

MINUTES
July 17, 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 an inspirational reading led by Armen Bacon.

ATTENDANCE Members present: President Thomas, Members Delbert Cederquist and Sally Tannenbaum.

Absent: Members Clyde and Eubanks.

Participating staff: Peter G. Mehas, Superintendent; Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendent; Armen Bacon, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Jan Biggs, Administrative Advisor, Legal Department; Teresa Martinez-Treviño, Board Secretary.

Absent: Deputy Superintendent Donald Collins.

Visitors: Robert Crow, Sue LaHargoue, Janie Rocheford.

AGENDA
Approved President Thomas announced that an inter district transfer appeal scheduled at 2:20 has been moved to board meeting in August at the request of the parent. Member Cederquist moved to approve the revised agenda; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

MINUTES
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of June 19, 2003; 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 **Robert Crow** as their August 2003 Employee of the Month.

Robert Crow is a dedicated educator and an indispensable member of the Violet Heintz Education Academy's staff. Robert is an extremely capable individual, and his job performance is above and beyond that which is normally expected. In addition to his teaching duties, Robert oversees Cyber High, the PASS Program, and GED Testing. He works with students throughout the day and keeps them on track so that they either graduate from high school or pass the GED; and due to Robert's efforts, a significant number of students achieve these goals each year. Robert is married to Kim and they have a 2 year-old daughter, Carley. Robert began teaching for the Court Schools at the County's Boot Camp school, which was later named the Violet Heintz Education Academy. When he began, the facility had been closed for 5 years, it was overgrown with weeds, and there was no running water. At that time, it was a Day Reporting Center and the students were bussed in everyday from Fresno to attend school and to work. There were two teachers that shared three classes, and the classes ran as they do now from 8:00 AM-5:35 PM. Robert says he remembers it as dirty and dusty; and the power and phone service were sporadic depending on what the maintenance workers were working on a given day. The facility today is much improved and provides an excellent learning environment for students. Through it all, Robert has maintained his focus on providing quality educational programming, and is truly a catalyst for student success.

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

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION

BTSA Update
Sue LaHargoue

Ms. Sue LaHargoue, Director, Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment and Cathy Critchley, Coordinator presented information regarding the BTSA program.

- Two year induction program
- Standards
- Approved Programs
- Sponsorship, Administrative and Leadership Standard
- Induction Plan Proposal

The board thanked Ms. LaHargoue and Ms. Critchley for their presentation.

MOVED TO:
INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER
APPEAL
HEARING

Rebecca Dobbs
Sanger USD to
Clovis USD
Denied

The Board discussed the request for an Inter district permit. Those present at the hearing included: Jim and Suzanne Dobbs, parents; Dr. Michael Giovannetti, Sanger USD. The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Cederquist moved to deny the Inter district transfer request for Rebecca Dobbs to attend Clovis Unified School District from the district of residence, Sanger Unified School District; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist	Yes
Member Tannenbaum	Yes
President Thomas	Yes
Member Eubanks	Absent
Member Clyde	Absent

The Inter district transfer was denied.

INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER
APPEAL
HEARING

Jake & Katie
Spendlove
Sanger USD to
Clovis USD
Denied

The Board discussed the request for an Inter district permit. Those present at the hearing included: Leigh Spendlove, parent; Dr. Michael Giovannetti, Sanger USD. The Board sought information from the parent and the district.

Member Tannenbaum moved to deny the Inter district transfer request for Jake & Katie Spendlove to attend Clovis Unified School District from the district of residence, Sanger Unified School District; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist	Yes
Member Tannenbaum	Yes
President Thomas	Yes
Member Eubanks	Absent
Member Clyde	Absent

The Inter district transfer was denied.

INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER
APPEAL
HEARING
Julianne Forcan
Sanger USD to
Clovis USD
Denied

The Board discussed the request for an Inter district permit. Those present at the hearing included: Douglas Larsen, Attorney at Law; Janette Peters, parent; Michael Giovannetti, Sanger USD. The Board sought information from the parent and the district.

Member Cederquist moved to deny the Inter district transfer request for Julianne Forcan to attend Clovis Unified School District from the district of residence, Sanger Unified School District; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist	Yes
Member Tannenbaum	Yes
President Thomas	Yes
Member Eubanks	Absent
Member Clyde	Absent

The Inter district transfer was denied.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS
“Remodel Buildings
at Floradora
Facility” Bid
Rejected

Member Cederquist moved to reject “Remodel Buildings at Floradora Facility” Bid; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

“Beth Ramacher
Educational
Complex
Playground
Improvements” Bid
Rejected

Member Cederquist moved to reject the “Beth Ramacher Educational Complex Playground Improvements” Bid; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

Washington Union High School – Relocatable Classroom” Bid Rejected Member Tannenbaum moved to reject the Washington Union High School Relocatable Classroom Bid; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

**MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES**

Approval of Meetings to Attend None.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members None.

Receipt of Correspondence President announced the receipt of the following correspondence: CSBA Legislator of the Year and CCBE Nominations Packet. The items will be placed on the agenda as action items in August.

Comments by Board Members None.

**MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT**

- Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:
- The Role of County Support R: SB 1419
 - Legislation Updates
 - Kindergarten Registration Requirements
 - Recall of Trustee - Coalinga-Huron USD
 - Interim Superintendent Lloyd Wamhof, Kerman Unified School District
 - FCOE will be conducting the Superintendent Search for Kerman USD
 - Clovis Unified School District and Special Education Transfers
 - Retirees - Former Employees (Thank you notes)
 - Summary Update 2003
 - All Staff Day – August 27, 2003
 - Article in the Fresno Bee Re: Larry Powell, Superintendent, Central USD running for County Superintendent of Schools
 - Sponsorship (\$30,000) received for College Night from PG&E
 - State Superintendent O’Connell’s Request to Supreme Court to Break Impasse of State Budget
 - FCOE will coordinate a fund raiser for State Superintendent O’Connell

COMMUNITY INPUT None.

FUTURE AGENDAS None.

ADJOURNMENT /tmt There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.