

MINUTES  
October 17, 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.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas; Deputy Superintendents Daniel Pietro and Donald Collins; Assistant Superintendent Lawrence Wilder; Administrative Advisor Jan Biggs; and Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Phyllis Brown, Debbie Cleland, Rita Contreras, Jeanne Coyne, Pat Garrison, Daljit Grewal, Pat Griffin, Susan Hunsbarger, Tammy Jimenez, Nancy Masich, Randy Mehrten, Shirley Miguel, Tammy Moran, Anne Murphy, Kevin Otto, Jamie Perry, Andy Perez, Steve Price, Sharon Robert, Charlene Samuelian, Carol Soliz.
- AGENDA  
Approved            Member Thomas moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES  
Approved            Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of September 19; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF  
THE MONTH        This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Kevin Otto** as their November 2002 Employees of the Month.
- Kevin Otto has worked as an Accountant in Internal Business Services for the last 9 years. He works mostly with grants and special projects, but has worked in all areas of the business office. Kevin is a very hardworking and competent employee. He always goes above and beyond what is asked of him in order to get the job done.
- Kevin was very instrumental in FCOE's successful conversion to SACS. He stepped up in a lead capacity and has been a resource person for the entire Business office. Kevin has also held lead positions as an Academic Decathlon volunteer for the last 5 years. His low key and congenial approach to problem solving and providing services has made him well liked and respected throughout FCOE.
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Kevin Otto.  
Congratulations, Kevin.
- Special Presentation  
to Delbert  
Cederquist from  
Superintendent  
Mehas                Superintendent Mehas presented Member Delbert Cederquist with a framed poster of farming on behalf of the Fresno County Office of Education in recognition for his many years spent farming in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Member Cederquist thanked Superintendent Mehas.
- MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION  
Teaching Fellows  
Training/After School  
Program             Randy Mehrten, Director, After School Program and Dr. Steve Price, California State University, Fresno, presented information regarding Teaching Fellows Training/After School Program and highlighted the following:

- Program offers early and intensive professional development
- Recruitment of High School Graduates
- Undergraduate Course Work in Liberal Studies
- Partners:
  - Regional Occupational Program
  - Leadership Academy
  - After-School Programs
  - Migrant Education

The Board thanked Mr. Mehrten and Dr. Price for their presentation.

BREAK

The Board recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Edison-Bethune  
Charter Academy  
Annual Report

Dr. Rufus Taylor, Principal and Felicia Quorles, Vice Principal, Edison-Bethune Charter Academy and Dr. Marilyn Shepherd, Fresno Unified School District presented a videotape and PowerPoint presentation to update the Board on Edison-Bethune Charter Academy.

- Current Enrollment 624
- Schedule (Extended)
- Special Schedule (Language, Music, Art, and Physical Education)
- Targeted Areas Met
- Edison-Bethune Vision 2002-03
- 2002-03 Plan of Action

Ms. Quorles invited the Board to visit Edison-Bethune Charter School. The Board thanked Dr. Taylor, Ms. Quorles, and Marilyn Shepherd for their annual report on Edison-Bethune Charter Academy Annual Report.

MOVED TO:  
ADMINISTRATION  
Resolution #2002-  
43, Support  
Proposition 47  
Adopted

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution #2002-43, Support Proposition 47, Statewide Bond Issue; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-44  
– Observance of  
Veterans Day  
Adopted

Member Francis moved to adopt Resolution #2002-44, Observance of Veterans Day, November 11; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
ROP  
ROP Fall  
Conference  
and Update on  
Academic  
Integration in  
ROP Courses  
Report

Nancy Masich, Administrator and Mandy Lynes, Academic Resource Teacher, Fresno ROP, presented information on the ROP Fall Conference and update on Academic Integration in ROP courses.

- Dr. Robert Pritchard – Guest Speaker California State University – Sacramento
- ROP Conference Binder
- In-service HS Exit Exam and Writing Essays
- HS Exit Exam and California Language Arts Standards Matrix
- Statewide Grant to In-service Career Ed Teachers

The Board thanked Ms. Masich and Ms. Lynes for their presentation.

Ratification of May  
15, 2002 Fresno  
ROP Advisory Board  
of Management  
Minutes  
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to ratify the minutes of May 15 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
HEALTH SERVICES  
Resolution #2002-  
40, Red Ribbon  
Week  
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2002-40, Red Ribbon Week; seconded by Member a Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
Special Education  
Accountability  
Report Card  
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Special Education Accountability Report Card; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS  
Resolution #2002-  
42, 2001/02 Actual  
and 2002/03  
Estimated  
Appropriations  
(GANN Limits)  
Adopted

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2002-42, 2001/02 Actual and 2002/03 Estimated Appropriations (GANN Limits); seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Award Site Work Bid  
for Special  
Education  
Classroom at  
Central High School  
– West Campus  
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to award site work bid for Special Education Classroom at Central High School West Campus; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO  
PERSONNEL  
Resolution #2002-  
41, Golden  
Handshake Window  
for Clovis Unified  
School District  
Adopted

Member Francis moved to adopt Resolution #2002-41, Golden Handshake Window for Clovis Unified School District; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE  
ACTIVITIES

Approval of  
Meetings to Attend

None.

Approval of Travel  
Expenses by Board  
Members

Member Clyde moved to approve quarterly mileage for Board members to attend County Board meetings; seconded by Member Thomas.

Delbert Cederquist - \$35.04

Dr. Allen Clyde - \$131.40

Charles Francis - \$15.33

Sally Tannenbaum - \$35.04

\*Barbara Thomas – \$14.60

\*Inadvertently not printed on quarterly mileage request

CCBE Membership  
Dues  
Approved

Member Thomas requested to address the issue regarding the CCBE membership dues. Ms. Thomas expressed to the other board members that she would like to continue to be a participating member of CCBE. Ms. Thomas also advised the Board that CCBE has been a strong supporter of equalization and that it might be wise to renew membership since the board's position on equalization remains strong along with other issues as well as the Board's recent nomination of Assembly Member Reyes for Legislator of the Year. Member Francis agreed. President Tannenbaum expressed concern over the high increase in membership dues each year.

Member Francis moved to pay CCBE membership dues; seconded by Member Thomas seconded; motion carried.

Receipt of  
Correspondence

Correspondence received by Board members from teachers regarding CTA negotiations.

Comments by Board  
Members

President Tannenbaum commented on some of FCOE's events that she has attended. The Library Summit, Proposition 47 Luncheon, and Armen Bacon's recognition at a luncheon where she was awarded Businesswoman of the Year.

Board Reports:  
SARB

Member Francis was unable to attend the SARB Workshop but was advised by Mike Robinson that the conference was successful and participation from many school districts was high.

Comment by  
Member Cederquist

Member Cederquist commended Mike Robinson for his work towards resolving the numerous requests received by parents to appeal interdistrict transfers denied by school districts. Member Cederquist advised the Board that at the beginning of the school year, Mr. Robinson received 26 requests to appeal and he was able to resolve all requests.

The Board thanked Mr. Robinson for a job well done.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- FCOE Annual/Special Events and Recognition to FCOE Employees
- Superintendent Mehas commended the staff and administrators from the Special Education Department for their dedication and leadership.
- Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Presentation  
Darlene Hill, SELPA Director, and A.J. Rempel, Chairperson, SELPA Policy Committee,

presented information regarding Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA)  
Local Educational Agencies  
Region I, II, III, Region IV  
Three Types of Models for SELPA  
    Single District  
    Joint Powers Agreement  
    Multi-District or Multi-Agency SELPA  
Pupil Count  
Functions Chart  
SELPA Policy Committee  
Budget Committee  
SELPA Support Team: Susan Goodwin and Virginia Waring, SELPA Secretary, Gail Egoian, Staff Development Coordinator, Irma Hicks, Fiscal Accountant, Finance  
The Board thanked Ms. Hill and Mr. Rempel for their presentation.

- SELPA Handouts provided by Member Thomas.
- Scout Island Update (Presentation scheduled in November by Gary Sells)
- West Fresno Update
- Board Project Proposals 2002-03 (*Proposals presented at the next Board meeting*)
- Board Project Adopted in December 2002
- FCOE/Clovis USD Special Education Program Update (**Moved to closed session**)
- Minarets High School Update (**Moved to closed session**)

COMMUNITY  
INPUT

Jeanne Coyne, President, CTA gave the board an update on the following:

- CTA's endorsement - Charles Francis and Delbert Cederquist as their choice of candidates for governing board of Fresno County.
- Correspondence from CTA regarding negotiations
- CTA members addressed the board regarding concerns with the increase in health benefits.

The Board thanked Ms. Coyne and members of the public who addressed the Board with issues regarding the increase in health benefits.

FUTURE AGENDAS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Cederquist moved that the Board go into closed session to discuss negotiations and litigations; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The board moved into open session at 5 p.m.

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

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