

MINUTES
January 15, 2004

- CALL TO ORDER President Clyde called the meeting to order 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 Clyde, Vice President Keith Eubanks, Members Delbert Cederquist, Dr. Sally Tannenbaum, and Barbara Thomas.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Donald Collins and Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendents; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department; Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Eileen Howard, Don Reed & Jim Coiner.
- AGENDA
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- MINUTES
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of December 18, 2003; 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 Eileen Howard as their February 2004 Employee of the Month.
- For more than 16 years there has been a Fresno County Office of Education employee working tirelessly throughout the districts in our county providing an extremely important service to students in our county.
- This month we are pleased to acknowledge Eileen Howard in the Special Education Department as the February 2004 Employee of the Month. Eileen is an Itinerant Teacher for the Visually Impaired. She is completely dedicated to her work and her family. She is an extremely calm, thinking person. Simply put, she is no nonsense, no frills, just gets down to the basics of taking care of people with genuine love and respect.
- Eileen has overcome many obstacles to continue working in the job that she loves. She goes above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis to provide educational support to her students. The school districts she serves are continually contacting the county office with words of praise and admiration for her work. Eileen is always willing to add to her caseload, no matter how full it is!
- Eileen is well respected by her peers. She is extremely conscientious and honest, always willing to do more for the program, staff and students. The special thing about Eileen is not just the work – though she makes it happen no matter what – rather, it is the quality of human being she is. FCOE is definitely a better place because of Eileen’s caring efforts.
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Eileen Howard. Congratulations, Eileen, for a job well done.
- Comment by President Clyde: “Prior to any action by the Fresno County Board of Education on any item of this agenda, the public may comment on that item.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Curriculum &
Instruction

Terry Ogden from the Curriculum & Instruction Department presented on the Principal's Data Pal program utilizing PowerPoint.

- Terry Ogden developed a user-friendly software program used to collect and organize students federal and state test data.
- Administrators and teachers will utilize the program in order to disaggregate data with the intention of making informed decisions about instruction.
- The goal is to find the individual needs of the student.
- The program will assist principal's to be the data leaders at their school sites.
- Data analyst training is available to principals.

The Board thanked Terry Ogden for his work in developing the Principal's of Data Pal Program.

MOVED TO:
ADMINISTRATION
Resolution #2004-06
UC Medical Center

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2004-06, the location of the University of California Medical Center in Fresno; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Naming of the
Floradora Property

Member Cederquist moved to support the proposal to name the Floradora Property in honor of Kermit Koontz; motion seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Court Schools Report

Yasmin Wood, Coordinator at Teilman Educational Center reported on the Dare to Dream program at Teilman. Attending with Mrs. Wood were Anthony Crockets, a student leader at Teilman and Mr. Tarter a new teacher at Teilman. Anthony spoke of the impact his involvement with Dare to Dream has had on his life. Mr. Tarter spoke of his plan of action for a community service project and his goal to utilize Dare to Dream to change the school's atmosphere. His hope is to develop a school-wide project.

Member Tannenbaum shared excitement on the Dare to Dream at Teilman. Presenters were congratulated by Members Thomas and Cederquist.

MOVE TO:
HEALTH SERVICES
Health Week

Judy Dorn announced the last week of January as Health Week. On January 27th Health Services and the Wellness & Nutrition Program will have a set up of healthy foods and nurses who will take individuals blood pressure, weight, and BMI. In an effort to deal with the obesity issue, plans are being made to work with the parents and students of some school districts in Fresno County. The program title is Program on the Move.

The Board thanked Judy Dorn for her hard work in addressing health issues in Fresno County Schools.

CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION
Resolution #2004-03
Dr. MLKing Jr &

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2004-03 M. L. King Jr. & Resolution #2004-04 Black

Resolution #2004-04
Black History Month History; support of both the celebration of Dr. Kings birthday and organization of events recognizing accomplishments; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Mr. Ovoian also announced an Art Reception of Black History at the Fresno Met on February 23rd.

Resolution #2004-05
Cesar Chavez Day Service & Learning Superintendent Mehas explained past concerns the Board had with some trying to rewrite history as it pertains to Cesar Chavez and his accomplishments. Ten to 11 years ago it was alleged that farmers purposely used pesticides and that the movement was non-violent. The Board did not support this view. Let it be known now that the Board is in support of recognizing the important contributions Cesar Chavez has made and will comply with the spirit of the Law of the state of California.

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2004-05 Cesar Chavez Day Service & Learning; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

BUSINESS
SERVICES

2002-03 Audit Report Ray Cowles, Auditor, Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co., reviewed the annual audit report for fiscal year 2002-03. There were no exceptions found. The Fresno County Office of Education faired well. The Board acknowledged the audit report for the 2002-03 fiscal year as reported.

Superintendent Mehas thanked and congratulated Business Services for a job well done.

HUMAN
RESOURCES
Resolution #2004-01
Early Retirement
(PERS)

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2004-01, open window for two additional years of service credit to qualified classified employees (6/1-9/1/04); seconded by Member Cederquist; Member Eubanks abstained due to a conflict of interest; motion carried.

Resolution #2004-02
Early Retirement
(PERS)

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2004-02, open window for two additional years of service credit to qualified classified employees (10/1/04-1/5/05); seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVE TO
TRUSTEES
ACTIVITIES:

Approval of Meetings to Attend Member Sally Tannebaum will not be attending the Trustees Association General Dinner Meeting on January 20, 2004. President Clyde and Members Eubank, Cederquist and Thomas plan to attend.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members

The following Board members submitted travel expense claims for attendance at the annual CSBA Conference held in San Diego: Vice President Eubanks (\$434.66), Member Thomas (\$509.50).

Costs billed to the Board to Co-host the CSBA Conference Reception along with the Trustees Association in San Diego, CA (\$757.29).

The mileage expense for Board events for President Eubanks is \$118.08.

The following is quarterly mileage reimbursements: President Clyde (\$259.20), Vice President Eubanks (\$138.24), Member Cederquist (\$51.84), Member Thomas (\$21.60), and Member Tannenbaum (\$51.84).

Member Tannenbaum did not attend the CSBA Conference 2003. As a result, a credit in the amount of \$573.51 is pending. Also pending is Member Tannenbaum's CSBA Conference Registration fee in the

amount of \$295.00.

President Clyde requested that \$500.00 of his discretionary funds be transferred to Member Thomas' budget.

Member Eubanks moved to approve Board expenses; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Member Cederquist's CSBA expenses to be reflected in February's expense report.

President Clyde decided to have expenses reported to the Board on a monthly basis.

Committee
Appointments
Approved

President Clyde requested the approval of the following committee appointments:

- A. ROP Advisory Board of Management Committee – Delbert Cederquist
- B. SARB – Keith Eubanks
- C. Trustees Association – Delbert Cederquist
- D. California County Board of Education Liaison – Barbara Thomas
- E. Fresno Chamber of Commerce – Keith Eubanks
- F. Facilities – Delbert Cederquist
- G. Representative on Special Project Committees
Sally Tannenbaum
Keith Eubanks

Comments by
Board Members

Due to a vacancy in 2003 the Regional Director of CCBE appointed Member Thomas as the CCBE Regional Representative.

Member Eubanks moved to nominate Member Thomas as the CCBE Regional 10 Representative for 2004; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Member Cederquist expressed the deep concern of the California Schools Trustee Association regarding the Mayor Autry's proposal to appoint school board members. Armen Bacon will set up a meeting with the Mayor to deal with the concern.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- Superintendent Mehas expressed appreciation to the Trustees Association for their work and input toward Board Seminar
- According to Board Policy a prayer is said at the onset of each Board Meeting. Previously, President Thomas requested an inspirational reading instead of the prayer. The current president cannot change policy. Policy changes require the action of the entire Board. This will be further discussed at Board Seminar.
- January 14, 2004 all Fresno Co. Superintendents and the County Cabinet sat in on a statewide conference call regarding the state budget. This was well attended. The County Office of Educations faired well.
- If Propositions 57 & 58 do not pass there will be big budget cuts. We are looking to see how Proposition 55 will fair. Board members to advise Board Secretary of RSVPs for Proposition 55 Luncheon on February 11th at Tornino's.
- Superintendent Mehas met with Secretary of Education Riordan: He expressed concern on revamping

'how schools are financed'. He also brought it to Mr. Riordan's attention that there are no school practitioners on his quality education commission and recommended having Central Valley representation.

- Superintendent Mehas met with Assembly Woman Bates: They discussed the bill of Alternative Authorizations of Charter Schools and how the Mayor's office should not work on the authorizations.
- FCOE has been asked by Superior Court Judge Levy to help commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Brown vs. Topeka Kansas Board of Education. The goal is to promote the use of student leadership focusing on "where we have come".
- Laidlaw Transportation and the Zinkin Family Foundation will be recognized at the Compact Luncheon March 3rd at Tornino's.
- On January 16th we will find out if the teacher's bargaining unit accepts the proposal of salary schedule.

COMMUNITY
INPUT

None.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

- Resolution for the naming of the Floradora property as the Kermit Koontz Education Center

ADJOURNMENT

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Member Eubanks moved to adjourn meeting at 3:30 p.m.; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.