

MINUTES

February 19, 2004

- CALL TO ORDER      President Clyde called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and an inspirational reading led by Jan Biggs.
- ATTENDANCE        Members present: President Allen Clyde, Vice President Keith Eubanks, Members Delbert Cederquist, Barbara Thomas, and Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.
- Participating staff: Peter G. Mehas, Superintendent; Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendents; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department; Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Donald Collins, Deputy Superintendent and Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent.
- Visitors: Pam Coronado, Marisa Gamboa, Bruce Feaver, Tom Read, Nancy Masich and Naomi Kent.
- AGENDA             Member Cederquist moved to approve the agenda; motion seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.  
Approved
- MINUTES            Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of January 15, 2004; motion seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.  
Approved
- EMPLOYEE OF      This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring  
THE MONTH        Bill Feaver as their March 2004 Employee of the Month.
- It is truly an honor to recognize Bill Feaver as our March 2004 Employee of the Month for the Fresno County Office of Education. Bill is a Court School Teacher and currently works at the Alice Worsley School site.
- Bill is a leader among his peers. He has a very positive demeanor and the ability to work well with his colleagues. This positively impacts program improvement.
- Bill attends workshops and conferences on his own time to enhance his professional development. He recently presented a session on vocabulary strategies to our teachers at a staff collaboration meeting, which was very informational and extremely well presented. Thus, other teachers have now implemented these same strategies into their classroom.
- Bill is an excellent teacher and his students look up to him with respect and admiration. He has impeccable character. Bill exhibits all six pillars of character, which include: fairness, respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, caring and citizenship. These traits are evident in his rapport with peers, staff and his students.
- Bill establishes a bond with his students enabling them to feel safe and focus on their educational goals. He utilizes a wide variety of instructional strategies that promote student autonomy and choice. He spends many hours searching for new instructional methodologies to enhance his teaching repertoire.
- Bill goes above and beyond in providing for his class. He is a self-motivator who arrives to work early everyday and stays until the job is done. He is a true “Catalyst for Student Success” and without a doubt a wonderful advocate for student learning and success.
- Board members congratulated Bill Feaver for a job well done.

MOVED TO:  
COURT AND  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS

Approval of 2003-  
2004 Single site Plan  
for Student  
Achievement

Tom Read opened with the request to approve the 2003-04 Single Plan for Student Achievement. Member Tannenbaum moved to approve; motion seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION  
New Juvenile  
Facility

Ken Campbell presented the plans of the new juvenile facility via a fly through rendering presentation.

The Board inquired about the construction timeline and thanked Ken Campbell for the presentation.

MOVE TO:  
EXPULSION  
APPEAL HEARING  
Parlier USD

Jan Biggs announced that the Expulsion Hearing scheduled for Parlier Unified was continued to the March board meeting.

Clovis USD  
(Closed Session)

The hearing was called to order at 2:05 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: the Clovis student's parent; the parent's Attorney Charles Magill; Clovis USD Attorney John Hubanks; Gregg Bass Child Welfare and Attendance Administrator of Clovis USD.

Board members sought responses from those present.

Jan Biggs sought responses from both attorneys.

The Board moved into deliberations at 2:51 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:20 p.m.

Member Thomas moved to overturn the expulsion; motion seconded by Member Eubanks.

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist        Y

Member Eubanks         Y

Member Thomas         Y

Member Tannenbaum    Y

President Clyde         Y

Motion carried. The board overturned the expulsion of the student with a formal written decision to be mailed to both parties.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 3:21 p.m. and reconvened to open session 3:35 p.m.

MOVED TO:  
ADMINISTRATION  
Resolution #2004-12  
Support of  
Propositions  
57 & 58

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2004-12, Support of Propositions 57 & 58; there was no second; motion died.

Resolution #2004-11  
Name the Floradora  
Site the "Kermit  
Koontz Education  
Center"

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2004-11, Name the Floradora Site the "Kermit Koontz Education Center"; motion seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES  
Resolution #2004-07  
Medicare Division

Dr. Daniel Pietro presented in the absence of Donald Collins. If approved the Medicare Division will allow certain certificated employees to become eligible for Medicare.

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution #2004-07, Medicare Division Election; motion seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVE TO:  
FRESNO ROP  
California Academic  
Standards  
Integration (Math)

Nancy Masich distributed invitations to the Board and Cabinet for Advisory Night.

Naomi Kent presented on the development of activities to help students relate mathematics to what they are doing in ROP. She gave an example of a typical math assignment utilized when teaching kids scales and dimensions. Also partnering with all teachers from different Pathways and working with them to integrate math into their course work.

The Board thanked the ladies for their presentation.

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS  
Resolution #2004-01  
Award Standard  
School Supplies to  
the Lowest  
Responsible Bidder

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution #2004-01, to Award Standard School Supplies to the Lowest Bidder, School Specialty; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Authorization to Bid  
Site Work for Beth  
Ramacher  
Educational  
Complex

Member Cederquist moved to authorize the site work bid for two re-locatable classrooms at Beth Ramacher Educational Complex; motion seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of  
Apportionment of  
Forest Reserve  
Receipts for 2003-04

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Apportionment of the Forest Reserve Receipts for 2003-04; motion seconded by Vice President Eubanks; motion carried.

Approval of SOPs  
for the Approval of  
Charter Schools  
Approved and  
Sponsored by the  
Fresno County  
Board of Education

Vice President Eubanks moved to approve the SOPs for Charter Schools; motion seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of FCOE  
Second Interim  
Financial Report

Member Cederquist moved to approve the FCOE Second Interim Financial Report; motion seconded by Vice President Eubanks; motion carried.

Approval of  
Revisions  
to the FCOE  
Budget Since Board  
Approval in  
November

Vice President Eubanks moved to approve the Revisions to the FCOE Budget Since Board Approval in November; motion seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
HUMAN  
RESOURCES

Resolution #2004-  
04 Early Retirement  
(PERS)

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2004-08, Early Retirement (PERS); motion seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Resolution #2004-  
10 Early Retirement  
(CalSTRS)

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution #2004-10, Early Retirement (CalSTRS); motion seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE  
ACTIVITIES

Approval of  
Meetings to Attend

Member Thomas requested to attend the CCBE conference in Monterey.  
Member Tannenbaum moved to approve travel; seconded by Vice president Eubanks; motion carried.

President Clyde, Vice President Eubanks and Member Thomas said they would attend the Mock Trial.

Approval of Travel  
Expenses by Board  
Members

The following Board member submitted a travel expense claim for attendance at the annual CSBA Conference held in San Diego, CA: Member Cederquist (\$1379.49).

The mileage claims for Board events for Member Cederquist are: June 2003-October 2003 (\$234.00) and November 2003-December 2003 (\$45.00).

Member Thomas moved to approve Board expenses; seconded by Vice President Eubanks; motion carried.

Receipt of  
Correspondence

Dr. Mehas handed President Clyde the minutes of the California Board of Education's last meeting.

Comments by  
Board Members

Member Tannenbaum asked the Board Secretary to follow up on the reimbursement from the 2003 CSBA conference.

President Clyde inquired about the transfer of funds from his discretionary funds to Member Thomas' budget. Board Secretary to follow up on the transfer of funds.

Board Members suggested visits to Scout Island.

Member Tannenbaum attended the Academic Decathlon and noticed a lack of organization in compared to previous years. She attributed the difference to a change in organizers. Also discussed a possible relocation of the event to the North Gym at Fresno State.

MOVED TO:  
LATON UNIFIED  
Potential Inter-  
District Transfer  
Appeals

Superintendent Hudson expressed concern of loss of funds to the district due to low ADA. The cause for the low ADA is due to the many inter-district transfers and high enrollment at the surrounding Charter Schools. Since July 2003 a district cannot depend on the 3% rule. Superintendent Hudson sought counsel from the Board on how to deal with this situation in his district.

Board members asked questions about changes in the laws that previously protected a district in Laton's situation. Questions were also raised about the ADA at the surrounding Charter Schools in comparison to the ADA in Laton Unified.

Board members thanked Mr. Hudson for the information he provided regarding Laton area schools.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- Governor Schwarzenegger will be coming back to Fresno promoting Propositions 57 & 58. It appears that Proposition 55 will be a very close vote. It also seems that Proposition 56 will pass. The Fresno County Office of Education has to be prepared for budget cuts.

None.

- Discussion to place Expulsion Hearings toward the end of the agenda (possibly after the Trustees Activities)

COMMUNITY  
INPUT

Moved to adjourn at 4:52 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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