

MINUTES
May 19, 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 Dr. Allen Clyde, and Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.
- Members Absent: 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: Charlotte Nunn, Ken Campbell, Jake Bloodworth, Jim Coiner, Janie Rocheford, Alecia Paliughi, Dave Swain, Bill Johnson, Cliff Downing, Cyndie Adame, Martin Sanchez, Octavio Jauregui, Mike Lepore, Tom Read and Randy Reed.
- AGENDA** Member Cederquist moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.
Approved
- MINUTES** Member Cederquist moved to approve the April 21, 2005 discussion meeting minutes and the April 21, 2005 regular County Board of Education meeting minutes; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.
Approved
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** We are proud to honor Alecia Paliughi as the June 2005 Employee of the Month. Alecia has worked for the Fresno County Office of Education in the Pupil Personnel Services Department since August 1, 1996. Her first assignment was as an Intern School Psychologist and since that time, she has had a variety of assignments excelling in each and every one of them. As a matter of fact, one of Alecia's initial assignments was as a School Psychologist at Washington Colony Elementary School District. Due to Alecia's effectiveness and loyalty to the program, staff and students, the district increased her time to the point that it has been her only assignment for the past five years.
- The scope of Alecia's role as a School Psychologist has increased over the years. Alecia facilitates the "Conflict Management Trainings" and took a leadership role in developing the Washington Colony Elementary Healthy Start Collaborative. She wrote the Early Mental Health Initiative Grant and works closely with the County Office Leadership Academy serving as a mentor for numerous graduate students and Intern Psychologists. These are just a few examples of the work that Alecia has done for the County Office and districts she serves as she is always embracing new projects and challenges.
- Alecia exemplifies "life-long learning" by continuing to grow professionally, sharing her knowledge and skills in her assignments with fellow FCOE Psychologists. Alecia is a credit to the education profession and is a pleasure to have on our team.
- It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Alecia Paliughi. Congratulations, Alecia, for a job well done.
- Ms. Paliughi expressed words of gratitude to Dr. Mehas, the County Board Members, Dave Swain, Mike Robinson, Superintendent Dale Drew and all of the people who have supported her.

MOVED TO:

SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Mobile Health Unit

Deputy Superintendent Don Collins introduced Wendy Winters, School Nurse and Judy Dorn, Director of Health Services to present on the progress of the pilot program, Obesity and Juvenile Diabetes.

Ms. Winters reported that through the use of the Mobile Health Program many students are being assessed, diagnosed and treated for childhood obesity and juvenile diabetes. Through education and program support, students are learning healthy eating habits and making progress. The program has also afforded students referrals to other necessary social services. Funding is an ongoing issue. Most recently the program was granted a contract with Blue Cross to include Blue Cross/Medi-Cal students. The program will be reimbursed for providing immunizations to the students who are program participants. This year the Obesity and Juvenile Diabetes program is the only school based clinic in Fresno County to be reimbursed for nutrition and asthma education. The program has the potential to grow as funding sources are sought and accessed.

RECESS

Recessed at 2:05p.m. and returned to session at 2:15 p.m.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Elkhorn Correctional
Facility

Ken Campbell, Administrator of Court & Community Schools introduced the following people who work at the Elkhorn Facility: Cindie Adame, Director of Elkhorn Correctional Facility, Cliff Downing, Assistant Director, Octavio Jauregui, Deputy Probation Officer, Martin Sanchez Deputy Probation Officer and Bill Johnson. The group presented on the significant impact the Forward Bound Transition Program has had on the Elkhorn Correctional Facility's students' school attendance. Attendance is currently at 95-97%.

MOVED TO:
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES
County Office
Superintendent of
School's 2005-06
Initial Proposal to
Certificated
Bargaining Unit –
First Reading
Acknowledged

President Eubanks moved to acknowledge the proposal and opened the “Sunshining” of the County’s opening position. The Board accepted the proposal without comment.

Certificated
Bargaining Unit’s
2005-06 Proposal -
First Reading
Acknowledged

CTA President, Michael Lepore, reported good relations with the County Office and a good outcome of meetings.

Deputy Superintendent Don Collins commended Mr. Lepore for his leadership.

President Eubanks moved to acknowledge the proposal and opened the “Sunshining” of the Unit’s opening position. The Board acknowledged the proposal without comment.

MOVED TO:
ADMINISTRATION
SCHOOL LIBRARY
& MEDIA SERVICES
Media for Adoption
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt the audio/visual media as presented; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Janie Rocheford, Director of School Library & Media Services introduced Randy Reed, Media Coordinator, who presented the Board with the 2005 Award of Excellence from the Videographer Awards Competition. The award was given in recognition of the “Science of Jet Aviation” video, which was selected as the 2004 Board Project. Only the top 10% of 12,000 entries received awards. Mr. Reed acknowledged the following School Library & Media Services staff for the roles they played in producing the video: Jake Bloodworth, Janie Rocheford, Brian Nunn, Gloria Hobbs, Maribel Medina, and Paul Gong. He also acknowledged Steve Bock and the staff from the Curriculum and Instruction department for their contributions to the project.

In addition, Mr. Reed reported that the television production of the 2004 Educator of the Year Award Ceremony won a Bronze Tele Award, which is recognition for outstanding work in television production.

Cable Television
Educational Access
Opportunities

Randy Reed, Media Coordinator, presented a power point presentation updating the Board on FCOE’s participation in the local cable television franchise renewal process and the status of Fresno Channel 96 programming efforts.

uPortal Presentation

Janie Rocheford, Director, Mark Hammons, Digital Media Specialist and Brigeen Radoicich, Library Consultant, gave an overview on the benefits of using the uPortal in classroom instruction and explained how they train school district personnel to utilize the uPortal as an instruction tool. Court Schools Coordinator Tom Read, reported on the successful utilization of the uPortal in Court Schools.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Adoptoin of
Resolution No.
2005-17, Capital
Outlay Expenditures
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-17, Capital Outlay Expenditures; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
LEGAL/HUMAN
RESOURCES/
CRENDENTIALS

Approval of
Declaration of Need
for Fully Qualified
Educators
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adoption of
Resolution No.
2005-16, Early
Retirement
(PERS),
Raisin City USD
Adopted

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-16, open window for two additional years of service credit to qualified classified employees of Raisin City Unified School District (05/20/05 – 08/27/05); seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES

County Superintendent
of School’s 2005-06

The Board accepted, without comment, the County Superintendent of School’s Initial Proposal to the Classified Bargaining Unit for the 2005-06 school year.

Initial Proposal to
Classified Bargaining
Unit
Accepted

Approval of Forest
Reserve Apportionment
from Tulare County to
Kings Canyon USD
Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Apportionment of Forest Reserve from Tulare County to Kings Canyon USD; seconded by Member Cederquist; the Board unanimously approved; motion carried.

Retiree Medical Benefits
Funds Irrevocable Trust
Agreement
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the establishment of Fund 71 as an "Irrevocable Trust" for the sole purpose of fully funding the annual "Accrual Cost" liability of retiree medical benefits; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Authorization of Short
Term Loans to Cover
Several Districts' June
2005 Payroll
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the provision of short term loans to school districts that are in need of having their June 2005 payroll underwritten by the County Superintendent; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Facilities Inspection
Program Certification
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve the establishment of an annual School Facilities Inspection System for the Fresno County Office of Education; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Award Sanger High
School New Relocatable
Classroom Project
#C2005-04
Authorized

Member Clyde moved to authorize Award of Bid #C2005-04 to the lowest responsible bidder, Durham Construction; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried

Award Selma High
School New Relocatable
Classroom Project Bid
#2005-05
Authorized

Member Cederquist moved to authorize the County Superintendent to Award Bid #C2005-05 to the lowest responsible bidder; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES
Approval of
Meetings to Attend

None.

Approval of Travel
Expenses by Board
Members
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve payment of the following expenses for Member Cederquist: \$933.92 for hotel, mileage and registration for CCBE conference and \$1,257.80 for CSBA conference hotel and meals to be paid out Member Cederquist's budget. \$580.66 for CSBA conference parking, mileage and suite for the reception will be paid out of the Board's general fund money; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Member Cederquist moved to approve payment of the following expenses for Member Eubanks: \$64.00 for meals at the CCBE conference, \$69.75 for July 2004-August 2004 mileage, \$100.44 for February 2005 mileage, \$125.55 for March 2005 mileage, and \$157.14 for April 2005 mileage; seconded by Member Clyde;

motion carried.

Member Cederquist moved to approve payment of the following expense for Member Tannenbaum: \$25.00 for Maddy Institute Seminar; seconded by Member Clyde, motion carried.

President Eubanks reported that Member Tannenbaum's budget was decreased by \$1,050.00, Member Eubank's budget was increased by \$650.00 and Member Cederquist's budget was increased by \$400.00. These modifications were made to cover expenses for President Eubanks and Member Cederquist.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None.

Comments by
Board Members

Member Tannenbaum reported that the Scout Island Adventure Challenge was exciting and great.

Member Tannenbaum asked if the FCOE Annual Family Picnic would be rescheduled. Superintendent Mehas explained why the picnic would not be rescheduled.

Member Clyde reported a wonderful UCP Jim Pardini Tribute dinner banquet.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- "Taking Back Our Kids": KSEE 24 News event will begin on Monday, May 23 at 4:00 pm and culminates on Thursday, May 25 with a live commercial-free town hall meeting.
- Scout Island Tiles Project: 14 schools, elementary through high school, participated in creating tiles to be placed at the different learning stations of the Scout Island Education Center. On May 18, 2005 a ceremony was held to acknowledge the students.
- FUSD Update: A new superintendent will be transitioning into the district June 2005. Superintendent Mehas is expecting the district to submit an unbalanced budget.
- West Fresno Update: State Administrator Bill Griffin will leave the district June 8, 2005. Kent Ashcroft will be the replacement State Administrator.
- FCOE Events Update
- May Revise Budget Update: Deputy Superintendent Dan Pietro reported a 4.23 COLA and a 1.1 deficit reduction. Everything will be fully funded including deferred maintenance. Dr. Pietro is concerned with the STRS transfer. This would cost the County Office approximately \$412,000. Another concern is the transfer of the County Medical services back to K-12 districts. It's impossible to know at this time what this will cost districts.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

Schedule the Business Policies for action in July 2005 board meeting.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

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