

MINUTES
June 16, 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. Allen Clyde, Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Donald Collins, Deputy Superintendent, Educational Services; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Staff absent: Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendent, Business Services and Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Services.
- Visitors: Dave Swain, Kathy Ramirez, Brent Smither, Gary Sells, Charlene Samuelian, Nancy Masich, Linda Bacon, Rob Postler, Randy Mehrten, Craig Schmidt, Al Galvez, Mike Robinson, and Phyllis Johnson.
- AGENDA** Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.
Approved
- MINUTES** Member Cederquist moved to approve the minutes of May 19, 2005 with the following correction: under the section titled "Superintendent's Report", the new West Fresno State Administrator's name should be Kent Ashworth; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
Approved
- EMPLOYEE OF THE** The Pupil Personnel Services Department is pleased and proud to announce Rob Postler as the July
MONTH Employee of the Month for the Fresno County Office of Education. Rob has been employed at the County Office since August of 2002. During this time, he has served as a School Psychologist and is currently assigned to Court and Community Schools.
- Rob Postler is a dedicated professional who combines experience, education and perseverance to serve the needs of the students and staff at Teilman Center. Rob's primary mission is to counsel students and he is extremely skilled in calming children suffering from difficult emotional issues. His gentle, yet firm manner is an excellent resource for the Teilman students and staff. Rob leads group sessions that allow students to share problems and realize they are not alone. Rob also coordinates the rewards program for students who have good behavior and attendance.
- In addition to coordinating and offering counseling services to students, Rob works with teachers on developing classroom techniques that enhance educational delivery to students. He also leads a weekly teacher collaboration meeting. Rob often sits in on IEP meetings and parent conferences, and lends his expertise by advising staff on student related issues. Rob is a devoted, caring professional with a terrific sense of humor and is truly a catalyst for student success.
- Rob is most deserving of this special recognition. It is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Rob. Congratulations for a job well done.
- Mr. Postler thanked the following people for supporting him: his wife and Dave Swain and Mike Robinson of Pupil Personnel Services. He also acknowledged Lou Telesmanic and Ken Campbell of Court & Community Schools for their support. Lastly, he acknowledged his parents for their contributions to his education.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
2005 Board Project –
Scout Island Adventure
Challenge

Randy Mehrten, Director of the Safe & Healthy Kids Department, introduced Brent Smither, Project Specialist. Mr. Smither reported on the outcome of the Scout Island Adventure Challenge. He thanked the County Board for allowing him and his team to introduce a new and unique outdoor educational experience to the students of Fresno County. Mr. Smither reported that six teams participated in the competition. The winning team from Kingsburg High completed the course in one hour and forty five minutes. The final team completed the course in three and a half hours. Mr. Smither showcased a three minute DVD on the event.

Students were quizzed at the end of the day and given an opportunity to give feedback on their experiences. Students agreed that the challenge of the course could be increased to a greater level. The next Adventure Challenge is scheduled for October 22, 2005. Two immediate goals are to increase the level of challenge and provide better opportunities for team building.

Superintendent Mehas commended Mr. Smither for coordinating an educational event that involved hands on problem solving and team building. He also inquired about the plan to assure that all schools and school boards are well informed of the next event. Mr. Smither stated that the DVD footage of the event would be the primary marketing tool to promote the event. In addition, recruitment focus will be placed on the students who are already scheduled to participate in the leadership trainings out at Scout Island. The idea is to expose students to a leadership and team building experience in the Adventure Challenge. The students will then be encouraged to take the skills they learned and respond to needs of their respective schools.

Superintendent Mehas suggested utilizing media teams for marketing; both radio and television.

SPECIAL
RECOGNITION

Mr. Mehrten recognized PG & E as a faithful educational partner. He expressed gratitude to the following PG & E employees for the contributions they made in constructing the course: Craig Schmidt, Al Galvez and Mark Preo. Each were recognized and presented with a certificate of appreciation.

Superintendent Mehas and President Eubanks thanked the P G & E representatives for partnering with FCOE in creating educational opportunities for the students of Fresno County.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
RECOGNITION
Scout Island Tiles Project

Dr. Gary Sells, Director of the Scout Island Education Center and Phyllis Johnson, retired Clovis Unified Art Coordinator, reported on the Scout Island Tiles Project. They displayed tiles created by students of Fresno County Schools that will be placed at each of the learning stations at Scout Island. Dr. Sells stated that Ms. Johnson was responsible for rallying six school districts, 14 schools, and 116 students, 6th grade – high school, to participate in the tile project. 190 tiles will be installed by the completion of the project. Dr. Sells thanked Ms. Johnson for her commitment to volunteer and recruit others to do the same.

Ms. Johnson stated that she was grateful for the opportunity to participate in the project. She also reported that FCOE hosted a recognition ceremony at Scout Island for the students and teachers that contributed to the project.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL
PRESENTATION
Engineering Excellence
Award

President Eubanks presented Jamie Perry, Director of Facilities, with the Engineering Excellence award,

granted by the American Council of Engineering Companies. It is a national recognition awarded to FCOE for the Scout Island Education Project.

Ms. Perry thanked the County Office and the Board for their vision and for allowing her the opportunity to work on such a wonderful project.

RECESS

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

MOVED TO:

SPECIAL

RECOGNITION

Scout Island Facility
Painting

Dr. Gary Sells thanked Bob and Linda Elia, for the donation of paint and painters needed to do all necessary painting at the Scout Island Facility. Deputy Superintendent Don Collins presented Mr. & Mrs. Elia with a certificate of appreciation. They were also presented a FCOE clock and Margaret Hudson figurine.

MOVED TO:

COURT & COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Approval of Consolidated
Application Part I,
2005-06

Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve the Consolidated Application Part I, 2005-06; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

FRESNO ROP

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2005-15, Capital
Outlay and Equipment
Replacement
Expenditures

Adopted

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-15, Capital Outlay and Equipment Replacement Expenditures; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Ratify the Approved
Minutes of the March 16,
2005 ROP Advisory
Board of Management
Regular Meeting
Ratified

Member Cederquist moved to ratify the minutes of the March 16, 2005 ROP Advisory Board of Management Regular Meeting; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

LEGAL/HUMAN

RESOURCES/
CRENDENTIALS

Approval of Resolution
No. 2005-18, Early
Retirement (PERS),
Valley Regional
Occupational Program
Adopted

Member Clyde moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-18, open window for two additional years of service credit to qualified classified employees of the Valley Regional Occupational Program (06/17/05 – 09/14/06); seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2005-19, Early
Retirement (PERS),

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-19, open window for two additional years of

Golden Plain USD
Adopted

service credit to qualified classified employees of Golden Plains Unified School District (08/01/05 – 01/06/06); seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES
Public Hearing on County
Superintendent of
School's 2005-06 Initial
Proposal to Classified
Bargaining Unit
Acknowledged

President Eubanks moved to acknowledge the opportunity for public discussion on the County Superintendent of School's 2005-06 Initial Proposal to the Classified Bargaining Unit and read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Board/Superintendent's opening position."

Public Hearing on
Classified Bargaining
Unit's 2005-06 Initial
Acknowledged

President Eubanks moved to acknowledge the opportunity for public discussion on the Classified Bargaining Unit's 2005-06 Initial Proposal and read the following statement: "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Classified Bargaining Unit's opening position."

Approval of FCOE
2004-05 Budget
Revisions
Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve FCOE 2004-05 Budget Revisions; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

Adoption of FCOE
2005-06 Budget
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve the FCOE 2005-06 Budget; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried

Acknowledgement of
Receipt of Quarterly
Disclosure of FCOE
Investment Policies
Acknowledged

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

Public Hearing on the
Kermit Koontz Facility
Pursuant EC17211

Member Thomas moved to open the public hearing concerning the Kermit Koontz facility project; seconded by Member Cederquist, motion carried.

President Eubanks read the following statement: "Pursuant to the Education Code 17211 the Board of Education is required to evaluate property being considered for new school construction at a public hearing using site selection standards established by the California Department of Education. A notice regarding this hearing was mailed to nearby property owners, residents and affected public agencies. Staff has completed an evaluation of the subject property in accordance with the Education Code and Department of Education guidelines. At this time we will open the public hearing on this matter."

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2005-20, Mitigated
Negative Declaration
Adopted

Members Thomas moved to close the hearing due to no one from the public being present; seconded by member Clyde; motion carried

Member Cederquist moved to adopt Resolution No. 2005-20, Mitigated Negative Declaration; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Rejection of Selma High
School's Bid #C2005-05

Rejection Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the rejection of the Selma High Award Bid #C2005-05; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Approval of
Meetings to Attend

Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve Members Cederquist, Thomas, Tannenbaum and President Eubanks to attend the CSBA Conference in San Diego; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Approval of Mileage
Expense Claims of Board
Members

Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve payment of the mileage expenses for the following Members; President Eubanks \$103.68; Member Clyde \$261.60 and Secretary Elizabeth Torres \$32.81; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approval of CSBA
2005-06 Membership
Dues

Approved

Superintendent Mehas reported to the Board that due to the discrepancy in the distances that each of the Board Members travel to the County Office for meetings, a new formula will be considered to allocate the appropriate funds to support those travels.

Superintendent Mehas expressed his concerns to the Board regarding the amount of increase in membership dues for CCBE.

Member Thomas stated that she voted against the raise in membership dues. She also reported that CCBE is primarily a volunteer driven organization and that they exceeded their budget this last year. This next year the organization will be in need of paying for more hours of administrative assistance.

Receipt of
Correspondence

Member Cederquist moved to approve payment of the membership dues as presented; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

None.

Comments by
Board Members

Member Cederquist reported that he attended the Fowler High School graduation. The graduating class of 2005 requested that the graduates of Japanese heritage from 1942-1945, who did not receive their diplomas, 19 total, participate in the 2005 graduation ceremony.

Member Thomas reported a lot of activity in CCBE.

President Eubanks stated that he would like for County Board Members to be involved in the next Adventure Challenge by way of challenging the District Board Members to a race on a modified course. The purpose in challenge would be to encourage more school district involvement.

Member Tannenbaum inquired about other outdoor facilities in Tulare and Merced Counties. Superintendent Mehas stated that he would have Dr. Gary Sells look into arranging visits by Board Members to the facilities this Fall of 2005.

Dr. Mehas reported that at the request of the State of California's Secretary of Education, Alan Bersin, and Deputy Secretary of Education, Scott Himmelstein, a press conference was held in Superintendent Mehas' conference room. The purpose of the press conference was to allow for a small group of Fresno County

**MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

teachers and trustees to ask questions regarding Governor Schwarzenegger's education agenda and the State Budget.

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- Fresno USD Update: Dr. Mehas and Dr. Pietro met with Superintendent Michael Hanson and the District CFO to review their budget. FCOE will take a minimum of one week to analyze the district's tentative agreement. After Dr. Pietro has thoroughly analyzed the budget he will report back to School District. Superintendent Mehas will not consider any new fiscal obligations with the district until the completion of a thorough analysis of their budget.
- Parlier USD Update: Superintendent Mehas distributed to the County Board members the MOU between FCOE & Parlier USD detailing the terms of the \$2million dollar loan to the district to fund their June 2005 payroll. Conditions stated in the MOU explain when the funds are to be paid back and also state that until the loan is paid back in full, any and all items of fiscal implication must be approved by the Fresno County Office of Education.
- Mariposa Meadow Child Care Center: Deputy Superintendent Don Collins reported that FCOE is planning to close the center due to squirrel infestation. The infestation has presented a health and safety issue. The official action by the board to close the facility will be presented at the July 2005 board meeting.
- FCOE Retirement Party: Armen Bacon announced that the party is scheduled for Friday, June 24 at 4:30 on the Bill Noli patio at FCOE.
- Williams Settlement Update: Deputy Superintendent Don Collins reported on a Williams task force compliance issues. The main issue was the finding that class sets are not adequate for core curriculum. Each student must have their own text for core curriculum. FCOE has completed all of their visitations. It is anticipated that the County Superintendent won't need to present to the Districts, County Boards and the State until September of 2005. Governing boards will now have to show responsibility for approving the course of study curriculum adoptions and resolution for sufficiency of materials.

RECESS

**MOVED TO:
EXPULSION APPEAL
HEARING
Parlier Unified
School District
(Closed Session)**

Recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:33 p.m.

The hearing was called to order at 3:33 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: student, parents, and teacher advocate; Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Elida Pardon, Principal, Parlier High School, Parlier Unified School District.

Deliberations

Board members sought responses from those present.

**DECISION TO
UPHOLD THE
EXPULSION**

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:52 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:59 p.m.

Member Cederquist moved to uphold the expulsion; motion seconded by Member Clyde;

- ROLL CALL:**
- Member Clyde Y
 - Member Thomas Y
 - Member Cederquist Y

Member Tannenbaum Y

President Eubanks Y

motion carried. The board moved to uphold the expulsion of the student.

The Board reconvened to open session at 4:00 p.m.

MOVED TO:
INTERDISTRICT
TRANSFER APPEAL
HEARING

Joseph Anaya
Sanger USD to
Clovis USD

Resolved by the
District

Mr. Mike Robinson, Interdistrict Liaison, reported to the Board that Sanger Unified School District notified him of a last minute resolution of the inter-district transfer. Joseph Anaya, resident of Sanger Unified School District, was released by Sanger Unified School District to attend Clovis Unified School District.

Mr. Robinson also alerted the Board to anticipate several inter-district transfer appeals from Washington Union High School district families. The common issue in the appeals is Washington Union High School's reluctance to release students to the Doctor's Academy at Sunnyside High School. Washington Union High School's position is that they have a comparable program called the Health Institute.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

Pre board meeting for July will be tentative based on the number of items on the agenda.

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

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