

Fresno County Committee on School District Organization
County of Fresno, California

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Fresno County Office of Education
Board Room, Room 301
1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno, California 93721

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Dr. Lawrence "Larry" Wilder called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Susan B. Bailey, Recording Secretary, called roll. There are eleven Committee seats. Six members establish a quorum. Votes are recorded in the following order: For-Against-Absent-Abstain.

Members present: Frank Butterfield, Terry Cox, Brian Heryford, Clint Horwitz, Warren Jennings, Dr. Nellie Neri, and Dr. Larry Wilder.

Members absent: Ken Marcantonio, Joan Minasian, Tracy Rodriguez.

One vacancy.

Quorum established at time of roll call.

No additions or corrections were made to the agenda.

Others present: Jan M. Biggs, Senior Administrator, Fresno County Office of Education ("FCOE"); Michael E. O'Hare; Daniel Babshoff, Member, Kerman Unified School District Board of Trustees; Ismael Herrera.

III. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2013 MINUTES

Motion – Member Heryford moved to approve the November 7, 2013 minutes as presented. Member Neri seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously (7-0-3-0). One vacancy.

IV. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO MICHAEL E. O'HARE

Chairperson Wilder presented a plaque to Michael E. O'Hare recognizing his years of service on the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization. Mr. O'Hare served from 2007 to 2013. Mr. O'Hare addressed the FCCSDO.

V. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER PURSUANT TO BYLAWS AND EDUCATION CODE SECTION 4006(c) and 4006(c)(2) DUE TO THE RESIGNATION OF PAUL BETANCOURT

Biographical Sketch Forms were received from Daniel Babshoff and Ismael Herrera. Mr. Herrera's form was received after the April 21, 2014, 4:00 p.m. deadline and therefore Mr. Herrera was not considered for the open FCCSDO District 1 seat. Mr. Betancourt's resignation was received February 20, 2014.

Pursuant to Education Code section 4006(c) and 4006(c)(2), "... Vacancies on the county committee which occur prior to the expiration of the term of office of a member of the county committee, ... shall be filled as follows: ... In a county in which the members of the county committee are elected by the representatives of the governing boards, by the majority vote of the remaining members of the committee ... within 70 days

Mr. Babshoff was invited to address the FCCSDO.

Motion: Member Heryford made a motion to appoint Daniel Babshoff to complete Paul Betancourt's term which expires in the fall of 2014. Member Neri seconded the motion. This appointment takes effect immediately. An election for four-year membership for this seat will take place fall 2014 at the Trustees' Association Dinner Meeting.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Wilder inquired regarding the status of appeal of FCCSDO's decision to deny the citizens' petition regarding re-organization of Coalinga-Huron Unified School District. Mr. Biggs stated that the FCOE has not heard anything from the State Board of Education. (Reference August 29, 2013 Minutes)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Biggs informed the FCCSDO that a group within the Fresno Unified School District is working on bringing forth a petition to divide the district in half. The group has retained consultants. Fresno County Office of Education staff have met with group members to discuss FCOE's role and FCCSDO's role in the process.

VIII. DISCUSS/SET NEXT MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARING(S)

There is currently no reorganization issue that needs to be addressed by the FCCSDO. Members will be polled for meeting availability once an issue arises.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Wilder called for adjournment. Member Jennings moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Butterfield seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (8-0-3-0). The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

APPROVED: June 26, 2014