

MINUTES
August 18, 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; Deputy Superintendents Larry L. Powell and Daniel Pietro; Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Department; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Visitors: Sharon Pfister, Randy Mehrten, Belia Martinez-Lopez, Terrie Soares, Cindy Smith, Andrea Maldonado, Melissa Hammons, Shoufie Rusli, Vince Wesson, Charlene Samuelian, Susan Hunsbarger, Aleiba Moreno, Jeff Becker, Kitty Catania, Stella Perea, Helena Silva.
- AGENDA
Approved Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
- MINUTES
Approved Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes of July 21, 2005; seconded by Cederquist; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE
MONTH We are proud to honor Sharon Pfister as the September 2005 Employee of the Month for the Fresno County Office of Education. Sharon is truly deserving of this recognition as her level of commitment and service to FCOE is truly exemplary.
- Currently, Sharon is the Accountant for the Department of Safe & Healthy Kids within the Internal Finance Department. In this position, she manages approximately 200 separate budgets totaling nearly \$18 million dollars. The majority of these budgets require daily or weekly management and activity, which keep Sharon in a continual process of fiscal oversight and quality assurance. Since the department is funded almost entirely by grants, diligent oversight and a keen ability to project school site and programmatic needs is a must.
- Sharon's service and dedication to the team does not stop here. On many occasions Sharon takes the initiative to provide a spreadsheet or will create a new process to organize data that has saved countless hours, not to mention saved thousands of dollars. One recent example was a meeting prompted by Sharon where she raised some cogent concerns. As always, Sharon provided the evidence along with a concrete solution. She prefaced her conclusions by casually mentioning that these suggestions would probably work, if she was correctly interpreting the language of the legislation. Sharon read the entire legislation and her interpretation was right on. Needless to say, we were all ears that day.
- Sharon works with a ready smile, an ever-present gentleness, and a human spirit that while quiet on the surface, can literally move mountains when needed.
- For these reasons and many more, it is with sincere appreciation that we present this certificate to Sharon Pfister. Congratulations Sharon! And thank you for making the difference!
- Ms. Pfister said that she considered it an honor to work at FCOE and expressed gratitude for the support she has received.

Dr. Pietro, Deputy Superintendent of Business Services commended Sharon Pfister and the Safe & Healthy Kids department for all of their hard work.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION
Quarterly Report on
Williams Uniform
Complaints
Received

Kathryn Catania, Director of Williams Compliance, reported on behalf of FCOE as the LEA for Court Schools & Special Education. She stated that to date no complaints had been received from any schools in the County. October 2005 will be the annual report to the Board of Supervisors. The County Board can expect to receive reports from Ms. Catania on a quarterly basis.

RECESS

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

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES
Approval of Routine
Restricted
Maintenance Plan
Approved

Member Cederquist move to approve the Routine Restricted Maintenance Plan; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried

Approval of 2005-06
Budget Revisions
Approved

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

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES
Approval of
Meetings to Attend

Member Thomas moved to approve Member Tannenbaum's attendance to the CSBA Conference in San Diego in December 2005; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Member Cederquist moved to approve Member Thomas' attendance at a CCBE meeting in Sacramento on August 19, 2005; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approval of Co-
Sponsorship of
Trustees Association
Reception at the
CSBA Annual
Education Conference
-San Diego, CA
Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Fresno County Board of Education's co-sponsorship of the Trustees Reception at the 2005 CSBA Annual Education Conference in San Diego, CA on December 2, 2005; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

CSBA Call for
Nominations,
Director-at-Large,
County

Member Cederquist move to approve the nomination of Sara Wilkins for CSBA Director at Large, County; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Board Project 2005-06

Deputy Superintendent Larry Powell reported that a coordinated effort targeting obesity would be presented at the September board meeting.

Receipt of Correspondence Board members agreed that a coordinated effort on the project is their preference.
None.

Comments by Board Members Member Cederquist reported on the progress of the High School Task forum. He will give a more detailed report of the forum's progress at the September board meeting

Member Tannenbaum expressed her desire to see educators take a serious approach toward developing programs that will help students successfully deal with the emotional and social stresses of their age group.

Deputy Superintendent Powell offered to forward board members a copy of an article he recently read on the need for educators to deal with student's emotional needs.

MOVED TO:
INTER-DISTRICT
TRANSFER APPEAL
HEARING

Laton USD
Mathew Cabello &
Samantha Cabello

The Board discussed the request for an Interdistrict permit. Those present at the hearing included: Samantha Cabello (student), Mathew Cabello (student), grandmother Ms. Antonia Cabello and Elizabeth Torres, interpreter; Mike Robinson, Interdistrict Liaison; Terry Andersen, Laton High School Principal.

The Board members sought responses from those present.

Member Thomas moved to deny the inter-district transfer requests for both Mathew Cabello and Samantha Cabello to attend Selma High School from the district residence, Laton Unified School District; seconded by Member Cederquist;

ROLL CALL:

Member Thomas Y

Member Cederquist Y

Member Clyde Y

Member Tannenbaum Y

President Eubanks Y

DECISION motion carried. Both inter-district transfer requests were denied.

The Board convened into closed session at 3:10 p.m.

MOVED TO:
EXPULSION
APPEAL HEARING

Parlier USD
(Closed Session)

The hearing was called to order at 3:10 p.m. Those present at the hearing included: student, parent, interpreter; Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent; Edward Van Hoose, San Joaquin Valley High Principal.

Board members sought responses from those present.

Deliberations The Board moved into deliberations at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened into closed session at 3:30 p.m.
Member Clyde moved to uphold the expulsion; seconded by Member Cederquist;

ROLL CALL

Member Thomas Y

Member Cederquist Y

Member Tannenbaum Y

Member Clyde Y

President Eubanks Y

DECISION Motion carried. The board upheld the expulsion of the student.

The board reconvened into open session at 3:33 p.m.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- FCOE & CSEA Agreement: Deputy Superintendent Pietro reported that an agreement was reached with CSEA to give employees a 5% salary increase. Health Benefits are the same as last year with the exception of the offering of a fourth plan called, Health Savings Plan.
- School District Budget Revisions: Fresno USD must present a revised budget to FCOE by September 8. If they get ratification from their bargaining units they may present a balanced budget. Parlier USD's budget will fall short, mostly due to benefits. West Fresno School District's budget is still in the negative. Superintendent Mehas will be writing a letter of comment to the State, but it is up to the State to make decisions on the district's budget.
- Parent Mobile: Nancy Richardson of Fresno USD called Deputy Superintendent Powell and explained that the district would not be able to support the Parent Mobile project anymore and asked if FCOE would be interested in taking over the project. After discussions with Superintendent Mehas, Fresno USD and Steve Gordon of First 5, an agreement was reached to give FCOE the Parent Mobile at not cost under the condition that FCOE would continue services to Fresno USD children ages 0-5 through June of 2006. After June of 2006, the vehicle would then become the property of FCOE.
- FCOE's Countywide Childhood Obesity Project: Maria Shriver is still committed to coming to Fresno to help promote the Fresno County Office of Education's program on childhood obesity.
- Court Ruling on Keenan & Associates: The ruling went in favor of the JPA and against FCOE. Legal Counsel is still deciding to either appeal or go with the ruling.
- All Staff Day: The event is on August 26 at 2:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is Rick Rigsby. Employees will receive parking vouchers to pay for 50% of the parking fee. FCOE is encouraging carpooling.

INPUT None.

FUTURE AGENDA Jamie Perry to give an update on the Kermit Koontz Educational Complex.

ITEMS

Board Member Cederquist to give an update on High School Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT Moved to adjourn at p.m.

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