

FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES May 16, 2013

CALL TO ORDER	President Clyde called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Board member roll call.	
ATTENDANCE	Members present: President Allen Clyde; Vice President Keith Eubanks, Members Mike Robinson and Barbara Thomas. Member Delbert Cederquist participated via teleconference during Action Items 6 and 7.	
	Participating staff: County Superintendent of Schools Larry L. Powell; Deputy Superintendents Jim Yovino, Educational Services, and Richard A. Martin, Business Services; Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel, Legal Services; and Gloria Ferrer, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.	
AGENDA Approved	Vice President Eubanks moved to approve the May 16, 2013 agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried unanimously.	
MINUTES Approved	Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2013 Board meeting, as presented; seconded by Member Robinson; motion carried unanimously.	
COMMUNITY INPUT	Valerie Vuicich, Fresno ROP Administrator, introduced Mr. Efrain Guizar to the Board. Mr. Guizar, is the new ROP Area Coordinator.	
Employee of the Month May 2013	Ben Canzano, Adapted Physical Education Teacher, began his career at FCOE in August 2004. Since that time, Ben has proven to be an exemplary teacher, approaching every day as an opportunity to make a positive impact in the lives of his students.	
	For the past nine years, Ben has been the driving force behind the development and implementation of a specially designed physical education curriculum for students with (and without) disabilities. His talented contributions in developing an After-School fitness program for students with moderate-severe intellectual disabilities has enhanced his students' ability to interact with non-disabled peers in a fun, fitness-centered activity. His keen awareness of the needs of each of his students allows him to provide a PE program that is second to none.	
	Ben's healthy, physically active lifestyle also serves as a model for his students and fellow FCOE employees. Three years ago, Ben helped design and implement an FCOE employee fitness challenge that was piloted in the special education department and has been used in conjunction with the FCOE FitClub.	
	Ben is an instructional leader on the Adapted PE team. His knowledge of best practice is an asset to his co-workers. Ben regularly attends professional development conferences and seeks out online learning opportunities. His desire to learn new teaching strategies and keep abreast of the most current research in the field of Physical Education, makes him an invaluable resource to the districts, students, and families of Fresno County.	
	Congratulations, Ben, we are proud to honor you as the May 2013 Employee of the Month.	
RECOGNITION DuPont Science Essay Winners	Two Clovis North High School students were recognized in the top 1% of all applicants for the DuPont Science Challenge. Robert Kutz, a ninth grade student, finished 4 th place. Robert's paper, <i>Discovering Natures Secret's</i> , examined the energy possibilities that can be found in harnessing photosynthesis to meet our world's energy demands.	

	Jennifer Nakamura, a ninth grade student at Clovis North High School, won an honorable mention in the DuPont Challenge contest for her essay, <i>The End of Mindless Eating</i> . Julia's essay tackles the childhood obesity epidemic in the United States by arguing for increased nutrition education for young children and improved access to physical activity.	
	The DuPont Challenge is the nation's premier competition for science writing in middle and high school.	
CIF Wrestling Champions	The championship team from Clovis High and athletes placing 8 th or better from a variety of schools were honored. The CIF Wrestling competition included students from Fresno County and beyond.	
RECESS	A recess was called for a reception to honor the Employee of the Month, DuPont Essay Winners and the CIF Wrestling Champions.	
PUBLIC HEARING Categorical Program Flexibility Authorized By SBX3 4	President Clyde opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the proposed use of categorical funding allowed by Senate Bill X3 4. There were no comments from the public.	
PUBLIC HEARING New Millennium Institute of Education Charter Petition	President Clyde opened a public hearing to give the public an opportunity to express comments or concerns regarding the New Millennium Institute of Education Charter Petition. There were comments from the public supporting and opposing the petition.	
ACTION Resolution No. 2013-07, SBX3 4 Categorical Program Flexibility Adopted	Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Thomas, adopting Resolution No. 2012-07, authorizing the Fresno County Office of Education to utilize the flexibility provided by SBX3 4, as presented; motion carried unanimously.	
Resolution No. 2013-08, Exception to the 180-Day Wait Period Adopted	Motion by Vice President Eubanks, seconded by Member Thomas, adopting Resolution No. 2013-08, certifying the nature of the appointment of C. Helena Kennedy as described and detailed in the employment agreement in compliance with Government Code Section 7522.56, as presented; motion carried unanimously.	
Ratification of ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting Minutes Ratified	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, ratifying the ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting Minutes for January 16, 2013, as presented; motion carried unanimously.	
2013-14 Academic Calendars for Court Schools Approved	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Robinson, adopting the 2013-14 Court, Community/Community Day Schools, and the DNA Core Conditions Community School Academic School Calendars, as presented; motion carried unanimously.	
Real Property Transfer, Scout Island Education Center Boy Scout Road Grant of Easement Approved	Motion by Member Thomas, seconded by Member Robinson, authorizing Senior Administrator Jan M. Biggs to negotiate and complete the grant of easement for vehicular traffic down Boy Scout Road for the potential agricultural development of property by David Knott DBA MBOYLLC, as presented; motion carried unanimously.	
Letter of Resignation from Superintendent Powell Received	Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Member Thomas, to formally accept the Letter of Resignation from County Superintendent of Schools Larry Powell, as presented; motion carried by the following roll call vote:	

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	Member Robinson Vice President Eubanks Member Thomas Member Cederquist President Clyde	Yes Yes Yes, by teleconference Yes	
Resolution No. 2013-09, Appointment of Fresno County Superintendent of Schools	Motion by Member Robinson, seconded by Vice President Eubanks, to appoint Jim Yovino as Fresno County Superintendent of Schools to serve to end of current term, effective July, 1, 2013; motion carried 3 to 2 by the following roll call vote:		
Appointed	Member Robinson Vice President Eubanks Member Thomas Member Cederquist President Clyde	Yes Yes No No, by teleconference Yes	
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES Travel Requests	No travel requests submitted.		
Travel/Mileage Reimbursements	No travel/mileage reimbursements submitted.		
Receipt of Correspondence	No correspondence was reported.		
Comments by the Board	 AVID Luncheon KSEE 24 Educator of the Year Interview Process for Future Superintendent Vacancy 		
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	Jim YovinoState Budget		
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	 Swearing-in of Superintendent Leadership Fresno, Project 29 PASS/Cyber High Presentation to the Board in July Board Project Update/Statistics in August 		
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.		