

MINUTES
April 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, 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, Randy Mehrten, Linda Shelton, Stacey Rianda, Judy Dorn, Gail Zuniga, Charlene Samuelian, Ellen Pilegard, Belinda Meyers, Debbie Davis, Janie Rocheford, Felicia Quarles, Michelle Austin, Peggy Nicols, Rita Contreras, Marie Castanede, and Isabel Cantu.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of March 18, 2004; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**
This month the Fresno County Office of Education and the Fresno County Board of Education are honoring Dave Halpern as their May Employee of the Month.
- The Special Education Department is proud to announce Dave Halpern as the May Employee of the Month for the Fresno County Office of Education. Dave has been employed at the County Office since June of 1990. During that time, he has served as a psychologist, principal, grant coordinator and program manager. Dave has demonstrated strong leadership skills as he has overseen a variety of special education programs operated by the County Office.
- Dave has been instrumental in the expansion of the Intervention programs for the emotionally disturbed population by providing quality programs intended to serve students with exceptional needs. These programs are now offered at the elementary, middle and high school levels. In addition, Dave has worked diligently to develop and expand an Early Identification and Intervention program for children ages 3-5 residing in Fresno County. This grant is in its third year of operation and continues to work in collaboration with psychologist interns from California State University, Fresno (CSUF) to provide quality intervention for young children.
- Dave demonstrates a rare combination of just the right amount of teaching and guiding coupled with a sincere commitment to supporting his staff. As a result, he is well liked and respected by staff, students and the entire management team. His attitude, people skills, and eagerness to provide quality programming are definitely great attributes for the County Office of Education.
- Dave is a true professional in every way and most deserving of this long overdue recognition. It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Dave. Congratulations, Dave, for a job well done.
- Dave Halpern commented on his experience as an employee at the Fresno County Office of Education. The Board Members congratulated and thanked Mr. Halpern for his hard work.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Approval of
Resolution No.
2004-15, Better
Speech and
Hearing Month

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-15, designating May as Better Speech and Hearing Month; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION

Program of the
Year Award for
“Extended
Assessment
Services Program”

Deborah Davis, Program Manager of Extended Assessment Services presented for Special Education acknowledging the receipt of the Program of the Year Award for the Extended Assessment Services (EAS) Program. An informational video of the EAS program was shown during the presentation.

RECESS

Recess at 1:47 pm. Reconvened at 1:58 pm.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
RECOGNITION

Safe & Healthy
Kids Department
Recognizes Stacy
Rianda & the Big
Fresno Fair

Randy Mehrten, Director of Safe & Healthy Kids and Linda Shelton, Program Coordinator for Wellness & Nutrition presented a plaque to Stacy Rianda & the Big Fresno Fair in recognition of their support in making the 2004 Pentathlon Adventure a great success.

HUMAN
RESOURCES/
CREDNETIAL/
LEGAL

Early Retirement
(PERS), Westside
Elementary School
District

Member Eubanks moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-14, the provision of two years of additional service credit to qualified classified employees in the Westside Elementary School District; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Public Hearing
Edison-Bethune
Charter Renewal
Application
Five-Year Term
Approval of
Edison-Bethune
Charter Renewal
Five-Year Term

President Clyde opened a public hearing for the Edison-Bethune Charter Renewal at 2:10 p.m.

Mr. Biggs introduced Ms. Felicia Quarles as the primary presenter of the Edison-Bethune Charter requesting she present prior to public comment.

Felicia Quarles, Principal of Edison-Bethune introduced her team of staff and students presenting at the Board meeting. A report of achievements was distributed to Superintendent Mehas and each Board Member. The following are the items presented:

- Enrollment comparison from 1999 to the present
- API comparison from 1999 to the present
- AYP results from 2002 and 2003

- Structure and organization of the instruction and the overall school systems
- Professional Development
- School Report Card generated by Edison Central
- Edison-Bethune teachers, students and parents shared their positive experiences at Edison-Bethune.
- The honor choir was shown performing on video.

The Board asked questions of Ms. Quarles.

President Clyde recognized members of the audience wishing to address the Board regarding the Edison-Bethune Charter School Renewal.

Mr. Manuel Nunez, board member of Fresno Unified School District spoke on behalf of himself and not as a member of the Fresno Unified School District board. Mr. Nunez opposed the renewal of the Edison-Bethune Charter. The public hearing was closed and no other public comment was received.

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Edison-Bethune Charter's Renewal of a Five-Year Term; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

The Edison-Bethune Charter Renewal was unanimously approved for a Five-Year Term.

MOVED TO:
HEALTH
SERVICES

Approval of
Resolution No.
2004-13, May 12th
School Nurse Day

Judy Dorn, Director of Health Services introduced Ellen Pilegard, Nurse on the Pre-School Assessment Team. Ms. Pilegard utilized power point to present on the Coordinated Health Program.

Board members asked questions regarding the impact poor air quality in the Valley has had on the physical activity of the students. Other questions raised were with regard to the food on school campuses and the issues of obesity in youths.

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-13, designating May 12th as School Nurses Day; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
SCHOOL
LIBRARY &
MEDIA SERVICES

Media For
Consideration
Discussion Item
Only

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

Ms. Rocheford presented the Board with gifts in honor of School Library Week.

MOVED TO:
FRESNO ROP
November 19, 2003
ROP Advisory
Board of
Management
Meeting Minutes
Ratified

Member Cederquist moved to ratify the minutes of the November 19, 2003 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Career Skill

Olympics
Report

Nancy Masich, Administrator of Fresno ROP introduced Gary Kirby, Fresno ROP Area Coordinator.

Mr. Kirby reported on the outcome of the Career Skills Olympics. He expressed special thanks to Jason Penland and Ofelia Petross and their contributions to the success of developing online registration for the program.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS
SERVICES

Approval of
Resolution #2004-
16, Recognition of
Classified School
Employee Week

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-16, recognition of Classified School Employee Week; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Approval of
Resolution No.
2004-18, Transfer
Ownership of
Portable

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2004-18, Transferring Ownership of a portable classroom located at Tranquility Elementary from FCOE to Golden Plains for the sum of \$1.00; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Request to Change
The Format of the
Board Meeting to
A Consent Agenda

President Clyde moved to change the format of the board agenda to a consent agenda. The Board unanimously approved the change.

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

The Board accepted, without comment, the Superintendent of School's initial proposal to the Classified Bargaining Unit for the 2004-05 school year.

Designation of
District
Representative for
Deferred
Maintenance
Program

Member Cederquist moved to continue to recognize Dr. Daniel Pietro as the District Representative for the Deferred Maintenance Program; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Approval of Public
Hearing for
Deferred
Maintenance Plan
Update

President Clyde opened a Public Hearing for Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan Update. President Clyde made the following statement, "Let the record show that a hearing opportunity was given for the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan." The public hearing was closed and no public comment was received.

Authorization of the
Request of
Proposals for
Architectural
Services

Member Tannenbaum moved to authorize the Proposal for Architectural Services; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES

- Approval of Meetings to Attend
- Member Eubanks requested permission to attend the C.S.B.A. meeting in May 2004.
- Member Thomas moved to approve Member Eubanks travels; seconded by Cederquist; motion carried
- Member Thomas will be traveling to Florida to the L.R.P. Conference from April 28th – May 7th.
- Member Thomas will be at the C.C.B.E. Legislative Conference April 18th – 20th.
- Member Thomas will be traveling to Madera County to meet with Sarah Wilkins and Scott Plotkin.
- Member Tannenbaum will be traveling out of the country May 23rd – June 6th on non-F.C.O.E. business.
- Dr. Clyde and Member Eubanks mentioned that they would be attending most of the events listed on the F.C.O.E. Calendar for the month of May.
- Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members
- None
- Receipt of Correspondence
- None
- Comments by Board Members
- Member Cederquist commented on the visit from Secretary of State Richard Riordan. Mr. Riordan was asked questions by the press about equalization for Fresno County. He mentioned that he was aware of the issue and that it was being addressed.
- Member Thomas requested that any issues with county boards of education be directed to both she and Member Cederquist so that they may address them with C.S.B.A.
- Dr. Clyde requested that \$500.00 of his funds be transferred to Member Thomas' budget.
- MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT
- Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:
- Secretary of State Richard Riordan was favorably impressed with his visit to Fresno.
 - Floradora Site Dedication, The Kermit Koontz Education Complex, is scheduled for May 14, 2004.
 - The Scout Island Dedication will be scheduled for early fall 2004.
 - The Spell Off Event was well attended by parents. Deputy Superintendent Collins elaborated on success of the event. Other venues will have to be researched due to the growth of attendance.
 - Review of highlights on the F.C.O.E. Events Calendar: Legion of Valor Graduation on April 29th and the Memorial of Dedication of the World War II Veterans which some Fresno County students and Veterans will be attending.
 - Rob Reiner and C.T.A. withdrew the ballot initiative regarding commercial property taxes.
 - The repeal of Bill SB1419, would allow school districts to outsource. Superintendent Mehas reported his support of the repeal of Bill SB1419.
 - F.C.O.E. applied for grant money for school districts to use in transporting students to Scout Island.
 - Superintendent Mehas encouraged Board members to go out to the District Board meetings in their areas.
 - May Revise: There is an additional \$2 billion dollar shortage. F.C.O.E. is well prepared but it is

- difficult to make projections for how cuts will affect school districts.
- Dr. Mehas extended appreciation to the Board for their support of the Edison-Bethune Charter. Deputy Superintendent will be gathering a program audit team that will periodically audit Charters. Visitations to schools will be scheduled via Educational Services. Possible months for visitations are June or July.

COMMUNITY INPUT None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None

ADJOURNMENT Moved to adjourn at 4:25 p.m.

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