

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

September 15, 2011

MINUTES

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

September 15, 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 Room 7)

President Shaw 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 6:02 p.m. President Shaw called the meeting to order. Rancho Cordova Mayor Robert McGarvey 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)

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO ADOPT Resolution No. 09-15-11-07, Dismissal of Certificated Employee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine certificated personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved the rehired with temporary status of one.
- Approved the employment with probationary status of one.
- Approved the change of assignment of twenty-three.
- Approved the temporary assignment of one.
- Approved the change of status of one.
- Approved the certificated appointment of fifty-seven secondary division leaders and one athletic director.

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE routine classified personnel items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- Approved the employment of eleven.
- Approved the reassignment of four.
- Approved the leave of absence of two.
- Ratified and fixed the last date of employment for six.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S STATEMENT

President Shaw thanked GenCorp for their support provided to the school district and referenced agenda item 1112-045 H, School Mitigation Agreement with Aerojet General Corporation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

California Partnership Programs at Cordova High School: Dan Anklam, Chris Almeida, and Linda Greer

Cordova High School Principal Dan Anklam introduced teachers Chris Almeida and Linda Greer who provided a presentation on the five academies at Cordova High School. The academies are Business Technology, Culinary, Polytech (Engineering), Public Safety, and Agricultural Science. These career focused pathways are designed for tenth through twelfth grade students and the curriculum is integrated based on themes and career industry needs. Fifty percent of the new tenth grade academy students must be at-risk. Attendance rates of the students in the academy are high and for twelfth grade students enrolled there is a 100% graduation rate. There are mentors from supporting business partners, seniors participate in internships, and students perform community services. The academies are open to requests from the public for services such as web design and catering. It is a priority this year is to make sure all students are on track with credits.

Trustees thanked staff and administration for their dedication and students for their engagement in these programs.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

SHORT/REINKING MOVED TO ADOPT the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

1112-042 – Public Participation

Linda Burkholder, Director of Family Support Services

- Introduced AmeriCorps VISTA members (Volunteers in Service to America) Ryan Ardit, Lamara Burgess, Kiera Cuolter, Ann Griffin, and Eva McKnight who are currently supporting the Parent Engagement Project, and Communities and Health Professionals Together.

Rancho Cordova Mayor Robert McGarvey

- Spoke regarding the request by GenCorp to change the zip code in a portion of the unincorporated area of Sacramento County from a Rancho Cordova zip code to a Folsom zip code.
- Asked the Trustees to support the City of Rancho Cordova’s position of not changing the zip code.

Rancho Cordova City Council Member Dan Skoglund

- Spoke regarding GenCorp’s request to the U.S. Postmaster for the zip code change.
- Shared a map of the area involved and indicated the school district is the only organization affected that is maintaining a neutral position.
- Asked the Board to discuss and provide support to the community of Rancho Cordova.

Conrade Mayer, citizen of Rancho Cordova, and bond oversight member

- Spoke regarding past history of zip codes used as a leverage tool to annex other communities.
- Questioned why the District did not discuss in the bond oversight meetings since the area involved is in the District’s new construction area.

Matt Cummings, resident of Rancho Cordova

- Asked the Board to reject any endorsement of Aerojet's (GenCorp) effort to change the zip code and send the message that we are one District.

1112-043 – REPORTS OF DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

Student Advisory Board – Mark Sohl:

- Participated in the first SAB meeting where members appointed school chairpersons and brainstormed on incentives for the attendance campaign.
- Provided reports from the secondary schools on their activities and events.
- The next meeting will be held on October 11 at Mills Middle School and will discuss the attendance campaign, a district-wide service project, and a tobacco prevention program.

Folsom Cordova Education Foundation – JoAnne Reinking:

- FCEF presented at the Rancho Cordova City Council meeting.
- Welcomed Linda Burkholder to the FCEF organization.
- FCEF board member David Schetter obtained an additional 200 licenses for ALEX, a math intervention program.
- The “friendraiser” event will be held at Vintner’s Cellar at 5:30 p.m. on September 30.

PTA Council – Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos:

- No report.

California School Employees Association:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Education Association – Vice President Mike Bohachef:

- No report.

Folsom Cordova Leadership Association – President Richard Tapia:

- Shared a brief version of the professional development presentation Jim Huber conducted for the Leadership team regarding summative and formative assessments.
- Introduced Principal Andy Smith as the FCLA President-Elect.

AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

STANLEY/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE agenda consent items.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

1112-044 – Administrative Matters

A. Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2011

1112-045 – 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. 09-15-11-06: GANN Limit

E. SECOND READING: Adopt Revisions to Board Policies and Administrative Regulations 5142 and 5143: Safety and Insurance (Students)

F. Approve DSA Change Order No. 4: Education Services Center - Furniture Contract

G. Approve Notice of Completion: Mather Heights Elementary School Asphalt Project

H. Approve School Mitigation Agreement: Aerojet General Corporation

I. Approve Professional Fees: To Authorize Use of Legal Firms for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

1112-046 – Instructional Matters

A. Expulsion Recommendations: Case Numbers: 1112-1(S), 1112-2(S), 1112-3(S), 1112-4(S), 1112-5(S), 1112-6(S), and 1112-7(S)

1112-1(S)

Expel through the end of the second trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the second 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 the District; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

1112-2(S)

Expel through the end of the second trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of second 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 the District; 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.

1112-3(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend Mather Youth Academy through the end of the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student must successfully complete at least one semester at Mather Youth Academy; individual counseling to address assaultive behavior and decision-making skills.

1112-4(S)

Expel through the end of the spring semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to attend Folsom Lake High through the end of the spring 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 comprehensive programs of the District.

1112-5(S)

Expel through the end of the second trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend the Mather Youth Middle Academy through the end of the second 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 the District; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

1112-6(S)

Expel through the end of the second trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; suspend expulsion order; student is to remain at Empire Oaks Elementary School through the end of the second trimester of the 2011-2012 academic year; individual counseling to address decision-making skills.

1112-7(S)

Expel through the end of the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; student is to attend the Sacramento County Community School through the end of the fall 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 the District; 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.

B. Approve Memorandum of Understanding Among School Districts Within Sacramento County: Interdistrict Attendance

DISCUSSION/ACTION

1112-047 – Approve 2010-2011 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report: Actual Revenues and Expenditures Reported on the Annual State Budget Form, Form 01 and Other Funds for the State of California

Superintendent Bettencourt introduced Chief Financial Officer/CBO Rhonda Crawford. Each September the District is required to present the actual unrestricted and restricted revenue and expenditures, as well as carryover balances from the previous fiscal year. Independent auditors will validate the numbers in their December audit report. Ms. Crawford provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the balances and the impacts on 2011-2012 and 2012-2013.

Trustees asked questions on the state budget revenue triggers, reduction in transportation funding, and lack of funding for the retiree benefit fund.

Ms. Crawford explained current state revenues are lower than projected, but still below the \$1 billion trigger; transportation revenue in the adopted budget is showing the original projected revenue based on reduced bus services provided to students; and we are currently paying retiree benefits as we go and hope our financial condition improves and contributions can be reinstated. The District still has an ongoing structural deficit of \$6 to \$7 million in 2012-2013.

The next steps include monitoring state revenue receipts, preparing for more difficult decisions in the months ahead, developing a plan to reduce operating expenditures as required by the Sacramento County Office of Education, continuing to monitor cash flows, and make transfers from other funds as needed.

REINKING/SHORT MOVED TO APPROVE the 2010-2011 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, including Advisory

1112-048 – Personnel Action

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

DISCUSSION

1112-049 – Williams Update

Assistant Superintendent Janie DeArcos introduced this item. White Rock Elementary, Cordova Gardens Elementary, and Mitchell Middle schools were visited by teams from the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) for a Williams Act compliance review. The Williams Act is the result of a lawsuit from the State of California stating school districts must provide public school students with equal access to instructional materials, safe and decent school facilities, and qualified teachers. All three schools met criteria for textbooks/instructional materials and Uniform Complaint Procedure (UCP) postings in the classrooms. There were minor facility inspection violations that were cleared and the District is now 100% in compliance.

Mr. Ford

- Asked how schools are selected for a review.

Ms. DeArcos

- Selected schools are determined by state ranking based on the Academic Performance Index Base.

Mr. Shaw

- Congratulated staff on no uniform complaints.

INFORMATION

1112-050 – Modernization and Construction Projects Update

REPORTS

1112-051 – Reports to the Board of Education

A. Superintendent Bettencourt:

- No report.

B. Correspondence to the Board

C. Robles-Wong: Public School Financing Lawsuit

BOARD OF EDUCATION

1112-052 – Board Business

A. Board Communication

Mr. Ford

- Regarding the zip code issue, the District represents students that live in the District boundaries no matter the zip code.
- Personally, opposes the zip code change.
- Attended the Cordova High School back-to-school event and ribbon cutting ceremony and was impressed with the new building.
- Toured Folsom Middle School and watched a volleyball game.
- Impressed with endeavor of the attendance campaign.
- Attended the Folsom High School football game against Roseville.
- Attended Mather Heights Elementary School's fundraiser at Chili's Restaurant.
- Looking forward to attending FCEF's "friendraiser" on September 30.

Mr. Sohl

- Will attend Vista del Lago High School's homecoming game against Cordova High School tomorrow.
- The new science/language arts building at Cordova High School is the first new building since 1963.
- Congratulated Principal Anklam on the increase of 30 points in Cordova High School's API score.
- Thanked Dr. DeArcos, Mr. Ford, and Ms. Reinking for attending the SAB meeting.

Ms. Reinking

- Complemented Mark Sohl on his duties as SAB Chair.
- Attended the City of Folsom/District 2x2 meeting. Discussed school traffic, budget, Vista del Lago High School's library, plans for Theodore Judah community services center, designation of current District Office site as low income housing, usage of school fields and facilities, and the city's exploration of renewing the Measure J bond.
- Complemented FCLA President Richard Tapia for the formative assessment presentation.
- Complimented Ms. Bettencourt on the Folsom Chamber of Commerce presentation.
- Thanked teachers at Vista del Lago High School who have accepted student contacts over contract.
- Complimented Cordova High School administration on the ribbon cutting ceremony and Tanya Larson for doing an incredible job serving the school and community.
- Thanked parents who attended the Superintendent's Communication Committee meeting. Mr. Nichols did a great job facilitating the meeting.
- Thanked all employees for the hard work during the demanding start of the school year.
- Thanked all the parents for their fundraising efforts.

Mr. Short

- Spoke regarding the history of zip code issues in Rancho Cordova. Personally, is not in support of the zip code change. It creates identity confusion.
- Participated in the back-to-school and ribbon cutting events at Cordova High School. Proud of the great facilities.

Ms. Stanley

- Regarding the Unaudited Actuals Financial Report, it shows the cafeteria fund is growing negative. Asked if the District needs to address by increasing meal fees. (Ms. Crawford explained the decrease is for modernization costs, and a meal fee increase was recently approved.)

- Complimented Ms. Bettencourt, Mr. Gaesser, and the Folsom High School jazz choir, on the presentation to the Folsom Chamber of Commerce.
- Believes the Mayor of Rancho Cordova requested we place the zip code issue on an agenda for discussion. If the subject makes it to an agenda, need to obtain legal counsel.

Mr. Shaw

- Enjoyed the ribbon cutting for the new Cordova High School building. It is a science and language arts building. Apologized for referring to it as the science building.
- Impressed with the way Mark Sohl ran the SAB meeting and impressed with the group of students involved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1112-053 – Tentative Agenda: Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2011, at Folsom High School, 1655 Iron Point Road, Folsom, California, 95630

Record of meeting schedule for September 15, 2011

Open Session	5:00 p.m.
Closed Session	5:05 p.m.
Open Session	6:02 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at	7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Bettencourt, Executive Secretary to the Board

Ed Short, Clerk of the Board