

MINUTES
August 21, 2003

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Thomas at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and an inspirational reading led by Armen Bacon.

ATTENDANCE Members present: President Thomas, Members Delbert Cederquist, Allen Clyde, Keith Eubanks, Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.

Participating staff: Peter G. Mehas, Superintendent; Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendent; Armen Bacon, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor, Legal Department; Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.

Visitors: Janie Rocheford, Pat Sims, Judy Statler, Karen vonFelton, Kayle West, Carolyn West, Karen West.

AGENDA
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MINUTES
Approved Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of July 17, 2003; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

EMPLOYEE OF
THE MONTH This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Karen West** as their September 2003 Employee of the Month.

We would like to nominate Karen West, special education teacher, and her cadre of students for their outstanding work for the Special Education Department and SELPA. As part of the community-based program curriculum, which assists special education students in developing job skills, Karen and several of her students provide much needed assistance to our department on a weekly basis. They assist in the areas of: filling orders for IEP forms to districts, collating/copying projects, mass mail outs and just about anything else we need.

Karen demonstrates professionalism as a teacher in many ways. One that is most apparent is the manner in which she coaches each student to participate and the patience she uses when doing so. She involves each student as she demonstrates and uses positive reinforcements, like “good job, you are such a hard worker,” and many more. Karen has a wonderful sense of humor and is able to bring that out in her students as they are performing their job tasks. She always promotes a friendly, caring, and a respectful work environment conducive to students’ self esteem.

Karen’s dedication speaks for itself. She provides transportation for her students to jobs, even though it may be beyond her “teaching day.” In October, during the Fair, two of her students had the opportunity to work at the “Barbeque booth.” Each night Karen would deliver and pick up her young charges. Not only is Karen involved in the education of her students; she involves her own parents as well. Kale and Carolyn West have been long time supporters of special needs students. On several occasions Kale and Carolyn have been the “room parents” providing treats, gifts, and just about anything the class needs.

Karen and our special students provide us with the opportunity to see first hand, just what education is really all about—focusing on the abilities of students we serve.

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

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
RECOGNITION

Certificate of
Appreciation
Kale and
Carolyn West

Pat Sims, Director, Special Education presented a certificate of appreciation to Kale and Carolyn West. Ms. Sims gave recognition to both Kale and Carolyn West for volunteering for numerous programs that serve individuals with disabilities. The board thanked Kale and Carolyn West.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
SCHOOL
LIBRARY &
MEDIA
SERVICES

Janie Rocheford

Janie Rocheford, Director, School Library & Media Services presented information regarding the Central Valley's 8th Annual Literacy Summit. Ms. Rocheford also shared a video clip from the "Oprah Winfrey Show" regarding the keynote speaker, *Ron Clark, Disney American Teacher of the Year 2000*, scheduled to speak at the Annual Literacy Summit.

- October 15, 2003
- Fresno Convention Center
- Ron Clark, Keynote Speaker
- Finley Stewart, Professional Storyteller
- AB 466 for Grades K-6
- BTSA Professional Development for Grades K-6
- CAHSEE Language Arts Strategies for Grades 7-12
- Breakout Sessions
 - Accelerated Reader Training
 - Writing Assessment
 - Professional Development Workshops

Janie Rocheford, Director, School Library Media Services, presented media before the board for discussion. No action taken.

Media for
Discussion

The board Media for discussion. No action taken.

MOVED TO:
INTER DISTRICT
TRANSFER
APPEAL
HEARING

Julian Beshore
Sanger USD to
Clovis USD
Denied

The Board discussed the request for an Inter district permit. Those present at the hearing included: Delber Beshore, parents; Dr. Michael Giovannetti, Sanger USD. The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Inter district transfer request for Jordan Beshore to attend Clovis Unified School District from the district of residence, Sanger Unified School District; seconded by Member Eubanks seconded; motion carried.

Member Cederquist

N

Member Eubanks	N
Member Clyde	Y
Member Tannenbaum	Y
President Thomas	N

The Inter district transfer was denied. 3-2. The Inter district was not approved.

MOVED TO:
INTER DISTRICT
TRANSFER
APPEAL
HEARING
Bristol Lee
Sanger USD to
Clovis USD
Approved

The Board discussed the request for an Inter district permit. Those present at the hearing included: Cheryl Lee, parent; Dr. Michael Giovannetti, Sanger Unified School District. The Board sought information from the parent and the district. Ms. Lee advised the board members that her home is listed for sale; she plans to move to the City of Clovis.

Member Clyde moved to approve the Inter district transfer request for Bristol Lee to attend Clovis Unified School District from the district of residence, Sanger Unified School District. The Inter district approval is based on the contingency that Ms. Lee can show proof that she is a resident of the district by no later than January 1, 2004. The Board also requested Ms. Lee to provide proof to the current district of residence that her home is listed for sale; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

Clyde Cederquist	Yes
Member Cederquist	Yes
Member Eubanks	Yes
Member Clyde	Yes
Member Tannenbaum	Yes
President Thomas	Yes

The Inter district transfer was approved.

MOVED TO:
INTER DISTRICT
TRANSFER
APPEAL
HEARING
Amy Preheim
Big Creek
Elementary to
Sierra Unified
Denied

The Board discussed the request for an Inter district permit. Those present at the hearing included: Joel and Tammy Preheim, parents; Judy Statler, Big Creek Elementary. The Board sought information from the parents and the districts.

Member Clyde moved to approve the Inter district transfer request for Amy Preheim to attend Sierra Unified School District from the district of residence, Big Creek Elementary; seconded by Member Tannenbaum.

Members

CCBE
Recommendation of
Nomination
Barbara Thomas Member Cederquist moved to approve recommendation of nomination brought forth for Barbara Thomas to serve as President-elect, California County Boards of Education (CCBE); seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion approved.

CCBE Outstanding
Legislator of the
Year Nomination Member Cederquist moved to approve recommendation to submit Senator Charles (Chuck) Poochigian’s name for nomination to the California County Boards of Education’s Outstanding Legislator of the Year; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Receipt of
Correspondence Member Tannenbaum received a letter from a parent with a child attending a school under Clovis Unified School District regarding “Zero Tolerance” policy.

Comments by
Board Members President Thomas requested a discussion regarding Big Creek’s Inter district policy. No action taken. California County Boards of Education’s Opposition to Proposition 54.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- Board Project Proposal Update
Donald Collins, Deputy Superintendent gave the board a brief update on the aviation project. Mr. Collins advised the board that a presentation is scheduled for the October board meeting.
- Scout Island Update
Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendent gave the board a brief update on Scout Island; Mr. Pietro also advised the board that bids will be going out next month.
- State Budget Update
Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendent gave the board a brief update on Scout Island; Mr. Pietro also advised the board that bids will be going out next month.
- **Edison Bethune Charter School Renewal**
Visitation scheduled on October 1 at the Edison Bethune Charter School from 9-11:30 a.m. and lunch to follow at Fresno County Office of Education.
Board Members invited to attend.
President Thomas – Yes
Vice President Clyde – May attend (He will check his calendar and advise board secretary of attendance)
Member Cederquist – Yes
Member Eubanks – Yes
Member Tannenbaum – No (She is unable to attend)
- Save Mart Center grand opening – November 1, 2003
- Reception for new Dean of Education at the Smittcamp House, California State University, Fresno – September 4 from 4-6 p.m.
- All Staff Day – August 27, 2003 from 2-4 p.m. at the Tower Theatre

COMMUNITY
INPUT None.

FUTURE
AGENDAS Approval of Board Projects
Medical Funding

RECESS The Board convened for a short break. The Board reconvened.

MOVED TO:
CLOSED The Board convened into closed session with labor negotiators regarding certificated and classified employees.
SESSION The Board reconvened into open session. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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