

MINUTES  
November 15, 2001

- CALL TO ORDER                   The meeting was called to order by President Cederquist at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a prayer led by Assistant Superintendent Lawrence Wilder.
- ATTENDANCE                   Members present: President Delbert Cederquist, Members Allen Clyde, Charles Francis, Sally Tannenbaum and Barbara Thomas.
- Participating staff: Dr. Peter G. Mehas, Superintendent; Deputy Superintendents Don Collins and Daniel Pietro; Lawrence R. Wilder, Assistant Superintendent; Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Jeanne Coyne Teresa Diaz-Diez, Ken Campbell, Don Gregory, Gary Ovoian, John Sewell, Lori Hamada, Brenda Paxton, Dr. Guido Prambs, Elizabeth Sullivan.
- President Cederquist announced that the following items have been added to today's agenda *"Proposed Ordinance of the City of Fresno and the Fresno City Council Regarding Truancy Issues-- Discussion Only; Closed Session - Scout Island; West Fresno."*
- AGENDA                         Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Member Francis; Approved                         motion carried.
- MINUTES                        Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2001; seconded by Member Approved                        Francis; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE            This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education MONTH                         are honoring **JOHN SEWELL** as their December 2001 Employee of the Month.
- John is a tremendous student-centered co-worker. He is well organized and keeps up with the paperwork but puts student needs first. He leads students in a book group daily, charming them with his English accent, but also holding them accountable in both quality work and behavior.
- John enrolls new students efficiently, helping to assess their needs. He assists students in independent work, especially math and science. He often directs the physical education activities too, even taking part in volleyball and mushball when appropriate.
- John moved to America from England 3 years ago. He and his wife are active in their church, working with youth. He also sings in a choir. He is a positive role model for students. He really helps Trinity Community School live up to the vision of providing an exemplary educational program consisting of a strong individualized curriculum which challenges and supports student learning.
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to John Sewell. Congratulations, John, for a job well done.
- MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION  
Edison-Bethune Charter        Felicia Quarles, Vice Principal Academy Director, Edison-Bethune Charter Academy presented Academy Annual Report and       the annual report, video presentation as well as a student presentation (Jean Losi unable to Student Presentation           attend) to the Board.

The Board thanked Ms. Quarles and students from the Edison-Bethune Charter Academy for their presentation

Board Project Proposals  
Discussion

Dr. Guido Prambs, PASS Program, presented information regarding Cyber High and a video to the Board.

Cyber High

- On-line Program
- Complete High School Requirements via the Internet
- Intended for Migrant Students but Helping Many Students
- Graduate Early for Students doing Well in School
- Sixty Schools throughout California
- Updated Curriculum and Good Use of Computer Technology
- Lesson Plans – 3D Imagery – Links to other sites related to Curriculum
- Funded by United States Federal Program
- Open Curriculum
- Twelve Courses Approved by UC System
- High School Courses – Algebra 2

Dr. Prambs advised the Board that the project funding would be used to market and advertise for Cyber High.

The Board thanked Dr. Prambs for his presentation.

Math On Call

Lori Hamada, Math Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction, presented information regarding Math on Call to the Board.

- Cable Connection
- *"Radical Man"* and *"Numbers Nan"*
- Re-broadcasting
- Web site ([mathoncall.org](http://mathoncall.org))
- Produce Videos – Future Goal -10 minute lessons for substitute teachers
- Problem of the Week
- Topics to Develop Video Lessons and Lesson Plans
- Fresno USD, schools throughout Fresno County, and various counties throughout the San Joaquin Valley
- Spanish-speaking Tutor

The Board thanked Ms. Hamada for her presentation.

School Library and Media  
Services

Dr. Don Gregory, Director, School Library and Media Services presented information regarding Fresno County Library Summit.

- Library Summit History
- Extend Summit from day to evening
- Expanding to Library Literacy
- Contract Author Speaking Engagements
- Parents, Teachers, and Community Involved

The Board thanked Dr. Gregory for his presentation.

The Board will take all proposals under consideration and will select a project at the next Board meeting to be held in December.

<p>Fresno City Council - Proposed Ordinance by the City of Fresno and the Fresno City Council (Discussion on Youth Truancy)</p>	<p>Superintendent Mehas introduced John Madrid, Fresno City Mayor's Office and a representative from Fresno Police Department who presented information regarding the Juvenile Truancy Ordinance</p> <p>Mr. Madrid presented a copy of the ordinance to each board member. Mr. Madrid addressed the ordinance and discussed prevention programs, crime issues and enforcement of California law.</p> <p>Board members sought information from Mr. Madrid.</p>
<p>Community Input Kevin Hall, Parent</p>	<p>Kevin Hall, parent of home school children. Mr. Hall expressed his concern with the ordinance and how the ordinance might sanction children of color and low socioeconomic backgrounds. Mr. Hall gave a brief historical background regarding truancy ordinances proposed in other areas of California. Mr. Hall advised the Board that no other school boards other than Fresno USD have been given information regarding the ordinance. Mr. Hall advised the Board that he recommended that the Fresno City Council table the proposed ordinance for six months in order to bring together all the school districts to meet and discuss the proposed ordinance.</p> <p>Board members sought information from Mr. Hall.</p> <p>No action was taken. Information item only.</p> <p>Superintendent Mehas advised the Board that he would support the ordinance.</p> <p>The Board thanked Mr. Madrid, representative from Fresno Police Department and Mr. Hall.</p>
<p>MOVED TO RECOGNITIONS Resolution #2001-41, Black History Month Adopted</p> <p>Resolution #2001-42, Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Adopted</p> <p>Resolution #2001-43, Observance of Cesar Chavez Day Adopted</p>	<p>Gary Ovoian presented two resolutions to the board and requested adoption of #2001-41, Black History Month and Resolution #2001-42, Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.</p> <p>Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2001-41 and 42, Black History Month and Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Ovoian introduced Teresa Diaz-Diez, Executive Director, Arte Americas requested the Board support the Observance of Cesar Chavez Day.</p> <p>Member Francis moved to adopt Resolution #2001-43, Observance of Cesar Chavez Day; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.</p>
<p>MOVED TO ADMINISTRATION Resolution #2001-44, Observance of Veterans Day Adopted</p>	<p>Dr. Wilder, Assistant Superintendent, requested the Board consider adopting a resolution in observance of Veterans Day.</p> <p>Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2001-44, Observance of Veterans Day; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.</p>
<p>MOVED TO COURT AND</p>	<p>Ken Campbell, Administrator, Court and Community Schools requested the board approve the</p>

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
Accountability Report Cards  
Approved

report cards as submitted.

Member Thomas moved to approve Court and Community Schools Accountability Report Cards; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Ken Campbell, Administrator, Court and Community Schools requested the board approve the Carl D. Perkins Grant application as submitted.

Carl D. Perkins Vocational  
and Applied Education  
Grant  
Approved

Member Francis moved to approve Court and Community Schools Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Education Grant; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Fresno County's New  
Juvenile Justice Campus  
Report

Mr. Campbell reported on Fresno County's New Juvenile Justice Campus:

- Juvenile Justice Campus Map
- Area for Group Home (County Would Not Build Lease for a Group Home)
- Property (160 Acres)
- Public Parking
- Facility to House Detention Population
- Mental Health Unit
- Indoor Recreation Area
- Commitment Facility
- Performing Arts Area

The Board recessed at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 3:35 p.m.

## RECESS

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS SERVICES  
2001-01 FCOE  
Budget/Actual  
Comparison

Deputy Superintendent Pietro presented the 2000-01 FCOE Budget/Actual Comparison (Unaudited Actuals) to the board.

The Board acknowledged the Budget/Actual Comparison report.

Acknowledged

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board consider approving the 2001-2002 Budget Revisions.

2001-2002 Budget  
Revisions  
Approved

Member Francis moved to approve the 2001-2002 Budget Revisions seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

The Board acknowledged the First Interim Financial Report.

First Interim Financial

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board consider acknowledging receipt of FCOE investment policies.

Receipt of Quarterly  
Disclosure Investment  
Policies

Member Thomas moved to approve Receipt of Quarterly Disclosure Investment Policies; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

None.

Approval of Meetings to

Attend	None.
Approval of Travel Expenses for Board Members	
Receipt of Correspondence	None.
Comments	None.
CSBA Call for Nominations for CSBA's Delegate Assembl	None. No action taken.
Board Seminar Committee Representatives Selected - December 13, 2001	Our next Board President at the December 2001 board meeting will select the Board Seminar committee representatives.
Board Reports: Trustees Association	Delbert Cederquist reported that the October Trustees dinner went well and the speaker gave an excellent presentation.  →Next Trustees Association Meeting January 15, 2002 Hosted by Clovis USD
SARB	Charles Francis reported on the SARB conference and issues covered at the meeting.
MOVED TO: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Legislative Update Dr. Wilder presented information regarding the impending legislation.</li> <li>▪ Scout Island Update (Moved to "Closed Session")</li> <li>▪ Minarets High School Update Jan Biggs gave the Board an update regarding the public forum meeting at Pine Ridge Elementary regarding Minarets.</li> <li>▪ West Fresno Update (Moved to "Closed Session")</li> </ul>
Questions and/or Comments by Board	Copy of letter regarding Gateway Charter School addressed by Superintendent Mehas at the request of Member Francis. Superintendent will keep the Board updated.
COMMUNITY INPUT	Jeanne Coyne, President, CTA gave the board a brief update regarding CTA contract and newsletter to be mailed out.
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON	Superintendent Mehas reminded Board members that the Goodwill Holiday Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 12 (1:30 p.m.- 4p.m.) at the Fresno Plaza Hotel.
FUTURE AGENDAS	None.
CLOSED SESSION	Member Francis moved to go into closed session at 4:16 p.m.; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

RECONVENED

The board reconvened into open session at 5:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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