

MINUTES  
May 20, 2004

- CALL TO ORDER**      The meeting was called to order by President Clyde 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 Allen Clyde, Vice President Keith Eubanks and Members Delbert Cederquist, Dr. Sally Tannenbaum, and Barbara Thomas.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Donald Collins and Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendents; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Services; Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Dave Halpern, Charlene Samuelian, Rita Contreras, Virginia Warring, Charlotte Nunn, Ken Campbell, Jake Bloodworth, Jim Coiner, Janie Rocheford, Gary Sells, Susan Goodwin, Rhonda Deeter, Irma Hicks, Myra Walker.
- AGENDA**      Member Thomas moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.  
Approved
- MINUTES**      Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2004; seconded by Member Eubanks;  
Approved      motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**
- It is truly an honor to recognize John Soliz, Grounds Supervisor at Scout Island, as our June 2004 Employee of the Month. John is responsible for the daily operation and maintenance of Fresno County Office of Education's most unique educational environment.
- Scout Island stretches over a vast 75 acres and requires a diversity of skills, knowledge, adaptability and tenacity. John's daily routine is unlike few, if any, contemporaries working at a school or assigned within a self-contained building. The out-of-doors nature of John's responsibilities calls upon an extraordinary devotion to work and a willingness to labor daily for the simple reward of having done one's best.
- John's excellent performance does not have an audience of onlookers or supporters. He diligently and gladly works in obscurity through heat, rain and cold weather day after day after day. John Soliz does his best because he will not settle for less!
- John worked for two prior owners of Scout Island prior to joining the FCOE family. For over 16 years he accumulated knowledge of the historic river property. On a weekly basis, daily on occasion, John calls upon those 16 years to answer questions from neighbors, engineers, construction managers, deputy fire chiefs, teachers, docents, students AND the Scout Island director. His knowledge of the property is exceeded only by his love and undiminished devotion to the history and beauty of the place he has called "home" for almost two decades.
- John is a man of few words. He is content to let his work speak for his integrity and devotion to the worthy cause of going "above and beyond". His love for the property has inspired those around him to achieve nothing less than their best.
- It is with pleasure that we recognize you today, John, as our Employee of the Month. Congratulations John!

Mr. Soliz expressed words of thanks to the Board and FCOE employees for their partnership in his work. Superintendent Mehas and Deputy Superintendent Don Collins gave words of appreciation for Mr. Soliz' work, knowledge and commitment to all efforts at the Scout Island property.

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
RECOGNITION  
Fresno County  
SELPA Awards  
Recognition

Darlene Hill, Program Coordinator of SELPA in the Special Education Department, presented on behalf of the Special Education department recognizing the awards received from the California Department of Education for zero complaints filed and only one due process hearing filed to date during the 2003-04 school year.

MOVED TO:  
ADMINISTRATION  
Approval of  
Resolution No.  
2004- 20, May as  
Educational Options  
Month

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-20, May as Educational Options Month; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
COURT &  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
Approval of  
Resolution No.  
2004-19, Capital  
Outlay Expenditures

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-19, Capital Outlay Expenditures; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

RECESS

Recessed at 1:48p.m. and returned to session at 2:00 p.m.

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
Petition To Purchase  
Non-Adopted  
Instructional  
Materials

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve Special Education's Petition To Purchase Non-Adopted Instructional Materials; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
ROP  
Approval of  
Resolution No.  
2004-12, Capital  
Outlay and  
Equipment  
Replacement  
Expenditures

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-12, Capital Outlay and Equipment Replacement Expenditures; seconded by Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
LEGAL/HUMAN  
RESOURCES/

CRENDENTIALS

Approval of  
Declaration of Need  
for Fully Qualified  
Educators

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Approval of  
Resolution No.  
2004- 22, Early  
Retirement  
(PERS), Parlier USD

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-22, open window for two additional years of service credit to qualified classified employees of Parlier Unified School District (6/1/04 – 9/1/04); seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES

County Office  
Superintendent of  
School's Initial  
Proposal to  
Classified  
Bargaining Unit for  
the 2004-05 School  
Year

President Clyde moved to acknowledge the proposal and opened the "Sunshining" of the County's opening position. The Board accepted the proposal without comment.

Certificated  
Bargaining Unit  
Proposal for 2004-05  
First Reading

President Clyde moved to acknowledge the proposal and opened the "Sunshining" of the Unit's opening position. The Board acknowledged the proposal without comment.

MOVED TO:  
SCHOOL LIBRARY  
& MEDIA SERVICES  
Media for Adoption

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the audio/visual media as presented; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS  
SERVICES

Public Hearing on  
County  
Superintendent of  
School's Initial  
Proposal to Classified  
Bargaining Unit for  
the 2004-05 School  
Year

President Clyde moved to acknowledge the opportunity for public discussion on the County Superintendent of School's Initial Proposal to the Classified Bargaining Unit for the 2004-05 School Year and read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Board/Superintendent's opening position."

Approval of  
Classified Bargaining  
Unit's Initial Proposal  
for the 2004-05  
School Year – First  
Reading  
Approval of

President Clyde moved to acknowledge the opportunity for public discussion on the Classified Bargaining Unit's Initial Proposal for the school year 2004-05. The Board unanimously accepted the proposal.

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

Approval to Award Construction Bid No. C2004-03, "Site Work for Infant Care Relocatable Building" for the Ramacher site  
Member Thomas moved to approve Construction Bid No. C2004-03 for the Site Work for the Infant Care Relocatable Building at the Ramacher Site; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE  
ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to Attend

Member Thomas moved to approve the attendance of President Clyde and Members Cederquist, Thomas, Eubanks, and Tannenbaum to the C.S.B.A. Educational Conference the first weekend of December 2004; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members

Member Thomas will be traveling to Sacramento on June 4<sup>th</sup> to attend a meeting with the C.S.B.A. Executive Director, Scott Plotkin.

None.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Comments by Board Members

The Board received for review the invoice for the C.S.B.A. dues. A historical summary of payment of dues will be submitted to the Board before the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion and action on the billing will be agendated for the June 17, 2004 Board meeting.

Member Cederquist updated the Board on the development of scheduling a meeting between the County Trustees Association and Mayor Autry. Kathy Spate, Trustees Chair has not yet secured a date with the Mayor's scheduler.

The next Fresno County Schools Trustees Association General Dinner meeting will be the third Tuesday of October 2004.

Member Cederquist asked the administration to consider allowing for Board members to be included in the planning of dedication programs. Superintendent Mehas responded by stating that this is the responsibility of the administration to do program planning.

Member Thomas and Eubanks complimented the outcome of the Kermit Koontz Educational Complex dedication.

President Clyde requested that if necessary some of his discretionary funds be transferred to Member Cederquist's budget to cover expenses.

MOVED TO:  
EXPULSION  
APPEAL HEARING  
Washington Union  
High School District  
(Closed Session)

President Clyde and Members Thomas and Eubanks will be attending the Adult Transition Program graduation.

Superintendent Mehas excused himself from the closed session meeting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Senior Administrator to the Superintendent Jan Biggs also removed himself from the closed session meeting.

The hearing was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: student, parents; Deborah Garabedian, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Michael Berdinella, Attorney; Sara Mirhadi, Law Clerk; Joey Campbell, Principal, Washington Union High School District; Arden Jones, Administrator of Instruction and Student Services, Washington Union High School District; and Cathleen Hall, Attorney.

Deliberations

DECISION TO  
REVERSE THE  
EXPULSION

The Board members sought responses from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:43 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 4:07 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist	Abstain
Member Eubanks	Y
Member Tannenbaum	Y
Member Thomas	Y
President Clyde	Y

Motion carried. The Board moved to reverse the expulsion of the student.

The Board reconvened to open session at 4:09 p.m.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- State Budget: K-12 has prepared for budget cuts. Deputy Superintendent of Business services reported on COLAs: COLA will be given to all categoricals. 2.4% COLA will be given to all programs. Money will not be spent until the budget is signed.
- Categorical Reforms: Deedee Albert's Bill is endorsed by Republicans and Democrats. The Bill protects categoricals in six major categories but gives greater flexibility. The Governor's Proposal is still on the table folding into the revenue limits.
- The Board Aviation Project:

Don Collins updated the Board on the development of the Aviation Project. He also reviewed the new media equipment needing to be purchased.

Janie Rocheford and Randy Reed from Library Media Services updated the Board on a recent visit to Lemoore Naval base. The purpose of the visit was to film vignettes for the Board project.

FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS           None

COMMUNITY  
INPUT           None

MOVED TO  
CLOSED SESSION

Personnel           The Board convened into closed session for a personnel matter.

The Board reconvened into open session. No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT    Moved to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

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