

MINUTES
April 20, 2006

- CALL TO ORDER** President Cederquist called the meeting to order 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 Delbert Cederquist, Vice President Dr. Sally Tannenbaum, and Members Barbara Thomas, and Dr. Allen Clyde.
- Participating staff: Superintendent Peter G. Mehas; Deputy Superintendents Larry L. Powell and Richard A. Martin, Armen Bacon, Senior Director to the Superintendent, External Communications, Jan Biggs, Senior Administrator to the Superintendent, Legal Services; and Elizabeth Torres, Board Secretary.
- Absent: Member Keith Eubanks.
- Visitors: Fannie Mems (mother), Angela Bloodworth (daughter), Anthony Bloodworth (son), Oklin Bloodworth (brother), Randy Reed, Linda Shelton, Belinda Meyer, Patty Salinas, Linda Sibel, Stephen Bock, Josh Espinoza, Janie Rocheford, Kitty Catania, Debbie Biggs, Lori Hamada, Dan Loewen, Marie Gerten, Nancy Masich, Lon Wetter, Don Corona, Sue La Hargoue, Suzie Barela, Patty Lehman, Susan Hamp, Andy Perez, Kathy Ramirez, Charlotte Nunn , Irma Hicks, Carmen, Laurie Gabriel, Randy Mehrten, and Ron Loforti.
- AGENDA**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the April 20, 2006 revised agenda as presented; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.
- MINUTES**
Approved Member Clyde moved to approve the March 16, 2006 minutes; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.
- EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** It is with sincere appreciation that we acknowledge Jake (Jesse) Bloodworth as the May 2006 Employee of the Month for the Fresno County Office of Education.
- Jake’s special skill is his ability to make others look good. Whether he is capturing the smiles of award winners or honorees with his digital camera or adding a touch of elegance and glamour to the stage of a County Office special event, Jake gives his best in everything he does. Every task he completes, he does so with an attitude of service and humility. His tremendous talents are even more noteworthy.
- Jake is an artist, both literally and figuratively. He is an accomplished musician, photographer and videographer. His creative flair can be seen in every project he undertakes. He does not seek the spotlight, but his work behind the scenes brings effusive praise for the contributions he makes.
- The number of people, programs and events that Jake and his work have touched over the past several years is far too long to list but it’s safe to say that, in one way or the other, nearly everyone in the FCOE family has benefited from his unique abilities.
- For all that he does, as an employee, a co-worker and a friend to so many in the FCOE family it is a pleasure to present this honor to you today.
- Congratulations Jake and thank you for the exceptional work that you do.
- The Board recessed at 1:40 pm for an employee of the month reception and reconvened at 1:52 pm.

MOVED TO:
INFORMATION
SYSTEMS &
TECHNOLOGY
New FCOE Website

Dr. Art Serabian, Administrator of Information Systems & Technology (IST) gave the Board a brief history of FCOE websites. Dr. Serabian thanked Dr. Don Holder and Stephen Bock of Curriculum & Instruction for their contributions to the development of the new website. Dr. Serabian introduced Hou Vang, IST Information Technology Analyst who then guided the board through the various new functions and features of the third generation FCOE website.

Stephen Bock explained how easy it is for teachers and the general public to access the new website and thanked Dr. Serabian and Mr. Vang for including Curriculum and Instruction in the development of the new website.

Board Members asked questions of Dr. Serabian and Mr. Vang and thanked them for their work.

Board Members Sign the
Official Sesquicentennial
Book

Superintendent Mehas commended Janie Rocheford and Dr. Don Holder for their behind the scenes coordination of FCOE's participation in the Fresno County Sesquicentennial celebration. He also thanked Janie Rocheford for coordinating and compiling the contents of the Official Sesquicentennial Book.

MOVED TO:
PASS PROGRAM
Overview of PASS
Program

Dr. Guido Prams, Director of the State PASS Program gave the Board an overview of the PASS Program. He reported on the following:

- Currently working on the second generation of Cyber High School distribution system. The traditional system was developed seven years ago.
- Currently serving 450 high schools
- Typical enrollment is 1,400 students a year. Last year PASS enrolled 1600+.
- Funding sources are the State of California and FCOE.
- Thank you to FCOE for the infrastructure provided by the Information Systems and Technology department.
- Fresno Unified is the sponsoring district. Academic records are at Roosevelt High school.
- A partnership has been developed with the office of the president of CSU Fresno.
- PASS hopes to go live in September 2006.
- The current emphasis on the next generation is to open new doors in the information age approach to education.
- Exit exam results were not good this year, but with the new methodologies and partnerships they hope to accomplish better results next year.
- Curriculum is aligned with state standards and is NCLB compliant

Board members asked questions of Dr. Prams and thanked him for his report.

MOVED TO:
SAFE & HEALTHY
KIDS

Approval of Board-
Superintendent Policy
No. 5141.5-P, FCOE
Local Wellness Policy
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Board Policy No. 5141.5-P, Local Wellness Policy; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Linda Shelton, Coordinator of Wellness & Nutrition provided the Board with the dates of the upcoming board meetings at which districts will be recognized for surpassing state FitnessGram requirements.

MOVED TO:
INSTRUCTIONAL
MEDIA SERVICES

Media for Discussion

Janie Rocheford, Director of Instructional Media Services, presented audio/visual media for consideration and discussion. The Board acknowledged the audio/visual media as presented.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-11, April as
National School Library
Media Month
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-11, April as National School Library Media Month; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
COURT &
COMMUNITY
SCHOOLS

Court Schools Report

Ken Campbell, Administrator of Court & Community Schools introduced Court & Community Schools Teacher Dan Loewen. Mr. Loewen reported on the following items:

- Mission NEAT
- NEAT Trainings and Opportunities
- Student Connections – Supplements FCOE Court Schools math and science curriculum
- Long Distance Classroom Networking – “Spin Me Dizzy” project (anatomy of the inner ear)
- Continued Classroom Collaboration – “Spin Me Dizzier” project
- National Classroom Collaborations

Board members asked questions of Mr. Loewen and thanked him for his report.

MOVED TO:
SPECIAL EDUCATION
Petition to Purchase Non-
Adopted Instructional
Materials

Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the Petition to Purchase Non-Adopted Instructional Materials; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-10, May as
Better Speech and
Hearing
Month

Adopted

Belinda Meyer, Special Education Program Manager showed the Board a PowerPoint presentation that speaks to the reasons for May as Better Speech and Hearing month.

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt resolution No. 2006-10, May as Better Speech and Hearing Month; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

MOVED TO:
FRESNO ROP
Ratify the Approved
Minutes of January 18,
2006 ROP Advisory
Board of Management
Regular Meeting

Ratified

Member Thomas moved to ratify the minutes of the January 18, 2006 Fresno ROP Advisory Board of Management Meeting; seconded by Member Tannenbaum; motion carried.

WASC Accreditation of

Nancy Masich, Administrator of Fresno ROP introduced Janet Sloan, Fresno ROP Area Coordinator and Lead Organizer of the 2-year WASC Accreditation preparation. Ms. Sloan reported on the

Fresno ROP

following:

- 22 Districts Participated
- Self Study-Findings
- Action Plan

Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Larry Powell commended the WASC Leadership Team for all of their hard work.

Ms. Masich thanked the Board and Superintendent Mehas for all of the support she was given over the years.

MOVED TO:

BUSINESS SERVICES
Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-09,
Recognition of
Classified School
Employee Week, May
21-27, 2006
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-09, Recognition of Classified School Employee Week, May 21-27, 2006; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

Approval of
Apportionment of Forest
Reserve Receipts (Tulare
County)
Approved

Member Thomas moved to approve the Apportionment of Forest Reserve Receipts (Tulare County); seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried

Public Hearing for
Deferred Maintenance
Five-Year Plan

President Cederquist opened a public hearing for the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan. President Cederquist read the following statement, "Let the record show that a hearing opportunity was given for the Deferred Maintenance Five-Year Plan." The public hearing was closed and no public comment was received.

Approval of Designation
of District Representative
for Deferred Maintenance
Program

Member Tannenbaum moved to recognize Richard A. Martin as the District Representative for the Deferred Maintenance Program; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried

Adoption of Resolution
No. 2006-12, Transfer of
Ownership of Certain
Buildings in Sierra USD
from FCOE to Sierra
USD
Adopted

Member Tannenbaum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-12, Transfer of Ownership of Certain Buildings in Sierra USD from FCOE to Sierra USD; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried

Award Beth Ramacher
Educational Complex
Deferred Maintenance
Project, Bid #C2006-01

Member Tannenbaum moved to Award Bid No. C2006-01 to Diaz Construction, the lowest responsible bidder; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.

MOVED TO:

SPECIAL

RECOGNITIONS

2006 State Wrestling
Championship Recipients
– Buchanan High School

Superintendent Mehas briefed the Wrestling Team on the organization of Fresno County Schools. He commended the team of wrestlers and coaches for their accomplishment.

Board Vice President Sally Tannenbaum & Board President Delbert Cederquist handed each of the players and coaches certificates on behalf of the Fresno County Office of Education.

2004-05 Recipients –
National Board Certified
Teachers

Superintendent Mehas stated that he had nothing but respect and admiration for the teachers who had received National Board Teacher Certification and commended them for their hard work in acquiring certification.

Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Larry Powell also congratulated the teachers and extended an offer to augment expenses for teachers to attend upcoming conferences.

Mr. Powell and President Cederquist handed each of the teachers a certificate on behalf of the Fresno County Office of Education.

2006 FCOE Science Fair
Winners – Grades 6-8

Superintendent Mehas introduced Stephen Bock, Fresno County Office of Education Science Coordinator, who then presented various certificates to Science Fair winners. The combination of certificates presented came from FCOE, Mayor Autry and Assemblyman Mike Villines.

Superintendent Mehas and Mr. Bock commended science fair coach Wayne Garabedian for his ongoing support to the Fresno County students who compete in the science fair.

Mr. Garabedian thanked FCOE for the recognition. He also thanked Superintendent Mehas for being a leader in education and setting the standard of excellence for education in Fresno County.

Superintendent Mehas commended the students, parents, teachers and coaches for their commitment to excellence in education.

Mr. Bock thanked Carl Gong, former science/math coordinator for Sanger USD, for 33 years of support and dedication to the Science Fair.

Approval of Meetings to
Attend

Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve Member Thomas' attendance to the CCBE Legislative Conference the first week of May 2006; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried

Member Thomas also stated she would be traveling to Washington D.C. for a Coalition Conference.

Approval of Conference
Expense Reimbursement

Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve Member Clyde's conference reimbursement in the amount of \$576.98; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of Mileage
Reimbursement

Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve President Cederquist's mileage reimbursement in the amount of \$259.54; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Approval of 2006 County
Board of Education

Meeting Change

Approved

Member Tannenbaum moved to approve the change in December 2006 board meeting from December 21 to December 14, 2006; seconded by Member Thomas; motion carried.

Adoption of Resolution No. 2006-13, April as Education and Participation Month Adopted	Member Thomas moved to adopt resolution No 2006-13, April as Voter Education and Participation Month; seconded by Member Clyde; motion carried.
Trustees Association January 16, 2007 Dinner Meeting Host	President Cederquist announced that the County Board and County Office will host the January 2007 Trustees dinner meeting at the Juvenile facility.
Receipt of Correspondence	None.
Comments by Board Members	<p>Member Thomas attended the Chamber of Commerce Educational Committee meeting that finalized the Career Fair.</p> <p>Member Thomas commended Ken Campbell for his presentation at the CCBE Conference on PTA in Court and Community Schools.</p> <p>President Cederquist commended Janie Rocheford for her dedication and commitment to the Wagon Train project and thanked her for all her hard work.</p> <p>Dr. Allen Clyde had a meeting at Scout Island with Dale Mitchell and two other representatives from the Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Mitchell stated that FCOE has the right to have the pipe funnel Pirates Creek's water into the San Joaquin River.</p> <p>Member Tannenbaum commended FCOE for their coordination of the Sesquicentennial Celebration at Scout Island.</p>
MOVED TO: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT	<p>Superintendent Mehas reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Immigration Reform Issue - Inter-Agency Meeting: Various Fresno County agencies met to review and discuss protocols for demonstrations scheduled for May 1, 2006.▪ West Fresno Performing Arts Academy & FCOE at Kingsburg Court: Senior Administrator Jan Biggs briefed the Board on the petition FCOE was served with for writ of mandate for FCOE to perform required duties.
COMMUNITY INPUT	None.
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	None.
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned meeting at 4:26.m.

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