

MINUTES
March 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.
- Absent: Barbara Thomas.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Deputy Superintendents Daniel Pietro and Don Collins; Assistant Superintendent Larry Wilder, Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Jeanne Coyne, Toni Prada, Steve Sasaki, Lou Telesmanic.
- AGENDA Member Cederquist moved to approve agenda as submitted; seconded by Member Approved
 Clyde; motion carried.
- MINUTES Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 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 **Denise Fink** as their April 2002 Employee of the Month.
- Denise Fink has worked for the Fresno County Office of Education since 1996 (5 years). During this time she has been a teacher in the Genesis Community School Program (2 years) and for the last three years she has been assigned to the orientation/intake/assessment program at the Teilman Site.
- Denise is an outstanding individual; her ability to work with the students, staff, parents/guardians and various agency personnel is truly exemplary. She is highly professional, loyal, pleasant and very insightful about students' needs. Denise is enthusiastic about teaching and has a unique ability to develop rapport with students, even the most difficult ones. Through her sincere and caring approach, she creates a student-centered learning environment, which is safe and non-threatening.
- Denise also possesses excellent communication skills. She has done an outstanding job in orienting the parents/guardians and students about Community School's Mission, goals, policies and procedures. We are very fortunate to have Denise as part of our Community School staff. Denise exemplifies the values associated with the Fresno County Office of Education and is truly deserving of the honor of "Employee of the Month."
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Denise. Congratulations, Denise, for a job well done.
- Special Presentation Stephen Bock, Science Coordinator, Curriculum and Instruction presented a slide show of Scout Island. Mr. Bock presented pictures of the "Trout in the Classroom" program.
- Program sponsored by the California Fish & Game Department.
 - Students from Kindergarten through sixth grade participate.
 - 200 classes participate from within Region 7

The Board thanked Mr. Bock for his presentation.

MOVE TO:
PUPIL PERSONNEL
Resolution #2002-08
School Psychology
Week
Adopted

Dave Swain, Director, Pupil Personnel, requested that the Board consider adopting Resolution #2002-08 and designate April 15-19, 2002 as "School Psychology Week."

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution 2002-08, School Psychology Week; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
ADMINISTRATION
Resolution #2002-13,
Professional
Governance Standards
Adopted

Assistant Superintendent Wilder requested that the Board consider adopting Resolution #2002-13, Professional Governance Standards.

The California School Boards Association and California County Boards of Education have developed a set of Professional Governance Standards which describe the commonly agreed upon principles of effective governance.

Member Francis moved to adopt Resolution 2002-13, Professional Governance Standards; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Press Release

Member Francis requested a press release to be sent to all districts notifying them of the Board's adoption of the Professional Governance Standards.

Resolution #2002-14,
Arts Education Month
Adopted

Assistant Superintendent Wilder requested that the Board consider adopting Resolution #2002-14, Arts Education Month.

The State Board of Education proclaimed March 2002 as *Arts Education Month* and encourages all educational communities to celebrate the arts with meaningful student activities and programs that demonstrate learning and understanding in the visual and performing arts.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution 2002-14, Arts Education Month; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION APPEAL
HEARING
(closed session)
Fresno Unified Student

The hearing was called to order at 2:25 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: parent(s), aunt and student. Barbara Allison, Attorney at Law (representing student) and Robert Harris, Executive Director, Student Discipline Department as well as Kevin Torosian, Hearing Specialist, Fresno Unified School District present.

Board members sought responses from those present.

Mr. Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor gave the Board a brief update regarding the current status of the expulsion and reviewed the process by which the Board would base their decision.

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:05 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:20 p.m.

Member Cederquist moved to uphold the expulsion; seconded by Member Clyde.

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist	Y
Member Francis	Y
Member Clyde	Y
President Tannenbaum	Y
Member Thomas	Absent

Motion carried.

The Board reconvened into open session at 3:25 p.m.

MOVED TO:
COURT AND
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS
VHEA Report

Steve Sasaki, Coordinator and Steve Downey, Teacher, reported on the Violet Heintz Education Academy

- GED, HS Diploma, California High School Proficiency Exam
- Newsletter written by Journalism Class
- Science Class
- Hot Air Balloons
- Rocket Models
- Biology

The Board thanked Mr. Sasaki and Mr. Downey for their report.

MOVED TO:
MIGRANT
Resolution #2002-12,
Week of the Migrant
Child
Adopted

Caroline Edwards, Director, Migrant Education, requested the Board consider adopting Resolution #2002-12, Week of the Migrant Child - March 25--31, 2002.

Member Francis moved to adopt Resolution #2002-12 designating March 25-31, 2002 as Week of the Migrant Child; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS
Bid and Award Work for
the New Relocatables at
Teilman
Approved

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested that the board authorize bidding the site work for the new relocatables at Teilman and awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.

Member Cederquist moved to authorize bid and award work for the new relocatables at Teilman and awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried

Resolution #2002-10,
Federal Renovation
Program Grant
Application
Adopted

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested that the Board conduct a public hearing and then adopt Resolution #2002-10 regarding the Federal Renovation Program Grant Application.

President Tannenbaum opened a public hearing. No public comment.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-10; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

<p>Resolution #2002-06, Authorization to Issue Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes Adopted</p>	<p>Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested that the Board adopt Resolution #2002-06, authorization to issue tax and revenue anticipation notes.</p>
<p>Scout Island Property Transfer to Fig Garden Golf Club for Emergency Vehicle Access and One Hundred Hours of Annual Equipment Use Approved</p>	<p>Member Cederquist moved to approve authorization to issue tax and revenue anticipation notes; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried</p> <p>Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested that the Board approve the transfer of a piece of the Scout Island Road property to the Fig Garden Golf Club in exchange for FCOE use of the emergency access across the golf course.</p> <p>Member Cederquist moved to approve the Scout Island Property Transfer to Fig Garden Golf Club for Emergency Vehicle Access and One Hundred Hours of Annual Equipment Use; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.</p>
<p>MOVED TO: PERSONNEL Resolution #2002-09. Early Retirement (PERS) Adopted</p>	<p>Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested that the Board adopt Resolution #2002-09, which establishes a designated period to allow classified employees to obtain an additional two (2) years of service credit in American Union School District.</p> <p>Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-09, Early Retirement (PERS); seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.</p>
<p>MOVED TO: TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES</p>	
<p>Approval of Meetings to Attend Acknowledged</p>	<p>Member Tannenbaum shared information with the board on behalf of Member Thomas, who requested to meet with Assembly Member Sarah Reyes to discuss legislative funding issues that effect our county programs. The Board acknowledged the information.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent Wilder requested that either he or Dr. Mehas should also be in attendance at the meeting with Assembly Member Reyes; he asked to be notified when the meeting date/time has been confirmed.</p> <p>Member Tannenbaum also advised the Board of a meeting scheduled in Sacramento with State Superintendent Delaine Eastin regarding Civic Engagement on April 29-30, 2002.</p>
<p>CCBE Conference in Monterey, CA</p>	<p>Member Francis reported on the CCBE conference he attended in Monterey in March.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Standards Session • Expulsion Session • County Board Issues
<p>Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members</p>	<p>Member Francis submitted approval of travel reimbursement for the annual CCBE conference in Monterey (\$165.50). Member Cederquist moved to approve Member Francis' travel reimbursement claim; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.</p>
<p>Receipt of Correspondence</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Comments by Board Members</p>	<p>None.</p>

Trustee Association's
General Dinner Meeting

April 16, 2002 – Firebaugh Middle School
National Teacher of the Year (2000) Dr. Marilyn Whirry

Trustee Association's
Executive Dinner
Meeting

Member Cederquist gave the Board a brief update regarding the Trustee Association's Executive Board Meeting and the following issues:

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

- Mayor's Proposal
- West Fresno

- Announcement - New ROP Administrator: Nancy Masich

- Retirement Announcements at the Superintendent's Advisory Meeting
Walt Buster, Clovis Unified School District
Violet Chuck, Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District
Jack Durant, American Union
Jean Fetterhoff, Kings Canyon Unified School District
Bill Griffith, Washington Union High School
Gary Johnson, Clay Elementary

- Sarah Reyes' Letter of Support for Teachers RE: COLA

- Minarets Update
Letter from State Superintendent Delaine Eastin
Lapsation
Apportionment of assets
Petition for Writ of Mandate Filed
Tentative Meeting - March 26.

- Mayor's Proposal (Discussion)

- Scout Island Update (Discussion)
Information Regarding Timelines
Cost Estimates
Phase I - April 2002

- Distribution of Staff Calendar 2002-2003

- Downtown Charter School Update

- State of the County Address
Certificated and Classified Employees

- West Fresno Update (Discussion)
Superintendent Mehas will meet with teachers to address concerns from staff and teachers on Friday, March 22, 2002.

- Don Collins advised the Board that FCOE will be awarded the *National Cowboy Hall of Fame Wrangler Award* (Bronze statue) in Oklahoma City for work on the video "*No Place Like California.*"

COMMUNITY INPUT

Jeanne Coyne, CTA President, reported on the following:
Fund Raiser Plan
Walkathon for the *Make a Wish Foundation* - May 4

FUTURE AGENDAS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25p.m.

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