

MINUTES  
December 16, 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 Barbara Thomas, Delbert Cederquist, and Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas; Daniel Pietro and Donald Collins, Deputy Superintendents; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Services; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; and Elizabeth Torres, Administrative Assistant to the Board.
- Visitors: Belia Martinez-Lopez, Randy Mehrten, Helena Silva, Cindy Smith, Brent Smither, David Tannenbaum, Peter Tannenbaum, Dr. Don Dorrough, and Melissa Hammons.
- GIFT PRESENTATION      Each board member received a beautiful holiday poinsettia from the staff at Fresno County Office of Education.
- SWEARING-IN  
CEREMONY      Superintendent Mehas welcomed newly re-elected board member Dr. Sally Tannenbaum, newly re-elected board member, Barbara Thomas, and newly re-elected board member Dr. Allen Clyde.
- OATH OF OFFICE      Superintendent Mehas conducted the swearing-in ceremony for the newly re-elected board members, Dr. Sally Tannenbaum, Barbara Thomas, and Dr. Allen Clyde.
- Superintendent presented the newly sworn-in members with a certificate of election from Fresno County Elections Clerk, Victor Salazar.
- ELECTION OF  
OFFICERS
- President      Superintendent Mehas called for nominations for President.
- Nominations      Member Thomas moved to nominate Member Eubanks for President; seconded by Member Clyde.
- There being no further nominations, Superintendent Mehas closed the nominations. Superintendent Mehas called for the vote for Member Eubanks for President.
- Member Eubanks was unanimously elected as President of the Board.
- Vice President      Superintendent Mehas turned the meeting over to newly elected President Eubanks. President Eubanks called for nominations for Vice President.
- Member Clyde moved to nominate Member Cederquist for Vice President; seconded by Member Tannenbaum.
- There being no further nominations, President Eubanks closed the nominations and called for the vote for Member Cederquist for Vice President.
- Member Cederquist was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.
- GIFT PRESENTATION      Superintendent Mehas acknowledged President Clyde's hard work and dedication while he served as Board President. President Eubanks presented Member Clyde with a Margaret Hudson figurine as a symbol of his leadership and dedication while serving as Board President, December 2003 – November 2004.
- AGENDA  
Approved      Member Cederquist moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- MINUTES      Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2004; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion

Approved carried.

**DONATION TO  
SCOUT ISLAND from  
Educational Employees  
Credit Union**

Bruce Barnett, Chief Executive of the Educational Employees Credit Union, presented a check on behalf of the Educators Financial and Insurance Services in the amount of \$4000.00 to Dr. Gary Sells to be used for Scout Island.

Dr. Gary Sells thanked Mr. Barnett and the Educational Employee's Credit Union for their partnership in investing in the lives of children and education.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE  
MONTH**

This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring Jorge Arvizu as their January 2005 Employee of the Month.

We are proud to acknowledge Jorge Arvizu as the January 2005 Employee of the Month. Jorge brings the ultimate passion and commitment every single day to the young people of Fresno County. When Jorge came to the Fresno County Office of Education as Coordinator for FRESH (Fresno's Recreation, Enrichment, and Scholastic Help), the most dynamic after school program in California, the program was 27 schools strong. Today, Jorge has led the way and now FCOE sponsors programs at 96 school sites with 107 total grants in After School services.

Because of Jorge and his amazing staff, more than 16,000 young people in our county receive daily extended day programs in literacy, mathematics, and enrichment opportunities that until recently belonged to only our most affluent young people.

The resources and delivery of programming has improved tremendously under Jorge's direction. Jorge as well as others on his staff ensures that the neediest children in Fresno County receive homework help and academic interventions followed by enrichment opportunities such as extreme biking, break-dancing, cooking, video production, hip-hop classes, classical guitar lessons, rocketry, and even good old fashioned knitting.

It takes diligence, vision and unwavering faith to pull off what FRESH has accomplished in three short years. Most of all, it takes a leader who can sift through all of the flashes in-the-pans and fly-by nights to discern what quality program really is. Jorge's greatest strength as a leader is his ability to listen critically and then apply sound judgment and reasoning to elicit the greatest good for the most people.

The working relationships that have been built as a result of Jorge's efforts are deeply valued by those around him. He is a mentor to many through his words and his deeds.

It is with sincere appreciation that we present this honor of Employee of the Month to Jorge Arvizu. Congratulations, Jorge for a job well done.

**RECESS**

Jorge Arvizu expressed gratitude for the support he has received from the Board, FCOE, Randy Mehrten and his co-workers in the Safe & Healthy Kids Department.

**ORGANIZATIONAL  
MEETING**

The board took a brief recess for reception honoring the newly sworn in board members at 1: 53 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

2005 Board Meeting Dates

January 20, 2005  
February 17, 2005  
March 17, 2005

Board Meeting  
Schedule  
Approved

April 21, 2005  
May 19, 2005  
June 16, 2005  
July 21, 2005  
August 18, 2005  
September 15, 2005  
October 20, 2005  
November 17, 2005  
December 15, 2005 (annual organizational meeting)

MOVED TO: Member Cederquist moved to continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the County  
SPECIAL Schools Board Room. When a special meeting is needed, it will be called on the first Thursday of a given month;  
PRESENTATION seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.  
Special Education

MOVED TO: Charlene Samuelian, Administrator, Special Education, displayed a blown up photo of a pictorial quilt (blue  
CURRICULUM & ribbon winner) made by a 22 year-old Hmong student who will be graduating from the Special Education Adult  
INSTRUCTION Transition Program in the current month.

Adoption of  
Resolution No. 2004-  
34 Black History  
Month & Resolution  
No. 2004-35, Martin  
Luther King, Jr.  
Observance  
Adopted

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-34, Black History Month; seconded by Member Clyde;  
motion carried.

MOVED TO: Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-35, Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance; seconded by  
SPECIAL Member Cederquist; motion carried.  
PRESENTATION  
Health Services

MOVED TO: Judy Dorn, Director of Health Services, Nurse Wendy Winter, and Health Aid Veronica Duran reported on the  
COURT & recent accomplishments of the use of the Mobile Health. The program has begun to perform health screening in  
COMMUNITY the following school districts: Burrel, Westside, and West Fresno. The program has received certificates from  
SCHOOLS Senator Boxer, Congressman Poochigian, Congressman Randanovich and Supervisor Susan B. Anderson. The  
Adoption of program has also received grant funds from Blue Cross.

Resolution No. 2004-  
33, Textbook &  
Instructional Materials  
Compliance

Member Cederquist moved to approve Resolution No. 2004-33, Textbook & Instructional Materials Compliance;  
seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of Carl D.  
Perkins Vocational &  
Applied Education  
Grant for Year 2004-05

Approval of Single Member Thomas moved to approve the Carl D. Perkins Vocational & Applied Education Grant for program year

School Site Plan – Edison/Bethune 2004-05; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
SPECIAL EDUCATION Member Cederquist moved to approve the Single School Site Plan–Edison/Bethune; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.  
Special Education Report Card

MOVED TO: Charlene Samuelian, Administrator, Special Education, presented information regarding the 2003-04 Report Card.  
HUMAN RESOURCES  
LEGAL/CREDENTIALIAL Member Clyde moved to approve the report card; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.  
Policy Update

Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, presented the modified board and superintendent policies in the 3000 Series, Business Services and opened for discussion.

The Board asked for ample time to review the policy modifications and for opportunity to meet again prior to taking action. It was decided by the Board to have President Eubanks report on behalf of the board regarding possible inquiries on the modifications.

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS Superintendent Mehas suggested that each board member review policies more closely, schedule a luncheon meeting to review again, and then decide the appropriate time to take action.  
Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE’s Investment Policies  
Acknowledged

Authorization to Bid and Award Contract for New Roofing and Walk Decks for the Towers Building Member Thomas moved to acknowledge receipt of Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE’s Investment Policies; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Authorized Member Cederquist moved to authorize to go to Bid and Award Contract for New Roofing and Walk Decks for the Towers Building; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Public Hearing Regarding the Petition of Selma Learning Academy Charter School  
President Eubanks opened the public hearing regarding the Petition of the Selma Learning Academy Charter School. Ms. Allison Pierce, lead petitioner Selma Learning Academy, requested that the Fresno County Board of Education approve the Selma Learning Academy Charter School in Selma USD.

Tony Monreal, Superintendent of Selma USD, outlined his districts concerns in granting permission for the Selma Learning Academy to open a charter in Selma USD. The report was the same report presented to Selma Learning Academy. Superintendent Monreal’s report was submitted for the record.

MOVED TO:  
EXPULSION APPEAL Superintendent Monreal and Ms. Allison Pierce were asked to leave the boardroom at 3:00 p.m. due to a scheduled HEARING expulsion hearing. They were granted permission to reconvene on their issue following the closed session hearing.  
Fowler Unified Both agreed to return.

(CLOSED SESSION)

Deliberations                    The hearing was called to order at 3:05 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: student, parents; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent; Meggin Boranian, Attorney for the student; Joanne Abhold, Principal of Fowler High School, Russell Freitas, Assistant Principal of Fowler High School Robert Piacente, Attorney representing the school district.

ROLL CALL

Member Cederquist excused himself from the hearing on the basis of a relationship to an employee of the district.

The board convened into deliberations at 4:00 pm and reconvened to closed session at 4:13 pm.

Member Clyde moved to reverse the expulsion; seconded by Member Tannenbaum;

Member Tannenbaum        Y

Member Thomas             Y

Member Clyde                Y

Decision

President Eubanks           Y

Member Cederquist         Absent

Motion carried. The board overturned the expulsion of the student with a written decision to follow.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS

(Cont.) Public Hearing  
Regarding the Petition  
of the Selma Learning  
Academy Charter  
School

The public hearing discussion on the matter regarding the petition of the Selma Learning Academy Charter School reconvened at 4:15 pm. Both Superintendent Monreal and Ms. Allison Pierce were given an opportunity to complete their presentations regarding the petition. The Board advised that they would review all of the materials provided them and would take action in January of 2005. Discussions ended at 4:33 pm.

MOVED TO:

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Approval of Meetings  
to Attend

Member Thomas and President Eubanks plan to attend the CCBE Conference in Monterey, CA.

Approval of Travel  
Expenses by Board  
Members

Member Cederquist moved to approve the following expenses; Member Thomas, CSBA Conference, \$925.24; Member Thomas, board meeting mileage July 04 – Dec 04, \$22.50; Member Tannenbaum, board meeting mileage July 04 – Dec 04, \$54.00; Member Clyde, board meeting mileage Jul 04 – Dec 04, \$270.00; Member Cederquist, board meeting mileage Jul 04 – Dec 04, \$54.00; President Eubanks, Nov 04 – Dec 04 board meeting mileage, \$46.50; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Receipt of  
Correspondence

None

Comments by the  
Board

None

CSBA Annual

Member Cederquist reported that the CSBA Annual conference was well attended and successful.

Conference Reports

Board/Cabinet  
Seminar 2005

Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, distributed a draft agenda which was a culmination of both Board and Cabinet ideas. The theme for the seminar is "Roadmap to Our Future".

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:

- USDA Agriculture Research Property: FCOE not pursuing the purchase of the property. The biggest concern in the property is the un-none.
- Channel 96: They will be airing the FCOE Educator of the Year Awards.
- FUSD: FUSD submitted their First Interim Report to FCOE and their budget is in the negative. FCOE mailed correspondence to Jack O'Connell requesting FCOE have stay and resend authority over FUSD.
- Superintendent Mehas acknowledged Deputy Superintendent Don Collins & Vince Wesson for underwriting the CIF play offs for women and men.
- Superintendent Mehas acknowledged Jennifer Quinn & Laurie Gabriel for a successful FCOE Goodwill Holiday Luncheon.
- Superintendent Mehas complimented the Migrant department on their holiday scholarship fundraiser.
- Special Presentations to expect in 2005: PASS and Technology Audits
- Superintendent Transition at FCOE: The current administration is aware of possible issues and plans to take the utmost care in assuring a good transition.

COMMUNITY INPUT      None.

FUTURE AGENDAS      None.

MOVED TO:  
CLOSED SESSION      Personnel.

ADJOURNMENT      There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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