

MINUTES
August 15, 2002

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

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

 Absent: Member Charles Francis.

 Participating staff: Deputy Superintendent Don Collins; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.

 Absent: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Deputy Superintendent Daniel Pietro; Assistant Superintendent Larry Wilder, Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor.

 Visitors: Rita Contreras, Dr. Donald Gregory, Lori Hamada, Janie Rocheford, Charlene Samuelian, Elizabeth Sullivan.

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

MINUTES
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of July 18; seconded by Member Cederquist carried.

EMPLOYEE OF THE
MONTH This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Mike Orlando and Karen von Felten** as their September 2002 Employees of the Month.

 It would, quite simply, be impossible to nominate these two outstanding employees separate from one another. They are a TEAM in the truest sense of the word. For over 25 years, Mike and Karen have dedicated countless hours both in the classroom and beyond, and have positively impacted the lives of students, families and staff members throughout Fresno County. Like Frick and Frack, John and Yoko, Rogers and Hammerstein, Batman and Robin, or any other historical twosome, Mike and Karen have made a difference. They have brought expertise and quality instruction to FCOE-operated programs for students with severe disabilities. Mike was one of the first teachers to pilot the Personal and Social Education Program. He has supervised the vocational training and Summer Youth Employment Programs for our students, and has also coordinated their participation in Workability. He also monitors our mobility-training program, which has made it possible for our students to utilize public transportation. He has worked closely with community agencies in order to facilitate the successful transition of our students to post-school options. He has also devoted many hours as a Special Olympics volunteer, and has served as the Event Director for the local power lifting, soccer, and basketball meets.

 Karen has been a mentor teacher and was the author of the FCOE Community-based Handbook. She was one of the very first teachers to participate in the PEERS Program and first to implement the Individual Critical Skills Model. Her expertise in curriculum, scheduling, and instruction for students with moderate/severe disabilities has proved to be invaluable, and her ideas and techniques always become “best practices.” After working together at Cook-Bullard and Cook-Hamilton schools from 1980 to 1984, Karen and Mike were the first Adult Transition Program staff to “team-teach” in a totally integrated

environment. They created an outstanding program on the California State University, Fresno campus, and forged relationships with numerous departments that have continued to this day. Three years ago, Karen and Mike took another big step when they assumed full-time responsibility for support to ATP and other FCOE Special Education Programs.

As always, they are the same miraculous team, ever in sync, and still doing what they love most—making great things happen for our students, their families and their friends. No duo are more deserving, or overdue, for this recognition than Mike Orlando and Karen Von Felten.

It is with sincere appreciation that we present these certificates to Mike Orlando and Karen Von Felten. Congratulations, Mike and Karen.

Update on Amended
AB1907

Member Thomas reported on AB 2093 Special Education Funding (Amended AB1907).

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Math on Call Video

Deputy Superintendent Collins introduced Lori Hamada, Math Coordinator, Curriculum and Instruction, who presented a series of clips from 2001-2002 Video Project - *Math Made Easy*.

- Concept of Integers
- Addition of Integers
- Subtraction of Integers
- Multiplication and Division

The Board thanked Ms. Hamada for her presentation.

Adult Transition Program
Graduation Ceremonies
Video

Deputy Superintendent Collins introduced Pat Sims, Director/Program Manager, who presented a video regarding the adult transition program graduation ceremonies.

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

The hearing was called to order at 2:10 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: parent and student. Sandra Smith, Attorney at Law (representing student), Kevin Torosian, Hearing Specialist, Fresno Unified School District.

Board members sought responses from those present.

Ms. Deborah Garabedian, Attorney, 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 2:21 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 2:26 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist	Y
Member Thomas	Y
Member Clyde	Y
President Tannenbaum	Y

Absent: Member Francis

Motion carried.

The Board reconvened into open session at 2:31 p.m.

**MOVED TO:
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES**

Deputy Superintendent Collins introduced Janie Rocheford as the new Director of School Media and Distance Learning. Deputy Superintendent Collins thanked Dr. Don Gregory for his dedication to the children of Fresno County. President Tannenbaum also commended Dr. Gregory for all his hard work and wished him well on his retirement.

Media for Consideration
– “Limited Use” Material
Acknowledged

The Board acknowledged the media presented for consideration “limited use” material.

Media for Consideration
– First Reading
Acknowledged

The Board acknowledged the media presented for consideration

Media for Adoption
Approved

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

Resolution #2002-30 –
Textbook Instructional
Materials
Adopted

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2002-30 – Textbook Instructional Materials; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

**MOVED TO:
COURT AND
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS**

Resolution #2002-31 –
America Character
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-31-America Character Week; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Application to Operate
Teilman Community Day
School
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve the application to operate Teilman Community Day School; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

**MOVED TO:
ROP**

Resolution #2002-29 – Contract No. 1329 with CDE and Authorizing Superintendent Mehas as Signatory
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-29 – Contract No. 1329 with CDE and authorizing Superintendent Mehas as signatory; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS

Annual Disclosure of Actual Pupil Attendance
Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve the annual disclosure of actual pupil attendance; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Apportionment of Forest Reserve Receipts for 2001-2002
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the apportionment of Fresno Reserve Receipts for 2001-2002; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to Attend

Member Thomas moved to approve attendance by board members to the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Annual Conference in San Francisco, CA; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Comments

Member Clyde advised the Board that he will be unable to attend the September Board meeting.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members

None.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Comments by Board Members

Member Thomas requested to address a request by the California County Board of Education's Legislative Committee to oppose the Master Plan for Education and eliminating County Offices of Education.

Member Thomas requested input from board and Superintendent Mehas. Member Thomas will forward the information received from CCBE to the Board secretary for distribution in the next board packet in September.

The Board discussed the possibility of setting up a meeting next month to discuss the matter brought forth by Member Thomas. The meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 19 at 11:30 a.m. in Superintendent Mehas' conference room. The board agreed to meet by general consensus on September 19, 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. with Superintendent Mehas to discuss CCBE's request to oppose the Master Plan for Education.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Deputy Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- Scout Island Update
Gary Sells, Director, Scout Island

- Minarets High School Update
- West Fresno Update
AB1904 passed
- Bill Noli Tailgate – October 12
Tickets \$20.00 per person
Contact Char Nunn – 265-3010
- All Staff Day – August 23, 2002 at Saroyan Theatre

COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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