

MINUTES
August 19, 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 Don Collins.
- 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, Don Collins and Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendents; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department; Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent.
- Visitors: Art Serabian, Chris Allen, Keri Ervin, Dave and Kay Samarco, Julie Siebel, Karla Chandler, Angela Bowlin, Diane Ladd, Chris Allen, Keri Ervin, Rosalina Garcia, Kathy Ramirez, Stella Perea, Amber Fontes, Brian Jones, Raj Sra, Sonny Flores, Janie Rocheford, Ken Campbell, Ed Folsom, Carmel Draper, and Randy Reed.
- AGENDA Approved
Member Cederquist moved to approve the amended agenda; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- MINUTES Approved
Member Eubanks moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2004; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH
These days society relies on computers to help complete a mass majority of its daily activities. In many instances we can't accomplish much without one. Likewise, FCOE as an organization is dependent on computers. When a computer doesn't function properly, workloads are greatly impacted and in many cases employees can experience overwhelming frustration.
- When a computer is on the blink, FCOE is extremely fortunate to have an incredibly talented and personable IS&T staff member only a phone call away to fix the computer malfunction. In just a moments' notice this individual is right there to assist no matter how simple or complex the problem.
- This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are proud to honor **Jamie Samarco** as the September 2004 Employee of the Month. Jamie is a Management Information Specialist I from the Information Systems & Technology Department and has been with FOCE for two years.
- Ever since Jamie's first day, he arrives at an employee's workstation with a smile on his face. Jamie's skill, sense of assurance and wonderful sense of humor immediately puts an employee with a failing computer at ease. He assures us that it can be fixed. He lets us know that he will do everything possible to retrieve the data that we haven't backed up in over two years or he calmly plugs back in the keyboard we have inadvertently unplugged! In no time at all, the computer is fixed.
- For those who have experienced the total frustration of a failing computer when a deadline is fast approaching, are more than encouraged when Jamie approaches. His skill coupled with his character not only fixes the computer but it makes an employee's day. For these reasons and many more, Jamie is extremely well liked by all his colleagues. He is a fabulous asset to the organization we thank you today for making the difference.
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Jamie Samarco. Congratulations, Jamie for a job well done.

Jamie Samarco expressed words of appreciation to all for making FCOE a great place to work.

Superintendent Mehas praised and congratulated Jamie Samarco for his accomplishment.

MOVED TO:
SCHOOL
LIBRARY
& MEDIA
SERVICES
Media for
Consideration
Discussion Item
Only
Acknowledged

Janie Rocheford, Director of School Library Media, presented audio/visual media for consideration and discussion. The Board acknowledged the audio/visual media as presented.

Janie Rocheford distributed flyers to the Board for the 9th Annual Library Summit 2004 and asked that Board members save the date, October 13, 2004.

Deputy Superintendent Don Collins gave an update on the Board Aviation Project.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS
SERVICES
Annual Disclosure
of FCOE's Actual
Pupil Attendance
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Annual Disclosure of FCOE's Actual Pupil Attendance; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES
Approval of
Meetings to Attend

None.

Co-Sponsorship of
CSBA Reception
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Fresno County Board of Education's co-sponsorship of the Trustees Reception at the 2004 CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Francisco, CA on December 3, 2004; seconded by Tannenbaum; motion carried.

CSBA Call for
Nomination of
Delegate at Large
Asian Pacific
Islander and
Hispanic
Discussed

The Board discussed a possible nominee, Dr. Oscar Sablan, for the CSBA Directors Delegate at Large, Asian Pacific Islander and Hispanic. The Board unanimously agreed to ask Dr. Sablan to accept their nomination. The Board also asked that the nomination be placed on the September board agenda as an action item and that Dr. Sablan be invited to attend the meeting. Correspondence to Dr. Sablan to come from the board secretary's desk.

Approval of Travel
Expenses by Board
Members

None.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None.

Comments by
Board Members

Member Thomas reported on her meeting with Scott Plotkin. Mr. Plotkin reported to Member Thomas on his meeting with Fresno City Mayor Alan Autry regarding the issue of school board appointments. Member Thomas and Mr. Plotkin also discussed the recommendation that county boards and county superintendents be eliminated. CSBA has taken a strong position against this recommendation. Member Thomas recommended that the Fresno County Board of Education also take a position on the issue.

Vice President Eubanks reported on Mendota USD's issue with Tom Stephanopolous on whether agriculture facilities were responsible for developer fees. The issue has been resolved and Mr. Stephanopolous has agreed to pay the district's legal fees.

Vice President Eubanks will invite Dr. Conti to a meeting involving the discussion of residential building that Fresno County is wanting to do in the Tranquility area. The building will provide potential growth to Tranquility schools.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- FUSD Budget/FCMAT: Superintendent Mehas briefed the Board on the current budget crisis in FUSD. FCOE's role in FCMAT's review of FUSD budget is to follow educational code. At the request of FCMAT, FCOE will provide the information necessary to complete their research. FCMAT will be in a position to clearly state FUSD's actual numbers and also make recommendations to the FUSD Board. The Board will then make decisions for the district based on the recommendations.
- Records Request by Mr. Henderson: Per the request of Superintendent Mehas, Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, reported on the issue. Mr. Biggs reported that he would provide Mr. Henderson with whatever information he is legally entitled to. Outside legal counsel has been consulted.
- State Budget Review: At the request of Superintendent Mehas, Dr. Pietro, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, reported on the highlights of the review. Dr. Pietro distributed a "Pocket Budget '04-'05" pamphlet outlining the highlights. He also distributed the "California State Budget 2004-05".
- California Performance Review (CPR) Update: Superintendent Mehas received a call from Governor Schwarzenegger's legislative representative explaining that the recommendation to eliminate county superintendents and boards is not a view supported by the Governor. The recommendation of the CPR is for a new system of regionalized agencies and not the total elimination of county boards and superintendents. Superintendent Mehas' view is that this is an opportune time to educate the public and propose a different way of doing business. The next scheduled hearing is September 9, 2004, in Southern California.
- Running Horse Project Appeal: At the request Superintendent Mehas, Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, reported on the issue. The appeal addresses the single issue that the CCSDO did not have the evidence before it upon which to conclude that this territory exchange would not result in some form of defacto segregation. At this point it is up to the State Board to decide whether or not they will entertain the appeal. Should their findings warrant entertainment of the appeal they may request the entire record that was generated by the CCSDO.
- Resolution UC Medical Center: Superintendent Mehas directed the Board to read over the resolution for consideration at the September board meeting.
- Scout Island Dedication: The morning of October 22nd is the scheduled date for the dedication. Don Collins, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services will check on the best time for the dedication.
- Chawanakee School District: FUSD & Clovis USD has brought it to the attention of the Superintendent that Chawanakee is operating classes in both districts and without inter-district transfers. Superintendent Mehas has requested, on behalf of FUSD, Clovis USD and Kerman USD, that Chawanakee provide him with a list of all of the Fresno County students that are attending in Chawanakee. It is anticipated that State Superintendent, Jack O'Connell, will be sending a letter to Sally Frazier and Chawanakee SD. The

letter will explain what the law says regarding this situation, as well as request that they provide Superintendent Mehas with a list of Fresno County students attending school in the Chawanakee school district.

- 2004-05 COLA: The County Office settled with CSEA for a 5% COLA. This is awaiting ratification on Monday, August 23rd.

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION
APPEAL HEARING
Fresno Unified
School District
(Closed Session)

The hearing was called to order at 3:20pm. Those present at the hearing included: student, parent; Debra Garabedian, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Kevin Torosian, Administrative Manager, Fresno Unified School District.

Board members sought responses from those present.

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened into closed sessions at 3:45p.m.

Member Cederquist moved to uphold the expulsion; motion seconded by Member Eubanks.

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion carried. The Board upheld the expulsion of the student.

COMMUNITY
INPUT

None

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 4:50p.m.

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