

MINUTES
April 21, 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: Randy Mehrten, Brent Smither, Janie Rocheford, Charlene Samuelian, Randy Reed, Estela Flores, Nancy Masich, John Minkler, Belinda Meyer, Britta Smith, and Irene Villalobos.
- AGENDA
Approved Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- MINUTES
Approved Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of March 17, 2005; seconded by Thomas; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE
MONTH It is our pleasure to recognize Estela Flores as the May 2005 Employee of the Month for the Fresno County Office of Education. Estela has worked for the Court Schools program for the past nine years. Those that have supervised Estela as well as those that work side by side with her each and every day marvel at her ability to set her classroom at ease and provide a nurturing program for her students.
- Estela currently works as a teacher for the Craycroft School. This program is comprised of students who are wards of the court because they were recently removed from their home situations. Needless to say, this is a very stressful and often depressing time for these young people. Estela teaches the K-5 classroom. Often times these students are in trauma, withdrawn and untrusting of strangers in the classroom. Estela has a personality that immediately puts her students at ease. They come to trust her and eventually open up to allow people back into their lives.
- Based on her character, teaching strategies and a multitude of other reasons, Estela is an excellent teacher. Although she has a classroom combined with students of varying age levels, she still focuses on standards based instruction. She concentrates on bridging the academic gaps of her students by attending workshops and conferences in order to stay current on instructional practices. She integrates the new methodologies into her daily teaching.
- Estela works well with her peers, agencies, and volunteers who work in her classroom. She is a team player who is student centered and works diligently to provide the best possible instruction for her students. It is without hesitation that the Fresno County Office of Education and Fresno County Board of Education are proud to honor Estela Flores as the
- RECESS Estela works well with her peers, agencies, and volunteers who work in her classroom. She is a team player who is student centered and works diligently to provide the best possible instruction for her students. It is without hesitation that the Fresno County Office of Education and Fresno County Board of Education are proud to honor Estela Flores as the Employee of the Month.
- MOVED TO: Congratulations for your outstanding efforts! You are making a difference.

SAFE & HEALTHY
KIDS

Board Project Update
Scout Island
Adventure Challenge

The board recessed at 1:40 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m.

Randy Mehrten, Director of Safe & Healthy Kids commended Brent Smither, Krista Brown, Fresno State student intern, and the rest of the Safe & Healthy Kids staff working diligently to prepare to the Scout Island Adventure Challenge. He gave an overview of how partnerships and flexibility was key to creating the course of events.

Adoption of
Resolution No. 2005-11
The Civic Mission of
Schools

Brent Smither gave an overview of the challenges the students will encounter on the course.

Adopted

John Minkler updated the board on the national and state campaigns for the civic mission of schools. The focus of the campaign is to introduce a renewal of civic education in schools via legislation.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
EDUCATION

Adoption of
Resolution No.
2005-10, May as
Better Speech and
Hearing Month

Member Cederquist moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-11, The Civic Mission of Schools; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adopted

Belinda Meyer, Special Education Program Manager recognized retiring FCOE Special Ed employees Britta Smith, for 25 years of service, Irene Villalobos for 38 years of service and lastly, two staff members that have been recognized at the state level, Bobby Fullerton and Michelle Austin.

Ms. Meyer announced that Audiologist Lynn Krikorian, FCOE employee, would be performing hearing evaluations on May 11, 2005 and invited the board to visit the exhibit of art work on the eighth floor.

MOVED TO:
LIBRARY & MEDIA
SERVICES

Media for
Consideration
Discussion Item Only

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-10, May as Better Speech and Hearing month; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
FRESNO ROP
January 19, 2005 ROP
Advisory Board of
Management Regular
Meeting

Randy Reed, Media Services Coordinator, presented audio/visual media for consideration and discussion. The Board acknowledged the audio/visual media as presented.

Ratified

Member Clyde moved to ratify the minutes of the January 19, 2005 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Minutes; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Career Skills Challenge

- MOVED TO: Nancy Masich, Administrator of Fresno ROP announced the change in the name of the Career Skills
HUMAN Olympic event to Career Skills Challenge, and introduced Gary Kirby, Fresno ROP Area Coordinator. Mr.
RESOURCES/LEGAL/ Kirby thanked Don Collins for his generous support of the event and thanked other FCOE employees that
CREDENTIALS participated. He reported development in program, sponsorships and partnerships.
- Adoption of
Resolution No.
2005-12, Early
Retirement (PERS)
Parlier School District
Adopted
- Adoption of
Revised 3000 Series
Board/Superintendent
Policies, Business
Services
Adopted
- MOVED TO: Member Thomas moved to adopt Resolution No 2005-12, the provision of two years of additional service
BUSINESS SERVICES credit to qualified classified employees in the Parlier Unified School District; seconded by Member
Adoption of Resolution Cederquist; motion carried.
- No. 2005-13,
Recognition of
Classified School
Employee Week,
May 15-21, 2005
Adopted
- Member Thomas moved to approve the recommendations for policy 3000-P and approve the
recommendation to eliminate all of the superintendent and administrative regulations in the 3000 Series,
Board/Superintendent Policies, Business Services; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
- Acceptance of
Superintendent of
School's Initial
Proposal to Classified
Bargaining Unit for the
2005-06 School Year
Unanimously
Accepted
- Member Clyde moved to accept, without comment, the Superintendent of School's Initial Proposal to the
Classified Bargaining Unit for the 2005-06 school year; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried by
a unanimous vote.
- Award Playgrounds
Bid #C2005-02
Authorized
- Award New Canopy at
Ramacher Bid
#C2005-03
Authorized
- Member Clyde moved to authorize Award of Bid #C2005-02 to the lowest responsible bidder, MCS
Construction; seconded by Member; motion carried.
- Award Fluid Applied
Walk Deck Bid
#C2005-01A
Authorized
- Member Cederquist moved to authorize Award of Bid #C2005-03 to the lowest responsible bidder, Diaz
Construction; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- Award 7-Passenger Bid
#V2005-01
- Member Tannenbaum moved to authorize Award of Bid #C2005-01A to the lowest responsible bidder,
Universal Coatings, Inc.; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Authorized

Authorization to Bid
Site Work for New
Special Education
Classrooms
Authorized

Member Cederquist moved to authorize Award of Bid #V2005-01 to the lowest responsible bidder, Hedrick's Chevrolet; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approve Certification
of Eligibility for
School Facilities Needs
Assessment Grant
Approved

Member Thomas moved to authorize to go to bid for Site Work for New Special Education Classrooms; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Member Cederquist moved to authorize participation in the School Facilities Needs Assessment Grant; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES

Adoption of
Resolution No. 2005-
14, Protect Proposition
98 and Urge the
Governor to Provide
Full Funding for
Education in the 2005-
06 Budget Proposal
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-14, Protect Proposition 98 and Urge the Governor to Provide Full Funding for Education in the 2005-06 Budget Proposal; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approval of
Meetings to Attend

None.

Approval of Board
Member's Expense
Reimbursements
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the following reimbursements: President Eubanks \$681.63 for CCBE conference and Member Clyde \$547.73 for the CCBE conference; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of Board
Member's Mileage
Reimbursements
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the following reimbursement: Member Cederquist \$154.50 for mileage; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None.

Comments by
Board Members

Member Thomas was pleased with the relevancy of the conference in Washington D.C.

Member Tannebaum reported that the Pillar awards and Trustees dinner meeting were both nice events.

Member Clyde reported on the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization. Fresno USD is the only school district remaining that has not been visited. It was discovered that Selma USD has an

exemplary program. As a result, Member Clyde is recommending to the board that following the report done by the MAPS Study team, Dr. Tony Monreal, Superintendent of Selma USD, give a presentation to the board on the program out at Selma. The board agreed that they would be open to receiving such a presentation.

Member Clyde inquired on when the distribution of data from the MAPS study team should be anticipated. Jan Biggs reported that per his recent discussions with a MAPS representative, delivery of updated data to the districts should be expected in the next couple of weeks. The decision for the delay is based on wanting to complete all visits and assessments of schools districts before any findings are distributed.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- Williams Settlement Visitation Teams Update: Superintendent Mehas, Don Holder, Kitty Catania and Armen Bacon went before the editorial board to report on the progress in the County. Deputy Superintendent Don Collins commended Kitty Catania for her hard work and progress toward completing all visitations not only in a timely manner, but also very efficiently. Kitty Catania reported 72 visits completed out of the 118. Findings vary from school site to school site on facilities, instructional materials and misassigned teachers findings. May 20, 2005 is the deadline for all visitations. Armen Bacon reported that the Fresno and Channel 30 would shadow the site visitation team when they visit McLane.
- Fresno USD Budget Update: Dr. Mehas and Dr. Pietro have had ongoing meetings with acting Superintendent McCully. The district is currently selecting a new deputy superintendent. The district is still in negotiations with CTA.
- Parlier USD Budget Update: Deputy Superintendent Dan Pietro met with Superintendent Meneses-Trejo, the board President and the district Business Manager to review their current budget status. The district is negotiating with CTA.
- 2005 Excellence in Communication Contest Awards: California School Public Relations Association awarded FCOE and Armen Bacon the following: Award of Excellence/Brochure Fresno County Educator of the Year; Award of Excellence/Special Event or Program, Academic Decathlon; Award of Excellence/Special Event or Program, Dollars for Angels; Award of Merit/Brochure, Academic Decathlon; Award of Merit Brochure, Fresno Area College Night; Award of Merit/Writing, "Something Tells Me It's Happening at the Zoo; Award of Merit/Writing, Academic Decathlon Thriving; Award of Merit/Writing, Obituaries Reveal Terrible Losses. Armen Bacon accredited the success of the above mentioned projects and events to the numerous County Office departments and staff whose contributions of time and talent make all the difference in turning out excellent work.
- Retirement Event: Beginning this year, the County Office will host an annual retirement party for all FCOE retirees. The 2005 retirement party will be on Friday, June 24, from 4:00 - 6:00 pm on the Noli Patio.
- Keeping Score: FCOE has been invited by the San Francisco Symphony to be part of a multimillion pilot project with the Irvine Foundation called "Keeping Score". This program is designed to train a cadre of teachers throughout Fresno County how to expose their students to music.
- Kids Day: On Friday April 22, 2005, Dave McDonald of Pelco and several hundred of his employees, will put on a "Kids Day" for all of the Special Ed students in Fresno County.
- Governor Schwarzenegger Commission on Educational Excellence: 15 individuals statewide were selected to be on the commission. Some of these individuals are Superintendent Mehas, Ted Mitchell of Occidental College, Deedee Alpert, and Dave Gordon of Sacramento COE. The commission is focused on the following: governance, the funding formula, and the recruitment and the retention of teachers and administrators. This task force is 100% privately funded.
- State Superintendent Jack O'Connell's Education Task Force: Superintendent Mehas spoke with Rick Lehman and Superintendent O'Connell and submitted the following names as potential Valley

representatives on his task force: Board Members Barbara Thomas and Allen Clyde, Dr. Oscar Sablan, Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified and Dr. Tony Vang, Fresno Unified. Superintendent Mehas will serve as a liaison between Governor Schwarzenegger and Superintendent O'Connell's Education Commission being cautious to not duplicate efforts.

- Repeal SB1419: Superintendent Mehas testified in favor of the repeal in Sacramento.
- Deputy Superintendent Don Collins has invited Central Superintendent Larry Powell to attend Mr. Collin's last two management meetings at the County Office.

INPUT None.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS None.

ADJOURNMENT Moved to adjourn at 3:43 p.m.

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