

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

October 6, 2011

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

October 6, 2011

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

5:00 p.m. – Open Session

CALL TO ORDER (Held in the Library)

President Shaw announced items to be discussed in closed session.

5:05 p.m. – Closed Session

(Held in the Library)

6:00 p.m. – Open Meeting

(Held in the Library)

Meeting convened at 6:10 p.m. President Shaw called the meeting to order. Folsom High School student Shravya Kalidindi 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.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Approved in Closed Session)

SHORT/REINKING MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 10-06-11-10, Dismissal of Certificated Employee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/REINKING MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 1 Absent (Short)

- Approved the rehired with temporary status of one.
- Approved the employment with probationary status of three.
- Approved the temporary assignment of five.
- Approved the leave of absence of three.
- Approved the change of assignment of three.
- Approved the certificated appointment of one secondary division leaders and thirty-one elementary department chairs.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/REINKING MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED, 4 Ayes, 1 Absent (Short)

- Approved the employment of nine.
- Approved the reassignment of four.
- Approved the unpaid leave of absence of five.
- Ratified and fixed the last date of employment four.

SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT

STANLEY/FORD MOVED TO APPROVE the short-term employment.

MOTION CARRIED 4 Ayes, 1 Absent (Short)

- Approved the short-term employment of ninety-one secondary coaches.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Folsom High School Interact Club – Jean Cavanaugh

Students Shravya Kalidindi, Farrah Penumarty, and Joyce Tai provided an informative presentation on Folsom High School's Interact Club, a Rotary-sponsored community service organization. Their motto is "service before self" and they provide an extensive amount of community service. Other Interact Club students present were Jasmine Sandhu, Shin-Young Oh, Kelly Leung, Megan Chung, and Amelia Comper. Also present were Folsom Rotarians including President John Abernethy.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

1112-054 – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

1112-055 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board – Mark Sohl:

- The next SAB meeting will be October 18 and agenda topics include school-wide prizes for the attendance campaign and a tobacco prevention program.
- The first qualifying period for the attendance campaign ends on October 15. After this date, will have a base percentage of attendance for each school and will set a new projected goal for the next period.

Folsom Cordova Education Foundation – JoAnne Reinking:

- Thanked everyone who supported the fundraiser event, especially David Schetter and Sarah Aquino.

PTA Council – Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh:

- October 19 is the PTA Administrator's Dinner at the Folsom Community Center to recognize volunteers.

California School Employees Association:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – President Michael Itkoff:

- District personnel and FCEA met regarding training on Interest Based Bargaining (IBB), which will be provided to staff on October 13 and 14.

Folsom Cordova Leadership Association – President-Elect Andy Smith:

- Provided Trustees with an agenda of the conference conducted October 5 regarding secondary Tier II interventions and support. A second professional development conference is scheduled for December 7 and both are funded by a CalStat professional opportunity grant.
- Invited everyone to the Grand Opening of White Rock Park in Rancho Cordova, on October 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. FCLA will have a snow cone booth.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

1112-056 – Administrative Matters

- A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2011

1112-057 – Business Matters

- A. Accept Donations: To Acknowledge Receipt of Donations to the District
- B. Approve Budget Revisions: General Fund and Other Funds
- C. Approve Notice of Completion: Gary Douplik Manufacturing, Inc., for the Oak Chan Elementary School Student Care Portable Replacement
- D. Approve Notice of Completion: Williamson Elementary School Kitchen Improvement Project with Landmark Construction, Inc.
- E. Approve Notice of Completion: Various Portable Relocation Projects with Landmark Construction, Inc.
- F. Approve Notice of Completion: Cordova High School Classroom/ Science Building with Roebbelen Contracting, Inc.
- G. Approve Notice of Completion: Cordova High School Site Work Project with Roebbelen Contracting, Inc.
- H. Approve Notice of Completion: Cordova High School Low Voltage Project with Roebbelen Contracting, Inc.
- I. Adopt Resolution No. 10-06-11-09: Delegation of Authority to Enter into Contracts on Behalf of the District

1112-058 – Instructional Matters

- A. Expulsion Recommendations: Case Numbers: 1112-8(S), 1112-9(S), 1112-10(S), and 1112-11(S)

1112-8(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Lake High through the end of the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for readmission to the comprehensives programs of the District.

1112-9(S)

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

1112-10(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend the Adult Education Program through the end of the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is not to return to a regular comprehensive program with the District to complete graduation requirements; individual counseling to address substance abuse and decision-making skills; student must submit a “clean” drug test upon request for a review of the case.

1112-11(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 return to a comprehensive program in the District; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

- B. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Fifth Grade Students to Shady Creek Outdoor School, Nevada County, California
- C. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Vista del Lago High School Science Club Members to California Forestry Challenge at Leoni Meadows, Grizzly Flats, California
- D. Approve Extended Educational Field Trip Request: Folsom High School Wrestlers to Sierra Nevada Classic Wrestling Tournament, in Reno, Nevada

PUBLIC HEARING

1112-059 – Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act

President Shaw opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

No one came forward.

Public Hearing closed at 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1112-060 – Adopt Resolution No. 10-06-11-08: Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials and Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 10-06-11-08 regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials and Textbook and Instructional Materials Incentive Act.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

1112-061 – Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

There was no need to address this item in open session.

DISCUSSION

1112-062 – FIRST READING: Revisions to Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and

Exhibits: 6000 to 6146.4 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.

Trustees asked questions and provided suggestions, including the following:

AR 6115, Ceremonies and Observances

- Suggested leaving in the sentence, “The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag will fulfill this requirement,” but change “will” to “may.”
- Suggested adding “but shall not disrupt participants” to the end of the sentence stating “Individuals may choose not to participate in the flag salute for personal reason.”

AR 6116, Classroom Interruptions

- Suggestion was made to change “shall” to “may” in the sentence “School visitors and observers shall make appointments in advance.”

AR 6141.2, Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs

- Ms Stanley asked if the regulation could define what constitutes a religious holiday and differentiate between religious holidays and American traditions and culture. For example Santa Claus is not a religious representation. It would be helpful to provide staff direction on what is allowable.

BP 6141.6, Multicultural Education

- It was questioned why this policy is not included.
- Staff will confirm if this policy is related to curriculum.

BP 6142.1, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

- Ms. Stanley requested adding “So long as this curriculum is provided by the District” to the beginning of the second paragraph; and adding “not unduly burdensome” related to the alternative assignment in the last paragraph on page C of the policy.

BP 6142.2, World/Foreign Language Instruction

- Questioned why “shall” was replaced with “may” on page A. The education code says instruction in world languages shall be offered beginning in grade 7.
- Currently world language is only offered in two of our middle schools (Folsom Middle and Mitchell Middle).

BP 6145, Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

- Questioned why we only required students to demonstrate satisfactory progress in grades 9-12, not 7-12.
- Ms. Stanley suggested adding a minimum attendance requirement, for days absent without a doctor note. She stated that students involved in extracurricular activities should be held to a higher standard.

BP 6145.2, Athletic Competition

- Ms. Stanley questioned if health and safety issues associated with performance boosting products should be included in this policy.

BP 6145.5, Student Organizations and Equal Access

- Ms. Stanley indicated there is currently a policy, BP 6145.3 regarding student publications. Was it rolled into another policy?
- Also doesn't see discrimination of membership addressed in student organizations.
- Staff responded membership discrimination is addressed in the discrimination/harassment policy, but can add in this regulation that “School staff shall ensure membership should not be discriminatory.”

BP 6146.1, Graduation Requirements

- This policy states 170 credits are required for graduation. Staff clarified that the total number of credits required is 220, which includes 50 elective credits and Health/Drivers Education. Alternative education students require 200 credits, as the Physical Education requirement is excluded.
- Ms. DeArcos explained credit for the technology requirement can be awarded in either a technology or visual and performing arts (VAPA) course based on the grade level and emphasis.
- Staff clarified that American Sign Language is considered a foreign language fine arts fulfillment.
- Ms. Stanley expressed concern that we dictate too many other requirements and don't leave enough room for more electives. For example, a four-year music student doesn't have room in his/her schedule for language classes. Proposed looking at making Health and Drivers Education an optional class, and making it accessible other ways, such as online.
- Ms. Reinking stated she does not support the elimination of Health/Drivers Education from the graduation requirements. Some other districts require 240 credits and the students are able to complete.

Public Comments

Michael Itkoff, FCEA President

- Expressed the need for parents to be able to see the policies in plenty of time to review before Board discussions.

Laurie Theis, Folsom High School teacher

- Asked what the next steps would be for the Board to determine whether Health and Drivers Education courses will be a graduation requirement or not.

Ms. Bettencourt

- If the Board is recommending changing the graduation requirements, will bring back as a separate discussion item and notice the public before the Board takes action.

Ms. Stanley

- Asked to separate the graduation requirements policy from the others and address at a future meeting.

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.

1112-063 – 2011 District-Wide Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) Results

Assistant Superintendent Mark Rickabaugh introduced David Knight, Testing, Assessment, and Interventions Coordinator, to provide the District-wide testing and reporting results on the California Standards Tests (CST). Mr. Knight reviewed CST results by grade levels and subjects. Overall, the District performed higher than the state average.

REPORTS

1112-064 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Bettencourt:

- No report.

B. Correspondence to the Board

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1112-065 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Mr. Sohl

- Attended a PTSA meeting at Cordova High School regarding the student union and their outreach to students. Funding has been difficult but they still manage to do a great job.
- Has been elected parliamentarian for Cordova High School's site council.
- Congratulated Vista del Lago High School on winning their Homecoming game.
- Commended Folsom High School's football team for the awesome job.
- Cordova High School's Homecoming is Friday, October 14.

Ms. Reinking

- Attended the SELPA CAC meeting. Thanked the Special Education staff who attended to address questions and Salli Welsh for her customer service focus.
- School Wide Information System (SWIS) looks like a helpful software program for the District. Hopes we can find funding to provide for schools.

- Attended the Folsom Library Commission meeting. The Tuesday afterschool homework club is very popular with students and volunteers are needed. Remains optimistic about the library returning to Vista del Lago High School.
- Appreciates that we are conducting a more aggressive approach to ensure all students are in compliance with the Tdap vaccination requirement.
- Acknowledged Intel for the \$32,000 donation to Project Lead The Way.

Mr. Ford

- Thanked the Folsom High School Interact Club students and Rotarians for attending tonight.
- Thanked Intel for the Project Lead The Way support.
- Attended the District's Ambassadors Program meeting and looks forward to seeing it up and running.
- Attended the Grand Opening of Teen Haven at Riverview Community Center.
- Attended the FCEF friendraiser event and is happy to support the great things they do for the District.
- Acknowledged the students from the Cordova High School Key Club who helped with the Mather Heights Elementary School Fall Festival.
- Visited the new Sacramento Children's Museum.
- Looking forward to the White Rock Park Grand Opening, the Student Advisory Board meeting, Cordova High School's Homecoming, and the PTA Council Administrator Dinner.

Mr. Short

- None.

Ms. Stanley

- Past practice has been to never exclude a Board member's request to add something on the agenda. Hopes her request to discuss graduation requirements will be honored.
- Glad to hear FCEA is doing training on Interest Based Bargaining.
- Natoma Station Elementary School received a \$10,000 grant from PG&E for their garden.

Mr. Shaw

- Will be driving his 1983 Mercedes convertible car in Cordova High School's Homecoming celebration.
- Is excited about Mitchell Middle School developing an International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. A middle school IB Program is necessary if we are going to have a high school program.
- Received a letter from Aspire Charter School looking to open a school in this area.
- Commented on the recent *Sacramento Bee* articles regarding special education. Compared to other districts, we are higher identified in special education, but lowest on usage of modified (CMA) testing. Seems like a game is being played by other districts to raise test scores by excluding special education students. Suggested that we explore the trends and what this means to our District.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1112-066 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011, at Mills Middle School, 10439 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, California, 95670

Record of meeting schedule for October 6, 2011

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:10 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Bettencourt, Executive Secretary to the Board

Ed Short, Clerk of the Board