

MINUTES
September 18, 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, Keith Eubanks, and Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.

Absent: Board Member Allen Clyde.

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

Visitors: Pam Coronado, Marisa Gamboa.

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

MINUTES Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2003; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
Approved

EMPLOYEE OF This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring
THE MONTH **Marisa Gamboa** as their October 2003 Employee of the Month.

Marisa Gamboa has worked for the Fresno County Office of Education Court School's program for approximately four years. During this time, she has excelled as a teacher of one of our most difficult populations in Juvenile Hall. She has always worked over and above what is expected of a classroom teacher. She is extremely conscientious always looking for ways to improve upon her teaching skills and sharing what she has learned with colleagues. Because of her skill in working with others, she is currently working on special assignment as a library support teacher. She assists colleagues with curriculum needs and strategies to support student learning. Marisa is also currently working on a Master's of Education Degree at Fresno State University.

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

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
College Night

Armen Bacon, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, presented information regarding this year's college night. Ms. Bacon reported that this year's event was sponsored by Pacific Gas & Electric Company. Ms. Bacon reads an email received from a parent of a student, who attended college night; the parent expressed appreciation for the college night program. The partnership with Pacific Gas & Electric will continue next year.

MOVED TO:
INTER DISTRICT
TRANSFER
APPEAL

HEARING
Jonathan Gage
Fresno USD to
Clovis USD
Denied

The Board discussed the request for an Inter district permit. Those present at the hearing included: Darrell and Nancy Gage, parents; Mike Robinson, Inter district Liaison; Mr. Belcher, Principal, Bullard High School, Fresno Unified School District. The Board sought information from the parent and the district.

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Inter district transfer request for Jonathan Gage to attend Clovis Unified School District from the district of residence, Fresno Unified School District; seconded by Member Eubanks.

Roll call vote:

Member Cederquist	No
Member Eubanks	Yes
Member Tannenbaum	Yes
President Thomas	No

Motion failed on a tie vote. Inter district transfer appeal was denied as per Board Bylaw #9325.1B.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
SCHOOL LIBRARY
& MEDIA
SERVICES
Audio-Video Media
Adopted

Randy Reed, Media Coordinator, School Library & Media Services presented audio-video media for adoption. Member Cederquist moved to adopt the media as presented; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
COURT SCHOOLS
Resolution #2003-
37, Capital Outlay
Expenditures
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2003-37, Capital Outlay Expenditures; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Resolution #2003-
38, Character
Counts Week
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2003-38, Character Counts Week; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Character Counts
Program Report

Ken Campbell, Administrator; Marisa Gamboa, Teacher, and Pam Coronado, Coordinator, Court and Community Schools, presented information to the Board regarding Character Counts Program.

MOVED TO:
LEGAL
Civil Claim
Denied

Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor, Legal, presented a civil claim filed on behalf of Claimants: Alfredo Gutierrez and Heather Gutierrez. The location of loss/accident/incident occurred at Grant Middle School, 360 North East Avenue, Reedley, California. The Board sought information from Mr. Biggs.

Member Cederquist moved to deny the civil claim filed on behalf of Claimants: Alfredo Gutierrez and Heather Gutierrez; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS

Annual Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies Acknowledged Member Eubanks moved to acknowledge the Annual Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

2003/2004 Budget Revisions Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve 2003/04 Budget Revisions; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Bid No. C2003-05, MCS Construction, Inc., "Scout Island Improvements – Phase 2" Awarded Member Cederquist moved to award Bid No. C2003-05, to the lowest responsible bidder, MCS Construction Inc., "Scout Island Improvements – Phase 2"; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

**MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES**

Approval of Meetings to Attend None.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members President Thomas requested an approval of expense reimbursement (\$590.00) for the Annual CSBA Conference (San Diego, CA) registration for President Thomas and Member Tannenbaum. Member Cederquist moved to approve the expense reimbursement; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Trustees Association Dues Payment Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the Trustees Association Membership dues in the amount of \$170; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Co-sponsorship of Trustees Association Reception at the annual CSBA Conference in San Diego Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve Co-sponsorship of Trustees Association Reception at the Annual CSBA Conference in San Diego; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Board Seminar 2004 Committee Selection Approved President Thomas appointed Member Sally Tannenbaum and Keith Eubanks to serve on the Board Workshop 2004 Committee.

The Board decided to cancel the 2-day Board/Cabinet Workshop in Coalinga due to budget constraints and opted to hold a 1-day workshop in Fresno at the California State University of Fresno's Smitcamp Alumni House.

Board Project 2004 – Aviation Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the Board Project 2004 – Aviation; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Receipt of Correspondence President Thomas received a letter from a former employee regarding Fresno County Office of Education's Golden Handshake Program.

Comments by Board Members Member Cederquist reported that the executive body of the Fresno County Trustees Association met on September 16.

Member Cederquist expressed thanks to Deputy Superintendent Pietro and Jamie Perry for all of their hard work and dedication with moving forward with the bid for property improvements of Scout Island.

Member Tannenbaum expressed how nice the reception for the new Dean of Education was at California State University, Fresno.

**MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- Chawankee District and Inter district transfers.
- Update on Superintendent's Search for Kerman Unified School District.
- Firebaugh Unified School District's Superintendent placed on administrative leave.
- Discussion Re: Contractors and Unions concerned about some district's splitting bids for public projects.
- Classified, MSC employees and Board Members will receive a 1% salary increase under the FY 2003-04 budget
- Edison-Bethune Charter School Visitation – October 1 at 9 a.m.
- Employee of the Month process
- December Board Meeting moved to December 18, 2003

**COMMUNITY
INPUT**

CTA President
Update on Officers

**FUTURE
AGENDAS**

- Board Project – Aviation Presentation
- Character Education Month in October

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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