

MINUTES  
March 17, 2005

- CALL TO ORDER      The meeting was called to order by President Eubanks 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, External Communications; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Rosalina Garcia, Mike Garcia, (Rosie’s husband), Terry Ogden, Kathy Ramirez, Claudia Lopez, David Swain, Mike Robinson, Mary Ellen McAllister, Judy Dorn, Rita Contreras, Patty Lehman, Jeanne Tomasetti, Diane Ladd, Susan Bailey, Charlotte Nunn, and Dr. Lou Telesmanic.
- AGENDA             Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.  
    Approved
- MINUTES            Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2005; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.  
    Approved
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH      It is with great pleasure that we honor Rosalina “Rosie” Garcia as the Fresno County Office of Education’s April 2005 Employee of the Month.
- Rosie began working with the Pupil Personnel Services Department approximately 10 years ago. Prior to that, Rosie worked in the Migrant/PASS Department, for over 15 years. At that time, several departments within the FCOE family were impacted due to severe budgetary cuts. As the old saying goes, “Whenever there is adversity, there is opportunity”. This phrase pretty much sums it up as this unfortunate fiscal set back provided P.P.S. with a wonderful opportunity.
- Rosie has performed a myriad of duties and responsibilities since joining P.P.S. She has always welcomed a challenge and continues to grow professionally. Currently, she is in charge of processing referrals to FCOE’s various Special Education programs. Although this may sound like a rather simple, straightforward duty, nothing could be further from the truth. This is a highly technical process, which requires knowledge and patience, and a great deal of finesse.
- Rosie is gracious, loyal, intelligent and insightful. She can tell you how the cow ate the cabbage, how life can be challenging, set the neighbors straight when they become unruly, and she has successfully raised her children and grandchildren. As a matter of fact, Rosie’s daughter, Susannah Amezquita, is a first-year school psychologist within our department.
- Many may know of Rosie’s talents and interests outside of her professional life, how she loves nature and gardening, that she is a food connoisseur and loves a good party. Probably her greatest passion lies in the area of dance, specifically “Flamenco”. We have never had the pleasure to witness this live. We may need to clear the Board Room floor and see for ourselves!

Rosie as you “dance” your way towards retirement this June, the Fresno County Office of Education wishes you the best and is appreciative for your twenty-five years of dedicated service. Thank you for making a difference!

Ms. Garcia expressed words of gratitude for the opportunity to grow while at FCOE. She also dedicated her recognition to her mother whose inspiration has motivated her to strive to do her best.

Superintendent Mehas commended Ms. Garcia for her professionalism and for making a difference in the lives of her fellow employees.

Member Thomas stated that she appreciated knowing Ms. Garcia over the years; both for her friendship and her contributions to FCOE.

MOVED TO:  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES  
Adoption of  
Resolution No.  
2005-09, April 3-9,  
2005 as Week of the  
Young Child  
Adopted

Mary Ann Cusator announced this year’s theme as “Children’s Opportunities, Our Responsibilities”. She announced the various dates and locations where celebrations will take place within Fresno County.

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-09, April 3-9, 2005 as Week of the Young Child; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
CURRICULUM &  
INSTRUCTION  
Adoption of  
Resolution No.  
2005- 07, Cesar  
Chavez Day of  
Service and Learning  
Adopted

Patty Lehman presented the board with a program booklet of the History Day event scheduled for March 19, 2005 and invited the Board to attend.

Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-07, March 31, 2005 as Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
COURT &  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
Court Schools  
Report

Superintendent Mehas commended Ms. Lehman for conducting an outstanding Young Author’s Fair event.

Dr. Lou Telesmanic and Dr. Mae Rogers reported on the Court & Community Schools new SARB process. Students will now be made to stand before a SARB committee and give account for their excessive truancy. The SARB committee is made up of the following individuals and organizations: Dr. Telesmanic, Dr. Rogers, Mike Robinson, and representative from Fresno County Probation, Mental Health, and the District Attorney’s office.

MOVED TO:  
HUMAN RESOURCES/  
CREDNETIAL/  
LEGAL  
Adoption of  
Resolution No.  
2005-08, Early  
Retirement (PERS)  
West Fresno  
School District  
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-08, Early Retirement (PERS), West Fresno School District; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Adoption of  
Board/Superintendent  
Policy, Williams  
Uniform Complaint  
Procedures  
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Board/Superintendent Policy, Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
BUSINESS SERVICES

Acknowledge  
Quarterly  
Disclosure of  
FCOE's  
Investment Policies  
Acknowledged

Member Clyde moved to acknowledge the receipt of the Quarterly Disclosure of the Fresno County Office of Education's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Authorization to go to  
Bid for New  
Playground of  
Sutherland Center  
Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to authorize going to Bid for New Playground for Sutherland Center; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Authorization to go to  
Bid for New  
Furniture and  
Equipment for the  
New Juvenile Justice  
Campus  
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to authorize going to Bid for New Furniture and Equipment for the New Juvenile Justice Campus; seconded by Thomas; motion carried.

RECESS

The board recessed at 2:02 p.m. and reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE  
ACTIVITIES

Approval of  
Meetings to Attend  
Approved

Member Thomas and President Eubanks requested approval to attend the CCBE Legislative conference in Sacramento on April 3-5, 2005.

Members Cederquist and Thomas requested approval to attend the Delegate Assembly in May 2005.

Member Clyde moved to approve board members to attend the CCBE Legislative conference April 3-5, 2005 and the Delegate Assembly May 2005; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried

President Eubanks commended Member Thomas for an exceptional CCBE conference in Monterey, CA.

Member Cederquist read a thank you card from Member Thomas thanking the board for supporting her in the presidency of CCBE.

Member Thomas thanked Superintendent Mehas for hosting a reception in her honor at the CCBE conference in Monterey, CA. She also thanked Liz Torres for coordinating the reception. Superintendent Mehas announced that at the March Pre-Board the decision was made to schedule a working lunch for April 21, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. in Superintendent Mehas conference room, in order to allow an opportunity for the Board to thoroughly review the revised 3000 Series Bd/Supt Policies.

Approval of Travel Expenses by Board Members

None.

Receipt of Correspondence

None.

Comments by Board Members

President Eubanks encouraged all board members to submit expense claims to date by the May county board meeting.

Member Cederquist asked Armen Bacon to contact Dr. Oscar Sablan of Firebaugh-Las Deltas regarding healthy living training for district staff made available through the County Office.

MOVED TO:  
INTERDISTRICT  
TRANSFER APPEAL  
HEARING

Diane Schultz  
Riverdale USD to  
Lemoore High  
School, Lemoore  
Union High School  
District

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict permit. Those present at the hearing included: Richard and Ann Schulz, parents and Diane Schulz, student; Mike Robinson, Interdistrict Liaison; and Patrick Coop, Assistant Superintendent, Riverdale USD. The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Denied

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Interdistrict transfer request for Diane Schulz to attend Lemoore High School from the district of residence, Riverdale Unified School District; no second; motion died.

Member Cederquist moved to deny the Interdistrict transfer request for Diane Schultz to attend Lemoore High School from the district of residence, Riverdale Unified School District; seconded by Member Clyde;

ROLL CALL:

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

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

motion carried. The interdistrict transfer was denied by a 3-2 vote.

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- CIF Central Section Basketball Tournament: The County Office received many compliments for hosting the Tournament. Dr. Mehas commended Don Collins and Vince Wesson for coordinating the event. Superintendent Mehas had Deputy Superintendent Don Collins complete the report on the event. Mr. Collins commended Vince on turning out such a great event with such a short timeline. He also commended Randy Mehrten and the Safe & Healthy Kids department for their assistance in managing the event. The primary purpose of the event was to serve students by creating a memorable athletic experience. The goal was met by a well attended event. FCOE will be responsible for the event once again for 2005-06. Mr. Collins will assist in the coordination of next year's tournament via a consultant capacity.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Pentathlon Adventure: Deputy Superintendent Collins reported 69 teams participated for a total of 550 students. 337 volunteers worked the event; 56 of which were FCOE volunteers. There were a number of new vendors who participated. The Safe & Healthy Kids and Information Systems & Technology departments partnered to produce another successful and well organized Pentathlon.
- Health Summit: FCOE is considering hosting a health summit in lieu of the annual Library Summit.
- NCLB Requirements: Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent reported on the outcome of the paraprofessional testing being administered by FCOE in compliance to the NCLB requirements. All paraprofessionals and credentialed teachers will have to meet the NCLB requirements by 2006.
- Williams Settlement: Superintendent Mehas had Kitty Catania, Director of the Williams Settlement Compliance, report on the first round of visits to school sites. Schools have been asked to self identify textbook insufficiency, teacher misassignments and facility emergency needs. Schools are becoming aware and educated on exactly what is contributing to their failures. Most schools are expressing gratitude for having to go through the process.
- Raisin City SD: Superintendent Mehas had Jan Biggs report on the problematic issues being brought by the community to the Raisin City school board. Some are demanding the termination of administration. Due to the threat of a boycott, Mr. Biggs met with the Raisin City staff to share proper conduct guidelines.
- MAP Study: Superintendent Mehas had Mr. Biggs give a status report on the MAP Study. He reported that a notice of the MAP Study report had been sent to all of the members of the Trustees Association Executive Committee. The meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> is meant to be a progress report. A final report on the study is expected late summer.
- Scout Island Request for Public Records: Mr. Jan Biggs reported on the status of the public records request. The request served was for the Mortland property and the Whitehurst property. A formal response was sent to the individuals that made the records request. The documents are currently being gathered by the County Office Legal department. No correspondence between attorneys and clients will be included in order to honor the attorney/client privilege. Neither will telephone intake messages be submitted per the advice of legal counsel.
- Parlier USD: Dr. Dan Pietro reported on the status of the districts budget issues.
- Fresno USD: Dr. Dan Pietro reported on the status of the districts budget issues.
- West Fresno SD: State Administrator William R. Griffin will retire from West Fresno School District by June 2005. State Superintendent Jack O'Connell has asked Superintendent Mehas to send him three recommendations. Superintendent Mehas is asking that a replacement be in place by May 1, 2005.
- Funding for Scout Island: The Fresno County Board of Supervisors decided to commit \$103,000.00 of Title III money to Scout Island.
- FCOE Retirements: There are many FCOE employees retiring this year. FCOE has decided to host one retirement party per year for retiring FCOE employees and will notify the Board of the event.
- Superintendent Mehas commended Don Holder, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction and Kitty Catania for the work they are doing with the Williams Settlement Compliance mandates. He also commended Terry Ogden for fast turn around whenever the Superintendent has requested statistical

information.

INPUT                   None.

FUTURE AGENDA       Member Thomas requested Resolution Save Proposition 98 to be placed before the board at the April 2005  
ITEMS                   Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT         Moved to adjourn at 4:13 p.m.

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