying questions and made the following recommendations:

- BP 6164.2, Guidance/Counseling Services
 - Would like to include “trade apprenticeship programs” to the list of entities allowed access to students for recruiting purposes.
 - Instead of limiting to trade apprenticeship, it was suggested to say “internships and apprenticeships.”
- AR 6164.2, Guidance/Counseling Services
 - Suggested keeping the regulation, but adding a qualifier that if resources and funding are available the regulation would be in effect.
- BP 6163.1, Library Media Centers
 - Change “shall” to “may” in the sentence regarding libraries being open.
- BP 6172, Gifted and Talented Student Program
 - Suggested changing the District “shall” participate in the GATE program to “desires.”
 - The Education Code (52208) referenced was repealed in 2000.
 - Take off the reference to GATE honors and cluster classes. Our District does different variations that may not include cluster and honors classes, so the wording may be too specific for our needs.
- BP 6172.1, Concurrent Enrollment in College Classes
 - Add that the Board may approve a limited number of “qualified” students for concurrent enrollment.

Mr. Jenkins

- BP 6163.4, Student Use of Technology
 - Provided clarification that staff has access to YouTube for education purposes, but students do not. Also, there is a sentence in the policy stating the Superintendent or designee can grant permission to access social networking sites for a particular instructional program.

Dr. DeArcos

- Clarified the deletion of AR 6164.2, Guidance/Counseling Services, does not affect the services that we need to provide to students.

Ms. Bettencourt

- Apologizes for the confusion. AR 6164.2, Guidance/Counseling Services, was recommended for deletion because the requirements for “Supplemental School Counseling Program for Students in Grades 7-12,” have gone away since it is now a Tier 3 program. Staff will bring back the counseling and student support duties that need to be in the policy and regulation that are not specific to this program.
- Explained despite the fact that the Governor is proposing cutting some funding for transitional kindergarten, the education code allows school district’s to collect ADA when a student turns five years old.

Public comment

Mr. Scales, Folsom High School counselor

- Spoke regarding BP and AR 6164.2, Guidance/Counseling Services.
 - Due to limited time to review, counselors are requesting Trustees to hold off discussions until the end of March to allow counselors an opportunity to work with staff and provide input.
 - District gets \$500,000 for implementation if they want for supplemental counseling.
 - Believes it is in the Education Code that counselors should hold a valid pupil personnel services credential.

Ms. Christine Portney, Vista del Lago High School counselor

- Spoke regarding BP and AR 6164.2, Guidance/Counseling Services.
 - The policy doesn't cover the scope of all counselors do.
 - Requested the opportunity for more time to gather more information.
 - Counselors try to deliver the guaranteed guidance services to the best of their abilities.

Ms. Bettencourt

- There is no urgency to adopt any revisions to 6164.2. Will bring back to Trustees after staff has had time to provide input. Dr. DeArcos will work with counselors.
- Clarified that this is a policy and not a job description. Policies are more general; with job descriptions providing detailed duties of the position.

Ms. Reinking

- Confirmed that the Trustees do not want to see the BP and AR 6164.2 until staff has adequately reviewed.

Board comment

Changes suggested by the Board will be addressed by staff and a final draft of the policies and regulations will be brought back to the Trustees for adoption at a subsequent Board meeting.

INFORMATION

1112-146 - Modernization and Construction Projects Update

REPORTS

1112-147– Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Bettencourt:

- ETIS and Facilities personnel have moved into the new Education Services Center (ESC). Staff currently located at the District Office building will move January 30, and Student Support Services, Attendance and Due Process, Health Services, Lead Teachers, Testing, and Food Services will move February 6.
- The Diane Ravitch event is tomorrow and has extra tickets available.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. Robles-Wong: Public School Financing Lawsuit

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1112-148– Board Business

A. Board Communication

Mr. Sohl

- Interviewed the new Cordova High School varsity football coach, Mr. Vance Mueller as a student reporter for the new broadcasting class. The hiring of Coach Mueller has generated a lot of excitement on campus.
- All three comprehensive high schools are participating in the National Jeans for Teens Drive.
- Will report the data on the attendance campaign for the second eligibility period at a future meeting.
- Students are excited that student lunches have changed for the positive. Concerned that prices keep increasing on a regular basis and the cost of \$3.00 is reaching the limit of what some students are able to pay.
- Participated as a guide for Mills Middle School students touring Cordova High School. Some of the students said they were not planning to attend Cordova High School. One reason was they heard rumors that CHS is not comprehensive enough. After the tour, took time to talk to these students to inform them of what CHS has to offer.
- History teacher provided tickets to hear Condoleezza Rice speak. It was a great opportunity.

Mr. Short

- Is proud of the positive Elementary Intervention Program.
- Congratulated Mark Rickabaugh on his retirement.
- Looking forward to the new Education Services Center.
- Is attending the Diane Ravitch event tomorrow.

Mr. Shaw

- Congratulated Mark Rickabaugh on his retirement.
- There was an article in the *Sacramento Bee* this morning on Davis Unified School District. The article listed the top twenty elementary schools in the area, and FCUSD had the most (three) schools on the list.
- Eager to see what changes Governor Brown plans to propose for the state testing requirements.

Ms. Stanley

- Attended the Second Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting. There are some great new courses, including Construction 1, Construction Management, English Language Arts - Pre AP, Physical Systems of Earth and Space, and three Global Program Study (GPS) courses.
- The District is no longer doing scoliosis testing, but a local chiropractor is working with Health Programs to offer free testing for our students at our middle schools. Thanked Dr. Eric McKillican.

Mr. Ford

- Reported on events attended including:
 - Folsom Community Partnership Taste of December
 - Cordova Basketball Classic
 - Martin Luther King Day March
 - Theodore Judah Elementary School
 - Folsom Chamber of Commerce State of the City
- Appreciates Ernie Sheldon attending the Rancho Cordova Youth Sports Council and sharing information.
- Excited to see the new curriculum offered in the District.
- Spoke at the college planning center in Folsom regarding college planning and the Daniel Campbell Ford Scholarship.

- Congratulated Mark Rickabaugh on his retirement.

Ms. Reinking

- Acknowledged the large number of donations to the District in tonight's packet.
- Spent time in the junior kindergarten class at Rancho Cordova Elementary School. Ms. Novak is a wonderful teacher. Met Grandma Lyla May who has been volunteering in Ms. Novak's classroom every day for twelve years.
- Secondary Curriculum Advisory Committee has approved some great class offerings.
- There will be a parent forum on social media use by our youth on February 1 at Sutter Middle School. Looking forward to hearing the information presented by Folsom Police Detective Andrew Bates.
- Appreciates receiving the school newsletters and invites from Principals.
- Robotatouille, a First Lego League team of three students from Theodore Judah Elementary School is going to their first tournament.
- Optimistic in the District community's ability to work together this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1112-149 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2012, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630

Record of meeting schedule for January 19, 2012

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:01 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Bettencourt, Executive Secretary to the Board

Zak Ford, Clerk of the Board