

MINUTES  
July 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.
- President Eubanks welcomed new Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Larry Powell.
- Mr. Powell thanked President Eubanks for the welcome and introduced new Migrant Education Director Ruben Castillo. Mr. Powell reported on Mr. Castillo's educational experience. He also stated that Mr. Castillo brings with him to the County Office a sincere love for students, quality character and a great informational background.
- Mr. Castillo stated that he was grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the County Office workforce.
- President Eubanks continued the meeting with an inspirational reading.
- ATTENDANCE           Members present: President Keith Eubanks, Vice President Delbert Cederquist, Member Barbara Thomas, and Member Sally Tannenbaum.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas, Larry Powell and Daniel Pietro, Deputy Superintendents; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Services; Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications.
- Visitors: Karla Chandler, Robert Chandler, Mimi Nino, Angela Bowlin, Don Holder, Susan Halbert, Kitty Catania, Don Holder, Felicia Qualres, Kathy Crichley, Lori Hamada, and Tom Read.
- AGENDA               Member Tannebaum moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.  
Approved
- MINUTES           Member Cederquist moved to approve the June 16, 2005 meeting minutes; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.  
Approved
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH           Karla Chandler has been an extremely loyal and hardworking employee of Fresno County Office of Education for nine years. She first began her service to FCOE as a Secretary with the Cal Works program and shortly thereafter moved to the CTAP team. Karla currently is the Staff Secretary for the Math/Science Block in the Curriculum and Instruction Department where her expertise and background have mentored almost every member of the C&I support staff – in most every block!
- Karla works diligently to make sure that each and every person she is working with feels knowledgeable and comfortable doing any task asked of them. As a Staff Secretary, Karla has an Office Assistant working along side her as clerical support to manage the demands of the office. Karla has successfully trained fellow Office Assistants whom have since been promoted to become Staff Secretaries within the County Office. This is largely due to Karla's ability to train, guide and mentor those around her.
- In addition, because of her extensive knowledge of the CTAP program, Karla works closely with program support staff to help whenever needed. When the San Joaquin Valley Mathematics Project came to our office, Karla naturally took the program's Administrative Assistant, under her wing. In fact, Karla is always there to help any of our C&I support staff anytime. She unselfishly gives of herself to make sure that the work of the C&I Department gets done and is

successful.

Karla unflinchingly manages all of the projects of the coordinators and consultants in the Math/Science Block. She tirelessly organizes and facilitates all of the clerical needs for the Science, Math & Engineering Fair and answers questions from students, coaches and parents to make sure their experience is a positive one, before, during and after the event.

When the Mathematics Program took on the overwhelming challenge of AB466 local training and statewide Harcourt lead, Karla never missed a step. She maintains her cool through the never-ending stream of work that the program coordinators throw her way in this block. She is organized, meticulous in her details, and thorough in her follow through. We aren't sure how she does it, but she manages to keep all of us in line. She makes the County Office look good to others in the office, to our clients in the field and to the students we support. We could never accomplish all that we do without her.

With sincere thanks for her dedication and friendship to the C & I team, the Fresno County Office of Education and Fresno County Board of Education are proud and honored to recognize Karla Chandler as the August 2005 FCOE Employee of the Month. Karla, we thank you for representing the very best of this organization.

Ms. Chandler introduced her husband Robert Chandler and mentioned that they were also celebrating their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. She said that it was a joy to work for the County Office and loved working with her team of employees.

MOVED TO:  
EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES  
Mariposa Meadows  
Migrant Child Care  
Center  
Closure Approved

Member Cederquist moved to approve the closure of the Mariposa Meadows Migrant Child Care Center; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Edison Bethune –  
Alternative Governance  
Plan  
Approved

Don Holder, Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction, Kitty Catania, Director of School Support and Williams Compliance, and Felicia Quarles, Principal of Edison Bethune reported on the restructuring plan for Edison Bethune assuming the program will be a Five-Year program improvement school.

Board Members asked questions regarding staffing of the program and qualified teachers.

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Member Cederquist moved to approve the Alternative Governance Plan; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

MOVED TO:  
COURT &  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOLS  
Approval of FCOE  
English Language  
Acquisition Program  
Funding Application  
Approved

Recessed at 1:45p.m. and returned to session at 1:55 p.m.

Member Thomas moved to approve the English Language Acquisition Program Funding Application; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

LEGAL/HUMAN  
RESOURCES/  
CRENDENTIALS

Public Hearing on  
County Superintendent  
of School's 2005-06

Initial Proposal to  
Certificated Bargaining  
Unit

Acknowledged

President Eubanks provided an opportunity for public comment regarding the Superintendent's opening position. "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Superintendent's opening position.

Public Hearing on  
Certificated Bargaining  
Unit's 2005-06

Initial

Acknowledged

President Eubanks provided an opportunity for public comment regarding Certificated Bargaining Unit's opening position. "Let the record show that the required sunshine period has been met, and a hearing opportunity was given for the Certificated Bargaining Unit's opening position.

Adoption of Revised  
Board/Superintendent  
Policies – 3000 Series

Recommended

Revisions Approved

Ms. Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel presented the newly revised business Services Board/Superintendent Policies, 3000 series for adoption. She gave an overview of the recommended revisions.

Board Members asked questions regarding revisions and eliminating those policies that had been marked for elimination.

Dr. Pietro, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services, stated that the Board should go with the recommendations presented.

Member Thomas requested that the Legal Department provide all Board Members with copies of all Education Code sections describing the powers and authority of the County Board.

Mr. Jan Biggs stated that he would have Ms. Bacon prepare the information and distribute it to all Board Members.

MOVED TO:  
TRUSTEE ACTIVITIES

Approval of  
Meetings to Attend

Member Cederquist moved to adopt the newly revised Business Services Board/Superintendent Policies, 3000 Series; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Member Thomas requested approval to travel to Sacramento for a meeting on September 15, 2005. This is the date of the September County Board meeting and she will be late to the board meeting. She also requested approval to travel to Sacramento on September 24, 2005 for a CSBA meeting.

Approval of Mileage  
Expense Claims

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve Member Thomas' attendance to the above mentioned meetings; seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the following mileage expense claims:

President Eubanks, June 2005, \$75.33; Vice President Cederquist, Jan. 2005 – June 2005, \$370.17; Member Thomas Jan. 2005 – June 2005, \$24.30; and Member Tannenbaum Aug. 2004 – June 2005, \$260.82

Receipt of

Correspondence                   seconded by Member Cederquist; motion carried.

Comments by  
Board Members               None.

Member Tannenbaum commented about the editorial written on July 23, 2005 by Armen Bacon. Her hope is that at some point the County Office would consider looking into how it can provide a support service to struggling parents dealing with teens with emotional issues.

Board Secretary Liz Torres distributed housing and conference registration forms to Board members for the 2005 CSBA Annual Education Conference. She asked that the members please submit their registration information by July 29, 2005.

MOVED TO:  
SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- Outdoor Facilities Site Visit: Gary Sells will contact the Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School (Merced COE) and SCICON (Tulare COE) to get a couple of dates for site visits. These will be brought to the Superintendent and Board to select the most convenient dates and times. Stephen Bock will accompany the Board, Superintendent and Gary Sells on the site visits.
- Board Project 2006: Superintendent Mehas has made contact with Governor Schwarzenegger's wife, Maria Shriver. At the Superintendent's request, Ms. Shriver plans to visit Fresno County in support of our efforts on childhood obesity and wellness. On the issue of a potential board project focusing on mental health services for students; the issue of service to students is more than the County Office can handle and would be best managed by the County of Fresno. Dave Swain would be the County Office contact who could best speak to the topic. Board Project ideas should be presented to the board in August and presentations by departments should be done in September.
- Interim Superintendents for School Districts: The County Office has agreed to provide their recommendations for Interim Superintendents with the understanding that each individual district will make the final decision.
- Golden Plains USD Update: The district's superintendent and business manager are no longer with the district.
- Parlier USD: The district superintendent has submitted a resignation. The superintendent will leave the district in December 2005. The business manager has been gone since the end of June.
- Raisin City SD: The district superintendent has taken another position in another Fresno County district. The district currently has no superintendent. No interim superintendent has been announced.
- Laton USD: The district superintendent has taken a position in another county. They have indicated that they would like the County Office to do the search for an interim superintendent. The County Office has agreed to do the search.
- State Budget Update: Superintendent Mehas present the following current information on education in the State of California: California is 24<sup>th</sup> on expenditures per pupil, #1 in teacher salaries, #1 in teacher benefits, and #48 in teacher-pupil ratio. Education funding in California is accurately being presented to the public. We will receive approximately a 5.5% increase, \$379.00 more per pupil. Deputy Superintendent Pietro reported a 4.23% COLA and a deficit reduction of 1.234%. This adds ups to approximately 5.5% of new money that education did not have last year. This will go toward the revenue limit. In addition, we are getting more money from the Federal Government and property taxes. Last year the structural deficit for the State of California was approximately 8.6 billion dollars and this year it is 5 billion dollars. The good news is that the 2% PERS and the mental health costs to the districts were pulled off the table. The only bad news is that we lost 21 million for the K-12 high speed network. Overall the budget turned out well for education.

- Fresno USD Update: The district is claiming that they will produce a balanced budget to the County Office. The County Office is willing to work with the district in a cooperative way and plans to request the district produce the data that was used to create a balanced budget. The County Office will make this a condition of their approval of the budget
- FCOE Negotiations CTA: All is going well.
- All Staff Day: Scheduled for August 26, 2005 at the Saroyan Theater.
- New Cabinet Member: Williams Compliance has taken such an important emphasis at the County Office that Don Holder, Administrator of Curriculum & Instruction, has been added to the Superintendent's Cabinet. Superintendent Mehas commended Kitty Catania for her work with Williams Compliance throughout the County.

MOVED TO:  
EXPULSION APPEAL  
HEARING

Central USD  
(Closed Session)

The hearing was called to order at 3:03p.m. Those present at the hearing included: student and parent; Linda Bacon, Legal Counsel, Fresno County Office of Education; Manual Pacheco, Vice Principal, Rio Vista Middle School; Art Williams, Supervisor, Student Services, Central Unified School District.

Board members sought responses from those present.

Deliberations

The Board moved into deliberations at 3:40 p.m. and reconvened into closed session 3:44 p.m.

DECISION TO UPHOLD  
THE EXPULSION

Member Cederquist moved to uphold the expulsion; seconded by Member Tannenbaum;

ROLL CALL:

Member Clyde            Absent

Member Thomas        Y

Member Cederquist    Y

Member Tannenbaum   Y

President Eubanks      Y

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

Open session

The Board reconvened to open session at 3:45 p.m.

MOVED TO:  
INTER-DISTRICT  
TRANSFER APPEAL

Washington Union High  
School District  
Jessica Morales  
Approved

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict permit. Those present at the hearing included: Jessica Morales, student, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Alvarez, parents and interpreter-friend; Mike Robinson, Interdistrict Liaison, FCOE; Joey Campbell, Principal, Washington Union High School and Dena Fiori, Guidance Learning Counselor, Washington Union High School District. The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Interdistrict transfer request for Jessica Morales to attend Sunnyside High School's Doctor's Academy from the district of residence, Washington Union High School District, on the condition that should the student drop the program she would have to return to Washington

Union High School District; seconded by Member Cederquist;

ROLL CALL:

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

motion carried. The interdistrict transfer was approved.

Washington Union High  
School District  
Jeannene Lara  
Approved

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict permit. Those present at the hearing included: Jeanenne Lara, student and Terri Lara, parent; Mike Robinson, Interdistrict Liaison, FCOE; Joey Campbell, Principal, Washington Union High School and Dina Fiori, Guidance Learning Counselor, Washington Union High School. The Board sought information from the parents and the district.

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Interdistrict transfer request for Jeanenne Lara to attend Sunnyside High School’s Doctor’s Academy from the district of residence, Washington Union High School District, on the condition that should the student drop the program she would have to return to Washington Union High School District; seconded by Member Cederquist;

ROLL CALL:

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

motion carried. The interdistrict transfer was approved.

FUTURE AGENDA  
ITEMS                   None.

COMMUNITY INPUT   None

ADJOURNMENT        Moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

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