

MINUTES
December 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 Donald Collins.

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

Participating staff: Peter G. Mehas, Superintendent, Donald Collins and Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendents; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department; Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.

Absent: Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent

Visitors: Joshua Espinoza, Marie Gerten, Janie Rocheford, Ken Campbell, Char Nunn, Charlene Samuelian, Jim Goodwin, Lori Hamada, Brian, Nunn, Suzanne Passmore,

GIFT PRESENTATION ELECTION OF OFFICERS Each board member received a beautiful holiday poinsettia from the staff at Fresno County Office of Education.

Superintendent Mehas called for nominations for President.

President Member Cederquist moved to nominate Member Clyde for President; seconded by Member Tannenbaum.

Nominations There being no further nominations, Superintendent Mehas closed the nominations. Superintendent Mehas called for the vote for Member Clyde for President.

Member Clyde was unanimously elected as President of the Board.

GIFT PRESENTATION Superintendent Mehas and President Clyde presented a gift on behalf of the Board and acknowledged Member Thomas' hard work and dedication while she served as Board President, December 2003-November 2003.

Member Thomas thanked Superintendent Mehas and the Board.

Superintendent Mehas turned the meeting over to newly elected President Clyde.

Vice President President Clyde called for nominations for Vice President.

Member Barbara Thomas moved to nominate Member Eubanks for Vice President; seconded by Member Cederquist.

There being no further nominations, President Clyde closed the nominations and called for the vote for Vice President.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Member Eubanks was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.

Board Meeting Schedule Approved

2004 Board Meeting Dates
January 15, 2004
February 19, 2004
March 18, 2004
April 15, 2004

May 20, 2004
June 17, 2004
July 15, 2004
August 19, 2004
September 16, 2004
October 21, 2004
November 18, 2004
December 16, 2004 (annual organizational meeting)

Member Eubanks moved to continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the County Schools Board Room. When a special meeting is needed, it will be called on the first Thursday of a given month; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

AGENDA
Approved

President Clyde announced that the Expulsion Hearing scheduled at 2 p.m. with Monroe Elementary was settled and therefore removed from agenda. Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MINUTES
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of November 20, 2003; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

EMPLOYEE OF
THE MONTH

This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring Joshua Espinoza as their January 2004 Employee of the Month.

When someone is always pleasant, we say they are “nice to be around.” When someone works a little harder than they have to and a little longer than they are paid, we say, “they go the extra mile.” When someone has an extraordinary talent that benefits an entire organization we say, “we are lucky to have this gifted person on our staff.” When someone has all these things and more, we call them “The Employee of the Month.”

This month we are pleased to acknowledge Josh Espinoza of the Graphic and Printing Services Department within the School Library and Media Services Division. Although Josh has only been at FCOE for a little over a year, he has proven his talent and his work ethic and, more importantly, his passion for the job and the people with which he works.

This past year, Josh has designed and created event programs, including those for the Academic Decathlon, College Night, All Staff Day and Educator of the Year, as well as creating various invitations, brochures, and banners for FCOE departments and county school districts. Each and every project reflects his exceptional talents. His family legacy of service, skill and positive attitude lives on here at FCOE. For this and so much more we recognize Josh as our January 2004 Employee of the Month.

It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Joshua Espinoza. Congratulations, Josh, for a job well done.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
RECOGNITION
Angel Arrellano

Superintendent Mehas and President Allen Clyde presented a certificate of appreciation to Angel Arellano in recognition of her interest in raising funds to help the Fresno Chaffee Zoo. Superintendent Mehas read a letter written by Miss Arellano to the Fresno Bee newspaper regarding the Fresno Chaffee Zoo’s financial problems. Mr. Fred Ratzlaff, Principal of Fairmont Elementary in Sanger Unified was also present and took up a collection of money for the Zoo from those present at the meeting. Miss Arrellano attends Fairmont Elementary in Sanger USD. Dr. Mehas announced that he and Mark Johnson, Superintendent of Sanger USD

would be challenging all of the Fresno County superintendents at the next superintendents meeting to challenge their schools to participate with financial contributions to the Zoo. A certificate will be given to every student that gives \$1.00. This will be done in Miss Arrellano's name. It was asked of Miss Arrellano how much money had been raised. She stated over \$22,000 had been raised to date.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 1:55 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Special Education
Program

Dave Halpern gave the board a brief overview of the Intervention Program:

- Focus on Social/Emotional Development
- Emotional Disturbance: Criteria
- Individual Education Program (IEP)
- Discipline
- Districts
- Class Locations
- High School Intervention
- Staff
- Mental Health Services

The Board sought information from Dave Halpern regarding the Intervention Program. The board thanked Mr. Halpern for his presentation.

Special Education
Report Card

Shirley Miguel, Director and Charlene Samuelian, Administrator, Special Education Department, presented information regarding the report card. The Board sought information from Ms. Miguel.

Member Thomas moved to approve the report card; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Ms. Samuelian announced Ms. Miguel's resignation from the County Office. The Board thanked Ms. Miguel for her hard work and dedication to the students of Fresno County.

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION
APPEAL
HEARING
Parlier USD
(Closed Session)

The hearing was called to order at 2:43 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: student; parent, Rocio Fernandez, translator, employee of Fresno County Office of Education, Edward Van Hoose, Administrator of Student Discipline, Parlier USD.

Board members sought responses from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:15p.m.

Member Cederquist moved to overturn the expulsion; motion seconded by Member Thomas.

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist

Y

Member Eubanks Y

Member Thomas Y

Member Tannenbaum Y

President Clyde Y

Motion carried. The board overturned the expulsion of the student.

MOVED TO:

LEGAL

Civil Claims

Ruiz-Hernandez and
Del Carmen Sanchez

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:15 p.m.

Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, requested the board not take action on the civil claims brought forth; he advised the board that the claims should be returned to the claimants and the claims be rejected on the premise that the claims were not received in a timely manner.

MOVED TO:

FRESNO ROP

ROP Advisory

Board of

Management

Minutes of

September 17, 2003

Adopted

The board agreed that no action would be taken.

Member Thomas moved to ratify ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes of September 17, 2003; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried

MOVED TO:

COURT AND

COMMUNITY

SCHOOLS

Carl D. Perkins

Vocational and

Applied Education

Grant for Program

Year 2003-2004

Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Education Grant for Program Year 2003-2004; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Consolidated

Application Part II

Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve the Consolidated Application Part II; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS

Quarterly

Disclosure of

FCOE's Investment

Policies

Acknowledged

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

Bid Standard School

Supplies

Authorized

Member Thomas moved to authorize going to Bid Standard School Supplies; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Bid Fencing at
Floradora Site
Authorized Member Tannenbaum moved to authorize going to Bid Fencing at Floradora Site; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Resolution 2003-40,
Floradora Site Land
Use Entitlement
Exemption
Adopted Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2003-40, Floradora Site Land Use Entitlement Exemption; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

**MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES**

Approval of None.
Meetings to Attend

Approval of Travel None.
Expenses by Board
Members

Receipt of None.
Correspondence

Comments by Member Cederquist reported on the success of the CSBA Conference and the Fresno County Trustees Board Members Association and Fresno County Board of Education’s co-hosted reception. Member Cederquist reported that attendance by districts was up. Superintendent Mehas advised Board members that “thank you” letters were mailed out to Dr. Merrill Ewert, President and Dr. Lawrence Wilder, Director of Fresno Pacific University for generously donating the deli and shrimp platters served at the reception. Member Thomas also reported that the speakers at this year’s CSBA conference addressed issues regarding *No Child Left Behind Act*.

President Clyde encouraged board members visit FCOE sites (Floradora and Scout Island) and would like to begin calendaring in the spring. Superintendent. Mehas suggested visiting Scout Island in the spring and Floradora in January.

**MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

- Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:
- Edison-Bethune Charter School’s Request for Reauthorizing the Charter in February 2004
 - CTA Negotiations Update – Pending Ratification
 - Naming of FCOE’s Sites and Facilities
 - Informal and Formal Process
 - Floradora Site Naming and request for suggestions
 - The late Silas Bartch (Former Superintendent of Kings Canyon USD and Administrator at Fresno Pacific University)
 - Kermit Koontz former administrator of Special Education Department at Fresno County Office of Education
 - UC Medical Center
 - Legislative Consortium Meeting
 - Costa and Lehman Establishing the Legislative Agenda
 - Jack O’Connell’s Video Conferencing
 - Goodwill Committee

COMMUNITY INPUT None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS CSBA Resolution
 Naming of Facility – Floradora Site

ADJOURNMENT Moved to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

/tmt