

MINUTES  
November 21, 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: Pam Coronado, Jeanne Coyne, Marcia Gutierrez, Mike Orlando, Toni Prada, Dick Simonian, Steve Sasaki, Marsha Wernick, Gail Zuniga.
- President's Announcement President Tannenbaum announced changes in today's agenda. Agenda items for Business will be moved up right before Scout Island presentation and a "Closed Session-Litigation" added to agenda before adjournment.
- REVISED AGENDA Approved Member Francis moved to approve revised agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of October 17 and November 6, 2002; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Aggie Swift** as their December 2002 Employees of the Month.
- It is with great pleasure that I nominate Aggie Swift for Employee of the Month. Aggie began her professional teaching career in 1980 in the Coachella Valley Unified School District. She then moved to Sanger in 1981 and taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade until 1985 in the Sanger Unified School District. In 1985 she became a Coordinator for Bilingual Education and Migrant Education for the Sanger Unified School District until 1988.
- It was our good fortune to have Aggie join the Migrant Educational Program in 1988 as a Coordinator. In this capacity she has been assigned nine school districts in which she works closely with district staff on programs, budgets and making presentations to staff and parents. She also coordinates the following Migrant Education projects: Outdoor Education, Migrant Senior Day, Migrant Youth Day, and the Migrant Student Art Institute. Throughout her career she has been dedicated to provide the highest quality of educational opportunities for all students. Her skills and abilities have made her a sought out educator as a presenter at local school districts, FCOE and State Conferences on a variety of subjects. She has made numerous presentations to parent groups. She is also a member and past officer of numerous organizations such as: California Association for Bilingual Education (President, Secretary, Treasurer), Association of Mexican American Educators (Secretary), Latino Educational Issues Round Table (Secretary). Aggie is an active member of Saint Mary's Church in Sanger and assists with the annual carnival and fundraising activities.
- Aggie is the sixth of ten children born to Atilano and Telesfora Hurtrado, both immigrants from Mexico. She was born and raised in Sanger, graduated from Sanger High School and Fresno City College. Her dream was to become a Social Worker and earn a four-year degree. However, she chose a 2-year degree in business education and joined the workforce in order to provide financial assistance to her parents.
- After 13 years in office setting, Aggie decided to continue her education with the goal of becoming a

teacher. She balanced the demands of a household with a husband and three daughters. Since then Aggie has earned a masters degree in Special Education and an Administrative Services Credential. Her experiences and educational background in Vocational Education, Bilingual Education, Special Education, Migrant Education and Parent Education have contributed to her success as an educator.

Aggie's desire and dedication to assist in creating educational programs has been a benefit to all. She received the Hispanic Heritage Award presented by the Union Bank of California and KVTP, Channel 18 in 2001. She also received the "Portraits of Success Award" presented by Channel 24 in 2002."

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

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
RECOGNITION  
Special Olympics

Superintendent Mehas recognized the great students and special coaches that participate with the special Olympics along with parents dedicated to this important event. Deputy Superintendent Collins announced that the Fresno County Office of Education received a plaque from the Special Olympics in Northern California for their participation in 2002 Walk-for-the-Gold and received third place for the amount of money raised. Mr. Mike Orlando and Dolly Trout, Special Education Department accepted the award.

Ms. Trout introduced two Special Olympic Athletes – Billy Faught and Semonee Phresoa who will be representing Fresno County and the United States at the world games in Ireland. Billy Faught will compete in bowling and Semonee Phresoa will compete in speed skating.

Superintendent Mehas and the Board wished the athletes success in the upcoming world games in Ireland.

Certificate of  
Appreciation –  
Dick Simonian

Superintendent Mehas presented Mr. Dick Simonian (former Director of Probation Department for Fresno County) with a certificate of appreciation for his work and dedication to the probation department and his work with Fresno County Office of Education.

Mr. Simonian thanked the Board and Superintendent Mehas.

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS  
2001/02 FCOE  
Budget/Actual  
Comparison  
(No action  
required)

Deputy Superintendent Pietro presented the 2001/02 FCOE Budget/Actual Comparison (Unaudited Actuals) to the Board.

First Interim  
Financial  
(No action  
required)

The board acknowledged the First Interim Financial Report.

2002/03 FCOE  
Budget Revisions

Member Clyde moved to approve 2002/03 FCOE Budget Revisions; seconded by Member Francis; motion carried.

Receipt of  
Quarterly  
Disclosure of  
FCOE's  
Investment  
Policies

Member Cederquist moved to acknowledge Receipt of Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Acknowledged

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

Member Cederquist moved to table Resolution #2002-34, Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Scout Island Outdoor Education Center Project for December's board meeting; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

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

Member Thomas moved to approve Site Work for Special Education Classroom at Central High School – West Campus; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
EXPULSION  
APPEAL  
HEARING  
(Closed session)

The hearing was called to order at 2:10 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: parent; Debra Garabedian, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Dr. Kevin Torosian, and Mr. Robert Harris, Fresno Unified School District. Board members sought responses from those present.

DELIBERATIONS

The Board moved into deliberations at 2:14 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 2:15 p.m.

DECISION TO UPHOLD THE EXPULSION

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to open session at 2:19 p.m.

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION  
Scout Island

Gary Sells and Ernie Hergenroeder presented information regarding Scout Island Education Center. Mr. Sells and Mr. Hergenroeder handed out illustrated handouts of the proposed education center.

- Department of Fish and Game
- Pirate Creek
- Improvements
- Programs
- Group Visitations
- Electric Golf Carts
- Advisory Committees
- Science Program
- City of Fresno

The board sought information from Mr. Sells and Mr. Hergenroeder regarding the handouts.

The Board thanked Mr. Sells and Mr. Hergenroeder for their presentation.

MOVED TO:  
COURT AND  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
Accountability  
Report Cards  
Approved

Member Thomas requested Mr. Telismanic review pie charts on both report cards and recommended approval.

Member Thomas moved to approve Accountability Report Cards for Court and Community Schools; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Community  
Schools 2001-  
2002 Handbooks  
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve Community Schools 2001-2002 Handbooks, seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Carl D. Perkins  
Vocational and  
Applied Education  
Grant for Program  
Year 2002-2003  
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Education Grant for Program Year 2002-2003, seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Teilman  
Community Day  
School Alternative  
Schools  
Accountability  
Model (ASAM)  
Indicators  
Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve the Teilman Community Day School Alternative Schools Accountability Model (ASAM) Indicators; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Court and  
Community  
Schools Report

Lou Telismanic, Director, Pam Coronado, Coordinator, and Steve Sasaki, Coordinator, Court and Community Schools reported on Court and Community Day Schools—WASC Accreditation

- Multi Agency Collaboration
- Small Class Size
- Positive Commitment
- Support Agency and Staff
- Attendance Policy
- Field Trips and Group Projects
- Strong Orientation
- Action Plans

The Board thanked Mr. Telismanic, Ms. Coronado, and Mr. Sasaki for their presentation.

BREAK

The board took a short break at 3:16 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:25 p.m.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE  
ACTIVITIES  
Approval of  
Meetings to Attend

None.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members      None.

Receipt of Correspondence      None.

Comments by Board Members      Member Cederquist requested Member Thomas to be named as a voting member for CCBE at the CSBA Conference. Board members unanimously agreed.

Correspondence regarding negotiations      Jan Biggs, Legal and Deputy Superintendent Collins addressed issues regarding correspondence received by Board members regarding negotiations.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT  
'S REPORT      Deputy Superintendent Don Collins and Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor, reported on the following topics on behalf of Superintendent Mehas:

- Emmanuel-Lutheran Church Property Update  
Classrooms  
PASS Department's move  
Costs Update to be provided to the Board
- Board Project Proposals 2002-03  
President Tannenbaum suggested that Kaye Cummings and Terry Allen attend the next board meeting and present on Arts IEP (Project of the Bonner Family Foundation) for board project consideration.

Board members unanimously selected members Allen Clyde and Barbara Thomas to participate in the Board Seminar Planning committee.

MOVED TO:  
CLOSED  
SESSION  
- LITIGATION      The Board members went into closed session to discuss pending litigation at 3:50 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 4:35 p.m.

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

- Requested the Board consider an Arts/Musical proposal for Board Seminar
- CTA negotiations coming to a close
- Good Teachers Conference – Long Beach, CA

FUTURE  
AGENDAS      Board Project Proposals

ADJOURNMENT      There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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