

**MINUTES**  
September 19, 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 Charles Francis.
- Absent: Member Allen Clyde.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas; Deputy Superintendent Daniel Pietro; Assistant Superintendent Lawrence Wilder; Administrative Advisor Jan Biggs; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Deputy Superintendent Don Collins.
- Visitors: Jeanne Coyne, Rocio Fernandez, Maria Gutierrez, Nancy Jones, Suzanne Passmore, Janie Rocheford, Melinda Sisemore, Aggie Swift, Gail Zuniga.
- AGENDA** President Tannenbaum announced that the following item has been added to today's agenda "**Resolution #2002-39 – Voter Registration Week.**"  
Approved
- Member Thomas moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES** Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of August 15; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.  
Approved
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Melinda Sisemore** as their October 2002 Employees of the Month.
- Melinda Sisemore has been a school nurse for the migrant program for 21 years. In her assigned districts of Kerman, Selma, and Sanger, she acts as the health supervisor and advocate for approximately 2,500 identified children of agricultural farm workers. Her primary goal is to identify health problems that contribute to educational disruptions, and to advocate for children and their families in resolving health needs. The Migrant Health Program provides 18 on-site school clinics throughout the school year. In this setting, Melinda, as a nurse practitioner with a medicine furnishing number, performs head-to-toe CHDP examinations and is in charge of dispensing parasitic medication. Melinda is bilingual, and an effective communicator with staff, students, and parents. Melinda is a valued health team member.
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Melinda Sisemore. Congratulations, Melinda.
- MOVED TO:**  
**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**  
Portraits of Success
- Superintendent Mehas congratulated Aggie Swift for being named as a recipient of the KSEE 24 - Portraits of Success Award. Ms. Swift was honored at an awards ceremony sponsored by KSEE 24. Ms. Swift thanked the board.

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION  
Library Summit

Janie Rocheford, Director, School Library Media Services, presented information to the Board regarding this year's Library Summit scheduled for October 9, 2002. Ms. Rocheford expects over one thousand teachers and 500 students to be in attendance.

- Library Summit – October 9, 2002
- Jack Canfield, Author of *Chicken Soup for the Teacher's Soul*
- Library Summit Registration On-line

The Board thanked Ms. Rocheford for her presentation.

MOVED TO:  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES

Media for Adoption –  
“Limited Use” Material  
Approved

Janie Rocheford, Director, School Media and Library Services presented “Limited Use” material for adoption.

Member Cederquist moved to approve the media for adoption “Limited Use” material; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Media for Adoption  
Approved

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

Resolution #2002-32 –  
California Stories  
Adopted

Ms. Rocheford presented information to the Board regarding California Stories. The California Council for the Humanities in partnership with the California Center for the Book has initiated a statewide campaign inviting Californians to come together to read and discuss *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Children of the Dust Bowl* and *Leah's Pony* for the month of October 2002. These books would provide the opportunity for members of the Fresno Community to read and share personal stories and discover their relationships to issues Fresno and California are facing today.

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2002-32 – California Stories; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
ADMINISTRATION  
Conflict of Interest  
Approved

Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor, Legal Department requested the Board to consider approving amendment to Exhibit “A” of the Conflict of Interest Code and direct the County Office to submit to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Member Thomas moved to approve amendment to Exhibit “A” of the Conflict of Interest Code and direct the County Office to submit to the Board of Supervisors for approval; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-38 –  
America Character  
Week and Education  
Month  
Adopted

Lawrence Wilder, Assistant Superintendent, Governmental Relations requested the Board to consider adopting Resolution #2002-38, Support Character Week and Education Month.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-38-America Character Week and Education Month; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-39 –  
Voter Registration Week

Lawrence Wilder, Assistant Superintendent, Governmental Relations requested the Board to consider adopting Resolution 2002-39, Voter Registration Week (September 22 through

Adopted September 28, 2002). Member Francis moved to adopt Resolution #2002-39-Voter Registration Week; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Carolina Simunovic, student representative for “Rock the Vote” introduced herself to the board and thanked the board for their support and adoption of Resolution #2002-39, Voter Registration Week.

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS  
Resolution #2002-33 – Adjustment to Revolving Fund  
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-33 – Adjustment to Revolving Fund; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-34 – Mitigated Negative Declaration for Scout Island Outdoor Education Center Project  
Tabled

Deputy Superintendent Pietro requested that the board table Resolution #2002-34, Mitigated Negative Declaration for Scout Island Outdoor Education Center Project for two months (November agenda). Deputy Superintendent Pietro explained to the board that many agencies were mailed notification regarding the proposed mitigated negative declaration hearing to be held at our September board meeting. Dr. Pietro further informed the board that no comments were received until shortly before the September board meeting. Two agencies (California Department of Fish and Game and the City of Fresno) have addressed concerns regarding the proposal. Therefore, Dr. Pietro requested Resolution #2002-34 be tabled in order to have sufficient time to meet with both agencies in order to resolve issues regarding the project.

President Tannenbaum opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment. President Tannenbaum closed the meeting to public comment.

Member Cederquist moved to table Resolution #2002-34 – Mitigated Negative Declaration for Scout Island Outdoor Education Center Project until the November Board meeting; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-35 – Transfer Ownership to Portable at Nell Dawson Elementary School From FCOE to Coalinga-Huron Unified School District  
Adopted

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2002-35 – Transfer Ownership to Portable at Nell Dawson Elementary School from FCOE to Coalinga-Huron Unified School District; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-36 – Transfer Ownership of Portable at Riverdale High School from FCOE to Riverdale Joint Unified School District  
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-36 – Transfer Ownership of Portable at Nell Dawson Elementary School from FCOE to Coalinga-Huron Unified School District; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Annual Disclosure of FCOE’s Investment Policies  
Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve Annual Disclosure of FCOE’s Investment Policies; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to Attend	None.
Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members	None.
CCBE Outstanding Legislator of the Year	<p>The board unanimously agreed to nominate Assembly Member Sarah Reyes for the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award.</p> <p>Member Thomas moved to nominate Assembly Member Reyes; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.</p>
Receipt of Correspondence	None.
Comments by Board Members	<p>Member Thomas announced to the public that a special board meeting (open to the public) was held before the regular (September) board meeting to discuss recommendations from CCBE regarding the Master Plan on Education. No recommendation or action was taken.</p> <p>President Tannenbaum reported that on September 11 the Fresno County Office of Education, The Fresno United Way, and Tree Fresno distributed 243 trees to school campuses.</p>
Board Reports ROP Advisory Committee	Member Cederquist reported on the ROP Advisory Committee.
Chamber of Commerce – Education Committee	Member Thomas will be attending the Chamber of Commerce – Education Committee meetings.
MOVED TO: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<p>Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Minarets Update</li><li>▪ Clovis USD's Special Education Program<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Resolve Issues</li><li>Half of Funds Returned</li><li>Media Coverage</li><li>Mediation Request</li></ul></li><li>▪ Emmanuel-Lutheran Church Property<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Proposals Only</li></ul></li><li>▪ West Fresno<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>AB 1904 (pending Governor's signature)</li></ul></li><li>▪ Fingerprint – Classified employees</li><li>▪ Bethune/Edison Charter Oversight Visitation</li></ul>

COMMUNITY INPUT

Jeanne Coyne, President, CTA gave the board an update on the following:  
Leadership Conference  
Make a Wish Fundraiser -\$3,010.00

**FUTURE AGENDAS**

SELPA  
CCBE Dues  
Edison/Bethune Charter Annual Review

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

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