

MINUTES  
May 16, 2002

- CALL TO ORDER            President Tannenbaum called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a prayer led by Dr. Lawrence Wilder.
- ATTENDANCE              Members present: President Sally Tannenbaum, Vice President Barbara Thomas, Members Delbert Cederquist, Dr. Allen Clyde, Charles Francis.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Deputy Superintendents Daniel Pietro and Don Collins; Assistant Superintendent Larry Wilder, Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Jeanne Coyne, Dr. Donald Gregory, Brian Nunn, Jamie Perry, Toni Prada, Tom Read, Lou Telismanic.
- AGENDA  
Approved                  President Tannenbaum announced that the following items have been revised and/or added to the agenda: *Educational Services – Public Hearing on County Superintendent of Schools Initial Proposal to Certificated Bargaining Unit for 2002-2003 School Year – Information; Public Hearing on Certificated Bargaining Unit’s Initial Proposal for the 2002-2003 School Year – Information; Business – Adopt Resolution #2002-23-Classified School Employee Week.* Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.
- MINUTES  
Approved                  Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of April 18, 2002; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE  
MONTH                      This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Jamie Perry** as their June 2002 Employee of the Month.
- Jamie Perry is in her second year with the County Office, as our Facilities Manager. In the short period of time that Jamie has been here with us, she has demonstrated a high level of initiative and has improved the functions and environment of our facilities.
- Jamie’s strong background in dealing with school facilities has been recognized many times throughout her work. She meticulously improved the maintenance and security practices of our buildings and continuously reviews policies and code regulations to ensure quality standards. Jamie is a dedicated worker and you can find Jamie working after hours numerous times to make certain that our buildings are safe and sound. She is highly motivated to improving our school facilities.
- Jamie has undertaken many projects, which has been of tremendous assistance to our management staff to the benefit of our employees. We can always depend on her knowledge and experience in the decision-making process regarding the implementation of new facilities expansions. She has spearheaded the development of Scout Island and various other projects in developing a facilities’ Master Plan for the County Office of Education.
- Jamie has a good relationship with her staff and communicates well both internally and with the public. Her strong leadership, management, and high expectations are valued and respected by all. Jamie is a true professional in every way and all her efforts are greatly appreciated by the entire staff here at the Fresno County Office of Education. Thank you Jamie for maintaining and improving our facilities and environment.

It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Jamie Perry. Congratulations, Jamie, for a job well done.

Deputy Superintendent Collins commended Jamie Perry for keeping employees informed of news and updates regarding facilities.

SPECIAL  
RECOGNITION

Superintendent Mehas congratulated President Tannenbaum on earning her doctorate degree and presented a framed poster of this year's Teachers of Tomorrow flyer. President Tannenbaum thanked the Superintendent and the Board.

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION  
Western Heritage  
Awards

Deputy Superintendent Collins introduced Mr. Dan Pisano (Good Company Players), Dr. Don Gregory, and Brian Nunn to the Board and commended all of them for their work on the video "No Place Like California." Dr. Gregory presented a videotape of photographs taken at the Western Heritage Awards in Oklahoma City. Dr. Gregory also presented a poster and an instructional binder (video/CD/workbook) of the "No Place Like California" video.

Mr. Dan Pisano thanked the Board for their continued support of this project. Superintendent Mehas thanked Mr. Pisano, Dr. Gregory, Brian Nunn, and everyone at the Fresno County Office of Education for their hard work and dedication towards the completion of the video.

Recess

The Board recessed at 2:05 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

MOVED TO:  
ADMINISTRATION  
Resolution #2002-21,  
Public Schools Week  
Adopted

Assistant Superintendent Wilder requested the board consider adopting Resolution #2002-21 whereby the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent support the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of County Office of Education.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-21, in support of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of County Office of Education; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-22,  
Special Education  
Funding  
Adopted

Assistant Superintendent Wilder requested the board consider adopting Resolution #2002-22 whereby the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent support Special Education Funding.

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution #2002-22, Special Education Funding; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Vice President's  
Request

Vice President Thomas requested letters be written on behalf of the Board to Senators Costa and Poochigian thanking both of them for signing as co-authors of the Special Education Funding bill. Assistant Superintendent Wilder advised the board he would prepare the letters on behalf of the board.

MOVED TO:  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES

Deputy Superintendent Collins presented an informational item and notice of public

Public Hearing on  
County Superintendent  
of Schools Initial  
Proposal  
to Certificated  
Bargaining Unit for 2002-  
2003 School Year  
Information only

hearing on County Superintendent of Schools initial proposal to certificated bargaining unit for 2002-2003 and opening articles 9 and 25; and Certificated Bargaining unit's initial proposal for 2002-2003 and opening articles 7 and 16.

Prior to formal negotiations, the Superintendent's Initial Proposal to Certificated Bargaining Unit for 2002-2003 School Year and Certificated Bargaining Unit's Proposal for 2002-2003 School Year shall be introduced, followed by a reasonable period of "sunshining," as required by Government Code 3547b, followed by a public hearing.

Public Hearing on  
Certificated Bargaining  
Unit's Initial Proposal for  
2002-2003 School Year  
Information only

President Tannenbaum stated the following: "Let the record show that following the required reasonable sunshine period, a hearing opportunity was given for the Superintendent's opening position for the 2002-2003 School Year; and the Certificated Bargaining Unit's opening position for the 2002-2003 School Year."

The Board moved to close the public hearing by consensus; motion carried.

MOVED TO SCHOOL  
LIBRARY & MEDIA  
SERVICES  
Media for Consideration  
Discussion

Janie Rocheford presented media for consideration – First Reading. The board acknowledged the media presented for consideration.

Media for Adoption

Janie Rocheford requested the board adopt media as presented. Member Thomas moved to adopt media as presented; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO: COURT  
AND COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS

WASC Visitation and  
Annual Report

Mr. Tom Read, WASC Chairman, Court and Community Schools presented information regarding the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) during 1999-2000 school year. Mr. Read also provided the board with a copy of the WASC Mid-Term Report and the WASC Annual/3-Year Report.

Resolution 2002-20—  
Capital Outlay  
Expenditures  
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution 2002-20—Capital Outlay Expenditures; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
FRESNO ROP  
Resolution #2002-19, In  
the Matter of Setting  
Aside Excess Ending  
Balances of Fresno  
Metropolitan Regional  
Occupational  
Center/Program for  
Capital Outlay  
Expenditures  
Adopted

Member Francis moved to adopt Resolution #2002-19, In the Matter of Setting Aside Excess Ending Balances of Fresno Metropolitan Regional Occupational Center/Program for Capital Outlay Expenditures; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS

Resolution #2002-23,  
Classified School  
Employee Week  
Adopted

The California School Employees Association, Chapter #573, is seeking recognition for those people who serve the school community and county office.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-23, Classified School Employee Week of May 19-25, 2002; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Receipt of Quarterly  
Disclosure of FCOE's  
Investment Policies  
Acknowledged

Member Cederquist moved to acknowledge the Receipt of Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Public Hearing on  
County Superintendent  
of Schools Initial  
Proposal to Classified  
Bargaining Unit for 2002-  
2003 School Year  
Acknowledged

Prior to formal negotiations, the County Office of Superintendent of Schools Initial Proposal to Classified Bargaining Unit for 2002-2003 School Year shall be introduced, followed by a reasonable period of "sunshining," as required by Government Code 3547b, followed by this public hearing.

President Tannenbaum stated the following: "Let the record show that following the required reasonable sunshine period, a hearing opportunity was given for the Superintendent's opening position for the 2002-2003 School Year."

Member Francis moved to recognize the Public Hearing on County Office of Superintendent of Schools Initial Proposal to Classified Bargaining Unit for 2002-2003 School Year; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

The Board moved to close the public hearing by consensus; motion carried.

Public Hearing on  
Classified Bargaining  
Unit's Initial Proposal for  
the 2002-2003 School  
Year  
Acknowledged

Prior to negotiations, the Classified Bargaining Unit's proposals shall be introduced, followed by a reasonable period of "sunshining," as required by Government Code 3547b, followed by this public hearing.

President Tannenbaum stated the following: "Let the record show that following the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Classified Bargaining Unit's opening position."

Member Francis moved to recognize the Public Hearing on the Classified Bargaining Unit's Initial Proposal to Classified Bargaining Unit for 2002-2003 School Year; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

The Board moved to close the public hearing by consensus; motion carried.

Application to Purchase  
State Relocatable  
Classroom at  
Washington Academic  
Middle School  
Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve Application to Purchase State Relocatable Classroom at Washington Academic Middle School; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Bid Site Work for New  
Relocatable Classrooms  
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve bid for site work for new relocatable classrooms; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
PERSONNEL

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board to consider approving the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators through the use of emergency credentials.

Member Cederquist moved to approve declaration of need for fully qualified educators; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to Attend

Member Tannenbaum requested approval to attend the Fresno Youth Civic and Character Education Institute at Fresno Pacific University on June 26-28, 2002.

Member Thomas moved to approve; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members

Member Tannenbaum submitted expense and mileage reimbursement claims (quarterly mileage for various meetings - \$402.96); and Civic Engagement Meeting with State Superintendent Delaine Eastin (Lodging: \$95.39).

Member Thomas moved to approve expense and mileage reimbursement claims for Member Tannenbaum; seconded by Member Francis.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Comments by Board Members

Vice President Thomas requested more flexibility with the Board's travel budget. Ms. Thomas raised an issue of how important it is to have board representation at the annual CCBE Spring Conference and the annual CSBA Conference and at present the board's budget does not provide funds to attend both.

Member Francis requested to raise the budget to \$2,500 for each board member.

President Tannenbaum suggested that board members be given the flexibility to shift funds from one member's budget to cover funds for another member.

Superintendent Mehas agreed that the board should have appropriate representation at the annual CCBE Spring Conference and the annual CSBA Conference. Superintendent Mehas agreed that on a case-by-case basis that funds from board members could be shifted to another member's budget to cover funds needed to attend conferences.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Edison-Bethune Financial Update  
Deputy Superintendent Pietro advised the board regarding receipt of a monthly report on revenue expenditures. Jan Biggs also advised the board that no profit was expected from the charter school but the school is funded by donations and private sector loans.
- Minarets High School Update  
No Modification of Restraining Order  
Change of Venue

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- Scout Island  
Environmental Assessment will be required  
Environmental Assessment to be completed in 6 weeks
- West Fresno Update  
First and Second Interim Report Negative  
Letter to State Superintendent Delaine Eastin from Superintendent Mehas
- FAME Grant Program
- Board Events Calendar
- Six Superintendents retiring and will be acknowledged by FCOE
- Mayor's Trustee Proposal Update – Testimony on May 1 in Sacramento, CA
- Fresno County Youth Service Council – Information only

President Tannenbaum's  
Comments

Tree Fresno (Freedom Trees)  
Teachers of Tomorrow Luncheon  
Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Colloquium

COMMUNITY INPUT

Jeanne Coyne, CTA President, reported on the following:

- CTA Negotiations Re: Articles and improving language
- Peer Assistance and Review Panel PAR
- *Make A Wish Walk-A-Thon*
- Summer Wind Down

FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

FAME Grant Program Ratified at June Board Meeting

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.