

MINUTES
February 20, 2003

- CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Thomas 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 Thomas, Vice President Allen Clyde, Members Delbert Cederquist, and Keith Eubanks and Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.
- 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: Jaime Rocheford, Jeanne Coyne, Rita Contreras, Lora Rudolf, Karen vonFelten.
- AGENDA
 Approved Added to today’s agenda under *“Special Recognitions” Recipient of the 2003 Human Rights Award.* Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- MINUTES
 Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the minutes of January 16, 2003; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF
THE MONTH This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Lora Rudolf** as their March 2003 Employee of the Month.
- Lora joined the 8th floor team about 2 years ago when she transferred from Ramacher. It is great to come into work every morning because Lora is ALWAYS here with a smile and friendly greeting for everyone. She is one of the most upbeat and pleasant members of our Special Education team. Lora is always willing to help the support staff or managers on any project. In the winter months when it is cold and drab outside, Lora often brightens our day by bringing in a large pot of homemade soup. She is constantly thinking of other...and she is a great cook, too! Lora primarily works with the Adult Transition Program. The teachers, nurses, paraprofessionals, students and parents Lora works with all love and respect her.
- Lora has been the main support for severe programs for Pat Sims and most recently the ATP program. Lora makes her support of 19 teachers and classrooms seem so effortless. She is extremely organized and I know Pat Sims would be lost without her support. Her concern is always the kids and the teachers and support staff. She is also kind, sensitive and her funny remarks about life’s situations extremely funny. She is well liked amongst her co-workers. It is such a joy to work with our very own “Maxine.”
- How often does one receive a fax that would read (with your name) ‘To the fabulous Lora Rudolf from your adoring class, yet another which reads ‘Your #1 With Us’ – that is the kind of admiration and respect that Lora has from teachers, staff, and students in the Adult Transition Program.
- Everyone who works with Lora has a high regard for her. She has a wonderful sense of humor, a ready smile, always willing to help and is there when you need her. The ATP has grown to 19 classes and she has kept pace with all the demands that the additional class has thrown at her. This year alone she has helped with the transition of the Teilman classes and also those from FPU (2 classes) to Dakota (Sierra Hospital) and is, once again, in the process of transitioning from Dakota to Emmanuel Church for those classes.
- Lora is well organized, competent, hard working and she gets the job done. Lora is loyal, dependable, trust worthy and works extremely well with parents, teachers, nurses, paraprofessionals and students. Lora is the perfect candidate to represent Special Education as Employee of the Month.

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

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
RECOGNITIONS

Recipient of the 2003 Human Rights Award – Jeanne Coyne, President, California Teachers Association, acknowledged Karen vonFelten as the recipient of the 2003 Human Rights Award.

Karen vonFelten Ms. Coyne also announced that CTA would honor Karen vonFelten at an awards banquet on March 1 in Burlingame and award her with the *2003 Physically and Mentally Challenged Students Human Rights Award*.

Superintendent Mehas and the Board congratulated Ms. vonFelten for her continuous dedication to the students of Fresno County.

MOVED TO:
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES

School Library Media Services Janie Rocheford, Director, School Library Media Services, presented media for consideration – First Reading. The Board acknowledged the media presented for consideration.

Media for Consideration Discussion item only

Media for Action Member Cederquist moved to approve media for adoption; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Resolution #2003-03, Arts Education Month (March) Adopted Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2003-03, Arts Education Month; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION
APPEAL
HEARING

Washington Union High School District (Closed session) The hearing was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: parents and interpreter; Debra Garabedian, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Joey Campbell, Principal and Glenn Freedman, Administrator, Washington Union High School District. Board members sought responses from those present.

DELIBERATIONS The Board moved into deliberations at 2:40 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 2:45 p.m.

DECISION TO UPHOLD THE EXPULSION Member Cederquist moved to uphold the expulsion; seconded by Member Tannenbaum.

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist	Y
Member Eubanks	Y
Member Clyde	Y
Member Tannenbaum	Y

President Thomas Y

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION The Board reconvened to open session at 2:50 p.m.

MOVED TO: ROP Nancy Masich, Administrator and Area Coordinators Amanda Hopkins and Janet Sloan presented information on ROP's College Connection and reviewed a list of courses. The board thanked Ms. Masich, Ms. Hopkins and Ms. Sloan for their report.
(Report)

Ratification of September 18, 2002 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes
Approved
Member Cederquist moved to ratify the minutes of September 18, 2002 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Minarets Update
Dr. Don Witzansky, Superintendent, Sierra Unified School District shared information regarding the settlement agreement between Minarets and Sierra Unified. Dr. Witzansky thanked Superintendent Mehas, Jan Biggs, and most especially thanked the Board for their support.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS
Second Interim Financial Report Acknowledged
Deputy Superintendent Dan Pietro presented the second Interim Financial Report. The board acknowledged the report.

2002/03 Budget Revisions
Approved
Member Cederquist moved to approve the 2002-2003 budget; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Quarterly Disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education's Investment Policies
Approved
Member Cederquist moved to approve quarterly disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES
Approval of Meetings to Attend
President Thomas requested approval to attend the Annual Spring Conference (CCBE) in Monterey on March 14-16, 2003. Member Eubanks also requested approval to attend for the day. Member Cederquist made a motion to approve President Thomas and Member Cederquist to attend the CCBE Delegate Assembly meeting in May seconded by Member Clyde.

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve President Thomas' and Member Eubanks' meeting requests to attend the

Annual Spring Conference (CCBE) in Monterey on March 14-16, 2003 and President Thomas and Member Cederquist to attend the CCBE Delegate Assembly meeting in May; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members

None.

Board Project 2003 Approved

The board discussed the board project proposals before taking action.

Member Tannenbaum made a motion to select two projects (Project of the Bonner Family Foundation and Central California Regional Science, Mathematics and Engineering Fair) and splitting the funds (\$10,000) between the two; Member Cederquist seconded; motion carried.

CSBA Call for Nominations for CSBA's Delegate Assembly

Member Cederquist made a motion to nominate David Jackson, Kingsburg Joint Union High; Dr. Oscar Sablan, Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District; Jesse Vasquez, Sanger Unified School District for CSBA's Delegate Assembly; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried. The ballot will be forwarded to CSBA no later than March 17.

Naming of Facility Discussion only

The board discussed naming of the property referred to as Scout Island. Member Cederquist made a motion to name the property *Scout Island Educational Center*; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Superintendent Mehas advised the Board that the property currently referred to as Emmanuel Lutheran church site will also need to be named and asked the Board to bring forward their suggestions. The naming of the facility will be placed on the agenda in the next 3-4 months.

Comments by Board Members

Member Cederquist reported that he attended the Martin Luther King Arts event at the Metropolitan Museum and was very impressed with Gary Ovoian, History/Social Science Coordinator and the students.

Member Tannenbaum reported that the Board seminar was very informative. Member Clyde also commented that he felt that the seminar was a success. All members were pleased with the location of the seminar (CSUF Smittcamp Alumni House) and the amount of information shared in one day.

Member Tannenbaum also recommended that in the future the board consider using the Scout Island Educational Center for future seminars.

President Thomas shared information regarding her trip to Washington DC to attend the NSBA Federal Relations Network 30th Annual Conference.

Member Cederquist suggested that board members arrive early to FCOE before the next Board meeting (March 20) and arrange for a van to take all the board members out to the Instructional Materials Center where Ray Vietti will take individual pictures as well as a group photo of all the Board members. Teresa Treviño will make arrangements for a van and coordinate photo session with Ray Vietti.

Photography for Board Members

Member Tannenbaum congratulated Superintendent Mehas for being honored at the UCP Awards Dinner.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

**MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- West Fresno Update
- State Budget Update

**COMMUNITY
INPUT**

Jeanne Coyne, President, CTA reported on the following:
Special Olympics – \$200 Sponsorship for the 3 students going to the Special Olympics
CTA Survey

**FUTURE
AGENDAS**

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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