



## FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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MINUTES  
August 16, 2007

- CALL TO ORDER** President Tannenbaum called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag, followed by an inspirational reading by Armen Bacon.
- ATTENDANCE** Members present: President Sally Tannenbaum, Vice President Barbara Thomas, and Members Keith Eubanks, and Delbert Cederquist.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Senior Director Armen Bacon, Communications/Public Relations; Lead Legal Counsel Linda Bacon, Legal Department; and Administrative Assistant to the Board, Gloria Ferrer, Educational Services.
- AGENDA**  
**Approved** Member Cederquist moved to approve the August 16, 2007 amended agenda; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- MINUTES**  
**Approved** Member Thomas moved to approve the June 21, 2007 minutes as submitted; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** Janet Haney was honored as the September 2007 Employee of the Month. Janet first joined FCOE in 1996, and since has worked in various departments. Currently, Janet works as an Administrative Assistant I in the Special Education Department and is a major link in the delivery of services to the Special Education program for students with severe disabilities. In addition to Janet's exceptional work ethic, she is positive, uplifting, inspirational and caring to all who have had the good fortune to know and work with her. No matter what personal challenges she may face in her life, she is always upbeat and is always there to help those in need. We salute you Janet for your commitment and dedication to the students of Fresno County and to the Special Education Department.
- RECESS** A recess was called at 1:40 p.m. for a reception to honor Janet Haney, Employee of the Month. The meeting was reconvened at 2:04 p.m.
- COMMUNITY INPUT** Parlier Unified School District (Parlier USD) Board Member Benjamin Tamez addressed concerns regarding the September 1, 2007 deadline to comply with the County Superintendent's directives or pay back the loan the County Office extended to Parlier USD. He further stated his belief that the County Office has over-exceeded its stay or rescind authority and suggested a closed session meeting be scheduled with the County Board to try to resolve some of the District's concerns and issues.
- Ms. Zonia Tovar addressed the Board on behalf of Community Voices for Quality Education. Ms. Tovar stated that although some progress has been made in getting the District back on track, she asked the assistance of the Fresno County Office of Education to support the Parlier community by continuing its stay or rescind authority over the Parlier USD Board because of the community's lack of confidence in their Board.
- President Tannenbaum stated that the Board would take all that was said into consideration and will submit a written response to the Parlier USD Board.
- REPORT**  
Safe & Healthy Kids  
Update on Childhood  
Obesity Awareness
- Wellness & Nutrition Coordinator Michelle Roman reported on overwhelming successes of the Childhood Obesity & Awareness project sponsored by the Board. She shared some of the many positive comments by students and teachers:
- Students asking for fruits and vegetables at the end-of-year parties
  - Dental health was easier to teach in the area of better snack choices for the teeth and body
  - Students are asking for fruits and vegetables at home

- Students brought more fruits and vegetables for snack time
- Teachers have received calls from parents regarding appropriate snacks during testing

Ms. Roman also distributed the Harvest of the Month produce schedule for 2007-2008.

Ms. Roman is responsible for two presentations at the 2007 CSBA Wellness Conference and is also planning on submitting a request to present at the CCBE Conference on the topic of Obesity Awareness & Reduction. Ms. Roman also reported that she has received correspondence from the Golden Bell Award Committee stating that her application had been received and is being considered for the award.

Ms. Roman reported that Riverdale USD, Fowler USD, and Pacific Union were all currently enrolled in the program and that Clay Joint ESD, Kingsburg Elementary Charter SD, and Coalinga-Huron USD were all interested in participating in 2007-2008.

The Board expressed their appreciation to Ms. Roman for her dedication to the project. Superintendent Powell reported that due to the loss of the previous Wellness Coordinator to Fresno County Economic Opportunity Commission, Ms. Roman had been recently been promoted to Program Coordinator of the Wellness & Nutrition Program.

**ACTION ITEMS**  
Media Services  
Media for Adoption

Member Cederquist moved to adopt audio/visual media as presented; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Mr. Reed updated the Board on the modernizations in the Media Services Department. The new equipment will allow Media Services to utilize multi-media capabilities much better than in the past.

Facilities  
Award Bid #C2007-03  
Award Bid #C2007-04

Facilities Director Jeff Becker introduced Telecommunications Technician Andy Perez to present on deferred maintenance projects. Mr. Perez reported on Award Bid #C2007-03 and Award Bid #C2007-04.

Member Thomas moved to reject lump sum #1 of Bid #C2007-03; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Member Thomas moved to award lump sum #2 of Bid #C2007-03 to the lowest responsive bidder, Universal Coatings, Inc.; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Member Eubanks moved to award Bid #C2007-04 to the lowest responsive bidder, Patton Air Conditioning; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried

CSBA Legislator of the Year  
Award

No nominations were submitted by the Board for the CSBA Legislator of the Year Award.

Directors At Large County

Member Thomas moved to nominate Sara Wilkins for Director at Large County; seconded by Member Eubanks, motion carried.

Director At Large American  
Indian and Black

No nominations were submitted by the Board for the Director At Large American Indian and Black.

**TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES**  
2007-08 Board Project

Member Cederquist moved to approve the continuance of the Childhood Obesity Awareness & Reduction as the 2007-08 Board Project; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

2007-08 Trustees Association  
Membership Dues

Member Cederquist moved to approve payment of the 2007-08 Trustees Association Membership Dues; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Meetings to Attend

Member Cederquist moved to tentatively approve (pending schedule availability) one County Board

member to attend the CSBA Nutrition Conference in Anaheim; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Members Conference  
Expense Reimbursements

Motion by Member Cederquist, seconded by President Tannenbaum to approve travel and conference reimbursement for Members Thomas and Eubanks; motion carried.

Board Correspondence

Members Thomas reported on the communication she received by Orange County Office of Education for submission of a Resolution opposing U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Rule CMS 2287. The Resolution came too late to post. A letter of opposition from the Fresno County Board will be sent immediately.

Comments by the Board

Members Thomas and Cederquist attended the English Learner Academy held recently in Visalia. This San Joaquin Valley partnership was formed from seed money from the Governor to start an English Learner Academy for English Learners to become proficient in English. Superintendent Powell shared highlights of this new program with the board. Jill Tafoya is the Director of this project.

Member Eubanks suggested "Teen Pregnancy" for next year's Board project.

Member Cederquist reported that he attended the Migrant program at the Kerman Koontz Center. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell also visited the Migrant and PASS programs. Mr. Cederquist reported that Fresno County has the largest Migrant program in the state.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Powell reported on the following:

- Introduced Kidd Crawford, new Legal Services attorney
- Updated AB 1403
- Updated the Board on a letter from the Parlier Unified School District School Board
- Next Board meeting in September begins at 5:00 pm
- School Organization Meeting – Clovis Unified and Fresno Unified – committee still has to make their decision

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:55p.m.

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