

MINUTES
February 17, 2005

- CALL TO ORDER President Eubanks called the meeting to order 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 Keith Eubanks, Vice President Delbert Cederquist, and Members Barbara Thomas, Dr. Sally Tannenbaum, and Dr. Allen Clyde.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Donald Collins and Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendents; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department.
- Visitors: Marisa Gamboa, Linda Shelton, Don Holder, Michael Lepore, Brent Smither, Rita Contreras, Charlotte Nunn, Terry Ogden, Jamie Perry, Ofelia Pettross, Stephen Bock, Cyndy Kirby, Randy Reed, Amparo Medina, Brian Nunn, Charlotte Nunn, Jake Bloodworth, Randy Mehrten, Sue LaHargoue, Amanda Hopkins, Terry Allen, Charlene Samuelian, Nancy Masich, Michelle Trevino, Ruby Barton, and Marla (Ms. Trevino's sister).
- AGENDA
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES
Approved Member Clyde recommended suspending the approval of the January 26, 2005 Special Meeting minutes until the Board has an opportunity to review them. The Board unanimously agreed.
- Member Cederquist made a motion to approve the January 17, 2005 minutes; seconded by Member Clyde; 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 Michelle Trevino as the March 2005 Employee of the Month. Michelle is a Court Schools Teacher currently assigned at Alice Worsley School.
- Michelle first began working for FCOE back in 1989 as a temporary clerical assistant. Michelle diligently worked her way up in her classified assignments by excelling in every task she was given. She provided a wide range of clerical support services to a myriad of programs within Curriculum and Instruction. All the while, Michelle's passion to work as a teacher continued to grow.
- Michelle began working full-time, adjusting her schedule in order to attend classes and find time to raise her daughter. Fortunately for FCOE, she observed a class in our Court and Community Schools program and it was then that she decided to pursue a position teaching in the Court Schools.
- Michelle worked tirelessly to complete the necessary course work in order to fulfill her goal and now she is fully credentialed and working with a group of students reaping the educational rewards of her hard work.
- Michelle is an excellent teacher. She connects to her students with genuine compassion and interest in their academic as well as personal well-being. She models the six pillars of character and truly walks her talk. These pillars include: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Michelle's students understand how each pillar will help them in school, at home, and in life.

Recently, she took on a project with her students where they created Power Point presentations that addressed one of the pillars and demonstrated how that pillar supported them in school, in the unit, and at home once they leave. One student from her class was chosen to present before the FCOE board as to how that pillar helped him on his road to success. It was through her efforts and support in providing a positive learning environment that this young man had the courage to present before the board.

For these reasons and many more, it is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Michelle Trevino. Congratulations, Michelle for making a difference each and every day.

Ms. Trevino introduced family members present and expressed words of gratitude to her family and colleagues for the support they gave her in reaching her career goals. She gave special words of gratitude to Deputy Superintendent Collins how he supported her in her career endeavors and thanked him for the legacy he will leave as he retires.

Deputy Superintendent Collins commended Ms. Trevino for her commitment to children and teaching.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Engineering Excellence
Honor Award Plaque
Dedication

On behalf of Superintendent Mehas, Deputy Superintendent Collins awarded Jamie Perry, Associate Director to Facilities, a plaque in recognition of her excellence in the project management of the Scout Island Outdoor Education Center.

Deputy Superintendent Pietro thanked Ms. Perry for her leadership and expertise in facilities management.

Ms. Perry thanked the Board and the County Office for the opportunity to work on such great projects and the latitude to select the staff necessary to do her job.

MOVED TO:
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES
Board Project 2004

Deputy Superintendent Dan Pietro commended Jamie Perry for her organization of her department and thanked her for the excellent job she's done for the County Office.

Janie Rocheford, Director of School & Library Media Services, Randy Reed, Media Coordinator and Stephen Bock, Science Coordinator reported on the 2004 Board Project.

The Board commended the team on their collaboration in producing a quality educational video that introduces science concepts in an understandable and useful manner.

Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent commended all department participants that contributed to an outstanding and quality educational tool for the students of Fresno County.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

Board Project 2005

Randy Mehrten, Director of the Safe & Healthy Kids Department thanked the Board for choosing the Scout Island Adventure Challenge as the 2005 Board Project and introduced his department staff responsible for the coordination of the project.

Project Specialists Cynthia Kirby and Brent Smither gave an update on the development of the Scout

Island Adventure Challenge. They presented both team recruitment and sponsorship marketing materials. In addition, they explained the course from start to finish.

The Board and Superintendent commended the team for their creativity in producing a challenge that is not only attractive to youth, but also has an academic objective relevant to nutrition, physical fitness, divergent thinking and team work.

BTSA Induction Program
Update

Sue LaHargoue, Director of the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA-FCOE) updated the County Board on the BTSA Induction Program. Ms. LaHargoue presented the Board with data that proves that BTSA has had a substantial positive impact on teacher retention in Fresno County.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2005-06, March As
Arts Education Month
Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-06, March as Arts Education Month; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
FRESNO ROP

Marketing Campaign –
Launching of Website

Nancy Masich, Administrator of Fresno ROP, presented ROP's new marketing materials and gave an overview of the mission in developing the ROP marketing program.

Amanda Hopkins took the Board through the various features and sections of the Fresno ROP website.

Ratify the Approved
Minutes of the September
15, 2004 ROP Advisory
Board of Management
Meeting
Ratified

Member Clyde moved to ratify the minutes of the September 15, 2004 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management meeting; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the January 26, 2005 Special Meeting minutes; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES
2004-05 Budget
Revisions
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve the 2004-05 Revisions to the budget since Board approval in November 2004; seconded by member Cederquist; motion carried.

FCOE'S Second Interim
Financial Report
Acknowledged

Deputy Superintendent Dan Pietro presented the Second Interim Financial Report. The Board acknowledged the report.

Approval of Selma
Learning Academy
Charter Petition

Deputy Superintendent Pietro gave a brief history of the petitioning process of the Selma Learning Academy (SLA) Charter and stated that the concerns the Board raised regarding the charter are reflected in the MOU titled, Operating Agreement for 2005-06 Between the Fresno County Office of

Education and the Selma Learning Academy Charter School. On behalf of the Administration and the Charter Review Committee, Deputy Superintendent Pietro recommended the Board approve the SLA charter petition. In addition, he requested that upon approval of the Charter, the Board, County Superintendent and Ms. Allison Pierce sign the MOU.

President Eubanks requested that Business Services and Curriculum & Instruction bring a quarterly report to the Board as it relates to the status of the SLA charter.

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the petition of the Selma Learning Academy Charter; seconded by Member Clyde;

ROLL CALL:

Member Thomas Y

Member Cederquist N

Member Tannenbaum Y

Member Clyde Y

President Eubanks Y

Motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

The three parties mentioned above signed two copies of the MOU. One copy was given to Ms. Allison Pierce and the other was kept for the County Office.

MOVE TO TRUSTEES

ACTIVITIES:

Approval of Meetings
to Attend

None.

Approval of Travel
Expenses by Board
Members

Member Cederquist moved to approve the following expenses:

President Eubank's reimbursement for the CSBA Conference \$666.28; Member Clyde's reimbursement for the CSBA Conference \$589.40; President Eubank's mileage expenses 11/10/04 – 12/15/05 \$96.00 and 01/11/05 – 01/28/05 \$153.90; Elizabeth Torres' mileage expenses 12/04 \$6.75 and 01/05 \$13.77; Elizabeth Torres' cash reimbursement for various purchases for board events \$43.30; payment to CSBA for Member Cederquist's attendance to the Golden Bell Luncheon \$52.00; payment to Ventura County Superintendent of Schools for the cost of printing and shipping their board policies and regulations binder \$31.90;

seconded by member Clyde; motion carried.

Comments by
Board Members

President Eubanks commended the Migrant Education department for the fine work they are doing with the Health Mobile.

Member Tannenbaum commended Jennifer Quinn and her staff for another great Academic Decathlon.

Member Thomas thanked the County Office for sponsoring the President's reception on March 11, 2005 at the CCBE Conference.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas commented on the following:

- Request to Print the Ventura County Policies & Regulations Binder: Board requests must come from the Board President to the Superintendent. The cost to print the binders is approximately \$120.00 and will come from the Board budget. Liz Torres will call Board members as soon as the binders are printed.
- Update on the Repeal of SB1419: Governor Schwarzenegger has asked Superintendent Mehas to chair the repeal of SB1419. The legislation's goal is to give greater control to local school boards to outsource. Support from Sacramento is gaining momentum.
- Parlier USD Status: Deputy Superintendent Pietro reported on Parlier's deficit budget. The County Office has been attempting to work with the Parlier USD Superintendent, Board and Business Manger to help resolve their budget issues. The County Office has made several requests for the district to submit reports on their budget status. To date, the County Office has not received any such information. A County Office employee will be going Parlier's district business office to gather the fiscal information necessary for the County Superintendent to assess how he can assist.
- Assemblyman Juan Arambula's Proposed Legislation: Superintendent Mehas has asked Jan Biggs, Dan Pietro and Don Collins to work on a pilot bill whose goal will be to shorten the process of intervention and give the County Superintendents greater authority in dealing with districts that are reporting negatively.
- Status of FUSD Budget: The County Office has met with the Fresno Fiscal Committee, Interim Superintendent Charles McCully and Paul DeSario. The County Office is still waiting for FUSD to produce an acceptable report of FUSD's budget status. The County Office continues to recommend resolution of their budgetary problems through negotiations of health benefits.
- Governor Schwarzenegger's Education Reform Task Force: The task force's areas of focus will be Vocational Career Technical Education, the repeal of SB1419, charter schools, and merit pay. Governor Schwarzenegger is currently looking at different models of merit pay.
- Pillar Awards: The recipients of the Pillar Awards are Teacher of the Year, Bill Feaver, Administrator of the Year, Elaine Sotiropulos, and Employee of the Year, Charlotte Nunn. The 2005 Pillar Awards Ceremony is scheduled for April .
- Superintendent Mehas commended Jennifer Quinn for her advocacy of Fresno County Academic Decathlon teams in appealing to the State Academic Decathlon to allow for the expansion of teams.
- Superintendent Mehas commended Armen Bacon and Liz Torres for a successful Board/Cabinet Seminar.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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Moved to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.