

MINUTES
December 15, 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 and Dr. Allen Clyde.
- Members Absent: Dr. Sally Tannenbaum.
- 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: Pam Coronado, Jennifer Quinn, Mike Lepore, Bill Feaver, Rita Contreras, Laurie Gabriel Gary Sells, Irma Hicks, Charlene Samuelian, Jake Bloodworth, Janie Rocheford, Neil Morris, Pam McGee, Ken Campbell, Randy Mehrten, Linda Shelton, Rowdy Lewis, Mike Orlando, Larry Allen, Steve Starcher, Loren Werth, Dr. Thomas Russell, James Lett III, and Rick Martin.
- GIFT
PRESENTATION Each board member received a beautiful holiday poinsettia from the staff at Fresno County Office of Education.
- President Eubanks thanked the Board and County Office staff for all of the cooperation he received during his term as Board President. He especially thanked the Board Members for their support.
- Member Cederquist thanked President Eubanks for his leadership.
- Superintendent Mehas presented President Eubanks with a Margaret Hudson figurine on behalf of the Board and acknowledged him for his hard work and dedication while serving as Board President, December 2004-November 2005
- ELECTION OF
OFFICERS Superintendent Mehas called for nominations for President.
- Nominations Member Clyde moved to nominate Member Cederquist for President; seconded by Member Thomas.
- There being no further nominations, Superintendent Mehas closed the nominations. Superintendent Mehas called for the vote for Member Cederquist for President.
- President Member Cederquist was unanimously elected as President of the Board.
- Nominations Superintendent Mehas turned the meeting over to newly elected President Cederquist. President Cederquist called for nominations for Vice President.
- Member Eubanks moved to nominate Member Tannenbaum for Vice President; seconded by Member Clyde.
- There being no further nominations, President Cederquist closed the nominations and called for the vote for Member Tannenbaum for Vice President.
- Vice President Member Tannenbaum was unanimously elected as Vice President of the Board.
- AGENDA
Approved Member Eubanks moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MINUTES
Approved

Member Clyde moved to approve the minutes of November 17, 2005; seconded by Thomas; motion carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING

2006 Board Meeting Dates

January 19, 2006
February 16, 2006
March 16, 2006
April 20, 2006
May 18, 2006
June 15, 2006
July 20, 2006
August 17, 2006
September 21, 2006
October 19, 2006
November 16, 2006
December 21, 2006 (annual organizational meeting)

Board Meeting
Schedule
Approved

Member Eubanks moved to continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the County Schools Board Room. When a special meeting is needed, it will be called on the first Thursday of a given month; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

President Cederquist stated that committee appointments would be taken up in the January 2006 and requested that Board Members consider whether they wished to remain in their current positions or select new positions.

Member Thomas requested the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, unless objected to by Member Eubanks. Member Eubanks had no objections.

EMPLOYEE OF THE
MONTH

For more than five years there has been a Fresno County Office of Education employee working tirelessly in his position as a Court Schools Teacher. A genuine smile and a true sense of community characterize our January 2006 Employee of the Month, Mike Lepore.

Mike Lepore is an excellent teacher who goes above and beyond in providing quality educational programming for his students. He works with each student individually ensuring all their academic needs are met. He creates a positive, nurturing classroom environment that allows his students to feel safe and special allowing them to grow academically as well as personally. He takes the time to get to know his students even taking the time to bake a cake for each of them on their birthdays.

Mike's involvement in FCOE goes beyond Juvenile Hall. This summer, as CTA Chapter President, he worked many extra hours during the summer months on his own time to negotiate with FCOE administration to bring about a new insurance provider that will save fellow certificated colleagues a minimum of \$1,000.00 per year. Even more important than that is the atmosphere Mike continues to build on allowing for a free exchange of ideas that will positively impact the entire FCOE team.

Mike also has the ability to make the staff at Juvenile Hall feel very special. He frequently wakes up early in the morning and makes homemade breakfast burritos for the entire staff. He always participates in special events encouraging people and saying kind words to all. He was instrumental in the Alice Worsley Foundation Golf Tournament raising approximately \$30,000 in last year's tournament. The dollars raised in this fundraiser will be used to give additional support to the student's he cares so much about; the youth of the Fresno County Court School Program.

Mike has managed to make a significant impact on not only his students, but ALL his peers in the FCOE

family. Mike Lepore is an outstanding employee and one of whom we are very proud to honor as Employee of the Month.

Congratulations Mike on making an impact!

Mr. Lepore thanked his friends, colleagues, and students for making his job so enjoyable.

Superintendent Mehas thanked Mr. Lepore for advocating professionally for his clients, the teachers.

Mr. Biggs thanked Mr. Lepore for maintaining a relationship of mutual respect throughout their dealings in negotiations.

MOVED TO:
ADMINISTRATION
Fresno County
Teacher of the Year
Recognition,
Bill Feaver

Superintendent Mehas recognized Mr. Feaver as the 2006 Fresno County Teacher of the Year. Ms. Jennifer Quinn ran a digital biographical video of Mr. Feaver.

Ken Campbell stated that it was a pleasure to work with Mr. Feaver and Mr. Lepore.

MOVED TO:
EDUCATIONAL
SERVICES
Hear From the
Students Themselves

Dr. Gary Sells introduced Mike Orlando, FCOE Special Education Teacher in the Adult Transition Program.

Mr. Orlando commended Superintendent Mehas and the Board for their vision and foresight in the purchase of Scout Island. He explained how his students have benefited from the work that they participate in out at Scout Island as partial fulfillment of the state curriculum mandates of chores and career work experience.

Mr. Orlando introduced Rowdy Lewis and Larry Allen, teachers in Clovis Adult Transition Program. He also introduced the following students who work one day a week out at Scout Island: Steven Calderon, Clovis High Freshman; James Allen, Buchanan High Sophomore; Travis Francho, Clovis High student; Nick Nephew, Clovis High senior; and visiting parents.

Next, Dr. Sells introduced Steve Starcher, lead teacher and Coordinator of the Central Unified School District Watershed Project.

Mr. Starcher explained that his position is grant funded by the CalFed Bay Delta Program, a program dedicated to the restoration of the health of the Bay Delta eco system of which the San Joaquin River is included. The projects students participate in are the following: quality assurance water monitoring of the San Joaquin River, cultivation of a native plant nursery, and the development of a CalFed Ecosystem restoration plan.

Mr. Starcher thanked Larry Powell for having the vision of allowing him to apply for the grant and Superintendent Mehas for the opportunity to create vision in students as they participate in nature education at Scout Island.

Dr. Sells thanked Superintendent Mehas for his ongoing support of Scout Island.

Superintendent Mehas thanked the many teachers who introduce their students to the classroom of Scout

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Island and the many parents that allow their children to participate. He also thanked the Board for their on going purchase and support of Scout Island.

The board recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION
AVID Region VII
Update

Deputy Superintendent Powell introduced Pam McGee, Director of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). Ms. McGee updated the board on the vision and accomplishments of FCOE's AVID program and reported that AVID is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Fresno County's AVID program is celebrating its 13th anniversary. The following are some of the highlights:

- Currently over 7,200 students grades 6-12 are enrolled in AVID elective classes.
- AVID students are completing the a-g 4-year college requirements at an 86% rate.
- Over 59% of Region VII AVID students take at least one AP/IB exam before leaving high school.
- AVID Region VII serves as a statewide lead providing workshops for counties such as Sacramento, San Diego and Los Angeles.
- In May 26 Region VII AVID students received the National Dell Scholarship, an award in the amount of \$20,000. (16% of the 160 scholarships given resided in the six counties of Region VII)
- Carla Zamora, Dell Scholar and 2004 graduate of Lemoore High School AVID program was one of three featured speakers at the Northern CA AVID Summer Institute held in Sacramento.
- Region VII AVID is currently working with program improvement schools and hopes to receive State funding that will help to expand their work throughout Fresno County.

Harvest of the Month
Partnership

The Board asked questions and thanked Ms. McGee for her presentation

Deputy Superintendent Powell introduced Linda Shelton, Coordinator of Wellness & Nutrition. Ms. Shelton updated the Board on "Harvest of the Month" program and FCOE's partnership with Bella Frutta.

Ms. Shelton introduced Loren Werth, General Manager of Bella Frutta Retail Operations. Mr. Werth has been instrumental in developing a pool of local area growers available to provide fruits and vegetables for the Harvest of the Month program.

MOVED TO:
CURRICULUM &
INSTRUCTION

Adoption of
Resolution No.

2005-30, Observance
Of Martin Luther
King, Jr. Day

Dr. Thomas Russell, Co-Chair of the Education Committee presented on behalf of Shirley Hargis regarding the following two resolutions:

Member Clyde moved to approve Resolution No. 2005-30, Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Adoption of
Resolution No. 2005-
31, February 2006 as
Black History Month

Member Thomas moved to approve Resolution No. 2006-31, February 2006 as Black History Month, seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Mr. James Lett III, Co-Chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Committee, extended an invitation to the Board to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Art Exhibit, Essay and Speech Winners Reception scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2006 at the Reeves ASK Science Center in Fresno. He also handed out commemorative buttons and a schedule of events in honor of Dr. King.

Juvenile Justice
Campus Update

Mr. Ken Campbell, Administrator of Court & Community School, announced December 27, 2006 as the completion date of the Juvenile Justice Campus. The projected opening date is May 1, 2006. The owner furnished equipment will be installed after the first of the year. Furniture has been ordered. Tours will be more informative after the first of the year. Current plans are underway to provide four ROP courses; welding, building trades, first responders in health careers and a computer design and printing program. 25 practitioners will be present at the advisory night scheduled for January 12, 2006.

Members asked about the possibility of culinary, cooling and heating, plumbing and electrical training for students in the future.

Mr. Campbell stated that as the need presents itself other possibilities would be considered, keeping in mind the short term stay of students at Court School. Class work must be transferable to the programs students will eventually be enrolled in after leaving court schools.

President Cederquist reported that the Trustees Association would like to host a dinner meeting at the new juvenile facility.

MOVED TO:
BUSINESS SERVICES

Acknowledgement of
Quarterly Disclosure of
FCOE's Investment
Policies
Approved

Member Eubanks moved to acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Disclosure of FCOE's Investment Policies; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approval of County
Superintendent to
Award Bid #C2005-08:
KC Kids Re-locatable
Budget Revisions
Approved

Member Clyde moved to allow the County Superintendent to award Bid#C2005-08 to the lowest responsible bidder; seconded by Member Eubanks; motion carried.

Board Members thanked Dr. Pietro for setting the standard of excellence for the Fresno County Office of Education and welcomed Rick Martin as Dr. Pietro's replacement.

MOVED TO:
TRUSTEE
ACTIVITIES

Approval of
Meetings to Attend

None.

Approval of Mileage
Reimbursement

Member Thomas moved to approve mileage reimbursement for the following Members: Member Eubanks \$145.50; President Cederquist \$69.84; Member Thomas \$29.10; Member Clyde \$349.10; and Vice President Tannenbaum \$58.20; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

CSBA Call for
Nominations,
Delegate Assembly

President Cederquist called for nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly. There being no further nominations, President Cederquist closed nominations.

Receipt of
Correspondence

None

Comments by
Board Members

Member Thomas thanked the board for supporting her in her role as CCBE President.

President Cederquist commended Member Thomas for her strong leadership and representation of our area.

Member Clyde reported on the most recent Board/Cabinet seminar planning committee meeting.

President Cederquist reported that he will request transcripts from CSBA regarding the charter school town hall meetings conducted at the CSBA Conference. He also reported that the Trustees Reception in San Diego was well attended.

MOVED TO:
SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Superintendent Mehas reported on the following items:

- Hume Lake Charter School: Copies of the charter request were distributed to County Board Members. FCOE will develop a committee to review the charter school request. President Cederquist appointed Member Eubanks as the board representative on the committee.
- Scout Island Pictures: Superintendent Mehas distributed pictures to County Board Members. The pictures were of each learning station named after each Board Member.
- Fresno USD Budget Update: Superintendent Mehas reported that FCOE had not yet received financial data previously requested. The County Office will not change Fresno USD's qualifying status until they receive the necessary supportive documentation requested. The County Office is still concerned regarding the district's budgetary status.
- Parlier USD Budget Update: The Parlier Board is aware of what has to be done to bring solvency. Much rests on the ability of the bargaining units to be supportive. Rick Martin reported that the FCMAT representative present at the December 14, 2005 board meeting informed that Board that a State takeover would not be in their best interest of the district. He also reported that the representative helped dispel some of the negative rumors the union members had been passing around the membership.
- California Secretary of Education Visitation: The County Office has had three very positive meetings with Secretary of Education, Alan Bersin. Superintendent Mehas stated that he would report in more detail to the Board at the Board/Cabinet Seminar.

INPUT

None.

FUTURE AGENDA
ITEMS

Member Clyde asked that County Office departments continue to bring updates to the Board on County Office projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved to adjourn at 4:02 p.m.

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