

MINUTES
December 12, 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. Lawrence Wilder.
- ATTENDANCE Members present: President Sally Tannenbaum, Vice President Barbara Thomas, Members Delbert Cederquist, and Charles Francis and Keith Eubanks.
- 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: Darlene Hill, Carol Hovannisian, Barbara Hunt, Toni Prada, Charlene Samuelian.
- GIFT
PRESENTATION Each board member received a beautiful holiday poinsettia from the staff at Fresno County Office of Education.
- SWEARING-IN
CEREMONY Superintendent Mehas welcomed newly re-elected board member Delbert Clyde and newly elected board member, Keith Eubanks.
- OATH OF OFFICE Superintendent Mehas conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the newly re-elected board member, Delbert Cederquist and newly elected board member, Keith Eubanks.
- Superintendent presented the newly sworn-in members with a certificate of election from Fresno County Elections Clerk, Victor Salazar.
- ELECTION OF
OFFICERS
- President Superintendent Mehas called for nominations for President.
- Nominations Member Tannenbaum moved to nominate Member Thomas for President; seconded by Member Cederquist.
- There being no further nominations, Superintendent Mehas closed the nominations. Superintendent Mehas called for the vote for Member Thomas for President.
- Member Thomas was unanimously elected as President of the Board.
- GIFT
PRESENTATION Superintendent Mehas and President Thomas presented a gift (Margaret Hudson figurine) on behalf of the Board to former Board member Charles Francis for serving as a Trustee for the County Board of Education and his dedication to the children of Fresno County.
- Mr. Francis thanked Superintendent Mehas and the Board.
- Superintendent Mehas and President Thomas presented a gift on behalf of the Board and acknowledged Dr. Tannenbaum's hard work and dedication while she served as Board President, December 2001-November 2002.
- Dr. Tannenbaum thanked Superintendent Mehas and the Board.
- Vice President Superintendent Mehas turned the meeting over to newly elected President Thomas. President Thomas called for nominations for Vice President.
- Member Cederquist moved to nominate Member Clyde for Vice President; seconded by Member Tannenbaum.
- There being no further nominations, President Thomas closed the nominations and called for the vote for Vice President.

Member Clyde was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.

Superintendent Mehas acknowledged President Tannenbaum's hard work and dedication while she served as Board President. President Thomas presented Member Tannenbaum with a Margaret Hudson figurine as a symbol of her leadership and dedication while serving as Board President, December 2001 – November 2002.

AGENDA
Approved

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

MINUTES
Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the minutes of November 21, 2002; President Thomas requested a correction be made to the pie chart under Court & Community Schools – Accountability Report Card; seconded by Member Cederquist motion carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING

2003 Board Meeting Dates

January 16, 2003
February 20, 2003
March 20, 2003
April 17, 2003
May 15, 2003
June 19, 2003
July 17, 2003
August 21, 2003
September 18, 2003
October 16, 2003
November 20, 2003

December 11, 2003 (annual organizational meeting)

Board Meeting
Schedule
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the County Schools Board Room. When a special meeting is needed, it will be called on the first Thursday of a given month; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

RECESS

The board took a brief recess for reception honoring the newly sworn in board members at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

EMPLOYEE OF
THE MONTH

This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Carol Hovannisian** as their January 2003 Employee of the Month.

Carol is a speech-language pathologist and long-time Fresno County Office of Education employee. Most of her work experience has been with elementary school age children, and as Carol's career progressed, she felt the need for new challenges. So three years ago, Carol left her elementary school "comfort zone" to help begin the FCOE Early Intervention Program working with infants and toddlers with special needs. Beginning as an early intervention speech pathologist, Carol acknowledged feeling uneasy about the "drool" and other "mysterious fluids" she encountered working with the very young children. However, she quickly learned to overcome her trepidation and worked effectively with the whole child and the child's family. Because early intervention is done in the child's natural environment—most frequently the home—Carol's ability to quickly develop trust with the child and the child's family has been an invaluable component of her teaching. Carol gracefully shares her knowledge, builds the family's confidence, and listens and responds to the family's concerns—all with FUN and HUMOR. Carol trains and empowers the families to be their children's first and most important teachers.

Another of Carol's tangible gifts has been to help families become connected early on with the education system and programs available to their children. She has helped families and schools link as partners in support of the child. She has facilitated trust between the home and school partnership that is essential in building the productive and lasting relationships that maximize educational effectiveness.

Carol is an extremely hard worker. The word "no" and the phrase "not possible" are missing from her vocabulary. She directs each new challenge into areas of possibilities and growth. Carol no longer sees the "drool" and "mysterious fluids" that she encounters; instead she focuses her vision on the possibilities and potential of each of her children and each of their families. Carol is an outstanding representative of FCOE's vision as Catalyst for Student Success and a well deserving recipient for Employee of the Month.

It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Carol Hovannisian.
Congratulations, Carol, for a job well done.

MOVED TO:
RECOGNITION
Resolution #2002-
45 & 2002-46,
Black History
Month and Martin
Luther King, Jr.
Observance
Adopted

Vice President Clyde moved to adopt Resolution #2002-45 and 2002-46, Black History Month and Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Resolution #2002-
47, Cesar Chavez
Day of Service and
Learning
Observance
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2002-47, Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning Observance; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
ADMINISTRATION

Resolution #2002-
48, Request for the
State Superintendent
of Public Instruction
to Fully Investigate
the Economic and
Programmatic
Ramifications
Concerning the
Proposed Recall of
the Agriculture
Education
Outstation Staff
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved adopt Resolution #2002-48, Requesting the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to Fully Investigate the Economic and Programmatic Ramifications Concerning the Proposed Recall of the Agriculture Education Outstation Staff; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION
APPEAL
HEARING

(Tabled – January
16, 2003)

Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor, advised the Board that Washington Union High School District requested a continuance for the expulsion appeal hearing for one (1) month.

MOVED TO:
ROP
ROP Nursing
Collaborative
(Report)

Barbara Burdine and Janet Sloan (Nancy Masich was unable to attend) presented information regarding ROP Nursing Collaborative program.

- Nursing programs
- Students
- Fresno Community, Madera, Clovis, Kaiser, FCC
- ROP Nursing Careers – Duncan Polytechnical High School (15 students employed by Fresno Community Hospital)
- Fresno Community College Cohort

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

The Board thanked Ms. Burdine and Ms. Sloan for their presentation.

Deputy Superintendent Dan Pietro requested a continuance for Resolution #2002-34, Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Scout Island Outdoor Education Center Project for the January board meeting. Superintendent Mehas briefly gave an update regarding this item to newly elected board member Eubanks.

Member Cederquist moved to table Resolution #2002-34, Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Scout Island Outdoor Education Center Project for January board meeting; seconded by Vice President Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES
Comments by Board
Members

Member Cederquist advised the Board that President Thomas was asked to go to Washington DC to attend the California County Boards of Education's Federal Relations Network committee representing the County Board. However the meeting conflicts with the Board Seminar meeting scheduled in February. Member Cederquist conveyed to the board that he feels it is important that President Thomas represent the Board in Washington DC. Member Cederquist also advised the Board that President Thomas will be appointed to the Delegate Assembly which is the action body for the California County Boards of Education for Region 10.

Approval of
Meetings to Attend

Member Clyde moved to approve President Thomas' request to attend the CCBE Federal Relations Network committee meeting in February; seconded by Member Cederquist.

Approval of Travel
Expenses by Board
Members

Travel expense claim submitted for attendance at the annual CSBA Conference held recently in San Francisco for approval by Member Cederquist (\$1638.92); Member Francis (\$200.32).

Member Clyde moved to approve travel expense claims as submitted; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- Governor's State Budget Proposal
Implications of budget cuts for county school districts

Possible Board Seminar Agenda Item

- Press Conference – Educational Coalition of California.
Superintendent Mehas will continue to update the Board as information regarding the State budget is confirmed.
- K12 Higher Education Master Plan
Task Force
Possible Board Seminar Agenda Item
- West Fresno Update
Appointment of Bill Griffith (Fiscal Advisor)
FCMAT update
- Emmanuel-Lutheran Church Property Update
Court and Community Schools
PASS Program
Church Classrooms
Storage
Deputy Superintendent Pietro gave the board a brief update regarding the property and a plan for the property will be forwarded to Superintendent Mehas and to the Board for approval next month.
- Board Project Proposals
Superintendent Mehas gave Member Eubanks an update regarding board projects.
Deputy Superintendent Collins distributed 7 proposals from various departments. Deputy Superintendent Collins requested that Board members review proposals and select 2-3 proposals and advise his office of their selections by January 6.
Possible Board Seminar Agenda Item - Past Board Projects
- Clovis negotiations regarding Special Education
Meeting scheduled on December 16, 2003
Meeting scheduled on January 7, 2003
Jan Biggs gave the board an update regarding recent negotiations with Clovis USD.
- Vice President Clyde requested an update of Board projects from past.
- Don Collins gave the Board update regarding CTA negotiations.
Member Clyde commended Don Collins for conducting the negotiations very professional. Superintendent Mehas publicly thanked the members of CSEA and CTA for conducting negotiations professionally.
- State Superintendent Elect Jack O'Connell's Inauguration Ceremony will be held at FUSD's Sunnyside High School on January 15, 2003.
- Swearing-in Ceremony for Superintendent Mehas and newly re-elected board member Delbert Cederquist and newly elected board member Keith Eubanks on January 10, 5:15 p.m. at FCOE.
- Academic Decathlon – February 1
- Board Seminar – February 3, 2003
- Superintendent Mehas thanked the Board for their support and wished them happy holidays.

COMMUNITY
NPOT

Barbara Hunt, community member, requested to address the Board regarding West Fresno. President Thomas advised Ms. Hunt that she would be limited to three (3) minutes.

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

Board Project Proposals

FUTURE
AGENDAS

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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