

MINUTES  
June 17, 2004

- CALL TO ORDER           The meeting was called to order by President Clyde at 1:33 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, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; Deborah Garabedian, Legal Counsel; Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent.
- Visitors: Lon Wetter, Randy Mehrten, Don Reed, Belia Martinez-Lopez, Helena Alferes, Linda Shelton, Danny Oliver, Judy Dorn, Olga Coleman, Wendy Winter, Laurie Carr and students from McKinley Elementary, Nancy Hernandez, Brian Nunn, Jake Bloodworth, and Gloria Hobbs.
- AGENDA                   Member Eubanks moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.  
Approved
- MINUTES                 Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of May 20, 2004; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.  
Approved
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH     This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring **Ron Loforti** as their July 2004 Employee of the Month.
- Ron Loforti has been an outstanding FCOE employee since the day he was hired. In his position as Warehouse Worker Driver, Ron is courier, warehouse person, mailperson, and an FCOE ambassador all rolled into one. There is never a job he will not take on and once he does, it gets done expediently and in a professional manner.
- Ron not only has his own routes and area of responsibility, but he also is the only staff member in the S.L.M.S. department that can run all the delivery routes and do the shipping and receiving plus mail service. He has the added responsibility of being “bus driver” for the migrant student program at the Doctors Academy at Sunnyside High School. In addition, he has single handedly designed and set up the storage facility at the Floradora site. He’s always on top of vehicle maintenance, never needs to be reminded about service or other vehicle needs.
- Ron is well liked and respected by all those he comes in contact with and is an excellent representative for F.C.O.E., no matter what he is doing or where he is. And besides all this, Ron “the Italian Stallion” is also an excellent cook!
- Ron, we are pleased and proud to honor you as the July 2004 Employee of the Month. Congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment!
- MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL  
PRESENTATION  
Mobile Health Van           Deputy Superintendent Don Collins introduced the following presenters: Judy Dorn, Director of Health Services, Linda Shelton, Program Coordinator for Wellness & Nutrition, Wendy Winter a Special

Education Nurse, and Olga Coleman of Migrant Health. The group presented on their collaborative efforts in acquiring the Mobile Health Van and the programmatic plans for its utilization.

The Board congratulated the group for their accomplishments and wished them well on implementation of their programs.

Superintendent Mehas commended the team of presenters on their inter-departmental cooperation in the service they will be providing the students of Fresno County schools.

McKinley  
Elementary Dare to  
Dream Program

Randy Mehrten, Director of Safe & Healthy Kids, introduced Laurie Carr, teacher and Dare to Dream leader at McKinley Elementary. A PowerPoint presentation was shown while various students involved in the Dare to Dream program at McKinley shared their experiences.

Don Reed, FCOE Dare to Dream Coordinator, expressed gratitude for FCOE's continual support of the Dare to Dream program.

The board thanked the group for their presentation.

Report on Trip to  
Washington D.C.

Per Superintendent Mehas' request, Randy Mehrten reported on the following:

- Through the "Stories of Service" program, Fresno County students have collected 60 stories on DVD about World War II Veteran's experiences.
- Superintendent Mehas, Randy Mehrten, five Veterans and the students who partnered with them on their stories went to Washington D.C. for the dedication of the World War II Memorial.
- The 60 stories of World War II Veterans, compiled by Fresno County students, were cataloged and presented to the Library of Congress and Smithsonian.
- Fresno County students have made a unique connection with the World War II generation via the "Stories of Service" program.

MOVED TO:  
ADMINISTRATION  
Adoption of  
Resolution No.  
2004-25, Education  
Opposing Gaming  
Revenue Act of 2004  
Adopted

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-25, Education Opposing Gaming Revenue Act of 2004; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
COURT &  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
Adoption of  
Resolution No.  
2004-21, Public  
Hearing on  
Instructional  
Materials Sufficiency  
Adopted

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-21, Public Hearing on Instructional Materials Sufficiency; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Approval of  
Consolidated

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Consolidated Application Part I; seconded by Member

Application Part I  
Approved

Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
FRESNO ROP

Fresno ROP Report  
Card for 2002-03

Nancy Masich, Administrator of the Fresno ROP, presented information regarding the ROP report card for 2002-03.

March 17, 2004 Fresno  
ROP Advisory Board of  
Management Minutes  
Ratified

Member Cederquist moved to ratify the approved minutes of the March 17, 2004 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES

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

President Clyde provided an opportunity for the public to comment regarding the Superintendent's opening position. "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Superintendent's opening position."

Public Hearing on  
Certificated Bargaining  
Unit Proposal for  
2004-05  
Acknowledged

President Clyde provided an opportunity for the public to comment regarding the Certificated Bargaining Unit's opening position. "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Certificated Bargaining Unit's opening position."

LEGAL/CREDENTIAL/  
HUMAN RESOURCES

Adoption of Resolution  
No. 2004-23, Board  
Member Elections  
Adopted

Deborah Garabedian, Legal Counsel, requested that the Board adopt Resolution No. 2004-23, calling for an election in November 2004 to fill three positions on the Fresno County Board of Education in areas two, three and five.

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-23, Board Member Elections; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried

Ms. Garabedian thanked Susan Bailey, Administrative Assistant to the Legal Department, for her assistance in the preparation of the resolution for Fresno County Board Member Elections and for the processing of the order of elections for all 33 school districts.

Adoption of Resolution  
No. 2004-24,  
Commemoration of  
Brown v. Board of  
Education  
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-24, Commemoration of Brown v. Board of Education; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS SERVICES

Public Hearing on  
Classified Bargaining  
Unit's Initial Proposal for  
2004-05 School Year

Member Clyde provided an opportunity for public comment regarding the Classified Bargaining Unit's opening position. "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Classified Bargaining Unit's opening position."

Acknowledgement of  
Receipt of the Quarterly  
Disclosure of FCOE's  
Investment Policies  
Acknowledged

Member Thomas moved to acknowledge the Quarterly Disclosure of Fresno County Office of Education's Investment Policies; second by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Approval of 2003-04  
Budget Revisions  
Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve the 2003-04 Budget Revisions; seconded by Cederquist; motion carried.

Adoption of FCOE  
2004-05 Budget  
Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve the FCOE 2004-05 Budget; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution  
No 2004-17, School  
Facility Program  
Application  
Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution 2004-17, School Facility Program Application; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings to  
Attend

Member Thomas requested permission to attend a second meeting in Sacramento with Scott Plotkin on June 21, 2004. The first meeting had to be postponed.

Approval of Travel  
Expenses by Board  
Members

President Clyde requested the transfer of his discretionary funds if necessary to Member Cederquist's budget in order to cover his travel expenses.

The following are the travel and conference expense reimbursement claims submitted for approval: Member Cederquist \$620.14 for the CSBA Board of Directors & Delegate Assembly meetings; Member Thomas \$131.63 for the Legislative Conference; Member Thomas \$1013.85 for the CCBA/PTA/CCSESA Annual Spring Conference; Member Eubanks \$360.00 for mileage expenses January 2004 – June 2004; Member Tannenbaum for \$258.38 for mileage expenses July 2003 – June 2004; and President Clyde \$270.00 for mileage expenses January 2004 – June 2004. In addition, a reimbursement in the amount of \$38.00 to CSBA for Member Cederquist's attendance at the Delegate Assembly Luncheon.

Travel and conference expense reimbursement claims were unanimously approved as presented.

Approval of CSBA  
2004-05 Membership  
Dues

The Board reviewed and discussed past amounts of dues and the percentage of increases in the last four years. Member Thomas moved to approve the CSBA membership dues; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Receipt of

None.

Correspondence

Comments by Board  
Members

Member Cederquist reported on the Trustees Association meeting with Mayor Autry. He reported the meeting to be positive. The Trustees communicated to the Mayor their desire to follow-up on their discussions.

Member Thomas reported that she enjoyed the Goodwill Annual Family Picnic.

President Clyde reported having had a great experience watching the Adult Transition Graduation.

President Clyde reported on the progress of the production of the video for the Lemoore project. The targeted month of completion is still August 2004.

MOVED TO:  
EXPULSION APPEAL  
HEARING  
Golden Plains USD  
(Closed Session)

The hearing was called to order at 3:01 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: student; parent, Deborah Garabedian, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Beatrice Ramirez, Tranquility High School Principal; William Contente, Acting Superintendent, Joann Evans, Assistant Superintendent, Sylvia Grider, Helm Elementary School Principal, Golden Plains Unified School District.

Deliberations

Board members sought responses from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:20 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:30 p.m.

Member Eubanks moved to remand the expulsion back to district; motion seconded by Member Cederquist;

ROLL CALL:

Member Cederquist Y

Member Eubanks Y

Member Tannenbaum Y

Member Thomas Y

President Clyde Y

DECISION TO  
REMAND THE  
EXPULSION BACK TO  
THE DISTRICT

Motion carried. The Board moved to remand the expulsion of the student back to the district to make findings required by Education Code 48915.

Open Session

MOVED TO:  
INTERDISTRICT  
TRANSFER APPEAL  
HEARING

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:33p.m.

Jacob Smith of Big Creek  
School District to Sierra  
USD  
Approved

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict permit. Those present at the hearing included: Terry and Isabelle Smith, parents; Mike Robinson, Interdistrict Liaison; Judy Statler, Superintendent, Big Creek School District. The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Interdistrict transfer request for Jacob Smith to attend Sierra Unified School District from the district of residence, Big Creek School District; seconded by Member Eubanks;

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried. The interdistrict transfer was approved.

MOVED TO:  
INTERDISTRICT  
TRANSFER APPEAL  
HEARING

Breanna Hudson of Laton  
USD to Kingsburg Joint  
Union High SD  
Approved

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict permit. Those present at the hearing included: Chad and Angela McMullen, parents; Mike Robison, Interdistrict Liaison; Robert Hudson, Superintendent, Laton Unified School District. The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Thomas moved to uphold the district's denial of the Interdistrict transfer request for Breanna Hudson to attend Kingsburg Joint Union High School District from the district of residence, Laton Unified School District; seconded by Member Cederquist;

ROLL CALL:

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

The motion was defeated 3-2. The interdistrict transfer was approved for Breanna Hudson to attend Kingsburg Joint Union High School District from the district of residence, Laton Unified School District.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- State Budget: Per the request of the Superintendent Mehas, Deputy Superintendent Pietro reported.

The COLA and the deficit are set at this time. The County Office has written a letter of support for legislation that will not allow the E-rate money to be spent differently than past practice. FCOE is still holding off on spending until all things are finalized.

- Senator Deedee Alpert's bill SB 1448 will help in the area of categorical funds.
- Superintendent Mehas has participated in the Juvenile Court Project. He requested that interested Board Members communicate support to the Board of Supervisors for the new Juvenile Court's construction.
- E-Rate: Superintendent Mehas has sent letters to U.S. Representatives George Radanovich and Cal Dooley following up on the federal investigation of E-rate funds.
- The reception for the Central California Leadership Institute was outstanding. Superintendent Mehas suggested that the Board acknowledge Dr. Welty for taking a leadership role on the issue. Another suggestion was to encourage the participation of the Fresno County School Trustees Executive Board.
- In response to the attention being given to the Superintendent of FUSD, Superintendent Mehas will write an opinion editorial in support of the process of election and removal of Superintendents.

COMMUNITY INPUT

CTA President Mike Lepore reported on the following:

- His current areas of focus are to keep insurance rates reasonable and to keep Fresno County teaching positions competitive and attractive in comparison to other counties.
- Interest in the cost of benefits has escalated amongst teachers.

FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 4:42 p.m.

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