

MINUTES
February 21, 2002

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Tannenbaum at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a prayer led by Dr. Larry Wilder.

ATTENDANCE Members present: President Sally Tannenbaum, Members Delbert Cederquist, Dr. Allen Clyde, Charles Francis and Barbara Thomas.

 Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Deputy Superintendent Daniel Pietro, Assistant Superintendent Larry Wilder, Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.

 Absent: Deputy Superintendent Don Collins

 Visitors: Jorge Arvizu, Nick Chapman, Jeanne Coyne, William Johnson, Erica Luna, Gary Nelson, Mike Schuler, Mike Singh.

 President Tannenbaum announced that the following item has been added to today's agenda "*Closed Session -- Real Property.*"

AGENDA Member Thomas moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; Approved motion carried.

MINUTES Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2002; seconded by Member Approved Cederquist; motion carried.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Laurie Gabriel** as their March 2002 Employee of the Month.

 Laurie Gabriel has been with the County Office of Education for approximately four years. During that time, Laurie has put a tremendous amount of effort into improving the delivery services of our Human Resources Department. Her knowledge and skills of personnel matters have been outstanding and invaluable to our organization.

 Laurie has reorganized personnel staff and responsibilities to enhanced the services of our County Office employees and the public. In addition, Laurie has developed a Human Resources manual, conducted Personnel training workshops, and revised personnel forms to accommodate employees and the public.

 Laurie has served on FCOE committees, most notably the Goodwill and the Employee of the Year Committees. She has taken lead responsibility for these committees. As chair of the Goodwill Committee, she has the responsibility of organizing and arranging all FCOE social events. She has never hesitated nor complained when helping others individually or while serving on committees. In fact--she is always optimistic regarding suggestions or ideas for future social events.

 Laurie is well liked and respected by her support staff and the management team. Her cheerfulness, enthusiastic attitude, people skills, and eagerness in improving our services are definitely great *attributes* for the County Office of Education. It is obvious that Laurie Gabriel is a true professional in every way and we thank her for her commitment to the success of the Fresno County Office of Education.

 It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Laurie. Congratulations,

Laurie, for a job well done.

MOVE TO:
SPECIAL
RECOGNITION
Pershing High School
Agriculture Program

Superintendent Mehas and the Board welcomed and acknowledged Gary Nelson, FFA Advisor and students from Pershing High School Agriculture Program - Central Unified School District.

Superintendent Mehas also advised the Board that Mr. Nelson is scheduled to be recognized by *School Masters* in San Francisco on being named Fresno County Teacher of the Year and also for his outstanding agriculture program at Pershing High School.

MOVED TO:
ADMINISTRATION
Resolution #2002-05,
Future Farmers of
America
Adopted

The students presented potted flowers to each of the board members. The flowers were grown at their school. The Board thanked the Mr. Nelson and the students.

Dr. Wilder requested the Board consider adopting a Resolution #2002-05, Future Farmers of America Month.

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution #2002-05, Future Farmers of America Month; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
After School Program

Randy Mehrten, Director and Jorge Arvizu, Coordinator, Healthy Kids presented a Power Point presentation to the Board on their After School Program.

- Cohort I – 29 Schools
- Cohort II – 19 Schools
- Cohort V – 21st Century (Separate Grant)
- Demographics
- Serve 52 Schools 14 Districts
- Program Components
- Academics
- Enrichment Component
- Safety
- Staff
- Budget
- Attendance
- Data Collection
- Periodic State Reports
- Future Projects

The Board thanked Mr. Mehrten and Mr. Arvizu for their presentation.

MOVED TO:
ROP
Ratification of ROP
Advisory Board of
Management Minutes for

Member Cederquist moved to ratify the ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes for November 14, 2001; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

November 14, 2001
Approved

Update Regarding the
Governor's Initiative on
Vocational Education
Programs

Bud Steuart, ROP, gave the Board an update on the Governor's initiative regarding doing away with vocational education programs for K-12 population. Mr. Stuart advised the Board that K12 programs will not be effected but the adult learner programs will be reviewed and these could be moved to the community college level.

Mr. Stuart also indicated that the K-12 population was never intended to be part of this initiative. Mr. Stuart advised the Board that a task force committee (governor's administrative staff) has been formed to review the possibility of moving adult learner programs. Mr. Stuart will continue to keep the Board updated.

ROP Advisory Dinner
April 17, 2002

All Board members will be invited to attend the ROP Advisory Dinner meeting on April 17, 2002. Mr. Steuart also shared news that Member Delbert Cederquist will be receiving the "Bill Noli" award.

MOVED TO:
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES
Audio-visual Materials
Adopted

Janie Rocheford, Library Media Coordinator, School Media and Library Services presented audio-visual materials for adoption.

Member Cederquist moved to approve media for adoption; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION
Board Policy - Regional
Arts Education Grant
Proposal
Adopted

Terry Allen requested the board to consider adopting a board policy to facilitate applying for a Regional Arts Education funding grant.

Member Clyde moved to adopt a Board policy to facilitate applying for a Regional Arts Education Grant Proposal; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 2:21 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS
Second Interim
Financial Report
Discussion

Dan Pietro, Deputy Superintendent, advised the Board that twice during the year, the Superintendent must certify to the Board whether or not the County Office can meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year.

The Board sought information from Deputy Superintendent Pietro. The Board acknowledged the second interim financial report.

2001/02 Budget
Revisions

Member Cederquist moved to approve the 2001/02 Budget Revisions as submitted; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Public Hearing for
Deferred Maintenance
Five Year Plan
Discussion

Deputy Superintendent Pietro advised the Board that prior to submitting the Deferred Maintenance Five Year Plan to the California Department of Education, the plan shall be introduced for discussion. The Board opened the public hearing the Deferred Maintenance Five Year Plan and provided an opportunity for public comment.

President Tannenbaum made the following statement, "Let the record show that a hearing opportunity was given for the Deferred Maintenance Five Year Plan."

Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies
Approved

Member Charles moved to approve the quarterly disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education's Investment Policies; seconded Member Francis; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-04, Authorizing Installation of New Chiller for Floors 1-5 of Towers

Deputy Superintendent Pietro presented information regarding the existing chiller that provides cooling to Floors 1 through 5 of the Towers and requested the Board consider adopting Resolution 2002-04.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-04, Installation of New Chiller for Floors 1-5 of Towers; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Bid New Roof for Van Ness Building
Approved

Deputy Superintendent Pietro presented information regarding the existing roof on the Van Ness building and requested the Board consider approving going to bid on the new roof.

Member Clyde moved to approve going to bid on the new roof for the Van Ness Building; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Forest Reserve Apportionment
Approved

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested the Board to consider concurrent approval of Tulare County Board of Education apportionment of Forest Reserve Receipts for 2001-02. The Education Code requires concurrent approval of the County Boards of Education where Forest Reserve Receipts are apportioned to joint county school districts.

Assistant Superintendent Wilder gave the board an update regarding the Forest Reserve Apportionment and the proposal by the Board of Supervisors to change the 50/50 split of funds. Both Superintendent Mehas and Dr. Wilder will attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting and lobby to keep the 50/50 split.

The Board sought information from Superintendent Mehas and Dr. Wilder.

President Tannenbaum commended Dr. Wilder for his work on the forestry funds as well as keeping the board updated on current legislation.

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Forest Reserve Apportionment; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

COMMENTS BY
MEMBER THOMAS

Member Thomas advised the Board that a visitation has been scheduled for Assembly Member Sarah Reyes to visit FCOE's Special Education programs on April 12, 2002.

The visitation will begin at Ramacher School and if there is time visit one of the Special Education classes at Central Unified School District. Assistant Superintendent Wilder requested to be informed ahead of time when such visitations are planned involving FCOE programs. Member Thomas advised him that Charlene Samuelian,

Administrator, Special Education is coordinating the visitation.

Member Thomas reported that the Scout Island architect would be interested in talking to the staff in the Special Education Department regarding Scout Island. Member Tannenbaum also advised the Board that Charlene Samuelian contacted Brian Barrett, California State University, Fresno, to meet with staff in the Special Education Department because he is knowledgeable in outdoor education facilities for the blind and deaf, and would be a great contact for special education. Superintendent Mehas requested that the meeting be coordinated through Charlene Samuelian's office.

Member Thomas also reported that she spoke with Sally Shake, Education Legislation Services and discussed a program for archeological digs for blind students and that federal money is available for such a program.

Approval of Meetings to Attend
Approved

Member Thomas requested to attend the CCBE Legislative Committee meeting on March 14, 2002 and the cost will be paid for by CCBE; Member Thomas also requested to attend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) meeting in Los Angeles on March 21, 2002.

President Tannenbaum requested approval to attend the CCBE/PTA/CCSESA Annual Spring Conference – March 15-17, 2002 in Monterey, CA.

Member Francis moved to approve the meetings as requested from Member Thomas and President Tannenbaum; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion approved.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members

None.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Comments by Board Members

President Sally Tannenbaum commended the staff working with the After School Program and Leadership Academy.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- Discussion Regarding Survey of Travel and Conference Budgets for Board Members in Surrounding Areas of Fresno County (Handout)
- Travel Expenditure Recommendations and Discussion
- Carryover 20% of Budget
- Possibility of a discretionary amount to the Board President for special needs or a special area of interest--to be determined by the president whether funds would be applied to that area.
- Member Francis asked if Board members would be willing to transfer funds from their budgets to his, so he could attend the upcoming CCBE Conference in March 2002. (*Member Francis has currently expended most of his budget for the current year.*) Members of the board (Member Clyde, Member Tannenbaum, and Member Thomas) requested to assist Member Francis with funds-- if they had funds

remaining in their budgets at the end of the fiscal year.

Superintendent Mehas agreed to advance the funds for the trip. Superintendent Mehas advised Member Francis that he would advance the funds with the understanding that at the end of the budget year, Member Clyde, Member Tannenbaum, and Member Thomas agreed to transfer funds to his account to cover the travel cost if the members have money remaining in their current budgets at the end of the fiscal year. The exception to that being, Dr. Clyde requested to reserve 20% of any remaining balance to be carried over for his budget next year.

Superintendent Mehas also advised Member Francis that should the transfer of funds from other members' budgets not cover the entire cost of the trip, the "short fall" would be deducted from his budget next year, which would leave Member Francis with fewer funds for 2002-03. Member Francis agreed.

- Mayor's Proposal (Discussion)
- Scout Island Update (Discussion)
- Minarets High School Update (Discussion)
 - Reorganization of Minarets
 - Lapsation Proposal
 - Division of Assets
 - Pupil Ratios
 - Public Hearing in Madera
- West Fresno Update (Discussion)
 - Documents Requested
 - Expenditures
 - Fiscal Advisor on Campus
- Downtown Charter School Update
 - Redevelopment Proposal
 - Councilman Henry Perea
- Notification to Board Members regarding Cabinet/Administrators (death of family members)

COMMUNITY INPUT

Jeanne Coyne, CTA President, reported on the following:

- Visitation with Assembly Member Sarah Reyes
- Update CTA Members Regarding West Fresno
- Teacher Rewards Program Update

FUTURE AGENDAS

CLOSED SESSION

Adoption of CSBA Board Standards for County Boards

OPEN SESSION

Member Cederquist moved to go into closed session to discuss real property; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to open session at 4:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35p.m.

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