

MINUTES  
July 15, 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, Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendent; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent; Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department; Don Collins, Deputy Superintendent.
- Visitors: Laurie Gabriel, Anna Maldonado, Kimberley Tate, Lisa Rocha, Daljeet Grewal, Susan Ikemiya, Vicky Rodriguez, Rosalinda Garcia, Jake Bloodworth, Stella Perea, Lon Wetter, Dave Swain, Ron LaForti, Becky Tuttle and various family members of Luz Moreno.
- AGENDA  
Approved           Member Eubanks moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- MINUTES  
Approved           Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2004; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF  
THE MONTH        This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are proud to honor Luz Moreno as their August 2004 Employee of the Month.
- Luz has been with the County Office for nearly 21 years. During that time, Luz has worked in the School Library & Media Services Department and this past year joined the Human Resources team. In her current position, Luz is the Office Assistant/Front Receptionist for the Van Ness/Towers buildings.
- We all know the importance of a first impression. Luz ensures that all those who telephone or walk into the County Office building are greeted with the highest standards of professionalism from a very caring heart.
- Luz embraces each and every job duty with a smile. She takes pride in how she represents the County Office, making a point to welcome all who walk in the door, and wishing phone callers a good day. She continues to extend herself beyond her duties as a receptionist. She is open and willing to take on new tasks that can best serve all the departments within the County Office. Her eagerness to improve customer service in this critical position is heart felt.
- Luz is very well liked and respected by all those around her. She is diligent in her assignments and always exhibits a “can do” attitude. She has such a courteous and enthusiastic manner that she thanks each and every person for giving her the opportunity to serve them!
- Luz is a dedicated FCOE employee who continually strives to learn and grow all the while with a smile on her face and good wishes in her daily conversations.
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Luz. Congratulations, Luz for a job well done.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS  
SERVICES

Approval of  
Architect and  
Engineer Selection  
for Various Projects  
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve Hastrup & Hyde Architects, Temple-Andersen-Moore Architects, LLP, SIM Architects, and Blair, Church & Flynn, Consulting Engineers for design service for three years, and authorize the Deputy Superintendent, Business Services, to assign and contract with firms for specific projects as appropriate to meet FCOE's project schedules; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE  
ACTIVITIES

Approval of  
Meetings to Attend

None.

Approval of Travel  
Expenses by Board  
Members

The following are the travel expenses presented:

Member Thomas, January 2004 – June 2004 mileage, \$22.50.

Member Eubanks, June 2004 mileage, \$69.75.

Member Cederquist, January 2004 – June 2004, mileage, \$282.00.

Member Eubanks moved to approve the travel expenses as presented; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Receipt of  
Correspondence

None.

Comments by  
Board Members

Member Thomas received correspondence for the last CSBA executive meeting and will have the board secretary mail a copy to each board member.

President Clyde and Member Thomas have processed the paperwork to run for re-election to the Fresno County board of education. Sally Tannenbaum is currently the only board member up for re-election that has an opponent.

Member Eubanks reported on a meeting with the Hmong elders. The Hmong elders expressed appreciation for the \$10,000.00 of federal funds provided by the County Office for the memorial monument that is to be erected at the Fresno Court House park. Superintendent Mehas and Member Eubanks were present during the dedication of the funds. The monument is a tribute to the Hmong & Laos veterans that gave their lives for American pilots in the Vietnam war. It will also serve as a clear signal to the new refugees arriving that they are welcome.

President Clyde reported on the County Committee on School District Organization public hearing on the matter of reorganizing Central USD and Fresno USD by an exchange of territories due to the Running Horse Development. Two public hearings were held; one at Madison Elementary school in Central USD and the other at Sunset Middle school in Fresno USD. The Joint Resolution and Petition was voted on and passed.

Member Tannenbaum suggested that Scout Island be the location for the 2005 Board Seminar.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- County Committee on School District Organization (CCSDO): Fresno County Office of Ed's (FCOE) role is to not allow developers to mandate school district boundaries. FCOE was able to broker a deal

with the developer where both Central USD and Fresno USD will be able to benefit from the reorganization of district lines. Contractors Jim Guthrie and Jerry Hayward will research the following both nationally and locally: a) When are school districts small or too large?, and b) Is there an economy of scale? The CCSDO will play a vital role this year in that they will be given the data to review and make recommendations on district organization. Superintendent Mehas plans to use Federal funding to finance the study.

- Governor Schwarzenegger's Quality Education Commission: Talks on the Commission should resurface after the State budget is signed. The shape and form of the master plan is of interest to Deedee Alpert. FCOE's position is that it is incumbent upon Deedee Alpert to make sure that her colleagues melt her master plan in with the Governor's program in order to be effective.
- Mayor Autry's Contract for Kids: Superintendent Mehas is not against Mayor Autry running a slate of candidates for the FUSD Board. The difficulty arises when a Mayor presents a contract that must be signed in order to receive the Mayor's support. Superintendent Mehas informed the board of his opposition of the concept of a Mayor's employee running for a school board.
- Governor Schwarzenegger on SB1419: The Governor states that the repeal is very critical. Districts can save millions, and the state alone can save over \$3 million annually if they were able to outsource where it is financially advantageous. FCOE had a press conference on the issue relaying to Governor Schwarzenegger that FCOE is asking for the repeal of SB1419.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Fresno Bee article on Special Education: In this article FCOE was praised for the services they offer to special education students. Superintendent Mehas mentioned that the Special Education department deserves accolades for the caliber of program they offer to the kids Fresno County.
- Scout Island: Completion of the project is being held up due to the issue of ventilation in the restrooms. Completion is expected by the September or October board meeting. The grand opening should be scheduled for mid October 2004.
- Opinion Editorial on the Superintendence of FUSD: FCOE received far more support than opposition on the editorial. Superintendent Mehas was bothered with the "process" of the removal of Superintendent Wood. It is the job of the governing Board and not that of a few individuals to relieve a district of their Superintendent. FCOE has had good relationships with FUSD.
- Measure Z: Superintendent Mehas is on the Measure Z committee. Superintendent Mehas distributed the measures campaign buttons to all board members. The Superintendent is working closely with CEO Dave McDonald on the issue. The committee meets every two weeks. Mr. McDonald is very well organized. He has committed 20 of his employees to the work on the efforts. The Superintendent is hopeful on the passing of the measure. A two-thirds vote is required in order for it to pass.

COMMUNITY        None  
INPUT

FUTURE AGENDA    None.  
ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT      Moved to adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

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